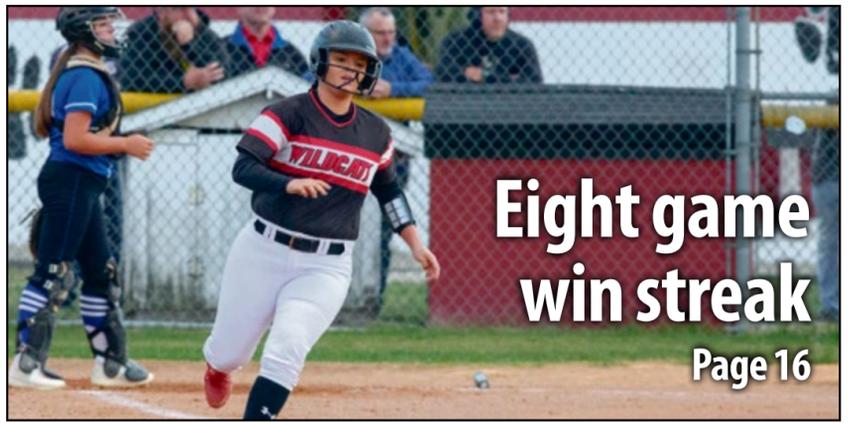


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**MARCH 28**

Sen. Rubio staff visit  
3 p.m. - 4:30 pm  
U.S. Senator Marco Rubio's staff will visit Macclenny to meet with constituents at 55 N. 3rd St. For more information, call Sen. Rubio's regional office at (904) 354-4300.

**MARCH 29**

**Landscaping class**  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
The county extension office will host a landscaping class on March 29 from 2-4 p.m. at 1025 W. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny. According to Alicia Lamborn, extension director and horticulture agent, the class, dubbed "Landscaping for Success," is perfect for new or experienced gardeners. She said the topics will include top performing plants for our area, landscape design tips, low maintenance practices and

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**SPORTS**



House plant care 101  
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**3 days jail for using phone in court**

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## Residential fire remains under investigation by state marshal

County firefighter Brad Thift puts out a residential fire on Clet Harvey Road on March 22. The completely destroyed home was owned by Lex B. Jones of Glen St. Mary. It's described in county records as a 1381-square-foot garage apartment valued at some \$31,000. A dozen firefighters with nine trucks would eventually extinguish the fire that had fully-involved the dwelling when the first unit arrived on scene about 5:40 a.m. The last unit left the scene more than four hours later. The state fire marshal's office was summoned to investigate the cause of the fire, which remained unclear as of March 26. "At this time, investigators have not uncovered any indications of suspicious activity surrounding this incident. A final determination into the cause, nature and origin of this fire remains undetermined due to the extent of damage," said Alecia Collins, communications coordinator for Florida's Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, who oversees the fire marshal's office. She confirmed that nobody was injured in the fire.

## Optometrist also Cuban missionary

**JOEL ADDINGTON**  
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Macclenny optometrist Dr. Mary Futch has been traveling on religious and humanitarian missions to Cuba for 20 years. She most recently returned in early March and shared her experiences with the Baker County Rotary Club last week.

Her roughly 45-minute talk touched on the Cuban economy and its dual currencies to its low crime rate and the European Renaissance architecture. She estimates she's visited the country about 35 times.

"At one time it was the playground of the rich and famous. Many of the homes that were notable were owned by shipping and railroad magnets from America and other places in the world. That would be their winter home," she explained. "Some of the most

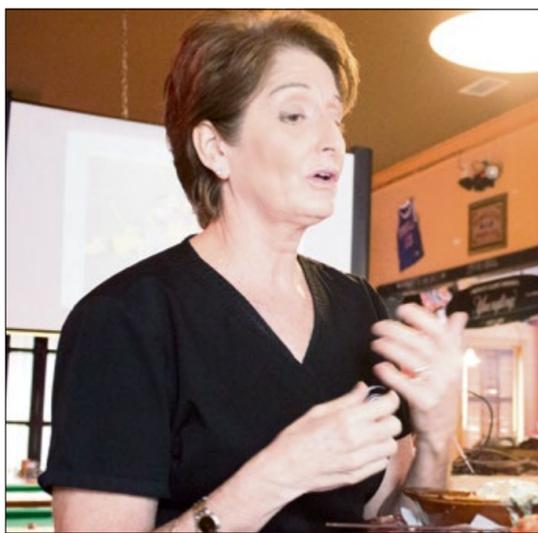


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Dr. Mary Futch at last week's Rotary Club meeting.

beautiful mansions that exist [in Cuba] today are in museum format. They also house the embassies from other places."

The U.S. closed its embassy in Havana, Cuba late

last year after embassy employees started getting sick, the circumstances of which are still shrouded in mystery today.

"It's a lovely place ... but everything is faded and

**CIRCUIT COURT**

## 4-year term for getaway driver

A Jacksonville woman charged as the driver in a drive-by shooting in south Macclenny last March that wounded one occupant of another vehicle drew a sentence of four years in state prison after pleading no contest to five felonies. Six other charges were dropped.

Kiara Williams, 26, was implicated in what was called a social media-fueled shooting that evening that also wounded several others, mostly by shattering glass. A Jacksonville man with multiple prior felonies, Calvin Burnam Jr., also 26, was sentenced earlier this month to 40 years after a jury convicted him on multiple counts of aggravated battery and assault.



Kiara Williams

Judge James Colaw attached other provisions to the sentence during regular circuit court session on March 19, including two years on house arrest with curfew following release, 50 hours community service, 16 hours at a trauma center and an anger management class.

The six counts dropped by the state as part of the plea agreement were for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Ms. Williams agreed earlier to testify in the trial of Mr. Burnam.

In other cases that day, the judge ordered Melissa Oneail to prison for three years on twin counts of attempting to bring drugs into county jail last July and early this year.

The defendant, 41 and from Glen St. Mary, was in jail in January when she and co-defendant/boyfriend Samuel Oralls, also 41 and from Glen, plotted via code words over a monitored phone call to bring a Fentanyl patch into the jail by attaching it to a toilet in the visitor's center.

A surveillance video confirmed that Mr. Oralls went into the rest room before meeting with Ms. Oneail on January 22. The patch was to have been picked up by another female inmate.

Ms. Oneail was in jail for having a Fentanyl patch attached to her body while being booked in July of last year. She has criminal convictions for drunk driving, license violations, theft, disorderly intoxication and child neglect.

Mr. Oralls was ordered to prison for two years for his role in the plan and for having drugs in his possession when ar-

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## Jailed for DUI, kids in pickup

A Florida state trooper arrested a Glen St. Mary man and his girlfriend the evening of March 23 for driving his pickup truck at 90 mph on U.S. 90 with her and her two young children as passengers.

The eastbound vehicle driven by Woodrow Raulerson Jr., 40, and also occupied by Julie Reeves, 26, of Clay County and her children ages 6 and 3, was spotted by Trooper K.A. Hilliard about 9:14 p.m. east of Wildcat Dr.

The officer detected an odor of marijuana coming from the pickup's interior, and spotted a cup with what turned out to be whiskey in the front console, along with an 18-pack of beer with two empties.

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# DUI: Pot pipes also found inside truck

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Mr. Raulerson claimed he had two beers an hour earlier.

He was unsteady on his feet when asked to exit the truck and failed field sobriety tests in a nearby parking lot. He was arrested for driving under the influence and agreed to give a urine sample at county jail after his breath tested negative for the presence of alcohol.

Mr. Raulerson was also charged with reckless driving and felony child neglect. He said that he and Ms. Reeves were taking the children to get something to eat before going to a party.

Trooper Hilliard found two smoking pipes with marijuana residue in a jacket belonging to Ms. Reeves, and charged her with possession in addition to felony child neglect. She also had multiple license suspensions.

The children were released to Ms. Reeves' mother, and the trooper noted the couple jokingly spoke en route to county jail about being arrested together and appeared to be "carefree with no regard to the well-being of the children" and

only concerned about the location of their cell phones.

In other recent arrests for drunk driving, Trooper J.E. Farley charged Richard Davison, 58, of Glen after observing him speeding westbound at 55 mph in Macclenny about midnight on March 22.

The driver, who said he was homebound from a Macclenny bar, performed poorly on sobriety testing and refused to submit to a breath test.

The same officer arrested Cole Cushman, 19, of Glen on U.S. 90 westbound after observing his Chevrolet pickup with no tail lights about 2 a.m. on March 23. He did poorly on sobriety exercises and refused a breath test.

Ihsan Shamoel, 46, of Jacksonville was taken to jail the early morning of March 20 after his eastbound Toyota van was observed by Deputy Jeffrey Higginbotham swerving in and out his travel lane on Interstate 10 near the Glen St. Mary interchange.

The driver failed sobriety tests near the scene and his blood alcohol level measured .105 at county jail.

# 3 years prison for contraband scheme

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rested on the initial charge. He has past convictions for drug and traffic offenses.

In non-prison sentences that day:

- Sammie Griffin, felony driving on revoked license (habitual offender); 18-month probation, obtain license, community service.

- Daniel Grooms, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia (four counts); one-year probation, community service, drug and alcohol abuse evaluation.

- Marvin Hill, driving while license suspended (lesser offense); one day in jail.

- Griffin Hinson, possession of a weapon on school property; 15 days in jail, two-year probation, no contact with Baker High, mental health counseling, community service, anger management class.

- Timothy Leighton Jr., possession of prescription drugs, marijuana and paraphernalia; six months in jail.

- Dustin Rhoden, dealing in stolen property, grand

theft; failed to appear, warrant issued.

- Timothy Sneed, driving while license revoked (third offense), DUI (second offense), refusal to submit to breath or urine test, resisting arrest; 10 days in jail, one-year house arrest, one-year license suspension, community service, drug and alcohol evaluation, DUI school.

- Eraina Soutamire, making false or fraudulent insurance claim; two-year probation, 50 hours community service.

- Woodrow Burnsed, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of controlled substance with intent to sell, felony possession of marijuana; 13 days in jail, two-year probation, forfeit firearms for 45 days, drug and alcohol evaluation.

- Kimberly Alexander, VOP (probation violation) failure to return leased property; four months in jail.

- Andrew Blandford, VOP sale and possession of controlled substance; one year in jail.

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# Futch: 'I love Cuba'

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home. People do but it's bootleg. It's illegal. It's fairly common but it's not sanctioned by the government," said Dr. Futch, who travels to Cuba on a religious visa to evangelize.

"We were there to share the Gospel and tell people about Jesus Christ and give them the hope of that future, regardless of what their circumstances were," she said.

"No doubt we try to take Walmart with us when we go," said the optometrist, who usually travels to Cuba in a group of 7-8 people. "We usually have about 2000 pounds of gear."

When she began visiting Cuba in 1999 the trips were focused on construction projects because that was what the government permitted at that time. Today there is more cultural exchange between the U.S. and Cuba with many business people traveling between both countries, despite an ongoing trade embargo with the country.

When Dr. Futch attempted to bring eye exam equipment into Cuba for medical missions, getting it through customs proved difficult. That led her to focus on getting medical supplies and equipment directly to Cuban doctors to assist in their work.

Because the government tightly controls the economy in Cuba, there is a thriving black market that Dr. Futch estimates is as large as the regulated market. As such, many Cubans work multiple jobs to supplement their income and government rations.

Each person in the household receives cooking oil, toothpaste, chicken and milk. Fresh seafood, pork and chicken are widely available while beef is hard to come by.

"The average wage in Cuba is about \$30 a month. It does not cover the monthly expenses so people are generally scrapping and scraping with one or two side jobs," she said. "Anyone who can speak English and help tourists tend to have a little more money."

Her translator, for instance, is a chemical engineer by training and earns about \$30-\$35 a month in that role but about \$100 a month working for tourists.

Ironically, said Dr. Futch, Cubans love when Americans bring Cuban coffee from the U.S. because it's not commonly available in the country.

"They are crazy for coffee. ... It's a hospitality thing to be able to offer coffee and sit down and talk. It's a daily occurrence. They linger over meals and in the afternoon before dinner they will sit with neighbors or just walk and talk," she explained. "The coffee they receive is something that has ground chickpeas in it to spread the resource and they really can't stand it."

Cuban families tend to be small and the country has the second highest abortion rate in the world.

"Fifty percent of pregnancies end in abortion," she said. "It's quite striking ... Life is hard and people can feel backed into a corner and be despondent about the notion of raising a child in a system where there is not a lot of hope. Kids tend to be really joyful until about high school when the pressure is on ..."

She plans to return to Cuba in May, July and November.

"I love Cuba. My heart is Cuban. It's broken when I'm there and it's broken when I'm here. I miss my family here when I go there and I miss my family there when I come here," said Dr. Futch.

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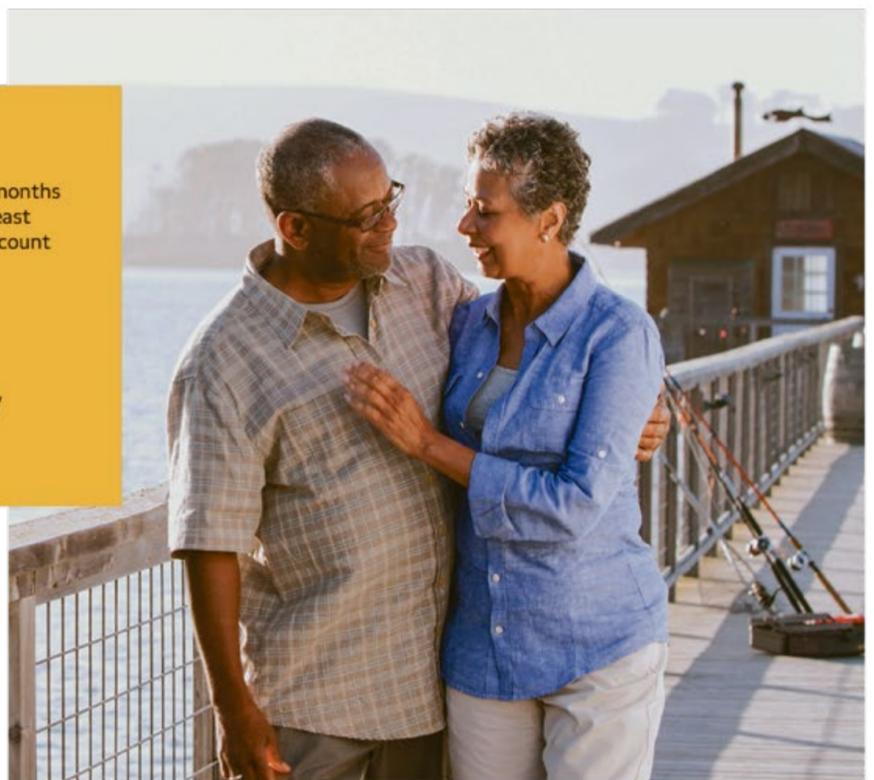
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### The Baker County Press Weather

#### Five Day Forecast

**Thursday**  
Sunny  
High: 72 Low: 48

**Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 77 Low: 51

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 82 Low: 55

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 83 Low: 57

**Monday**  
Few Showers  
High: 78 Low: 52

**Tuesday**  
Scattered Rain  
High: 74 Low: 48

**Wednesday**  
Sunny  
High: 70 Low: 44

#### Today's High & Low Temperatures

Callahan 71 / 51  
Jasper 73 / 47  
Macclenny 72 / 48  
Watertown 73 / 48  
High Springs 74 / 50  
St. Augustine 67 / 57  
Fernandina Beach 68 / 54  
Jacksonville 71 / 54  
Atlantic Beach 66 / 56  
Baldwin 72 / 50  
Starke 73 / 50

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	7:22 a.m.	7:44 p.m.
Friday	7:21 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Saturday	7:20 a.m.	7:46 p.m.
Sunday	7:19 a.m.	7:46 p.m.
Monday	7:17 a.m.	7:47 p.m.
Tuesday	7:16 a.m.	7:47 p.m.
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	7:48 p.m.

#### St. Mary's River Levels

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	5.81 ft.	-0.06 ft.
Macclenny	4.14 ft.	-0.16 ft.

#### Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM
Thu	6:54-8:54	7:18-9:18
Fri	7:43-9:43	8:07-10:07
Sat	8:31-10:31	8:55-10:55
Sun	9:18-11:18	9:40-11:40
Mon	10:02-12:02	10:24-12:24
Tue	10:46-12:46	--
Wed	11:07-1:07	11:29-1:29

#### Weather History

**March 28, 1988** - Severe thunderstorms in central Oklahoma produced hail up to four inches in diameter, causing 35 million dollars in damage to southern Oklahoma County. Baseball sized hail and seven inches of rain caused another 18 million dollars damage in Stephens County.

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tue, 3/19	65	56	75/47	0.00"	0.00"
Wed, 3/20	68	56	75/47	0.00"	1.01"
Thu, 3/21	75	50	75/47	0.00"	-1.01"
Fri, 3/22	75	49	75/47	0.00"	63.0°
Sat, 3/23	73	49	75/47	0.00"	61.2°
Sun, 3/24	80	49	76/47	0.00"	+1.8°
Mon, 3/25	84	53	76/48	0.00"	

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# County fire station upgrades are nearly done

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County fire-rescue Chief Trevor Nelson delivered a report last week to county commissioners on the progress of renovations and painting at all county fire stations and introduced to Michael Whitehead, who joined the newly-merged fire and emergency medical services (EMS) departments on March 11 as the county's first paid, rank-and-file firefighter.

Mr. Whitehead joined the department following years of volunteer service in the fire division and as an EMS emergency medical technician.

Chief Nelson said Mr. Whitehead is on a regular 40-hour weekly work schedule from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., adding he has been "working hard already for us helping maintain and assess our equipment needs and also helping out with the station projects."

"He's been busy for the last 10 days, hitting it hard," the chief said on March 19. "I just wanted to give him a chance to say hello and see if you had any questions for him."

Board chair Cathy Rhoden said she was pleased with the fire house improvements overall and especially so with an impressive floor design at station 20 on North State Road 121 north

of Macclenny.

"I do want to say the stations are looking great and I want to have a party at station 20 on the (newly painted) checkered floor," Mrs. Rhoden said. "That's pretty cool. Ya'll are doing great."

Other board members also offered congratulations and words of support for Mr. Whitehead.

"Welcome aboard," said Commissioner James Bennett. "We're glad to have you - the first full-time dedicated fire-EMS employee in the county..."

"It is a milestone," added Commissioner Jimmy Anderson.

Chief Nelson said most of the painting has been completed or nearly completed at all six county fire stations but he assured commissioners that work was continuing to make sure everything gets done properly.

"We still have a punch list that we're going to go back and make sure they tidy everything up, get any kind of runs or lines that aren't straight and make sure everything is where we want it to be before we sign off on this as a finished project," he said.

In addition, commissioners approved a 60-month, tax-exempt lease-purchase agreement with REV Financial Services to finance a new ambulance for the county's EMS unit, which will officially become part of the fire department after EMS Director David Richardson retires in May.

Under the terms of the agreement over a five-year period the county will pay \$206,151 for the new ambulance, including \$187,527 in principal payments and \$18,624 in interest.

The board also authorized Chief Nelson to submit an application to the Florida Department of Health for a \$34,000 grant to fund the purchase of six laptop computers, three desktop computers and installation of the devices for EMS workers to enhance "efficiency and effectiveness of our billing process."

In a memo to the board, Mr. Nelson said the new computers "will be used for the EMS reporting systems as our current laptops will not carry the latest (software) programs."

"Loss of our ability to use laptops and desktops has created a complicated process in what would otherwise be a simple routine patient reporting procedure," he said in the memo. "To update our equipment and to install the needed update we will have to have help funding the cost of these improvements."

In other business last week, the county commission:

- Approved County Manager Kennie Downing's request to close St. Marys Shoals Park entirely this week through Sunday, March 31 during the quarterly maintenance work on all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails.

Mrs. Downing said a decision was made to include the equestrian area and hiking trails in the closure to avoid horses, riders and other visitors being startled or frightened by noise created by heavy equipment working on the ATV trails.

• Approved Mrs. Downing's request to transfer \$2000 from the county's tourist development funds to help cover expenses for the third annual Dog Days of Baker Festival on June 1 at the county fairgrounds - an event that she founded soon after becoming county manager.

All of this year's proceeds from the festival will "benefit Baker County Animal Control to establish a spay and neuter program," Mrs. Downing stated in a written request to the board.

She said the \$2000 will be used to buy award ribbons, rent a sound system and operator for live band performances, buy paint and supplies for dog art, rent a game truck and other festival expenses. Meanwhile, county staff "is continuing to seek donations for these items until the day of the event," she said.

Tourist development funds are derived from a daily "bed tax" at three motels in the county, which Mrs. Downing said currently totals \$607,003, 10 percent of which is available for cultural events and activities that promote tourism, such as the Dog Days of Baker Festival, per the county's current

## Al-Anon meets on Thursdays

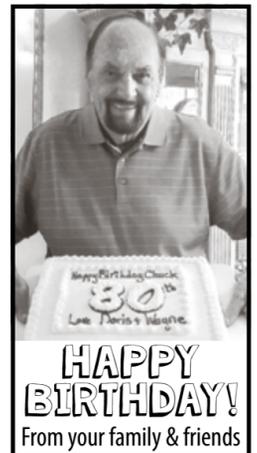
Al-Anon, a support group for family and friends of alcoholics, meets each Thursday at the First United Methodist Church library building on North 5th St.

Newcomers should be there at 6 p.m., an hour before meeting time. For more details call 904-350-0600.

## Scout benefit

Boy Scout Troop 555 and its sponsors are hosting a benefit take-out only spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 6 from 4-8 p.m. in the parking lot in front of Gibson-McDonald Furniture on South 6th St. in Macclenny.

Proceeds from the dinner and all sides, a drink and dessert benefit the local troop's activities. To purchase tickets, please contact a member of the troop or go to scouts555.org



## Booths sought for 'steak' event

Organizers seek craft booths for the upcoming first-ever Steaks in the Glen grilling competition set for Saturday, April 27 in Glen St. Mary.

Proceeds from the event will help sponsor a local veteran Honor Flight to the nation's capital.

The event is expected to draw entries from the region to compete in several categories for the best grilled premium steaks, with prize money attached.

Also sought are entries from "anything strawberry" for recipies involving them as an ingredient - from baked goods to drinks.

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## BAKER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

## Credit union manager joins jail nonprofit board

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The nonprofit owner of the county jail's board of directors welcomed its newest addition last week in Jax Federal Credit Union regional manager Robert Griffis. The Baker County native has been in the credit union industry for 26 years.

"I've always worked in Jacksonville but I've coached little league here and always wanted to give back to the community and felt this was a really good opportunity to do that," Mr. Griffis said of why he volunteered to serve on the now five-member panel managing the Baker County Corrections Management Corporation (BCCMC), formerly known as the Baker Correctional Development Corporation, or BCDC.

His first board meeting on March 19 came as three of its existing four members — Mark Broughton, vice chair, Jack Baker Jr., treasurer, and Sharon Padgett, secretary — continued discussions about hiring a full-time chief financial officer (CFO) and whether there's enough work to warrant such a po-

sition. Chairman Ed Barber was absent.

Ads for the position drew four applicants, two of whom were not recommended by consulting accountant Mike Givens. He said one was clearly not qualified for the job and another was the subject of controversy in Nassau County where he faced theft allegations.

The two other applicants are both Macclenny residents with experience in government finance.

Tracy Lamb, who according to her resume currently works as the county finance director, also has experience in business valuations and graduated with a bachelor's degree in finance and economics from Jacksonville University.

Michael Norman, a substitute teacher for the school district since September of 2017, was the director of branch operations for the Duval County Tax Collector's Office from 1990 to 2017. He's also worked as a cost accountant for a bedding company and an assistant comptroller for a department store chain.

He has an accounting degree from the University of

North Florida.

The BCCMC board of directors didn't discuss the individual applicants and instead tabled any hiring decision for two weeks until the next board meeting due to the absence of chairman

Barber, who has been a proponent of filling the position in recent months.

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—Accountant Michael Givens

As a new board member, Mr. Griffis asked what the CFO job would entail and why it was needed.

Mr. Givens responded that in the next six months or so, the CFO would be crafting the nonprofit's first annual budget since a recently completed refinanc-

ing deal with the USDA. The federal agency recently loaned BCCMC more than \$35 million at some 3.8 percent or roughly half the rate on bonds originally issued in 2008 to finance construction and startup of

the jail. The loan also greatly simplified the nonprofit's cash flows by eliminating a bank trustee who represented bondholders previously. Mr. Givens said the CFO would oversee procedural changes in billing and vendor payments, work with auditors and sheriff's office finance staff on matters that affect both agencies and guard against "cost creep."

"There's a lot of work to be done in the next six months and that work will be critical for success," said Mr. Givens. "As you know, the corporation has struggled with liquidity. ... We've got one chance to get this right. If we don't do it right and the reserves we transferred and have now if we don't use those wisely and protect those, in six years we'll be right back where we were with no refinancing tool to help us get back on track. That's the argument."

Mr. Givens previously noted that after the federal

loan closed and the former high-interest bond debt was paid off, the nonprofit had some \$2.9 million in cash and about \$2.3 million in reserves.

About \$340,000 remained in the still-open bank account for BCDC but it was expected to be closed and the money transferred to BCCMC's account by the end of March.

Before the loan, BCDC owed its largest vendors, the sheriff's office that manages the facility, and its medical services provider, Armor Correctional Health, hundreds of thousands of dollars in past due bills. But some \$1.3 million of the loan proceeds were used to pay them off, Mr. Givens said.

He added that federal law enforcement agencies are still "playing catchup from the shutdown," meaning Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Marshals Service remain behind on paying the nonprofit for housing their prisoners due to the partial government shutdown that spanned more than a month late last year and early this year.

The total owed by federal agencies the day of the meeting was about \$910,000.

#### Tech upgrades to cost \$178K over five years

Board members also agreed that afternoon to spend \$1600 a month for the first phase of a three-phase plan presented by Mr. Broughton, who owns a Jacksonville payroll software company, to upgrade information technology hardware and software throughout the jail and sheriff's office complex in north Macclenny.

The first phase is expected to cost more than \$178,000

but BCCMC is splitting the monthly cost, \$3333, with the sheriff's office. It includes two new switches, a new server, a flash storage array, email support for three years and a five-year warranty on the hardware with support.

The proposal from vendor vTech of Naples, FL also indicates that starting in 2020 there will be an additional cost of some \$27,000 a year for Microsoft Office 365 software licenses.

"It's pretty important stuff. To me this is as important as having a chief financial officer," said Mr. Broughton. "This is how I make my living so it's near and dear to me."

Mr. Baker asked for prices from state contracts for similar upgrades, calling the investment "a lot of money." Ms. Padgett similarly said she would've like to see the project bid out rather than sole-sourced.

Given the critical nature of the upgrades, however, both voted in favor of the proposal from vTech, which had already inked a contract with the sheriff's office prior to the meeting.

The second phase of the proposal to upgrade all 17 network switches, which Mr. Broughton noted are old and no longer supported by their manufacturer, will cost an additional roughly \$66,000. Those upgrades aren't needed until the fall, however, the proposal shows.

"If this was my business, this is what I'd do to right the ship. I take that back, if this was my business, it never would've gotten to this point," he told fellow board members. The next meeting was scheduled for April 3 at 2 p.m. at the sheriff's office.

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**Sexual assault awareness month proclamation ceremony**

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The Women's Center of Jacksonville will host a proclamation ceremony at the courthouse in Macclenny in honor of sexual assault awareness month on March 29 at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

**MARCH 30**

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March 30

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**MARCH 31**

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9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Ink Monkey Tattoo in Macclenny will be giving free tattoos to family members of those diagnosed with Down Syndrome on March 31. The tattoos will be of three arrows to symbolize the extra chromosome that causes the syndrome. Most people only have two of the subject chromosomes, Chromosome 21.

**APRIL 1**

**Church security meeting**

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Tommy Richardson, BCSO chaplain and pastor at Community Full Gospel Church, invites all pastors, assistant pastors and church security teams to the next Church Safety and Security Meeting with Sheriff Scotty Rhoden. The meeting will be held in the BCSO Training Room on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chaplain Richardson at 904-437-7310.

**BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION**

# CSI grant is accepted

## Critical for local policing

**MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF**

A federal grant has been credited with helping solve a number of crimes in Baker County, including a home invasion that erupted in an exchange of gunfire in Glen St. Mary a year ago and left one young man dead, several wounded, six arrested and the dead man's teenage brother convicted of murder.

The grant, a \$37,008 award from the U.S. Justice Department, was accepted by the county commission last week to fund a Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) in the Baker County Sheriff's Office, which has been receiving federal funding assistance since the position was created in 2012.

Without the financial aid the sheriff's office says it wouldn't have had the investigative resources to solve certain crimes, such as the armed burglary and homicide in April 2018 to which the sheriff's office made the following reference in the grant application:

"The CSI was able to use a collection of evidence from pictures to bullet casings which aided in the prosecution of multiple suspects. This is a milestone for the Baker County Sheriff's Office. Prior to establishing this position we had no ability to trace evidence or the evidence was overlooked or not collected."

The first defendant to go on trial in the case was Cayden Lauramore, now 17, who was found guilty March 15 of armed burglary and second-degree murder in the death of his brother, 18-year-old Corey Laura-more, who was killed during a shootout at a mobile home on CR 125 North in Glen St. Mary during the early morning hours of April 15, 2018.

Three other defendants previously accepted a plea bargain and were sentenced to three years in prison, another has yet to be sentenced and the sixth defendant is awaiting trial.

# Former manager is jailed again for meth

A former Baker County manager with a troubled criminal history of meth-related crimes was re-arrested on March 15 following a controlled purchase of a key meth ingredient from an undercover seller in north Macclenny.

Jason Griffis, 45, admitted he bought the Sudafed to cook meth, and that a baggie of meth and smoking pipe with meth residue found in his pocket belonged to him, according to the report prepared by Detective Thomas Dyal, a narcotics officer with the sheriff's department.

Mr. Griffis was stopped by Sgt. Ben Anderson on North Lowder St. Shortly after the 6 p.m. sting during which the accused purchased the over-the-counter drug for \$17, the report notes, and a search of his person yielded a plastic prescription bottle containing a baggie of the drug, along with the pipe. Shortly after, Mr. Griffis was booked for buying the ingredient, a felony, and possession of the pipe.

Mr. Griffis was convicted and served both jail time and probation following an arrest in December, 2013 for making and selling meth from his then-residence in Starke, the result of a joint Baker-Bradford county investigation. In May, 2017, he again was in custody for producing meth and possession of chemicals to do so, charges later dropped by prosecutors.

Also in 2013, Mr. Griffis was arrested for violating a protective order banning contact with his ex-wife Amy Dugger, now the county tax collector, and her boyfriend and future husband Timmy Dugger, along with damaging their vehicles.

Mr. Griffis, along with other corrections officers at Florida State Prison, was tried and acquitted in 2003 for the beating death of a Death Row inmate.

He was hired as county manager in May, 2003 and fired in December, 2005 for misuse of a county credit card and cell phone.

The federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) is administered by the state and distributed to local jurisdictions by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the agency that often was called in to investigate homicides in Baker County prior to the CSI joining the sheriff's office seven years ago.

At a board meeting March 19 county commissioners accepted the \$37,008 JAG award at the request of the sheriff's office represented by Detective John Blanchard, the sheriff's grant project director.

"This total grant encompasses two different things," Det. Blanchard said. "One is for salary and benefits for the Crime Scene Investigator...And there was an additional \$2700 for a lighting piece of equipment for use at crime scenes or different events that we might have."

The application details the type of equipment needed and its critical importance in solving crimes and gaining prosecutions:

"The CSI often has an issue with adequate lighting in recovering or identifying evidence at night. Grant funds will also help in this area by being able to purchase a 600-watt light source (and tripod) that will enable the CSI to seek and collect evidence over an extended period of time with more accuracy."

The grant funds about two-thirds of the CSI's total personnel expenses, \$51,312, including salary, health and life insurance and retirement benefits.

"During its six years in practice, this position has proven irreplaceable to the agency's mission to prevent and control crime and improve our local criminal justice system," the application stated.

Nonetheless, the sheriff's office made it clear in the following statement that the CSI position likely would not be retained if the grant money were to suddenly stop flowing:

"With the grant funds we will be able to continue to pay the salaries/benefits for this position. Without the grant funds our budget will not allow our agency to keep the CSI position and we would not be able to arrest and successful(ly) prosecute in many cases."

