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Above: A shirtless Robert Lee surveys fire damage as Chief Dolan (green vest) directs firemen on the front porch. At left: Firefighters begin a water assault on the smoking attic space above the home's garage.

Will thin timber at Shoals as means to raise cash

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The Baker County Commission decided during its regular meeting July 7 to harvest more than 100 acres of mature timber from the St. Mary Shoals Park property north of Glen St. Mary and sell another county-owned parcel on the St. Mary's River for at least \$500.

A third-row thinning of planted pines on the eastern side of the 1600-acre park could net the county between \$70,000 and \$110,000, according to an estimate offered by David Richardson, the county's EMS director who consulted with county forester Andy Lamborn and a logger with Earthworks, Ricky Wroubel, on the matter.

Mr. Richardson recommended that commissioners approve the harvesting as a way to raise cash for management of the park.

The park's development was wholly grant funded, but costs for maintaining it have started accumulating since it opened to the public in April.

"We're getting to the point

Birthday barbecue sets fire to two-story house

Firemen battle smoke, afternoon heat

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Robert Lee's birthday barbecue was over before it started, thanks to an attic fire that erupted inside a two-story house north of Macclenny the afternoon of July 3.

None of the home's six occupants — Mr. Lee, his girlfriend, another male adult and

two children — were injured in the blaze that Fire Chief Richard Dolan called accidental.

Through officials at the scene initially thought a malfunctioning fan on a back porch smoker being used to prepare meat for the party was to blame, Mr. Dolan backed off that assumption this week.

"We didn't feel it was that because the wiring looked pristine," he said. "We're now under the impression it came from

the smoker somehow. We're ruling it accidental in nature."

Mr. Lee, who turned 27 years old the day after the fire, said he was the caretaker of the home at 6904 James Britt Rd. He said the son of its former owner, the late James Sears, lives out-of-state.

Mr. Lee was on the back porch when others inside noticed smoke filling the upper floor about 12:30 pm.

"I opened the attic door and whoosh,"

he said. "I saw the flames and that's when we called the fire department."

For the next two and half hours, 23 firefighters from the county and City of Macclenny departments worked to gain access to and extinguish the flames with the help of two engines and four tanker trucks as well as a ladder truck and other equipment.

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Economy drives up food stamp use

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As job losses continue to mount in Baker County, more and more residents are turning to public assistance to feed their families.

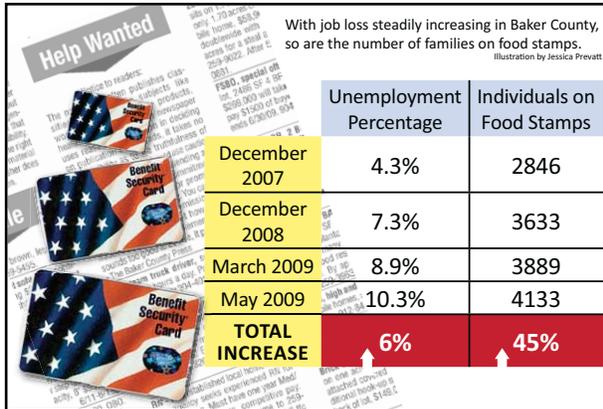
Unemployment here has more than doubled since December 2007 when the jobless rate was only 4.3 percent.

Last May, local unemployment stood at 10.3 percent, according to Department of Labor statistics, and has almost certainly increased alongside Florida and the nation since then.

Statewide joblessness rose to 10.2 percent in June, the eleventh highest in the country.

Unemployment nationally climbed to 9.5 percent last month, which equated to the loss of about 467,000 more jobs, and tempered optimism that the end of the recession might be near.

Likely a direct result has been the drastic increase in lo-



cal citizens surviving with the help of food stamp assistance.

The number of food stamp participants has jumped from 3042 in May 2008 to 4133 a year later, an increase of 36 percent, according to figures from the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

When compared to May 2007, food stamp participation, or how many individuals benefit from the program here, has risen 83 percent.

Similarly, the number of food stamp applications approved by

DCF has increased 60 percent in the last year and 159 percent since June 2007.

The closing of DCF's local branch next to the health department on Lowder Street in February to save money and encourage online applications has not stymied the flow of those in need.

Those who would've used the location to apply for public assistance like Medicaid and food stamps can go online at home or at the health department, where a computer and

employee are available to assist with the process.

There are also computer terminals for applying online in the lobby of the Community Action Agency, which is adjacent to the former DCF service center.

Despite these changes, however, the number of approved food stamp applications has continued to rise.

"We're seeing the same growth trends [in Baker County] that we're seeing around

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Young girls improve skills, learn basics at summer riding camp

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Already an accomplished horse rider in barrel race competition, 16-year-old Rachel Farnesi has won nearly \$12,000 in prize money. But even the accomplished rider needs practice, which Ms. Farnesi receives at Ms. Cathy's Riding Camp in Glen St. Mary.

The teen attends the week-long camps to keep her considerable skills sharp and maintain a calming bond with her horse. Ms. Farnesi says she can even dive backwards off his backside when she takes him into a river or lake.

Another camper on hand July 2 was Lauren Steinmeyer. At 10 years old, she was one of the youngest girls in the group and also the smallest.

Yet, the diminutive Lauren competes in barrel races, skillfully commanding an animal 10 times her size. At home, she also cares for five horses of her own.

"I've been riding for five years and taking lessons for the past three," she said. "I rode English style before I came to this camp. Now I'm in love with the speed of Western style. I love to go fast!"

The campers

Nine young ladies had ample opportunity to put their skills to the test, and learn new ones, and they did so with enthusiasm, competence

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Horses get a drink at the pond.

Regional transit authority taking shape

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
A couple of heavy t-storms; mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy with a couple of t-storms	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	Some sun with a thunderstorm possible	Clouds and sun, a t-storm in the afternoon	Humid with partial sunshine	Partial sunshine with a couple of showers
High: 88° Low: 71°	High: 87° Low: 72°	High: 89° Low: 72°	High: 91° Low: 73°	High: 91° Low: 74°	High: 92° Low: 75°	High: 89° Low: 74°

Temperature and Precipitation Outlook



Tides

Location	Jul. 9	Jul. 10	Jul. 11	Jul. 12	Jul. 13	Jul. 14	Jul. 15	
Cedar Key	4:21 a.m. 9:39 a.m. 3:19 p.m. 10:21 p.m.	4:46 a.m. 10:18 a.m. 3:57 p.m. 10:49 p.m.	5:12 a.m. 10:57 a.m. 4:37 p.m. 11:19 p.m.	5:38 a.m. 11:39 a.m. 5:21 p.m. 11:50 p.m.	6:07 a.m. 12:27 p.m. 6:14 p.m. —	6:41 a.m. 12:26 a.m. 7:20 p.m. —	7:23 a.m. 1:09 a.m. 8:47 p.m. —	7:23 a.m. 1:09 a.m. 8:47 p.m. —
Jacksonville Beach	4:21 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:12 a.m. 10:25 p.m.	4:46 a.m. 10:41 a.m. 4:47 a.m. 11:01 p.m.	5:12 a.m. 11:21 a.m. 5:22 a.m. 11:38 p.m.	5:38 a.m. 12:02 p.m. 5:59 a.m. 12:44 p.m.	6:07 a.m. 12:43 a.m. 6:39 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	6:41 a.m. 1:23 a.m. 7:24 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	7:23 a.m. 2:09 a.m. 8:14 a.m. 2:26 p.m.	7:23 a.m. 2:09 a.m. 8:14 a.m. 2:26 p.m.
Mayport	4:21 a.m. 10:40 a.m. 4:24 a.m. 10:58 p.m.	4:46 a.m. 11:18 a.m. 4:55 a.m. 11:32 p.m.	5:12 a.m. 11:56 a.m. 5:26 a.m. 12:06 p.m.	5:38 a.m. 12:26 a.m. 5:58 a.m. 12:35 p.m.	6:07 a.m. 1:03 a.m. 6:36 a.m. 1:16 p.m.	6:41 a.m. 1:23 a.m. 7:19 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	7:23 a.m. 2:09 a.m. 8:09 a.m. 2:51 p.m.	7:23 a.m. 2:09 a.m. 8:09 a.m. 2:51 p.m.
St. Augustine	4:21 a.m. 10:06 a.m. 4:14 a.m. 10:31 p.m.	4:46 a.m. 10:47 a.m. 4:49 a.m. 11:07 p.m.	5:12 a.m. 11:27 a.m. 5:24 a.m. 11:44 p.m.	5:38 a.m. 12:08 p.m. 5:51 a.m. 12:50 p.m.	6:07 a.m. 12:43 a.m. 6:41 a.m. 1:36 p.m.	6:41 a.m. 1:03 a.m. 7:26 a.m. 2:26 p.m.	7:23 a.m. 1:49 a.m. 8:16 a.m. 3:11 p.m.	7:23 a.m. 1:49 a.m. 8:16 a.m. 3:11 p.m.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday	6:34 a.m.
Sunset Thursday	8:33 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	10:07 p.m.
Moonset Thursday	8:28 a.m.