Also at the request of the sheriff's office last week commissioners approved the submission of a grant application seeking \$7366 from the state to buy new computer software for maintenance support of the E911 system, which handles nearly 14,000 emergency calls a year.

The grant is to be funded by Florida's Rural County Grant Program earmarked for sparsely populated counties with limited financial means, as explained in the grant application for why Baker County needs the state's help:

"Baker County is a rural county with a small subscriber base and limited E911 fee revenues which are insufficient for the maintenance and support of this equipment. Additional funding is not available through general revenues...and there are no other county funds available for this project."

The application further states that the level of software support sought by the proposed grant is necessary to keep the E911 system "running adequately" and that without it "Baker County would not be able to effectively maintain" the system.



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## BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

# Park sponsorships on horizon

## Labor to be donated, too

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

Tending to all the mowing and maintenance needs at Baker County parks is difficult enough, but trying to keep the grounds tidy and litter free with limited parks and recreation staff makes it more of a challenge.

Landscape cleaning chores at parks may not be the responsibility of county employees much longer, however.

The county's Recreation Advisory Board (RAB) has offered volunteers to take on the responsibility for keeping recreational facilities clean in a "park sponsorship" program, including sponsors' names on new signs posted at each county park.

The offer was made in a presentation to the county commission on March 19 by Paul Talbert and his father Tony Talbert, both RAB members.

Tony Talbert said the idea was first discussed last year during a park clean-up day hosted by RAB and attended by citizens and business owners from the community.

"We had a lot of input from local businesses that wanted to participate," he said. "Most of them had volunteer offers from employees but some of them (employers) reached out and said they'd like to fund parks in some way, shape or form. So we got together as a board and discussed how is that going to happen."

What evolved out of those discussions was the idea for park sponsorships available to individuals, groups or businesses whose names would be printed on new signs posted at parks to encourage community involvement and volunteerism.

The signs will be "uniform through-

out all our parks," said the younger Mr. Talbert, adding that the recreation board had received an estimate of \$395 for each sign, which would be made of PVC with vinyl lettering and a wooden frame, 1/2-inch thick and measuring 24 inches by 72 inches.

"The sponsorships would be for two year terms in the amount of \$400," he said, adding that the initial fee will cover the cost of the signs and thereafter fees will be contributed to the Baker County Recreation Department.

The proposed signs will consist of two panels. The upper panel, the larger of the two, will bear the name of the park, while the lower panel will bear the name of the sponsor.

"We do not actually have park signs at every park today," said Paul Talbert. "So this will be a way to bring uniformity to all the parks and thereafter we're looking to generate about \$400 each two years for each park."

"Our greatest desire as the recreation board," he said, "is to try to bring people into where they take ownership, not only ownership of our parks but to build relationships and make them feel a part of (the community)."

"One great thing we need as a community is to have people work together. And I believe these signs will be a means of helping us toward that goal. It's also going to mean we don't have to put money out. It'll be done by sponsors."

His son said the sponsorships should also help ensure that the county responds quickly to any potential problems reported by the sponsors.

"We're hoping that having a representative for each park would increase the promptness of response to any deficiencies or situations that can be remedied by the Baker County Recreation Department," Tony Talbert said.

Proposed duties for park sponsors, which he said are "recommended monthly but they're encouraged more frequently," include picking up trash, limbs and "debris of any kind," report-

ing any damaged recreation equipment or park property to the county manager's office right away; ensuring that "No Alcohol" signs are in place; and reporting the consumption of alcohol on park property to the sheriff's office.

The list of duties also includes painting basketball goal poles and backboards (county will provide supplies), striping basketball courts (county will provide paint and rollers, etc.).

Sponsors will not use any gas-powered equipment for mowing, weeding or "anything that would cause projectiles while on county property," however, due to liability issues.

The county commission gladly accepted the RAB proposal and directed County Manager Kennie Downing to prepare a park sponsorship agreement, which will contain a waiver of liability for each sponsor to sign, and bring it back to the board for final approval next month.

"I think it's great. It brings community involvement and that's always good," said board chair Cathy Rhoden.

Paul Talbert said RAB has already obtained commitments from enough people to sponsor most of the county's parks and efforts will continue to get sponsorships for every single one.

The board also instructed the county manager to prepare a policy statement prohibiting the use of tobacco products at county parks, similar to a long-standing prohibition on alcoholic beverages.

The issue arose after Tony Talbert said sponsors would "maintain the county policy for alcohol- and tobacco-free parks."

"Ms. Chairman, I want to make just one clarification," Mrs. Downing said. "The board has not yet approved a policy for tobacco-free parks, so if it was approved by RAB on their end I haven't brought it before the board yet. If you'd like me to do that I will."

"We would like you to do that," said Commissioner James Bennett as other board members concurred.

# Domestic violence arrest after fight around camp fire

A Macclenny man said to have been drinking "heavily" was jailed the evening of March 23 for domestic battery on his girlfriend while they were at a campfire near their residence on North 7th St.

Jason Walker, 37, allegedly threw Debbie Combs, 35, to the ground while yelling obscenities at her shortly after 10 p.m., according to the report by Deputy Jared Sharman. The officer said he arrived at the scene to find the accused and witness Tony Griffith, 29, locked in a struggle in the backyard. Both men were ordered to the ground.

Deputy Sharman then interviewed a visibly shaken Ms. Combs, who said Mr. Walker began arguing with her, and attacked her as she tried to walk away.

The accused grabbed her phone when she attempted to call police, and threw it in the yard before Mr. Griffith intervened to stop him from further harming her.

The deputy said Mr. Walker was unsteady on his feet with slurred speech when interviewed. In addition to battery, he was booked for felony obstructing justice by grabbing the phone.

In other recent arrests for battery, Deputy Garrett Griffith charged Shannon Waters, 47, with battery on her 78-year-old father Herschell Waters at their residence on Ivy St. in Macclenny the afternoon of March 22.

The deputy said Ms. Waters was in the front yard of the residence when he arrived shortly after 1 p.m., and attempted to run back inside. He handcuffed her and placed her in the rear of a patrol car before entering and questioning her parents.

Herschell Waters, 78, was seated inside with bruising and a small scratch on his arms, the result of his daughter pushing him to the floor in a hallway during an argument over her cleaning a bathroom after using it.

The suspect's mother Katherine Waters, 82, backed up her husband's version of events. Battery on an elderly person is a felony.

Deputy Jeffrey Higginbotham arrested Erin Pitts, 34, late on March 22 for battery on live-in boyfriend Troy Clardy, 37, at their Eagle Dr. residence in north Macclenny.

Mr. Clardy said both had been drinking and arguing for what one witness said was several hours. The accused allegedly struck Mr. Clardy several times about the face and head, though the deputy noted no visible injuries.

The couple's children ages 14 and 10 were present, prompting a report to the Department of Children and Families.

Chauncey Love II, 24, of Orange Park was arrested early on March 22 for violating a Duval County protective order banning him from contact with Lakisha Duviver, no age or address given.

Florida trooper C. Visman stopped the couple just after midnight at the I-10 eastbound ramp at CR 228 for no rear lights on the Ford hatchback, and learned of the order. Mr. Love said the woman phoned him for a ride back to Jacksonville, and that she was supposed to have petitioned to have it lifted.

## NEW RIVER LANDFILL

# New landfill cover is expected to save \$8M

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The New River landfill, partly-owned by Baker County, received a clean audit last week from Lora Douglas of DDF CPA Group in Starke.

Some of the highlights for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 were that the New River Solid Waste Association, which includes Union and Bradford counties as well, has a fully-funded landfill closure fund topping \$13 million, \$3 million in savings with Community State Bank, also of Starke, and some \$10 million in a state investment fund.

Net assets of the association also shot up some \$8 million to more than \$41 million, thanks to a new estimate on the costs of closure, which must be spent once the landfill runs out of space.

Mrs. Douglas explained to association board members during their monthly meeting March 14 that the closure estimate was reduced due to the use of an experimental, and cheaper, landfill cover material known as a "geomembrane" cover that regulators have authorized as the final cover at the time of closure.

Historically, more expensive sod was used as a landfill cover.

"Those costs went way, way down, and that basically reduced your expenses and increased your equity," said the auditor.

The association's \$41.6 million in net assets including more than \$20 million in unrestricted assets and about \$12.6 million in capi-

tal assets after depreciation.

"All in all, you're in pretty good financial shape. However, with the new contracts, your revenues are going to be decreased. Just keep caution for that ..." said Mrs. Douglas, referencing new tipping fee contracts with Alachua County, the landfill's biggest customer, and Levy County.

A new 10-year deal reached with Alachua County includes a tipping fee rate at \$28 per ton this year, with yearly 50-cent increases through 2023. The rate will remain static through the end of 2028.

The auditor credited the landfill for putting money aside to substantially reduce future liabilities, including by fully-funding pension and post-employment healthcare benefits. She said that's not true for most public agencies in Florida.

The landfill's proportionate share of the net pension liability in the Florida Retirement System rose about \$90,000 year-over-year to about \$760,000 but the post-employment healthcare subsidy dropped about \$55,000 to some \$781,000.

Total revenues for the 2017-18 fiscal year rose nearly \$550,000 while total expenses fell some \$3.5 million.

Still looming in terms of long-term liabilities are landfill monitoring costs after closure. The estimate of those costs tops \$10 million with only \$64,680 currently pledged for "long-term care" of the facility.

"It's money you'll need to have set aside so the counties won't have to pick up that bill," cautioned Mrs. Douglas.

# Charges for drugs inside county jail

A Baldwin woman arrested on March 19 on drug-related charges will face several more after two baggies of meth and other items were found the following day in her purse during a search in the property room at county jail.

Erin Spencer, 35, had been arrested the previous evening asleep in a vehicle along with Derek Allen, 46, of Maxville and in possession of a digital scale and a pipe with cocaine residue in a pocket of her jacket.

Deputy John Taylor responded about 6:20 to a report the couple was sleeping in a vehicle parked outside the Dollar General on South 6th in Macclenny. He also found a two-shot pistol and seized it for safe keeping.

The following day, Detective Thomas Dyal said the purse yielded the meth, nine syringes and several containers with meth residue. An additional count of possession inside county jail was added to Ms. Spencer's booking sheet.

In another recent case that included additional charges at county jail, Natalie Flynt, 32, of Macclenny was hit with two more felonies when she allegedly attempted to dispose of a needle and a small amount of meth following her arrest the afternoon of March 20.

Earlier, she and driver Isaac Estep, 18, were in a Chevrolet stopped by Deputy Mitchell Wight at CR 23C and Reubin Crawford Rd. for a tail light violation.

The deputy noted that Ms. Flynt tossed out what

turned out to be a glass pipe with drug residue as the vehicle slowed. Mr. Estep, described as homeless, was charged with driving without a license and given a warning for the equipment violation. Ms. Flynt was booked for possession of the pipe and ticketed for littering.

The additional felonies are introduction of contraband and attempted destruction of evidence.

Another traffic stop for a faulty tail light resulted in the arrest of passenger Dillan Cullen, 22, of Glen St. Mary for possessing two baggies of meth concealed in a wallet, along with two syringes, a pellet revolver and two .38 caliber bullets in a brown bag.

Deputy Jared Mallard said he stopped a vehicle driven by Nathan West, 20, of Jacksonville at U.S. 90 and CR 125 about 12:30 a.m. on March 21, and the driver explained his agitated state as due to the fact that he was recently released from prison for burglary.

Mr. Cullen initially gave officers a false name, and claimed the wallet belonged to a twin brother. A Florida trooper was called to the scene and employed the Rapid ID system to confirm his real identity and that he is a convicted felon.

He was booked for having the meth and syringes and possession of a weapon and ammunition by a felon, and Deputy Mallard learned that he was wanted in Baker County on a probation violation warrant.

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A ruptured pipe containing anti-freeze in the fire sprinkler system at the county courthouse in February left a lot of damage and a mess to clean up, as well as some \$13,000 in repair bills for the county to deal with last week.

The indoor rain storm occurred on a work day in an office in the southwest corner of the courthouse that, fortunately, was unoccupied at the time. Otherwise an employee would have been doused with the same chemically-treated water from above that damaged office equipment, carpet and walls.

"It left a yellow goo all over, not just water," said the county finance department's Cheryl Rewis this week. "Luckily, the lady was not in the office; she was out to lunch."

The county commission authorized the payment of \$13,347.84 to cover repair costs on March 19 at the request of Ms. Rewis and Clerk of Court Stacie Harvey. They money will come from the county's Court Facilities Fund, which Ms. Rewis said contained about \$80,000 last week.

The total cost included \$8,601.75 for emergency purchases made after the incident occurred, including the replacement of damaged carpeting with



Phone damaged in sprinkler line rupture.

tile flooring, drainage and repair of fire sprinkler pipes and other related services.

In addition to the emergency purchases, the request included \$4,746 to remove 709 square feet of "20 year-plus old carpet" in adjoining offices, Ms. Rewis said, and replace it with new tile flooring to match the new flooring in the office where the water damage occurred "to make everything uniform."

"We're going to try to file an insurance claim but I'm not sure it will be approved," Ms. Rewis said this week.

She also said one contractor doing some of the fire sprinkler system repairs was unable to give her a reason for the pipe bursting, adding: "They just said they didn't know."

Whatever the reason, it will be a day that courthouse employees won't soon forget.

"Of course, fire sprinklers are above your head so water went everywhere, all over this office in the court administration's office," Ms. Rewis said. "It destroyed a desk, a phone, the carpet, a printer, pictures that were on the wall ..."

And because the water had antifreeze in it, she said, "it had a terrible smell" and the far southwest corner of the courthouse was placed under "an emergency order for public safety needs" and employees were not permitted in that area for some time.

Ms. Rewis said she was told that the fire suppression system in the courthouse must contain antifreeze because although a lot of the lines and sprinkler heads are overhead "some of the piping is located in the basement and it will freeze."

# 3 days jail for using cell phone in court

Being in the courtroom hasn't exactly been an exhilarating experience of late for Tina Lauramore of Macclenny.

Shortly after a jury decided that her son Cayden, 17, was guilty of second-degree murder and armed burglary on March 15, Mrs. Lauramore had to be carted out of the courthouse on a stretcher with what was believed to be a panic attack (*Press*, March 21).

Five days later during a session of county court, she had another episode after being cited by County Judge Joey Williams for contempt of court for refusing to cease talking on her cell phone. The judge had minutes before asked the audience of his crowded courtroom to silence their phones amid repeated disruptions.

The judge ordered a bailiff to bring Ms. Lauramore back into the courtroom where he ordered her to jail for three days and ordered \$253 in court fees.

"I had stopped court for advisories several times," recalled the judge, who remembered many phones were going off that day to the point of distraction.

"At one point I asked everyone to get out their phones and turn them off. She (Ms. Lauramore) took hers out and started talking into it. She started to walk out and a deputy said 'Ma'am' and she turned around and walked out," he said.

Ms. Lauramore was attending court that day, reportedly interested in the case of Kyle Raulerson, one of the occupants of a trailer in south Glen St. Mary where a home invasion and gunfight occurred last April. His probation violation case still pends.

One of her sons still awaits trial in the trailer invasion case, and another son, Corey Lauramore, died in the shootout.

Judge Williams said this week active cellphones are not that big of a bother in his courtroom but occasionally, like on March 20, the distractions get out of hand. Bailiffs routinely advise attendees to silence them.

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# Steals parked vehicle in Macedonia

The sheriff's department implicated a Macclenny man in the theft of a vehicle near the state line on March 19 after he found it unlocked with the keys inside.

Deputy Jeffrey Higginbotham responded to a report of the 1995 Toyota 4-Runner taken from Cari Wilkes, who had parked it on Tanny Lane in the Macedonia area where she was moving. She said she last saw the vehicle two days earlier, and named Dustin Thrift, 22, as a likely suspect, alleging he had stolen from others in that neighborhood. The deputy initially was

unable to contact Mr. Thrift until the suspect phoned the sheriff's department and said the vehicle was at Canaday's trailer park off SR 121 north and allegedly admitted he had taken it. He then led Cpl. Tony Norman to a wooded area off Blue Hole Rd. where he had hidden it between trees, and then to where he stashed the keys.

Mr. Thrift was booked for grand theft.

In other, unrelated recent arrests:

- Deputy Jeffrey Higginbotham stopped a fleeing vehicle in the parking lot of the Red Roof Inn in south

Macclenny about 1:30 a.m. on March 23 after observing it failing to stop at the intersection of Woodlawn and Mt. Herman Woods.

Driver Victor Jackson, 33, who was known to the deputy for having a license with six suspensions, was also charged with resisting arrest by attempting to flee.

- Detective Thomas Dyal and Sgt. Patrick McGauley arrested Hunter Combs, 21, at his residence on Auzzie Harvey Rd. in the north county the afternoon of March 19, charging him on a warrant for violation of probation for dealing in stolen

property and reckless burning.

Mr. Combs initially attempted to flee through a rear residence and again tried to run from the officers before he was subdued. A 14-year-old male was also arrested, charged with resisting arrest by refusing to calm himself and cursing loudly at them.

- Marion Tisdale, 40, of Macclenny, an inmate at county jail, was re-arrested for criminal mischief earlier in March when he was caught on surveillance video throwing a television remote against a wall and damaging it in Dormitory 3.

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Members of the local Vietnam Veterans of America chapter were honored March 18.

# Campus IT contracts awarded

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The Baker County School Board approved two contracts March 18 for information technology upgrades eligible for a deep discount through the Federal Communications Commission for schools and libraries.

A \$134,767 contract for installation of thousands of feet of fiber optic cable at each district campus to allow for faster connectivity throughout the district's computer network went to SETEL of Macclenny, one of four bidders competing for the job. SETEL was the highest scoring bidder, however, behind Presidio Networked Solutions, LLC of Orlando, which won the second contract.

The latter firm will be paid \$62,635 for firewall protection and upgrades to 86 wireless access points district-wide.

Fortunately, both projects are eligible for an 85 percent discount program from the federal agency. That means the district will only have to pay 15 percent of the contract costs, or about \$30,000.

In other business last week, the board:

- Approved a new agreement with the Air Force governing the branch's JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) program at the high school, which is open to all students.

According to a memo dated last November from Brigadier General Christopher J. Niemi to all JROTC host schools, the primary changes to the agreement included removing requirements for the Air Force information technology equipment, adding requirements for schools to collect and report on student academic and graduation metrics and others.

Unchanged, however, was a requirement that the high school have at least 100 cadets in the program. BCHS has struggled to recruit that many students but the program has persisted nonetheless.

- Agreed to task building consultant Bill Bishop of Akel, Logan and Shafer with seeking a proposal for reroofing Building 19 at the middle school from BBG Contracting Group, Inc. in Jacksonville.

The proposal would be based on the firm's existing contract with Florida State College at Jacksonville, a letter from Denny Wells, director of facilities and main-

tenance for the district, indicated.

- Recognized 30-year employee and retiree Ann Watts, formerly the director of career and adult education for the district. She started as a bookkeeper in 1988.

- Accepted a \$2000 check from AT&T to the Baker County Education Foundation, which will grant the money to STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Math) projects in local schools.

- Honored members of the local Vietnam Veterans of America chapter for installing new benches at the middle school.

"This was a project they brought to us ..." said principal Thomas Hill, who called the bench replacement project "a tremendous effort."

- Several students were also touted for achieving perfect scores on the Florida Standards Assessments, or FSAs, last spring.

Fifth-grader Hollan Rodgers aced his fourth grade FSA in math, fourth-grader Savannah Norman did so on her third grade FSA in English language arts, sixth-grader Kaegan Roberts did so on the fifth-grade math FSA and sixth grader Madison Petry did the same.



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COUNTY COURT

# March 20 dispositions

The following case dispositions were ordered by Judge Joey Williams during regular county court session on March 20:

- Jerame Barber, criminal mischief; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Ethan Brantley, DUI; six-month probation, DUI school, youth impact statement, six-month license suspension, drug and alcohol abuse evaluation. 50 hours community service, participate in MADD events, no alcohol or drugs.
- Adrienne Butler, resisting arrest; differed prosecution.
- Christy Collins, disorderly intoxication; differed prosecution.
- Randall Combs, domestic battery, criminal mischief; 12-month probation; Give Back to Baker (GBB) community service, batterer's class.
- Layla Davis, no valid driver's license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Tavaris Donaldson, VOP (probation violation) resisting arrest, cause harm to police animal; 180 days in jail, GBB.
- Destinie Exline, VOP driving on a suspended license (DWLS) 18 days in jail.
- Lashan Farmer, VOP

DWLS; 60 days in jail.

- Phillip Givens, DWLS (second conviction); 90 days in jail.
- Keviin Griffith, resisting officer; 25 days in jail.
- Teddy Hall, DWLS; \$250 fine, court costs.
- Ty Herndon, DUI, refusal to submit to breath/urine test; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Jamar Johnson, license expired more than six months; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Shanea Kemp, DWLS; \$300 fine, court costs.
- Corey Lawler, game law violation; charge dropped.
- Thomas Monteleone, petty theft; petty theft class, six-month probation, \$150 fine, GBB, hold sign in front of Walmart, no contact with Walmart.
- Alta Pringle, battery (two counts); two days in jail, six-month probation, anger management class, electronic monitoring, drug and alcohol abuse evaluation.
- Anthony Rhoden, license expired over six months; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Loretta Saffice, DUI; two days in jail, six-month probation, six-month license suspension, GBB, youth impact statement,

50 hours community service, participate in MADD events.

- Cara Sternett, petty theft; differed prosecution.
- Micky Turner, battery; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Oscar Velez-Lopez, DWLS, no valid driver's license; court costs, \$316.
- Aaron Wilson, giving false name to law enforcement, DWLS; two days in jail, six-month probation, 50 hours community service, license class, obtain valid license, GBB.
- Awsten Yonn, DWLS; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Jonniesue Bailey, VOP resisting arrest; probation revoked.
- Cale Bennett, VOP no valid driver's license; probation revoked.
- Andrew Blandford, VOP non-assigned license tag, DWLS; 35 days in jail.
- Brittany Bright, VOP DWLS, no valid driver's license; 60 days in jail.
- Zachary Buffett, VOP DWLS, \$500 fine, court costs.
- Alva Cooper, VOP DWLS, resisting arrest, reckless driving; active warrant.
- Harry Cooper, VOP criminal mischief, disorderly conduct; 180 days in jail.
- Dwight Wray Davis Jr., VOP possession of drug paraphernalia; 180 days in jail.
- Christopher Holland, no valid driver's license, DUI; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Samuel Ivey, VOP false report to law authority, leaving accident scene with property damage; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- James Johnson, VOP possession of drug paraphernalia (two counts); failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Jeremy Miller, VOP possession of drug paraphernalia, DWLS; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Joseph Mullins Jr., VOP no valid driver's license (two counts), non-assigned tag; 30 days in jail.
- Brandon Pass, VOP contributing to the delinquency of a minor (two counts), domestic battery, marijuana and paraphernalia possession, violation of pre-trial release for domestic battery; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- James Reed Jr., VOP petty theft, false statement to obtain credit or property; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Tobias Thibeault, VOP reckless driving; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Morris Walden, VOP DUI (.15 or higher under age 18); 120 days in jail.
- Tina Lauramore, contempt of court; court costs.

# County fire will serve Glen

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The Town of Glen St. Mary may one day get its fire protection services from the nearby City of Macclenny fire-rescue department but it's unlikely that will happen this year.

Glen Mayor Juanice Padgett said the town attorney is currently researching how the town could pass its own special assessment to fund fire protection, whereas today property owners in the town pay the county's recently increased fire assessment of \$80 per year and get services from the now combined county fire-rescue department.

City manager Phil Rhoden said an attempt was made by Macclenny and Glen officials to have the revenue from the county fire assessment transferred to city coffers for it to provide fire protection, but county officials objected to that arrangement on the advice of county attorney Rich Ko-

mando.

County manager Kennie Downing said he advised that because the county is assessing Glen property owners for fire protection, the county could be sued if it doesn't provide the service.

Mayor Padgett, meanwhile, said that should the town council not have enough time to implement its own fire assessment by October 1, 2019, service from the county would likely continue until the appropriate actions could be taken.

A recently approved mutual-aid agreement between the City of Macclenny and the county fire-rescue departments shows that between now and September 30, 2019, the county department will be the first responder to calls within the town limits. But the agreement also shows that neither department — city nor county — will be responsible for calls in the town after that date.

An early draft of the agreement included language showing that the city

would be the first responder for Glen after that date. That language was eliminated in the final agreement passed by city commissioners this month.

The Press reported in error last week that the city would be providing fire protection services in Glen as of October 1, 2019.

Still, Mrs. Downing said the county will remain flexible regarding fire service to the town. She said it will continue fire protection until the town makes other arrangements.

Mayor Padgett said the town has been swamped with the ongoing utility work to expand sewer service north of US 90 so the town council has yet to discuss the fire service issue.

According to Mrs. Downing, the county had to meet a March 1, 2018 deadline for passing its fire assessment increase for it to become effective that year and added to the 2018 tax bills.

Glen has missed that deadline for 2019.



Photos courtesy of Brandon Finley

## Free spaghetti lunch for vets at Macclenny's Heritage Park

Calendar's Pizza and Gator Patrick's sponsored a free luncheon for local veterans at Heritage Park on March 7. "We had classic Lasagna, chicken alfredo lasagna and baked spaghetti ... Next month on April 4 we'll serve ham, lima beans and rice with a variety of sides," said park director Michele Hodges. She said luncheon sponsors are greatly appreciated and they may contact her at (904) 259-7275.



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## Middle school selects ROAR students for month of March

Congratulations to the Baker County Middle School students selected by their teachers as the ROAR students of the month for March. These students consistently model the ROAR expectations of Respect, Organization, Attitude, and Responsibility. They were treated to a pizza lunch this week and received a gift bag from the BCMS PBIS Team (not all of the students were present for the photograph). 6th grade: Heather Anderson, Angelina Cabral, Christopher Frazee, Ty Jacobs, Cire Johnson, Chelsea Singley, Hollie Smith, Avery Wilkerson; 7th grade: Kelsie Abbott, Grace Barber, Tyler Cline, Brandon Jager, Maverick Morgan, Cameron Newmans, Kailyn Waite, Na'azziah Williams; eighth grade: Rayleigh Combs, Bailee Conti, Aryana (Lexi) Cruse, Marcus Givens, Payton Sanders, Kelsey Walker.

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One of the plants on display at the March 14 garden club presentation on caring for houseplants by Debbie Clark (picture rear).

# Workshop on basics for houseplant care

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Are you one of those people who struggle to keep house plants alive?

If so, not to worry, because it's really, really hard. Master gardener Debbie Clark delivered her Houseplants 101 presentation at this month's gathering of the Baker County garden club at the Mathis House at the Glen Nursery property March 14.

She offered not one or two secrets to have healthy indoor plants, but dozens. They all pertain to one of seven factors affecting houseplant growth — light, temperature, air circulation, watering, potting mixture and containers.

“And keep in mind, they all interact with each other,” said Ms. Clark.

Among the most important elements for plant growth, however, are ensuring there's enough light, water and space for plants to thrive.

That means having a container with ample room for root growth and choosing a location with enough light are critical first steps, Ms. Clark said.

She said plants requiring direct or full sun, like flowers, succulents and those with brightly colored leaves, should be placed near a south or west facing window. Those needing indirect light, like ferns or philodendrons, should be close to an east or north facing window.

“Anything that has a flower needs full sun ... You cannot stick a beautiful plant that flowers in the dark. I actually had to move my entire rose bed because the trees were getting bigger and bigger. When I planted them ten years ago I didn't realize the trees would grow that fast,” said Ms. Clark.

When it comes to the proper temperature for houseplants, the master gardener advised, “They're happy if we're happy.”

That usually means daytime temperatures between 65 and 75 degrees. She said it's also important to check air vents to ensure they're not blowing hot or cold air directly on plants.

Houseplants prefer 40-to-60 percent relative humidity, which can be achieved with the use of a spray water bottle.

“You can see us at the fair, we're squirting everything,” said Ms. Clark, who often wears ribbons in the horticulture contest at the

annual court fair.

“Or you can just be like me and not turn the air on very much,” she said.

When watering plants — which should be done whenever the potting mixture or soil gets dry — it's important not to over-water them, which can choke off oxygen houseplants need to grow.

“Watering is the easiest thing to adjust but it's also the biggest cause of death for houseplants,” she explained. “They really do thrive on neglect. If you're foo-fooing with them all the time, you're probably going to drown them. You just have to leave them be. Let them dry out.”

Potting soil or an alternative medium is another critical factor in the success of houseplants. The soil needs to be dense enough to hold the plant but not too dense to block air and water flow.

Houseplant containers should have drain holes and be large enough for at least one year of plant growth.

Beyond watering, other routine houseplant care includes cleaning plant foliage with a soft moist cloth and fertilizing much less frequently than outdoor plants. But over-fertilizing can lead to faster plant growth and thus more frequent repotting.

“If it's growing fast, it might get leggy rather than nice and full,” said Ms. Clark. “... You can cut back almost anything and it will come back fuller.”

When a plant is not getting what it needs in terms of light, water and fertilizer, signs will show up.

She said brown or burned leaves could result from excessively dry or over-fertilized soil while yellowing or drooping leaves could be a sign of over-watering, poor drainage or not enough light. Too much light or a lack of fertilization can lead to weak growth or light green or yellowish foliage, which are also signs of root rot.

Small leaves with large gaps between leaves are symptoms of needing more light, while small leaves with small gaps could mean more fertilizer and water are needed. Curling or browning of leaves is a sign of too much light.

For more information regarding houseplant care or the master gardener program, please visit <http://bakercountypress.com> or on Facebook by searching “UFIFAS Baker County Garden Spot.”

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ENDIA JUNE WALKER, CLAUDE M. WALKER and MARK D. WALKER, Plaintiffs,

vs.

CLAUDELL WALKER, deceased, BERNICE MARIE WALKER GREEN, deceased, VIRGIL EUGENE WALKER, VERNON D. WALKER, JR., PENNY WALKER KATSACOS, deceased, WILLIAM KEITH WALKER, EDWIN KEVIN WALKER, and JEAN MARIE BRAZELL, not known to be dead or alive; And all unknown grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and if dead, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all unknown grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and, if dead, or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective estates, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against those unknown natural, persons, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, creditors, lienors or any other party claiming by, through, under, or against any corporation, existing or dissolved, or other legal entity named as defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties, or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in and to the lands hereafter described. Defendants.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2017-DR-000346

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: NANCY SHAW, Petitioner/ Former Wife,

and

JEFFREY T. SHAW, Respondent/ Former Husband.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Jeffrey T. Shaw  
15403 Ed Yarbrough Drive  
Sanderson, FL 32087

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Verified Motion to Set Aside and/or Vacate the Default and Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage has been filed in your dissolution of marriage action. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Nancy Shaw c/o Ashley M. Myers P.A., 1301 Riverplace Boulevard, Suite 2405, Jacksonville, Florida 32207, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 339 E Macclenny Ave # 113, Macclenny, FL 32063 before service on the Former Wife or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Motion and/or subsequent Petition.

The action is asking the Court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: all marital property, including but not limited to financial accounts, real property, and personal effects.

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

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's 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: March 18, 2019.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Melissa Haines  
Deputy Clerk

Ashley M. Myers, P.A.  
1301 Riverplace Blvd., Suite 2405  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
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### NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the following permit was issued on March 5, 2019:

Florida Gateway College, 149 SE College Place, Lake City, Florida, permit# ERP-003-205619-5. The project is located in Baker County, Sections 29 and 30, Township 3 South, Range 19 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 35+ acres for expansion of public safety and driver training known as FGC Olustee Public Safety Training Facility. The receiving water body is an unnamed wetland area.

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 Suwannee River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40B8-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the Resource Management Business Resource Specialist at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak FL 32060 or by e-mail to [tjm@srwm.org](mailto:tjm@srwm.org), within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4, and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., is not available.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Live Oak, FL 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 next regular District business day.

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 40B-1.1010, 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, you may request the Notice of Rights for this permit by contacting the Business Resource Specialist in the Division of Resource Management (RM), 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, or by phone at 386.362.1001.

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Obituaries and a photo are printed free of charge.