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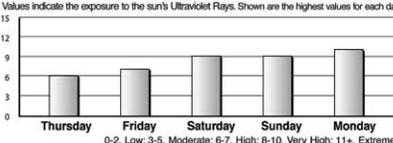
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Jacksonville week ending Monday, Jul. 6.	
Temperature High/Low for the week	65°/70°
Normal high/low	90°/72°
Average temperature	83.0°
Normal average temperature	81.0°
Precipitation Total for the week	0.19"
Total for the month	0.16"
Total for the year	31.60"
Normal for the month	1.14"
Normal for the year	23.90"

Solunar Table

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Jul 9	12:46 a.m.	6:57 a.m.	1:09 p.m.	7:21 p.m.
Jul 10	1:35 a.m.	7:46 a.m.	1:57 p.m.	8:08 p.m.
Jul 11	2:23 a.m.	8:34 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	8:55 p.m.
Jul 12	3:11 a.m.	9:21 a.m.	3:31 p.m.	9:41 p.m.
Jul 13	3:57 a.m.	10:07 a.m.	4:17 p.m.	10:27 p.m.
Jul 14	4:42 a.m.	10:52 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	11:13 p.m.
Jul 15	5:27 a.m.	11:38 a.m.	5:49 p.m.	—

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River Levels

Location	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	11.32	11.32	+0.57
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	6.26	-0.01
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	3.89	+0.58
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Improving, learning equestrian skills

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and flair. They completed the camp with skills that will serve them in Western Games competitions and local horse shows.

Campers for the week of June 30 to July 3 were Rosie Helms, Jillian Hodges, Mary Elizabeth Elledge, Ms. Steinmeyer, Kellen Dobson, Kayley Hackney, Victoria Conner, Rachael Ackerman and Ms. Farnesi.

Two of the girls even drove out to Glen St. Mary each day from Jacksonville. Ms. Hooper provides gentle horses for her campers or allows them to bring their own.

"My horse camps are for riders of all levels, from beginners to those who are already winning prizes in competitions," said Cathy Hooper.

Horses have been a life-long passion for Ms. Hooper and she has been conducting the camps for years. Instilling that passion in another generation of young riders is one of her most personal pleasures.

Last week the girls had saddled up their horses and gathered together under a group of shady pine trees adjacent to the practice field.

Up next: barrel racing, a typical example of a Western Game. Three blue barrels are set in a triangle formation and horse and rider must circle the barrels, executing a clover leaf pattern, without knocking any over.

One by one, horse and rider dashed into the field and maneuvered around the barrels. Ms. Hooper, mounted on her horse,

called instructions from the sidelines. If necessary, she trotted out onto the field when a rider needed help with form or technique. When a rider completed her exercise and left the field, the other girls shouted praise and encouragement.

Experienced and beginners

The girl's learn a lot riding camp. If they are new to riding, they learn about using basic "aids" to control their animal: their voice, hands, legs and the seat of their saddle. They come to understand that riding requires the use of every muscle in the human body and that riding takes concentration and practice.

"It's very much like learning to play a musical instrument," Ms. Hooper tells them. "It takes discipline and dedication, as well as a firm but gentle hand to teach the animal to mind and perform."

Pairing up the right child with the right animal is also important. Animals are as individual as people and have their likes and dislikes. One person can get a horse to respond and another may not. The campers try different horses until they find a match.

If riders haven't been taught to saddle and bridle a horse, they leave the camp competent in those basic skills.