Williams Auto Repair Center  
1128 East Macclenny Avenue  
Macclenny, FL 32063  
904-259-5149

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicles will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 713.585 on April 15, 2019 at 9:00 am at Williams Auto Repair Center, 1128 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063 to satisfy labor and storage charges:

2006 Acura  
VIN# 19UUA66276A040610  
Total Lien: \$115.00

Pursuant to F.S. 713.585 the cash amount per vehicle would be sufficient to redeem that vehicle from the lienor. Any interested party has a right to a hearing prior to the sale by filing a demand for the hearing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Baker and mailing copies of the same to all owners and lienors. The owner/lienholder has a right to recover possession of the vehicle by posting bond pursuant to F.S. 559.917 and if sold any proceeds remaining from the sale will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court for disposition.

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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 April 12, 2019, 11:00 am 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.

1999 Lincoln Town Car  
VIN# 1LNHM82W9X710389

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### NOTICE TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Baker County Board of Commissioners will receive written, sealed bids at the Baker County Administration Office, located at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063 until April 18, 2019 no later than 3:00 pm for the following project:

2019-03: CR229 at Sanderson – Resurfacing Project

A Bid Manual and Bid Plans may be downloaded from the following URL:  
[www.tarboxinc.com/CR229S/](http://www.tarboxinc.com/CR229S/)

All contractors bidding this project must be pre-qualified with FDOT in Tallahassee, Florida. Any person or organization that has been on a convicted vendor list within the past 36 months may not submit a bid. Specifications and bid documents will be available at the above mentioned address. All bids must be sealed with the project number clearly marked on the outside of the bid packet. Any bids received after April 18, 2019 no later than 3:00 pm will not be accepted. The successful bidder will be required to use E-verify to verify the immigration status of workers.

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### REGISTRATION OF FICTITIOUS NAMES

I the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of Elite Boutique whose principle place of business is: 765 American Way, Macclenny, FL 32063 and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

NAME	EXTENT OF INTEREST
Precious Campbell	100%
Precious Campbell Signature	
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF BAKER	
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of March 2019.	
Stacie D. Harvey Clerk of Court Baker County, Florida	
By: Julie B. Combs As Deputy Clerk	

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2019 CP 000012

IN RE: The Estate of TINA R. THRUSH, deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of TINA R. THRUSH, deceased, whose date of death was October 3, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 E. Macclenny Ave. #113, Macclenny, FL 32063. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is March 28, 2019.

Personal Representative:  
Eric Thrush

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Thomas M. Donahoo, Jr.  
Florida Bar Number 078530  
Stephen P. Holmgren  
Florida Bar Number: 117761  
Donahoo & McMenamy, P.A.  
245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 450  
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E-Mail: [eservice@dmjjaxlaw.com](mailto:eservice@dmjjaxlaw.com)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 02-2018-CA-000037

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES RANDALL LONG, et al, Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FAYE H. MCCOLLUM, DECEASED Last Known Address: Unknown Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Baker County, Florida:

LOT FIVE (5), GADSDEN HEIGHTS, PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 2, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE NORTH 30 FEET OF THE WEST 189.90 FEET OF LOT FIVE (5), KNOWN AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF AFORESAID SECTION 19, TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 121 (ROAD FROM MACCLENNY TO RAIFORD); THENCE RUN SOUTH 29 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST ALONG AFORESAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR 863 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST FOR 189.90 FEET; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST FOR 30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST FOR 210.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST FOR 200 FEET; THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST FOR 400 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT FIVE (5) ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 121, THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 121 FOR 170 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A/K/A 6539 SR 121 S, MACCLENNY, FL 32063

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with 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 or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 20th day of March, 2019.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Tina Carrington  
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law  
P.O. Box 23028  
Tampa, FL 33623  
3/28-4/4c

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Baker County District School Board will hold the following public hearing on Monday, April 1, 2019, at the New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ located at 10418 King Ruise Road, Margareta, Florida, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The following School Board Policies will be considered for approval at the public hearing:

- 3.06 Safe and Secure Schools
- 3.061+ Option 1 Domestic Security
- 4.221 Virtual Instruction
- 5.05 Requirements for Original Entry
- 5.13 Zero Tolerance for School Related Crimes
- 6.390 Report of Misconduct

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The documents will be available for preview Monday through Friday (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at the Superintendent's Office located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida beginning Wednesday, February 20, 2019. You may also access the documents on our district website at [www.bakerk12.org](http://www.bakerk12.org).

Sherrie Raulerson  
Superintendent of Schools  
2/21-3/28c

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Baker County School District School Board will hold the following public hearing on Monday, April 1, 2019, at the New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ located at 10418 King Ruise Road, Margareta, Florida, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The following items will be considered at the public hearing: Revision to the 2018-2019 Code of Conduct.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The documents will be available for preview on Monday through Friday (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at the Superintendent's Office located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida, beginning, Wednesday, February 20, 2019. You may also access the document on our district website at [www.bakerk12.org](http://www.bakerk12.org).

Sherrie Raulerson  
Superintendent of Schools  
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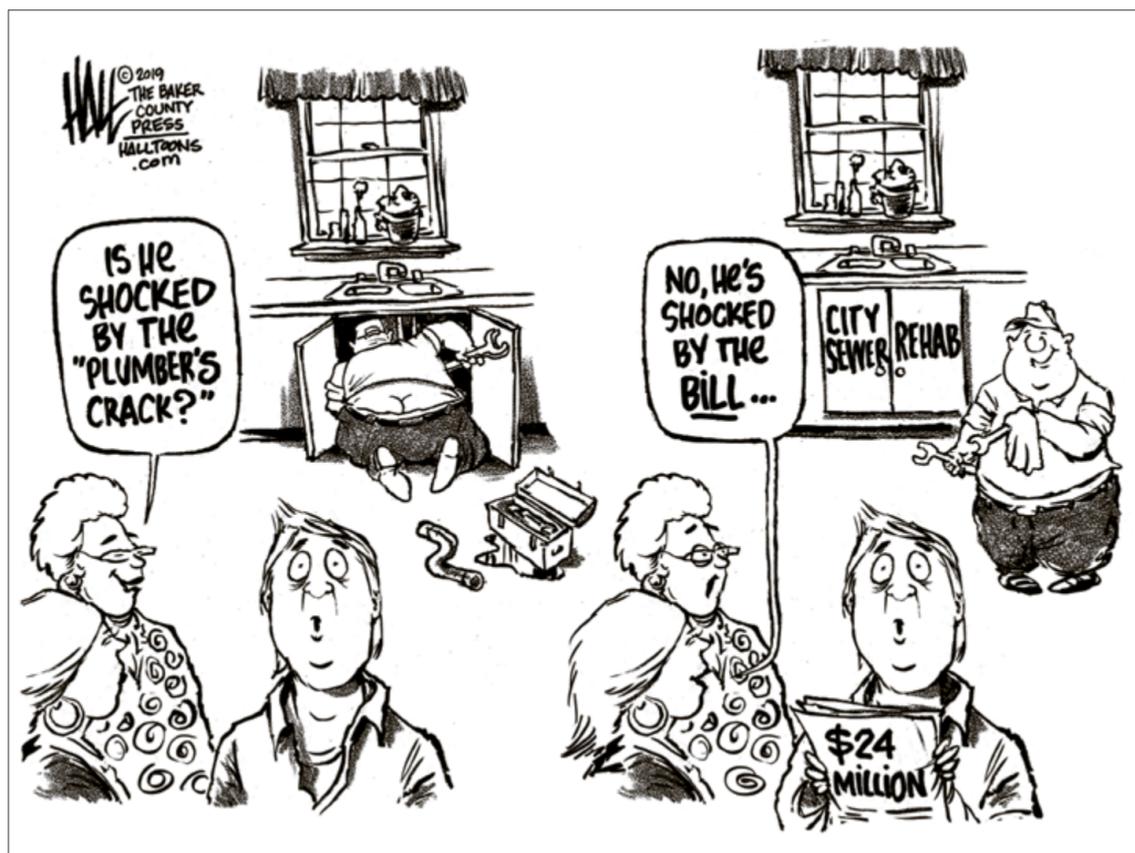
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The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 10:00 am to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:

Name	Unit #
Twanna BONES	31
Alfred Collins	115
Jordan Yerington	135
Christie Tate	157
Gary Mosley	261
Archie Crews	277
Kevin Wright	305

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# OPINION



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Preschool valuable for all our children

Dear editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Early Childhood Education. As the 2018-2019 school year ends, the summer will begin. The summer holds several possibilities such as summer vacations, summer school, babysitting jobs, older siblings' home from school watching younger siblings etc. With these possibilities, enrollment in the early childhood centers, better known as "preschool," will decrease.

As these possibilities become available, I want to remind everyone that early childhood education is important because it helps establish a solid foundation during the child's developmental years. What may appear as play is a form of learning. Preschools must follow developmental standards throughout the year to enhance the developmental stages in a child. The *Washington Post* ran the article called "Children who attend preschool do better in kindergarten than those who don't, study says." Statistics show that children who attend preschool before kindergarten did better on the math and reading assessments than 15% of the children who were cared for by a relative.

It's understandable a lot of people pull their children from childcare during the summer when the older sibling are out on summer break due to the cost of summer tuition, especially if they pay full price for care during the school year. Preschools know this, a lot of preschools will run a discounted summer program and they will run a multi-child discount program as well. I am a director of a preschool and I have been in child care for 11 years. I don't know how many times I have given tours to families and they have no clue about the Episcopal program or the Early Learning Coalition of Northeast Florida (depending on the county) that helps pay for tuition based on your family size and income. I have even been in a school so big that I was able to help families with payment plans and in-house scholarships to help with tuition.

The new generation really has its plate full. They are learning things in kindergarten that I learned in first and second grade. The math in middle and high school is the math I learned in college. The new preschool standards are changing so that the children stay up to par with the school standards so that after completion of preschool, children are ready for kindergarten.

As the summer roles in, please keep in mind for your little ones that early childhood education really does have an impact on your child's development. Check in with the centers near you to see what kind of programs and tuition assistance they may have available for the summer.

**Autumn Berg**  
Preschool director  
Macclenny

## A great slice of NCAA tourney

If you ever get the chance, take advantage of the wonderful opportunity to see the very best in college basketball when it's held at the newly renamed Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena. I went the last time it was in Jacksonville and again this weekend and it is a great experience.

The arena staff does a great job putting it on and it runs like clockwork. We sat up high by choice and it is a great way to view all the stuff you don't see on television from crazy fans to the pep bands and the mascots.

Though my teams — Florida, FSU and Baylor — were all playing in other venues, it was nice to watch the games without having a dog in the hunt. We were able to pick our teams as the game went on.

For example, I am a big LSU fan — I almost went there for grad school — and root for them in most games. But as the first game of the Jacksonville tournament progressed, I found myself rooting for Yale, whose basketball team was operating on a shoestring budget. They had rented the UNF Jazz Band because of the cost of shipping them down.

At first, LSU pounded them, but the Bulldogs just kept hanging around and chipping away at the double-digit lead. You could feel the momentum start to shift as well as the crowd allegiance. As Yale chopped the lead down to four with a minute to go, we were all Yale

fans. LSU squeaked it out and I'm glad they did because they set up what was arguably the best game of the tournament before Duke took UCF out at the buzzer. The second day of the tournament in Jacksonville, the Tigers took on the Maryland Terrapins of the Big Ten and it was a titanic struggle.

Once again LSU rolled to a big lead at halftime before the Terps came punching their way back in the second half. There are 11 of the top 100 college players on those two teams and there is a pretty good chance that we'll be seeing most of them in the NBA.

It was a great game and it took a masterful buzzer-beating layup by LSU guard Tremont Waters, who dodged and juke between the big men of Maryland for a layup with two seconds on the clock.

Though there weren't any Cinderellas going to the dance from Jacksonville, it almost happened. Belmont, which played scrappy, inspired basketball by hitting the long ball and taking the ball away again and again, almost shocked Maryland.

Wofford defeated Seton Hall of the Big East and the Terriers, a school of 1400 students, almost defeated mighty Kentucky in the Saturday game. Think about that for a moment. A school that has 200 more students than BCHS could take basketball royalty to the buzzer.

That's why I love the NCAA tournament.

Unlike in football, where it is nearly unthinkable that the Wofford football team — if they have one — could almost beat the Kentucky Wildcats of the SEC, in basketball, there are a lot more talented athletes to go around.

So a team like UC Irvine can shock Kansas State or Bradley can hang with Michigan State. The cream usually rises to the top at the end, but not always. Ask Virginia, which lost last year to University of Maryland — Baltimore County, the first time a 16-seed had between a number one seed. Virginia struggled against another 16-seed, Gardiner-Webb, because of the weight of that monkey on their backs.

It's fun what you don't see on television. LSU brought a mixture of its cheerleaders and Golden Girls and won the battle of the bands with a great pep band.

The Kentucky mascot was a total bust and didn't do anything while the Yale Bulldog and Maryland Terrapin won the hearts of the audience. They held a dance contest between the mascots of every game. I loved the turtle but he could never manage to win. Best song, by the way, the theme from Teenaged Mutant Ninja Turtles played by the Maryland pep band.

In the end, Kentucky and LSU advanced out of Jacksonville to the Sweet 16 as expected. My bracket is not totally destroyed. I am 47-7 going into the next round.

Next time the tournament returns to J-Ville I hope you'll attend. You won't regret it.

## MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

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# The Way It Was

BY THE LATE GENE BARBER



## Taylor family genealogy

John Taylor, the progenitor of many southeast Taylors and related families, was born about 1760, and migrated, with his father, to this country prior to the Revolution. Although neither is authenticated, his birth place is thought to be Wales, and his father's name James.

A John Taylor served in Capt. James Jones' Volunteer Militia Company in South Carolina during the Rebellion. Whether that John was the ancestor of the Baker County Taylors is not known, but it is certain that their ancestor served from Georgia in the War of 1812.

His first marriage is yet to be uncovered, but in 1821-22, in Bryan County, Georgia, he married Mrs. Matilda Grey. Matilda was the widow of a Captain Grey, a British seaman. The Greys had lived in Virginia and points north. Between her first husband's death and her marriage to Mr. Taylor, Matilda had a daughter by a brief marriage to Vincent Handley. Born in 1820, Elizabeth 'Betsy' Handley was a beautiful spirited girl who married (1) William Yarborough, (2) Charles Willoughby Cason, and (3) Henry Beal. Many Ware, Columbia and Baker County families of those names are descended from her.

In 1810, John Taylor was a juror in the Liberty County inferior court. In 1812, he was listed as a member of Beard's Creek Church (near Glenville) in Tattnall County.

Mr. Taylor was too old for a third tour of service when Indian hostilities broke out in the late 1830s, but his sons Lewis and William volunteered from Ware County. Their unit, Capt. David J. Miller's company of mounted volunteers, saw service in and around the present-day Taylor community here in Baker County.

After the second Seminole War, the Taylor children began to migrate to Florida. Mary Ann, by his first wife, married Col. Richard Bourn. The Bourns moved to Jacksonville where the colonel was an influential citizen. Mary Ann Bourn died on Amelia Island near the end of the Civil War.

Lewis Taylor married Tobitha Lee, and moved to Columbia (Baker) County, Florida, and, later, to Polk County, Florida. Some of his children married and remained in Baker County particularly the descendants of Benjamin D. Mann, and Jesse and Levi Mabley. Some O'Neals of Nassau County are his descendants, and Confederate veteran Gideon Hayes (a mystery

grave marker for many who visit the Taylor Community Cemetery) was a son-in-law.

William Taylor married Leannie Lee, a sister of Tobitha. Matilda married James McQuaig, and they are the ancestors of a large number of south Georgia and north Florida public officials and ministers.

William 'Bill' was a participant in the Second Seminole War.

Isaiah married Mary Lee, a sister of Tobitha and Leannie. He died in 1863 in the Confederate Army.

Gordon Stewart married Eliza, another of the afore-mentioned Lee sisters. Soon after the Civil War, he removed to central Baker County where he became a farmer. In the 1870s and 80s, he was Justice of the Peace for the north-central section of the county. His large farm was south of the old Johns Settlement near the intersection of the Sanderson-Socum-Raulerson's Ferry Road, and in later years became known as "Taylor." He died in 1902 and he and his wife are buried in Taylor cemetery.

Another Taylor, J. Ben, might not have been a son of John, but he was surely a nephew or other close relative. He lived in Ware near Waycross, where the other Taylors had lived, and he married still another of the Lee sisters, Sophronia. His son Thomas came to Baker County as a young man, and was a barber in MacClenny for several years.

The father John Taylor died about 1850 in Ware County, and is buried in an unmarked grave, probably in Kettle Creek Cemetery.

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## THE FOX

**Is it a dog or a cat?**  
Look at the fox. Do you think it is part of the dog family or the cat family? Write your guess here.

How does the fox look like a cat?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How does it look like a dog?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Where do foxes live?**  
Foxes are found all over the world except in Antarctica. Even in deserts and in the Arctic! They also adapt well to human environments such as farms, suburban areas, and even large communities.

**How many foxes?**  
Add up the numbers next to the foxes that look exactly alike to discover how many different kind of foxes there are in the world.

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Clever as a Fox**  
Foxes are very smart and crafty in finding food, surviving in extreme weather, outsmarting predators, protecting their young and more. They're smarter than most, but not all, dog breeds. **How many foxes can you find on this page?**

**Member of the Dog Family**  
While a fox is a member of the dog family, it has some traits that are very cat-like. Foxes are **nocturnal** (active at night). Fox eyes are like a cat with vertical pupils that allow it to see in dim light. And like the cat, the fox has sensitive whiskers and spines on its tongue. It has retractable claws, just like a cat. It walks on its toes in a graceful, cat-like tread. The gray fox can climb trees and has, on occasion, taken naps in owl and hawk nests!

**A Fox by Another Name**  
Do the math to fill in the blanks.  
A female fox is called a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(5 + 5 + 5)  
A male fox is called a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(7 + 6 + 5)  
A fox's home is called a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(8 + 6 + 5)  
A baby fox is called a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(7 + 7) (12 + 8)  
A group of foxes is called a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(11 + 6)

15 = VIXEN 19 = DEN 20 = KIT  
18 = DOG 17 = SKULK 14 = CUB

**Amazing Hearing**  
A fox can hear a mouse squeak 300 feet away. That's as far as a football field!

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Fox's Good Life**  
Look through the newspaper for pictures and words that would make a fox's life a good life. Make a collage with your selections.  
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

What do foxes eat? Circle all the things you think a fox eats as part of its natural diet.

ANSWER: If you circled all of these things, you are right! The fox eats a wide variety of foods. It is an omnivore and its diet includes fruits, berries and grasses. It also eats birds and small mammals like squirrels, rabbits and mice. A large part of the fox's diet is made up of invertebrates like crickets, caterpillars, grasshoppers, beetles and crayfish.

## Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## Weekly Writing Corner

### MY FAVORITE VEGETABLE

**Westside Elementary**  
My favorite vegetable is a carrot. It looks orange and is shaped kind of like a sword. It smells really good. It tastes good and crunchy. It can feel wet and slippery.  
Gabriella Wilburn, 2nd Grade, Mrs. K. Davis

My favorite vegetable is carrots because it is healthy for you. And because it has vitamin A.  
Tinsley Hall, 1st Grade, Mrs. Church

My favorite vegetable is broccoli because it healthy for you. You will get strong.  
Sophia Robinson, 1st Grade, Mrs. Church

**Macclenny Elementary**  
My favorite vegetable is corn on the cob. I like corn on the cob because of how it taste, feels, and looks. It taste really sweet and crunchy. It taste delicious with butter and salt. Corn on the cob looks really yellow and the middle is white. It feels slippery and squishy. I like how it feels in my mouth when I eat it. I think it's funny when I bite into it and it sprays juice on my sister.  
Caleb Booras, 2nd Grade, Mrs. A. Taylor

My favorite vegetable is corn. Corn is sweet. It can be cooked different ways. It can also be seasoned. Corn tastes delicious. I love the sound it makes when I bite into it. It is crunchy. Corn looks like a bone with yellow petals on it. My favorite kind of corn is sweet corn. Sweet corn is corn cooked in a sweet liquid. Corn is the best vegetable in the world. You should start eating your vegetables daily and you'll be extra healthy before you know it!  
Jayleigh Carter, 2nd Grade, Mrs. A. Taylor

**Keller Intermediate**  
"Crunch! Crunch! Crunch!" YUMMM! Do you hear that? It might sound bad, but it tastes so good. Can you guess what I am talking about? It's my favorite vegetable, carrots! I know you may not like carrots, but I LOVE them! Carrots taste like sugar dancing on every single taste bud I have. They feel like they have cracks all over them. Another reason I enjoy carrots is because they look really cool and interesting. What is your favorite vegetable?  
Madison Fraser, 4th Grade, Mrs. McCullough

My favorite vegetable is cucumbers. The reason I love cucumbers is because they taste like salted water. When I feel them after they have been washed and cut, they remind me of water. When I see some a cucumber cut up sitting on our table, I steal one while nobody is looking. I can't help it, it's my favorite vegetable ever!  
Kadence Williams, 4th Grade, Mrs. McCullough

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# OBITUARIES

## Graveside service for Michael Burnsed

Michael James Burnsed, 66, of the Georgia Bend in Charlton County passed away Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Acosta Rua Center in Jacksonville with his family by his side. He was born February 24, 1953 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire to the late Theodore and Alice "Betty" (Clark) Burnsed. Michael spent his early years in Maine, attending Robert W. Traip Academy in Kittery. In the late 1970s, his family returned to his father's native Georgia Bend where Michael felt at home and went on to become a pillar of the community. He was a founding member of the Georgia Bend Fire Department, where he dedicated 38 years of service. He climbed the ranks over the years and eventually reached assistant chief. His love for the fire department was one that lasted until his final days. Mr. Burnsed also dedicated many years to the Merita Bread Bakery in Jacksonville, from which he retired.



Michael Burnsed

Michael's biggest passion, however, was Baker County Little League. He spent 32 years with the association and was also a board member. Over the years, he spent time as a coach, safety officer and was a state-certified umpire. He touched a countless number of lives over the years with Baker County Little League. In his free time, Michael enjoyed hunting and fishing, as well as loading up in the truck with his wife and riding the dirt roads of the bend. He also loved Notre Dame Fighting Irish football, was a faithful Catholic, and he and his son attended games when the Irish came to Jacksonville. Michael's presence in Little League and the fire department will be missed dearly.

Mr. Burnsed was preceded in death by his father. He leaves behind the love of his life, his wife of 38 years Melissa (Stivender) Burnsed of the Georgia Bend; son Brian Burnsed of Macclenny; his mother of Macclenny; sister Susan (Willard "Tee") Turner of the Georgia Bend; nephews Jeff (Jessica) Shouse of St. Johns County, Matt (Amanda) Shouse of Macclenny, Jason Hart of the Georgia Bend and Kyle (Courtney) Hall of Macclenny; niece Alicia Hart of Jacksonville; many great-nieces and -nephews, their family members and friends.

Mr. Burnsed's family will receive friends Friday, March 29 from 6-8 p.m. in the chapel of Forbes Funeral Home in Macclenny. A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 30 at 3 p.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery, Macclenny with Rev. Steve Blackmon officiating.

## Private service for Richard Collett

Richard Eugene Collett, 49, of Jacksonville passed away Monday, March 25, 2019 at Orange Park Medical Center. He was born to the late Mr. Alvin and Faye (Luke) Collett and spent most of his life in Jacksonville. He spent the majority of his days as a handy man, working jobs and helping people however he could. He was known as an honest and kind-hearted man, often referred to as a "gentle giant." He loved people and had an easy going spirit. In his free time, Richard enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing with family.

Mr. Collett was preceded in death by his parents, brother Allen Collett and sisters Lola Green and Joyce Collett. He is survived by brothers James Collett of Macclenny, Charles Collett and Hershell Collett, both of Jacksonville; sister Diane Collett of Jacksonville; numerous nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

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

## Alfred Harris, 80, dies March 19th

Alfred Ray Harris, 80, passed away at his home on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Ray was born and raised in Maxville and resided in Jacksonville. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather, and he was all about loving his family. He was a God-loving, kind-hearted man and would do anything for anybody.

Mr. Harris was preceded in death by his wife Betty Jean Thornton Harris; mother Sallie Deese Harris and father Alfred Harris; sons Michael Ray Harris and Wendell Eugene Harris; grandson Christopher Shaun McKenna.

He is survived by his daughter Angela Jean McKenna; granddaughters Christy Renee McKenna, and Cheryl McKenna (fiancé Joseph Wells); two great-grandchildren

Th funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27 at Blackburn-Curry Funeral Chapel in Macclenny with Pastor Freddie Griffis from Nolan Ridge Church in Jacksonville officiating. Ray will be laid to rest at Long Branch Cemetery in Maxville.



## In loving memory of Pender Logan Raulerson

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## In loving memory of Brayden Bullard

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## Sing and revival

The New River NC Methodist Church will host a gospel sing on March 31 at 6 p.m. featuring The Bluegrass Messengers and others.

The church will hold a revival on April 1-3 at 7 o'clock nightly with Revs. Russ Hail, Randall Griffis Sr. and Tommy Walker as speakers. Everyone welcome.

## Church security

Chaplain Tommy Richardson invites all pastors, assistant pastors and church security teams to the next church security meeting with Sheriff Scotty Rhoden. It will be held in the BCSO training room on Monday, April 1 at 6 p.m.

Contact Chaplain Richardson with questions at 904-437-7310.

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## Sunday sing

Cornerstone Church in Macclenny will hold a fifth Sunday night gospel sing on March 31 starting at 6 o'clock. The guest singers will be "Crossfire." Everyone welcome.

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Friends of the Susan Woods Phillips family will sell grilled chicken dinners with all the sides on Saturday, March 23 at Glen Friendship Park to raise funds to help with funeral expenses.

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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

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The middle school's symphonic band competes at the Music Performance Assessment in early March.

Photo courtesy of Heather Davidson

# MS band rated 'excellent' after assessments

**JOEL ADDINGTON**  
MANAGING EDITOR  
reporter@bakercountypress.com

"Congratulations to the BCMS symphonic band for their performance at Music Performance Assessment this past weekend! The band

received an overall Excellent rating!"

That was the message from BCMS band director and flutist Heather Davidson early this month.

She said on March 15 the 51-member band performed three prepared pieces for

three judges and then studied two pieces they'd never seen or heard before for 3-5 minutes before playing the pieces with student conductor Makenna Payne leading the group.

She got a superior rating from the judges for her role

in the performance of *Sea Song Trilogy* by Anne McGinty.

"I'm so proud of all of these musicians' hard work!" said Ms. Davidson.

Ms. Payne, an eighth grader, plays the trumpet in the band.

"This was Makenna's first time conducting a group. She's a talented musician who really understands music beyond just the notes and rhythms. She was fearless, taking on the challenge of leading the group ..." said Ms. Davidson.

# What bird chorus can tell us outdoors

**JERRY WALLS**  
NATURE COLUMNIST

Nature's creatures are amazing to listen to as well as visually observe.

A few days ago, I caught a quick glimpse of a mid-sized bird rapidly flying through some almost leaf-bare deciduous trees. The bird made a quick darting motion to one side and then I heard the sounds of another bird in distress. Squeaks and squawks emanated from the tree branches and then, for a short moment, all remained silent. Then it all broke loose.

Within a matter of 15 seconds or so, blue jays, chickadees, cardinals, titmice, Carolina wrens and kinglets chimed into the alarm chorus. All sorts of chirps, calls, squawks, whistles echoed in the hardwoods. This went on for about two or three minutes and then the woods fell dead silent again.

What happened? A cooper's or sharp-shinned hawk, known bird eaters, had swooped in and captured an unsuspecting songbird. The victim's avian cousins, dead silent before the raptor's attack, were calling out in mob fashion to announce the presence of the hawk.

"Mobbing" the practice of birds announcing the presence of a known predator such as a raptor, cat, snake, human or other potential threat is an interesting behavior. You wouldn't know all the birds were even there if it wasn't for this loud, communal, aggressive behavior. If you listen close enough,

mobbing birds will often announce the presence of hawks, owls, snakes and feral cats. If it wasn't for the loud commotion from all the bird's vocalizations, you wouldn't even suspect that the predator was nearby.

Interestingly enough, a few days later I heard chickadees, titmice and wrens scolding something in the same general area as where the hawk captured the songbird. I stopped what I was doing and slowly walked over to the mobbing birds. It was a warm day for late winter time, an uncharacteristic 80-degree day. After a minute or two of searching, I noticed an arboreal rat snake stretched out on a limb in the almost barren trees. I would have never known the snake was there if it wasn't for the chattering birds!

So, your eyes aren't the only way to locate birds. Keeping your ears open and tuned-in often provides great rewards when it comes to experiencing nature's wonderful surprises!

Enjoy your Baker County nature trails. Take a friend or family member along with you in our great outdoors! Especially a child.

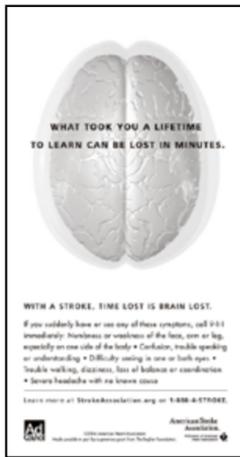
For questions or comments, e-mail Jerry Walls at [jwalls443@gmail.com](mailto:jwalls443@gmail.com).



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# Third place at state leadership conference for the BCBS FBLA

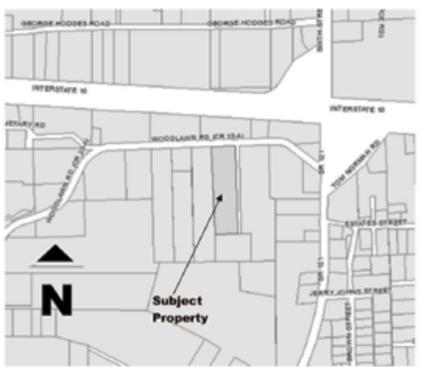
BCBS student Julia Archambault (pictured with trophy) qualified last weekend to compete at the Future Business Leaders of America's (FBLA) National Leadership Conference in Texas this summer by placing third at the state conference in an accounting II event. She traveled to state conference in Orlando with teammates (pictured from left) Dawson Tetstone, Brayden Jackson, Taylor Suggs, Abbigail Barnes, Ms. Archambault, Madysen Beasley Cheyanna Wheeler, FBLA District IV president Marcus Chisholm and Kody Butcher. They joined some 4200 FBLA students at the competition. "These students participated in leadership workshops and competed in events that they had excelled in at the district level," explained FBLA sponsor and business instructor Stephanie Wheeler, who also thanked Cheryl Nunn "for her sacrifice to safely transport our team to and from the conference." Pictured in the team photo from left: Tetstone, Jackson, Suggs, Barnes, Archambault, Beasley, Wheeler, Chisholm and Butcher.



## CITY OF MACCLENNY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FIRST READING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY 2025 FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP

The City Commission of the City of Macclenny, Florida shall consider first reading of Ordinance No. 19-03, "A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AMENDING THE 2025 FUTURE LAND USE MAP WHICH SHALL CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 6.00 ACRES DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM COMMERCIAL MEDIUM INTENSITY (CMI) AND MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR) TO MEDIUM INTENSITY (CMI) RELATED TO A SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY; REZONING THE PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) AND RESIDENTIAL, GENERAL (RG) TO COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG); PROVIDING FOR INTENT; AUTHORITY; FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY; FINDINGS OF FACT; SEVERABILITY; RECORDATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

SYNOPSIS: The Subject Property for Ordinance No. 19-03 consists of approximately 6.00 acres located on the south side of Woodlawn Road immediately west of Mt. Herman Cemetery Road (see map). The northern quarter of the Subject Property is currently designated CMI on the City's 2025 Future Land Use Map ("FLUM"), with the remaining portion of the Subject Property designated Medium Density Residential (MDR). Ordinance No. 19-03 will cause the entire Subject Property to be classified Commercial Medium Intensity on the FLUM and Commercial, General (CG) on the City's Zoning Map. The application is being sought in order to enable construction of mini-storage units and a self-service car wash on the Subject Property.



FIRST READING: A public hearing on the first reading of the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. There shall be no vote by the City Commission regarding this Ordinance at this meeting. The City Commission meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the public hearing will be held shortly after the meeting is called to order. Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the adoption of the proposed amendment.