"One of the main reasons young folks who are initially interested don't continue with it is that they aren't taught to handle some of the required tasks like saddling up their horse," said Ms. Hooper. "Someone was always there to do it for them and when no one is available to take care of it, they lose interest."

to the pond. There they circled at a leisurely pace, allowing the horses to wade into the water if they desired and have a drink.

Then it was clean up time, the horse's favorite part of the day. The girls gave them a shower from the hose and then a good brushing. Ointment was applied to their coats to help keep pesky flies away. Pampered and refreshed, the horses were ready to rest.

It was time for the girls to have lunch. Everyone gathered in the kitchen to fix sandwiches, distribute bags of chips and pour cold drinks.

"We wrap up every camp with a show on Friday," said Ms. Hooper. "It gives the campers a chance to demonstrate what they've learned."

She looks around at her campers, all hungrily eating lunch in her sunny kitchen.

"I'm so proud of all you girls," she tells them. "You've done great this week."

The girls all plan to continue riding for as long as they can. Each hopes to work with horses in a variety of capacities such as a trainer, a veterinarian or in a way that helps children. Horses, they all claim, can teach you to be a better all-around person.

Fourteen-year-old Victoria Conner, who has participated in the camp numerous times, claims that everything she knows about being a good mother, she's learned from how Ms. Hooper treats her horses and her campers.

"I've always thought next to people, horses are about the best thing God made," she said. "And you know what they say. Horses are like potato chips. You can't have just one."

For more information on Ms. Cathy's Riding Camp, call 259-7752.

Barbecue starts fire

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Mr. Dolan said 16,000 gallons of water was used to douse the fire.

The blaze began in the attic space above the porch before spreading to the adjacent garage attic, a space that proved particularly difficult to access because the ceiling had been reinforced with 5-inch thick plywood.

Mr. Dolan said to the area as unfinished storage room that was only accessible through a small door and a set of electrically-operated metal stairs. Neither was operational because power to the building had been cut.

That's when the Macclenny Fire Department and its ladder truck were requested to help breach the garage attic from the outside through the metal roof exterior.

By this time, the flames had spread into the attic above the main living area.

A team of firemen moved inside to the second floor to prevent further advancement of the flames. An upstairs bedroom wall was also breached to gain additional access to the garage attic.

"This thing's been very persistent and aggravating," said Macclenny Fire Chief Buddy Dugger. "And this heat didn't help much."

By 5:30 pm the property had been cleared of 13 emergency vehicles and the Red Cross was called to assist the home's occupants.

Chief Dolan said the damage was mostly confined to three upstairs bedrooms and the home's

attic.

"The downstairs looks pretty good, not much water damage," he said.

Neighbors said renovations on the home were finished last year by Mr. Sears' son. His father, who built the house in the early 1990s, was suffering from cancer and a ground floor bedroom and bathroom were added so he didn't have to climb the stairs.

"He loved this house," said Donna Weaver, a 30-year resident of the neighborhood.

Other renovations included a new roof, white panel siding and maple floors that Mr. Sears' former girlfriend, Marsha Malone, said looked like a basketball court.

Monetary damage estimates were not included in the fire department's report, though neighbors estimated the home's value at \$200,000 to \$400,000.

Mr. Dolan also didn't know whether the property was insured.

Cool down, clean up

With the day's lessons complete, it was time to cool the horses down before grooming them. The girls walked them under shady trees, a short distance

Food Stamp use here increases dramatically

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Northeast Florida," said DCF spokesman John Harrell.

In fact, the number of approved food stamp applications as grown by 50 percent since the office was shuttered.

"That shows people are still able to get access to applications and that people are using the

available resources," he said.

DCF's food stamp applications can be accessed at www.florida.com/accessflorida.

Additionally, people already receiving food stamps who have questions can contact a customer call center Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at 1-866-762-2237.