COMMISSION VOTE: A public hearing requiring City Commission action on the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. The City Commission meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the public hearing will be held shortly after the meeting is called to order. Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the adoption of the proposed annexation.

The complete legal description by metes and bounds and the proposed Ordinance may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk at City Hall on Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Should any person decide to appeal any decision made as a result of this hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of these proceedings is made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Manager at (904) 259-0972 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

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**City of Macclenny Employment Opportunity**: The City of Macclenny is seeking qualified applicants for the following position: Automotive Mechanic. Department: Streets. This is a full time position with all full time benefits available. Salary is negotiable based on the confirmed skill level, qualifications, certifications and prior experience of the applicant. Closing date: Thursday, April 4, 2019 by close of business, 5:00 p.m. Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED, a valid Florida driver's license, drug screening and physical is required. Successful applicant must possess or be able to obtain a valid class B driver's license within 6 months of hire date. Must be available to work weekends, holidays and be on call during off duty hours. Must be able to lift a minimum of 100 lbs. Must be able to work in confined spaces. Minimum 10 years automotive mechanic experience required. The City of Macclenny is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug

Free Workplace. Applications can be picked up at City Hall at 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063. All applications must be received at City Hall marked "Automotive Mechanic" by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 4, 2019. 3/28c

**Aviation Grads** work with JetBlue, United, Delta and others. Start here with hands on training for FAA certification. Financial aid if qualified. Call AIM 888-242-2649. 3/28p

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**Help wanted: Wayne Frier Macclenny**. Mobile Home Lot Work/Mobile Home Service Work/Repairs. Must have valid license. 904-259-4663, jm\_martin23@yahoo.com. 3/28-4/18c

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**Mechanic II**: The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will be accepting applications until 4:00 pm, Thursday, April 4, 2019, for the position of Mechanic II. Considerable knowledge in the repair and maintenance of a wide range of heavy equipment, heavy trucks, light trucks and small engines is a must for this position. Must be able to carry out complex oral and written instructions and maintain accurate records. Minimum requirements: 2 years' experience in the repairs and maintenance of heavy equipment along with a high school diploma or GED and a valid State of Florida Driver's License. Any trade school or approved certifications in welding, air conditioning, automotive electrical, hydraulics, diesel repair or rebuild is a plus. Only qualified applicants need to apply. Salary is \$12.50 hourly/\$26,000 annually. References are required. Applications and job description may be obtained from the Human Resources Office located at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida, 32063 or online at www.bakercountyfl.org/jobs. Baker County is a drug free workplace and an equal opportunity employer. All applicants are considered for all positions

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## REAL ESTATE

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**Lot for sale**: 11366 Deerwood Circle, Macclenny. \$2500/down, \$410/month. 904-609-6184. 10/18tfc

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**Friday & Saturday, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**, 8743 Hillcrest Drive, Macclenny, off of Woodlawn Road. Baby items, bikes, blinds, curtains, ceiling fans, light fixtures, furniture, scooters, luggage, kids' toys, tools, air mattresses, and Christmas items.

**Friday & Saturday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm**, 499 East Shuey Avenue, Macclenny, corner of Shuey Avenue and First Street. Lots of household items, decor, baby items, clothing (mens, womens, teens, kids), shoes, toys, etc.

**Friday & Saturday, 8:00 am - ?**, 11793 Blueberry Lane, Macclenny.

**Saturday, 7:00 am - 2:00 pm**, 17491 Crews Road, Glen St. Mary. Large family sale.

**Saturday, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**, 5244 Blue Hole Road, Macclenny, 121 north to Georgia line, follow signs. Furniture, tools, household, too much to list. All priced to sell.

**Saturday, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**, 5924 Farm View Lane, Macclenny. Toys, womens, girls, and boys clothes, household items, etc.

**Saturday, 8:00 - ?**, 7556 Aunt Mary Harvey Road, Glen St. Mary at Glen Church of Christ. Huge sale.



Club members Peg Arend and Jackie Canady celebrated birthdays recently.

## Macclenny woman's club garners awards

The Macclenny GFWC Woman's Club won four first place awards in several areas during a District 4 awards program on March 22 that was highlighted by district member Debbie Branauck dressed as woman's club founder and 19th Century New York City journalist Jane Cunningham Croly.

She reportedly arrived in the Big Apple in 1854 at age 25 in search of work and landed a job at the *Sunday Times and Noah's weekly messenger* after getting her work published in the *New-York Tribune*. She wrote a women's column under the pen name Jennie June called "Parlor and Side-walk Gossip."

The first place district honors were for the Macclenny club's work in conservation, education, international affairs and leadership.

But that wasn't all. The club also won second place awards in arts and membership; and a third place recognition in the home life category.

"Nationally, the state of

Florida has won first place in conservation for the last two years," reads a press release from the Macclenny club.

The day before the awards program, however, the club held its regular meeting, celebrated birthdays for Peg Arend and Jackie Canady and named Arlene Phillips the club's 2019 woman of the year. That honor was presented by Carla Williams.

Carol Nelson also spoke to members about the recently remade Silver Sneakers program from the YMCA, which meets at Rairford Road Church for the time being. Local Y branch coordinator Anna Lewis said the program attracts 25 participants on average twice weekly — Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. — but had some 32 attend the session early this week.

Ms. Nelson also reviewed recent fundraising efforts to benefit The Arc North Florida, including a partnership with Hagan Ace Hardware that raised \$83.

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Principal's List - 3rd Nine Weeks**

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**SECOND GRADE:** **Jacobs** – Emma Chapman, Kimberly Cloutier, Kelden Dupree, Paisley Goff, Jack Jacobson, Macey Jenkins, Kendall Johnson, Bryan Kite, Emily Lutz, Kendalynn Newman, Gunner Rhoden, Jayce Robinette, Carl Wheeler, Landon Wilson **Stafford** – Lana Clements, Gabriella Gray, Aidyn Hunt, Abbegeil Parish, Noah Putney **Elledge** – Sonja Deanjellis, Journie Mann, Jocelyn Rosas, Morgan Stewart **K.McDonald** – Wayne Adams, Casandra Davis, Nylah Johnson, Taylor Swindell, Lucas Turner **Hooker** – Trenton Williams. **Hurst** – Olivia Loadholtz **K.Davis** – Bryson Colbert, Kaylee Myers, Brie Phillips **Rodgers** – Karmen Major, Benjamin Summers, Trenton Thompson **Beck** – Zoe Deya, Gideon Hall, Addison McGee, Camden Rhoden.

**THIRD GRADE:** **Shivers** – Lia Brooks, Tori Butler, Aurianna Capra, Joel Carver, Madison Crews, Katey Davis, Amber Dugger, Teague Jacobs, Jacob Luke, Scarlett Manucy, Ashlynn Nyman, Lincoln Padgett, Rucha Patel, Alex Ranucci, Calla Rungruang, Ethan Salts, Brylen Taylor **Rhoden** – James Bo Marker, Ella Rosas **Dugger** – Aiden Andrews, Brigdon Chapman, Gage Spurlock **Dowling** – Zane Cloutier, Colton Crain, Cameron Evans, Tanner Farley **L.Smith** – Trenten Boone **Wendell** – Taven Armstrong, Brady Francis. **Allen** – Bailey Godbold, Ava Taylor **White** – Jazmin Miller, Mayleigh Stewart.

**Honor Roll - 3rd Nine Weeks**

**FIRST GRADE:** **Mallard** – Brooklyn Collingwood, Bryston McDonald, Teagan Newmans, Rylee Shelton, Tylasia Thompson, Aiden Vaughn **Church** – Braxton Daniel, Ahmani Dukes, Addyson Peele, Alex Rodriguez. **Pruett** – Skylar Holley, Trinita Williams, Cartwright Fish, Kaleb Pendleton **Driggers** – Jacob Dinkins, Kaelyn Lamp, Maliyah Washington **M.McDonald** – Paisley Hanson, Kellen Mann, Jacob McNeil, Riley Monte, Cheyenne Morgan **South** – Mylah Bridgett, Damani Donaldson, Olivia Harabal, Landon Salts, Emma Whitfield **Sheridan** – Anistynn Barrett, Chloe Driggers, Jasper Dugger, MiAsia Williams. **P.Smith** – Savannah Combs, Jailen Horne, Chloe McBerry, Boyce Rowland, Ethan Wasdin **Wignall** – Leila Hanby, Kyleigh Jackson, Gamyla Williams **Marsh** – Trae Atkinson, Alicia Dowling, Jamila Jones, Adalynn Waters, Athena Wilson **Boatright** – Aceybee Griffis, Ruby Hunter, Selena Johnson **Moment** – Harley Keith

**SECOND GRADE:** **Elledge** – Mason Acres, Ronnie Brunette, Benjamin Combs, Ryan Nunn, Lucas Sanders Braxton Walker, Waylon White **Jacobs** – Damian Brown, Zane Corder, Davis Fuss, Hunter Smith **Stafford** – Maggie Akridge, Marcus Hedge, Trenton Stiles, Paisley Williams **K.McDonald** – Gabriel Allouch, Bradley Crews, Caiden Davis, Adelynn Hanson, Mallory Williams **Hooker** – Mason Crews, Malaeayh Dinunzio, Hunter Hignens, Chloe Powell, Kristen Sparkman, Michael Waters **Hurst** – Parker Crews, Bailey McGauley, Zachary Miller, Kaylee Phillips, Kinsley Rhoden **K.Davis** – Nathan Carrow, Vera Mae Gaskins, Eva Gosa, Hardy Lee Horne, Matthew Kinley, Levi Miller, Arianna Waters, Mercedes Webb, Gabriella Wilburn, Makaylia Zody, Landen Taylor, Kaleb Lanley **Rodgers** – Easton Muncy, Ja-Kavin Chestnut, Kymbrel Coleman, Caleb Griffis, Tucker Haire, Noah Higginbotham, Bentlee Lauramore, Brailey Lauramore, Jeremy Pons **Minshew** – Hunter Barton, Aubriella Collier, Sage Doss, Religh Farley, Tristian Hill, Trace Midyette, Grady Reneau, Gaitlynn Schwienn, Bryce Turner, Tanner Willis **Beck** – Hunter Collingwood, Averi Crews, Abbigayle Horton, Breanne Johnson, Kase Karnes **Moment** – Paige Jenkins, Levi Brunette.

**THIRD GRADE:** **Shivers** – Tyson Richardson, Manny Rodriguez Rhoden – Leland Crawford, Alyssa Crews, Bentley Davis, Anna McLelland, Kaden Rawls **Shope** – Yanari Hollings, Tyler Por, Ayden Sollicito, Makailah Williams, Gysel Humbler, Eddie Woodruff **Linn** – Kallie Barefoot, Steven Copeland, Zander Hudnall, Lilli Masse. **Rhoden** – LeLand Crawford, Alyssa Crews, Bentley Davis, Anna McLelland, Kaden Rawls **Dugger** – Charlie Brim, Leightyn Dawson, Kade Hinson, Karsen Newmans, Lucas Newmans, Kendall Thompson, Whitley Williams **Dowling** – Lannyc Barton, Maddy Hoffman, Hugh Long, Eian Reneau, Dalton Russell, Paisley Walker, Kyla Whitney **Smith** – JaKiyah Givens, Ayden Prohaska, Jaylee Stewart, Jayden Williams **Barrett** – Ward Chance, Claire Higginbotham, Jada Higginbotham, Colbie Willis **Wendell** – Aubrey Austin, Wyatt Mobley, Aleah Stewart **Allen** – Brandon Coleman, Alyssa Davis, Jakobe Edmunds. **White** – Ashton Amerson, Matti Dugger, To'niqye Johnson, Klayton Taylor.

# Honor rolls ...

**KELLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
Principal's List - 3rd Nine Weeks**

**FOURTH GRADE:** Tyson Barnum, Jayce Barton, Cloey Bennett, Gabriel Berna, Parker Boyarovsky, Bailey Brantley, Latianna Bridges, Brayden Brown, Brendon Browning, Colton Brownlee, David Bryan, III, Aaron Bugnacki, Kayleigh Burnsed, Rayna Castillo, Jasmine Coleman, Cheyenne-May Collige, Gavin Combs, Avamarie Craven, Parker Crawford, Arabella Crews, Riley Crews, Catalina Crosby, Garrett Cullum, Collin Daniel, Brodie Davis, Chloe-Lynn Dickey, Colby Dopson, Jeremy Dugan, Karalee Dugger, Kintley Ellis, Madison Fraser, Jayden Gray, Cohen Griffis, Wyatt Groves, Brandy Hall, Cory Harvey, Brandon Heppner, Madison Heppner, Hudson Hodges, Lillian Hodges, Christopher Howell, Zoey Hulet, Devin Hunter, Brady Jacobs, Gavin Kingbird, Karter Koon, Maurice Lee, Kaylee Long, Cortez Major, Jesse Manalo, Kenley Maurer, Julianna McGlothlin, David Minerva, Jyrah Mintz, Layne Monds, Allison Nguyen, Dal-las Norman, Savannah Norman, Reagan Nyman, Josibeth Page, Apurva Patel, Avery Payne, Hayden Peebles, Jordan Perez, Makayla Rainge, Lacey Raulerson, Dominic Ressler, Jonathan Robinson, Jr, Oliver Sarafin, Kaytlen Satterwhite, Josiah Schlueter, Landon Self, Peyton Shields, Kaitlyn Shivers, Klarissa Silcox, Julius Smith, Kenzee Stephenson, Savannah Strickland, Dalona Summey, Bryson Sweet, Macy Taylor, Brandon Tripp, Aubrey Turner, Kellen Underwood, Zayla White, Kiley Wilkerson, Kadence Williams, Madden Williams, William Williams, Aubrey Worthington.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Alexandra Andrews, Jacob Ballinger, Brock Boatright, Rebecca Branham, Gabrielle Butler, Ashton Byrd, Emma Cain, River Chauncey, Brooklyn Combs, Tommy Covington, Lani Crews, Luke Crews, Wesley Crockett, Tifton Davis, Jaslene Diaz, Railey Dugger, Cody Duthier, Aiden Fogarty, Adrian Frounfelter, Ava Griffis, Abigail Griffis, Tate Griffis, Anniston Gurganious, Anthony Guthrie, Joselyn Halle, Olivia Hosford, David Kearns, Olivia Kennedy, Rilynn Kirkland, Maxamus Leonard, Emily Lindsey, Walker Mallory, Delilah Mann, Taden McGee, Mitch Michel, Jackson Miller, Katie Moats, Brayden Moore, Pierson Moran, Makoto Peng, James Prescott, Hudson Register, Brayden Rhoden, Kiertstern Rhoden, Miley Rhoden, Bailey Roberts, Kaiden Robinette, Hollan Rodgers, Haddon Rowland, Deven Russell, Caitlynn Shell, Baleigh Shields, Caleb Singley, Joshua Starling, Ferin Sternett, Tara Thrift, Kevin Vien, Judas Walker, Laniyah Wilcox

**Honor Roll - 3rd Nine Weeks**

**FOURTH GRADE:** Kaia Alloush, David Archer, Amelia Arnett, Bailey Baglin, John Binion, William Blackburn, Garrett Bridges, Brison Bright-Duran, William Briner, Trenton Brown, Airdyn Byrd, Jakaira Carter, Ronni Castleberry, Cooper Clark, Payton Cleveger, Jason Colbert, Arieana Coleman, Carlye Combs, Mckinley Combs, Camden Conner, William Daniels, Melinda Davis, Payton Dellinger, Destiny Denmark, Grace Dube, Dylan Dugger, Izaiah Dugger, Asia Durant, Mason Egan, Dezire Gibbons, Dillon Gray, Kaedin Gray, Olivia Griffis, Dalton Harrell, Peter Harrell, Brooklynn Harris, Gabriella Harris, Mason Harris, Hailee Harvey, Joshua Hefner, Brandon High, Callie Holland, Dakota Hopkins, Kailey Huggins, Kaylee Hurst, Chyah Hyman, Jaylin Jarrell, Kelton Jarvis, Gene Johns, Kayla Jolley, Claire Kennedy, Grady Kennedy, Willie Lawrence, Jr, Joshua Leonard, Cooper Logan, Dakota Martinez, Destynne Mason, Payton McCredie, Landon McDowell, Christopher McFadden, Jr, Presli McHenry, Hailey Medina, Abigail Mercer, Luke Miner, Matthew Minshew, Isabella Mitchell, Matthew Monte, Emma Moody, Jaden Morris, Taylor Newmans, Chloe Norman, Jay'D Norris, Lucas North, Christal Ollia, Scarlett Oventrop, Scarlett Owens, Cyleen Paige, Tristan Parker, Ryan Pellum, Hayden Phillips, Kiersten Pinson, Rabrina Pitts, Ardyson Raulerson, Aubree Raulerson, Jade Richardson, Helaina Ruise, Darryn Russell, Emilee Salts, Skyler Saunders, Lacey Scammacca, Madison Scott, Clayton Setzer, Taylor Sheppard, Cody Shrull, Nahum Simon-Jose, Kellen Simkins, Brody Smith, Josalynn Starling, Payton Starling, Christopher Stewart, Reganne Stokes, Corey Swaner, Cameryn Swindell, Evan Thick, Alaina Thomas, Elmore Thompson, Jr, Kale Thrift, Bella Todd, Patricia Torres, Brycen Tubberville, Kinley Turner, Hannah Vickers, Layla Vickery, Riley Walker, Colten Walls, Ava West, K'Mariyon White, Baylee Whitehead, Ameriah Wilcox, Hunter Wilcutts, Ava Wilkes, Morgan Williams, Shannon Williams, Lynnsey Williamson, Connor Wilson, Ryan Witherington, O'Mari Worthen, Jayson Wright, Brycen Wyche, James Yeomans.