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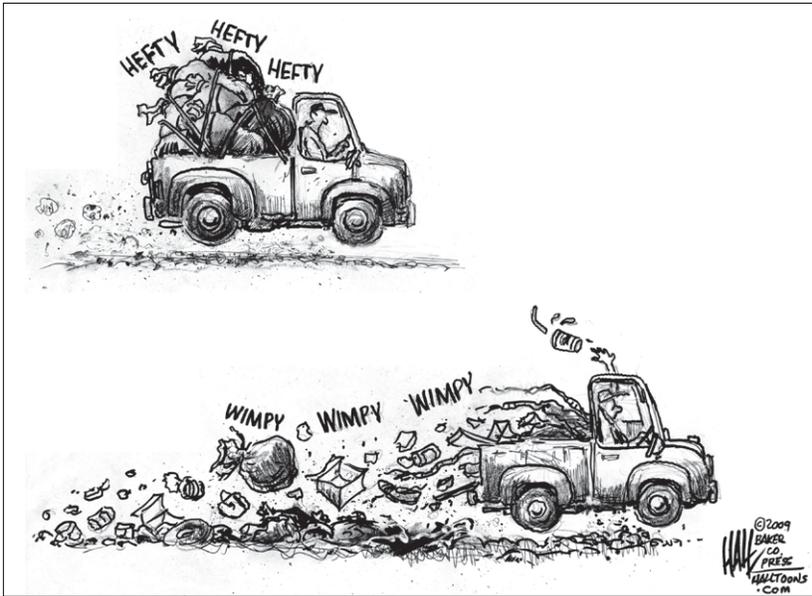
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JTA revamp needs county input

Baker County may soon find itself sewn into another regional government agency, this one dealing with transportation in a seven-county jurisdiction in northeast Florida.

Do we need another bureaucracy like the water management districts, two of which operate inside the confines of Baker County? One cringes at the prospect but if it happens, transportation is as vital a concern as any other among government agencies that tend to involve themselves more in our lives everyday.

As outlined in an article by Joel Addington in this week's edition, the Florida Legislature authorized a study centered around the Jacksonville Transportation Authority to arrive at recommendations for an area-wide coalition similar to those in more densely pop-

ulated parts of south Florida. Northeast Florida is the sole remaining urban cluster without one.

Whether the new grouping will have taxing authority like that of water management, whether it will emerge from the JTA into a completely altered agency, whether it will control road expansion and construction — all these and hundreds of other details will have to be hammered into recommendations.

Unlike the present transportation planning agency, Baker County will have a vote in any new organization. That's comforting.

As the smallest of the seven counties, we'll be in a constant vigilance mode to see that we get our share of resulting revenues and projects in the de-

IMPRESSIONS
Jim McGauley

cadres to come. County officials would be wise to contact the smaller counties that are transportation agencies to determine how they have handled that inherent problem. The last thing we need is to be swallowed up in a bureaucracy that isn't motivated to consider our needs as part of the big picture.

When I think about a regional transportation group, particularly one centered around the JTA since Jacksonville is and will continue to be the hub, I think of commuter service into the downtown area serving the hundreds of people who work there daily.

Granted, many of our commuters have jobs where they go to different sections of Jacksonville — service techni-

cians, construction workers, etc. But a sizeable number show up at the same office every day. It would be nice to have bus service from here to key destinations (Riverside, downtown, Southside offices like Blue Cross), an enhancement of the present commuter bus now in use with spotty success.

My guess is transportation will be tomorrow's water management; we're headed for regional control beyond that already existing with the present district grouping of the Florida Department of Transportation.

It's important that Baker County public officials and the public line up early to participate in the "brainstorming" phase of the process, and be there as the agency takes shape in the next few years.

'Idiocy is the new smartness' - other slaw dog musings

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER
ROBERT GERARD

I guess the best name for this column is "Random jottings of a mind overloaded on slaw dogs and baked beans."

I was uncharacteristically social over the July Fourth weekend, breaking bread with a lot of different people and eating more than my share of holiday food.

It started as I was watching a holiday tradition in our house, the Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest from Coney Island. I was busy grilling my own dogs and hamburgers and keeping one eye on the festivities. Once again the American Joey Chestnut wrestled the coveted Mustard Yellow Belt from Japan's king of competitive eating, Takeru Kobayashi by downing 68 dogs in 10 minutes. It was the second year in a row the American took the crown. Only fitting on Independence Day.

The breathless commentators, who were treating this rather disgusting event as if it were the Super Bowl, uttered a line that my wife and I have been using all weekend in every ordinary situation.

"You know," said the commentator, "we are in the golden age of competitive eating."

Well, there you are. At least we have some claim to fame. The Renaissance had Leonardo and Michelangelo, we have Joey Chestnut and Takeru Kobayashi. The Greeks had the Parthenon and the Romans the Coliseum, we have the Mustard Yellow Belt.