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**MACCLENNY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Principal's List - 3rd Nine Weeks**

**FIRST GRADE:** **Baker**- Grace Archer, Fischer Cain, Kennady Castleberry, Jace Crews, Justus Crews, Braelynn Monds, Aedan Valenta-King. **Brewin**- Rylee Davis, Allie Hodges, Araeela Pearce, Andrew Schlueter, Lamont Williams. **Burnsed**- Mason Chisholm, Henry Chorme, Jr, Rylan Coffman, Christian Groves, Parklyn Hebb, Addison Mercer, Kyrie Thompson, Lilly West, Grace Williams. **Eiserman**- Riley Farrell, Ma'Kari Hutchinson. **Griffin**- Dayton Delp, Mason Hamilton, Grace Mobley, Andrew Nickles, Maybree Roberts, Jaynee Sharman, Nick Welch, Tauvi White. **Holme**- Charlotte Smith. **Lough**- Aiden Brady, Torin Brady, Ivy Johnson, Karrigan Kilpatrick, Manuel Repollet, Clyde Rhoden, Tatum Shields, Madison Smatt, Nola Tate, Christopher Vassallo, Ryan Vien, Theron Yokom. **Lyons**- Aubrey Colbert, Sofia Cruz, Angel McMillan, Brayden Southwell. **McCart**- Tucker Ardry, Laina Davis, Talon Harris, Ryder Hodges, Nathan McCorkel, Tinsleigh Mixon, Bo Nielsen, Jazmine Tyson. **Mitchell**- Jacob Brueggemann, Lilly Dotson, Colton Hanson, Bentley Ladley, Jensen Little, Josephine Skolnick, Westin Whitaker. **Norman**- Brooke Davis, Da'Briion Davis, Taven Devane, Tanner Gordon, Genevieve Gravelle, Isaac Joseph, Jesse Wynn. **Sharp**- Kevin Crawford, Brantley Fowler. **Trippett**- Jaidynce Brogdon, Madysin Causey, Myles Harris, Gabriel Hess, Carol Lauramore, Jason Reeder, Parker Rhoden, Hunter Rogers, Trinity Sweat, Kendal Vickery. **Willingham**- Blake Davis, Claire Dugger, Layni Kennedy, Christian Kreutz, Lucas McInarnay, Warryn Willis

**SECOND GRADE:** **Anderson**- Dalton Simmons. **Dorman**- Abigail Burger. **Eiserman**- Elainea Malloy, Veer Patel. **Fitzwater**- Holden Blume, Lyla Brady, Will Christopher, Daniel Combs, Braxton Cruce, Deacon Gregonis. **Harris**- Serenity Green, Chandler O'Neal. **Harvey**- Sofia Rullan, Judson Wilford. **Sabaka**- Xavier Alston, Baylee Rehill. **Sullivan**- Caden Anderson, Mason Burnsed, Victoria Dinkins, Wyatt Hux, Lilah Manalo, Matti Minshew, Jax Sharman. **A.Taylor**- Emily Akins, Caleb Booras, Rydia Burnham, Madison Burnsed, Austin Crews, Brantley Curran, Caeden Harris, Mackenzie Howze, Addison Jones, Rebekkah Minerva, Scarlett Rhoden, Summer Scammacca, Spencer Taylor, Madison Walton, Gabby Wray. **L.Taylor**- Aydan Crawford, Juliana Martin, Asya Paige. **Wignall**- Bayley Craven, Easton Hancock, Abigail Payne, Kyleigh Satterwhite, Anslee Walker

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## Lady Wildcats extend winning streak to eight

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Battling at the plate for hits, the Lady Wildcats softball team won the war with five hits on March 26 compared to the two made by Clay County.

In the low scoring affair, the Lady Cats put away the Blue Devils 1-0 after earning one run in the bottom of the third inning.

That's when Brooklyn Kennedy led off for the Lady Cats with a single on a ground ball to left field.

Sara Keves and Caitlin Harvin struck out after a controversial call on Harvin's hit to right field was deemed a foul despite being a foot inside the white line.

With two outs and Kennedy on first, Mikayla Mulkey reached first after an error by the second baseman. Kennedy advanced to

third on the play.

Taylor Crews followed Mulkey at the plate with a single on a ground ball to the shortstop who failed to make a play at either base. Kennedy crossed the plate on the hit, bringing in the only run of the game.

The Lady Wildcats held onto the 1-0 lead with the aide of Madison Lagle on the mound for the entirety of the game.

Lagle struck out 11 batters and walked only two.

Baker County had multiple opportunities to score in other innings but the Lady Cats struggled to connect at the plate, especially when thrown a change-up by the Blue Devils pitcher, which happened frequently.

Mikayla Mulkey led the Lady Cats at the plate with two hits, a single to the second baseman and a single on a hit to the shortstop.

There was no shortage of hits on March 22 when the Lady Cats visited the Bradford Tornadoes.

Baker County run-ruled the Tornadoes 10-0 with Sara Keves dominating the lead-off position going four for four at the plate.

"Offensively the kids came out swinging well and then made the adjustments each time we came to the plate," head coach Kylee Canaday said, "putting the ball in play and pressure on the defense."

The 12-2 Lady Wildcats will face district opponent Suwannee High School on March 29 at BCHS. Baker County previously clinched a 4-2 victory over the Bull Dogs on March 8 and sits at 3-0 in district play this season.



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Mikayla Mulkey making a play at second base.

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Kalin Davis at bat against the Bull Pups.

Photo by Debbie Pelham

## Big hitting day for the Lady Bobcats en route to 9-2 win

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The BCMS Lady Bobcat softball team dominated the Suwannee Bull Pups for the second time this season on March 21.

Baker County put 13 hits on the board in the 9-2 win with two hits each by Taylor Mann, Kalin Davis, Krista Crews, Emily Myers and Emaleigh Raulerson.

After two innings the Lady Bobcats led the Bull Pups 6-0.

In the first inning Mann hit a triple that brought in Emilee McCabe, who reached the bases on a walk.

Crews brought in the second run of the inning on a single to left field, earning her the first RBI of the game.

Raulerson started the second inning off for Baker County with a pop fly single to the second baseman. McCabe advanced Raulerson to second on a hit by pitch.

Brooklyn Davis then loaded the bases for the Lady Bobcats after being thrown four straight balls.

Mann drove all three base runners home

to tally up four RBIs on a triple to left field.

Kalin Davis kept the momentum going by pushing Mann across the plate on a hard ground ball to the shortstop.

Suwannee scored its first run of the game in the third inning after an error and a walk allowed two base runners. The Bull Pups also forced the Lady Bobcats into a fielder's choice twice in an inning that allowed one run.

Baker County was held scoreless in the third inning but earned three additional runs in the fourth to extend the lead to 9-1.

Hits by Kalin Davis, Crews and Gracie Norman led the way for the three-run inning.

The Bull Pups put up one final run on the score board after an error in the field and a single to center field.

Norman lasted four innings on the mound for the Lady Bobcats, striking out four and surrendering only one hit.

Rylee Walker relieved Norman on the mound, throwing three strikeouts and allowing two hits. The girls were scheduled to travel to Wilkinson on March 26 to play against the Wildcats for the first time this season.

## JV Cats get bats moving

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The Wildcat junior varsity baseball team overcame a four run deficit to take down the Episcopal Eagles 8-4 on March 26 at BCHS.

Episcopal jumped to the early lead at the top of the first inning after hitting two singles and a double.

Baker County bounced back at the plate earning two runs at the bottom of the inning with hits by Brady Chauncey and Jase Knabb. Jamil Jones also reached the bases in the first inning after a sacrifice bunt caused an error by the pitcher.

The Wildcats held the Eagles scoreless for the remainder of the game making solid defensive plays in the infield.

At the bottom of the third inning Baker County scored one run to cut the Eagles lead to one after a single by Jamil Jones and a sacrifice bunt by Knabb.

Earning five runs at the bottom of the sixth inning the Wildcats took the lead away from the Eagles.

Caleb Jones was the first Wildcat to reach the bases in



Photo by Shauna Jones  
Jamil Jones diving back to first base.

the sixth inning after taking a hit by the pitcher. Justin Brown fell behind the count after the first two pitches but watched the next four pass by as balls to receive a walk.

With runners on first and second Timothy Seymour earned the second out of the inning on a pop fly to center field.

Bryce Crews loaded the bases for Baker County taking a walk after facing a full count.

The tying run of the game was walked in after Chauncey was struck by a pitch. Jamil Jones drove in the tie breaking run on a single to center field.

Wyatt Crockett took to first after receiving a walk that also brought in another run for the Wildcats. Knabb kept the scoring spree alive with a single to left field that

drove in Chauncey.

Kelton Chambers advanced the final run of the game across the plate on his single to right field.

At the top of the seventh inning Episcopal had one base runner after the lead off batter was struck by a pitch. Following the free base, Baker County forced the Eagles three up-three down to end the game.

Baker County had eight hits in the win with Jamil Jones, Knabb and Seymour leading at the plate with two hits each.

Able to get the bats moving against the Eagles, Baker County failed to do so against Columbia High School on March 25.

Chambers led the Wildcats with two of the team's four hits in the 6-1 loss.

## Wildcats victory after giving up two-run lead

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The BCHS varsity Wildcats baseball team moved its record to 4-6 after defeating the Indians 7-2 at Baldwin on March 22 thanks to a scoring spree at the top of the seventh inning.

Baker County led the Indians 2-0 into the fourth inning but allowed Baldwin to score one run at the bottom of the fourth and one in the sixth to tie up the game going into the seventh inning when the Wildcats were able to regain the lead.

"The guys have battled a lot of adversity this season," said head coach Jarrell Rodgers. "Being able to bounce back after giving up a two-run lead shows a lot about their character."

At the top of the seventh Baker County was able to get two base runners on after receiving walks, and Hunter Noblitt singled on a bunt down the third base line to load the bases.

Carter Kennedy earned the first out of the inning on a pop fly but earlier in the pitch count a walk by the pitcher allowed Blaine Roberts to score and break the

tie.

The Indians loaded the bases for the Wildcats once again after intentionally walking Lane Dinkins, who had gone one for two at the plate.

Following Dinkins, Cason Milton brought in two runs for the Wildcats on a grounded single to the third baseman and reached second on a wild throw to first base.

With runners on second and third, Ethan Wilford walked after being thrown four straight balls.

Kyler Holton drove in another run for Baker County and reloaded the bases on a single to the third baseman.

With Mason Platto stepping up to the plate, the Indians exchanged pitchers for the third time of the game.

Platto struck out after watching two strikes and swinging at one, bringing up the second out of the inning with Baker ahead by four.

The Wildcats earned one final run after Roberts walked, forcing Austin Cole across the plate. Colby Kennedy ended the inning with a strikeout, sending Baker County to the field to defend the five-run lead.

At the bottom of the sev-

enth Baker County allowed only one base runner for the Indians.

Carter Kennedy fielded the first out of the inning at third base, followed by a strikeout by Noblitt.

A line drive to left field allowed the only hit of the inning, but Noblitt struck out the final batter to end the game and grant Baker County its fourth win of the season.

In previous innings, Joel Satterwhite threw for the Wildcats totaling six strikeouts and two hits. Noblitt finished the game for Baker County with five strikeouts and one hit.

"For them to bounce back the way they did shows them how good that they can be as a unit if they do the little things right," said Rodgers.

Those "things" include putting down a solid bunt, being smart on the bases and playing efficiently in the field.

The Wildcats will face their first district opponent of the season on March 28 at Suwannee High School.

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# JV Lady Cats win back and forth battle for the lead

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Scoring in four out of the five innings the Lady Wildcat junior varsity softball team defeated Clay County 8-4 on March 26.

Baker County scored first in the game after stringing together hits by Kaylee Rodgers and Chloe Baldwin.

The Blue Devils evened the score at one after a double and a free base was given on a walk. The Wildcats forced Clay to leave a base runner stranded after Isabella Mosley caught a pop fly at second base to end the inning.

Clay County held the Lady Cats scoreless in the second inning despite Stacey Duffy's hit to center field and a walk for Mosley.

Rodgers and Baldwin reached the bases in the third inning after hits to center field. Megan Sullivan loaded the bases for Baker County after watching an 0-1 count turn into a walk after four straight balls.

Lili Adams earned two RBIs bringing in Rodgers and Baldwin on her double fly ball to left field.

In the bottom of the fourth inning the Lady Wildcats furthered their lead with a home run by Chloe Baldwin that brought in two runs.

After three innings Baker County led the Blue Devils 3-1 and proceeded to surrender the lead at the top of the fourth.

Clay stole the lead by one after capitalizing on four singles and an error by the Lady Cats.

Brooklyn Manucy earned the first hit of the fourth inning on a single to right field, followed up with Kaitleigh Combs single to left field.

Rodgers sent two base runners across the plate for Baker County on a line drive to left field to give the Lady Cats a one-run lead.

Baldwin furthered the lead with a home run over left field to score two runs for Baker County.

The Lady Cats ended the fourth inning with a three-run lead and added an additional run in the fifth.

Hits by Manucy and Kyleigh Brown contributed to the one-run inning.

Baker County held the Blue Devils to no base runners at the top of the sixth to end the game with a four-run lead.



Photos by Jud Johnson

# Wildcat tennis loses 12-2 against Bulldogs

The Baker County High School tennis team lost nine singles matches out of 10 in the home contest against Suwannee High School on March 21. Parker Ferry defeated Pedro Rodriguez 8-2 to win the Wildcats' only singles match of the day. Baker County went 1-4 on the doubles matches, with a 9-8 win by Jacob Smith and Levi Pickett. Head coach Brock Canaday said the team will be working on positional awareness for future matches. Baker County will face the Rickard Raiders on March 28 at BCHS at 3:30 pm. Pictured left is Emily Griffis and right Parker Ferry.



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Brody Griffis pitching for the Bobcats.

# Bobcats handed first loss of season

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After beginning the season 7-0, the BCMS Bobcat baseball team lost its first game of the season 4-2 to Suwannee Junior High on March 21.

Ty Walker hit in the first run of the game on a single to center field that allowed Luke Davis to score for the Bobcats.

Davis had reached the bases after a line drive to short stop.

Suwannee took the lead from the Bobcats at the top of the third inning, scoring two runs after hitting two triples and a single.

Baker County tied the game up at the bottom of the inning with Jacob Miller on first base. Walker approached the plate and reached first on a dropped fly ball to right field. On the error, Miller advanced to home from first base.

Suwannee broke the 2-2 tie at the top of the seventh inning with four hits and a walk to create the two-run deficit for the Bobcats.

The Bobcats struggled at the plate in the bottom of the inning earning only one hit by Walker.

Walker led the Bobcats with two hits. Austin Petteway, Davis and Miller each earned a hit in the loss.



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# Track meet at home

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