"Mr. President, what is the proudest achievement so far in your administration?"

"Well, despite the recession, the joblessness, the lack of comprehensive health care and the ongoing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, I am proud to announce today that we have entered the Golden Age of Competitive Eating. To prove my point, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will now down seven dozen oysters, while Vice President Biden will chug four gallons of V8 vegetable juice. I'm saving myself for the strawberry shortcake challenge I've got going later this afternoon with Trent Lott."

Later in the hot dog eating broadcast, for a reason I can't quite fathom, the same commentator uttered another gem of understatement. "Idiocy," he said, "is the new smartness."

Idiocy is the new smartness.

The syntax alone tends to prove his point. I believe I may take that as my own personal mantra for this year.

"Yes officer, I realize I was going 75 in a 45 mph zone. But then idiocy is the new smartness."

"Yes, Principal Hill, I realize that I just duct taped that student to his desk, but after all, idiocy is the new smart-

ness!!!"
It just covers so many situations.

Later that day, I lunched at my in-laws, busily involved in my own personal competitive eating. Our son Dylan had invited his girlfriend's parents David and Robin Davis to lunch.

Kelley, David and my brother-in-law Todd were busy discussing Kelley's favorite pastime, Baker County genealogy. Somebody's name would come up in the conversation and they would cheerfully dissect "who their people are."

Since most of the time I don't know who "they" are, let alone "who their people are," I blissfully keep out of the conversation while munching on my third slaw dog.

"Of course, I am one of the few within our family who hasn't married a Yankee," said my brother-in-law, cutting his eyes in my direction. The fact that I have lived in Florida longer than Todd has been alive "makes no nevermind." I was born in New York, and as Todd is happy to say to anyone who will listen that, "Blood will tell."

Having been down this road before, I knew what was coming next, a discussion of how Todd had six generations of Florida sand flowing through his blood.

Between bites of slaw dog, I decided to throw in my own two genealogical cents' worth. "I can't keep track of all the begats but I like to think that I have spread a little clear fresh water on the roots of this particular family tree."

Todd let out a noise that could only be interpreted as meaning that I had just uttered the stupidest statement that he had ever heard. But, since idiocy is the new smartness, I suppose I can be excused my faux pas.

Besides, I had more important things on my mind. Did I want more baked beans or another slaw dog? Decisions, decisions.

I hope you all had a happy Independence Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Decency faith restored

Dear Editor:

Our faith in the integrity of people was given a boost in early June when we had car trouble in what seemed like the middle of nowhere and needed a tow. We used our GPS to locate a wrecker service near our location. Fate put us in the hands of the Moran brothers, third generation owners of Moran's Motor and Wrecker Service of Macclenny.

We had an expectation that we

would be "over-charged, price-gouged" and "taken for a ride." None of those expectations were realized. To the contrary, we had encountered honest people who ran their business with integrity and treated their customers with absolute fairness and courtesy.

The Moran family will restore your faith in the decency of people.

Gregory and Carol Mayeaux
Rockport, Texas

Abandoned dogs

Dear Editor:

I understand that times are hard for everyone, but it has gotten completely out of hand with unwanted animals being abandoned or simply thrown away (whatever term you choose to use) on Steel Bridge Rd.

The most recent case involved two puppies about 8-9 weeks old last Friday. People were seen with the puppies early Friday morning on SR 121; they had a sign and were trying to give them away.

I suppose the puppies they couldn't give away were then just thrown away.

To get to the spot where they abandoned the animals, these people had to pass Baker County Animal Control on Steel Bridge. I guess it was more convenient to drive 2 1/2 more miles to put them out and take a chance they wouldn't get hit by cars, starve or have a heat stroke.

Lucky for the puppies, my son found them and brought them to me so we could feed, water and get the fleas off these poor little babies.

If you don't want puppies, have your dog spayed or at least take your unwanted pets to animal control so they get half a chance to get placed in a home where they can be cared for.

Susan Smart

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County included in transit study

One of seven in northeast region exploring options

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The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) has eight months to develop recommendations for a new regional transportation authority encompassing seven Northeast Florida counties including Baker — and it wants the public's help.

JTA spokesman Mike Miller said applications for spots on a public advisory panel to take part in the state-mandated Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Agency Study will soon be available on the JTA's web site, www.jtafla.com.

Should the new authority have taxing power or depend solely on the state for funding? Should it tackle road improvements or expanding bus routes throughout the region, or both? Should JTA be expanded to encompass the whole region or should a new organization be born?

"That will be determined by a citizen panel, as far as what's the most efficient way to do it. Is it with a new entity or an existing entity? That's for them to decide," said Mr. Miller.

Panelists would be charged with assisting JTA officials, those from area municipalities and representatives from the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in deciding on a framework for the new authority.

"We want representation from all seven counties," Mr. Miller said in reference to Duval, Baker, Clay, St. Johns, Putnam, Nassau and Flagler counties.

All were included in a bill passed by the Florida Legislature last session and signed by Gov. Charlie Crist June 1 mandating JTA development recommendations for a regional transportation authority by February 1, 2010.

Northeast Florida is the only part of the state without a regional transit authority and that puts the region at a distinct disadvantage since state legislators often allocate transportation funds through regional entities like those in central and south Florida.

"So as not to lose any benefit that might come in the future, we need to address that," said Mr. Miller. "We want to make sure we don't leave any money on the table."

Specifically JTA and its partners must decide how the authority would plan, design, finance, construct, operate and maintain transportation facilities, while addressing potential revenue sources, governance, coordination of work plans, and coordination with local comprehensive plans for all facilities.

"It's something we've talked about around here for a long time," said Mr. Miller.

The broad scope and fast approaching deadline led to an initial meeting of the study group June 29 in Jacksonville. It was attended by County Manager Joe Cone and planner Carolyn Bissonnette.

Ms. Bissonnette said that although plans for a regional authority are still in their infancy, such an organization could mean more of a voice for Baker County on transportation issues outside its borders.

"It would benefit Baker County in that we would have a vote," she said.

Due to its small population, the county is a non-voting member of the TPO — a regional group that could be replaced by a new authority with many of the same goals.

The TPO has already begun a similar study examining how a regional authority might work, but it's time line is much longer than that mandated by the legislature.

The JTA and TPO studies could be merged later this year if both groups agree on common recommendations for the authority's formation and operation.

The JTA study group intends to hold at least six public meetings through February 2010 in various locations around the region.

"It be most inclusive of all seven counties," Mr. Miller said of the study. "That's the only way it can truly succeed."

Beyond the expedited time line for the JTA study, he said another major challenge will likely be building a consensus on the new authority in such a diverse region.

"One of the most difficult things to do is get the people of seven counties to agree on the scope of an authority or even to have an authority," said Mr. Miller.

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18 months in prison for man for repeated violations of probation

A two-time probation violator was sentenced on July 6 to 18 months in state prison.

Nicholas Byram, 26, of Macclenny entered a no contest plea to the twin counts during regular criminal felony court session, and was given concurrent sentences by Judge James Nilon.

When Mr. Byram was arrested May 20 for domestic battery at the home of his mother where he had been placed on house arrest, he violated provisions of a probation order that had been issued through the arresting officer. The arresting officer also noted that the defendant had been drinking, another violation.

Mr. Byram was placed on probation in November of last year as a repeat drunk driver who was charged also in September, 2008 with possession of a controlled drug without a prescription. Another arrest, this one in February of this year, was for possession of a shotgun while under probation.

In other cases, Judge Nilon

sentenced three defendants to probation terms, including Jeremy Brown to 18 months for growing marijuana.

Kathy Harding will be on probation three years following her no contest plea to grand theft and fraud.

James Newmans entered a similar plea to four charges and ended up with two years of probation. The charges included criminal mischief, petty theft and trespass.

Oscar Hightower will be in county jail nine months less two days already served after he pleaded no contest to habitual driving on a suspended license.

Joshua Blackburn has already served the bulk of a 90-day sentence he received for battery by a jail inmate.

Arrest warrants were issued for two defendants who failed to appear Monday. They are Troy Glover, charged with sale and possession of a synthetic narcotic with intent to sell, and Amy Calvert for felony theft.

To thin Shoals timber for cash

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where we're beginning to incur expenses, like the electric bill," County Manager Joe Cone told the board.

Additionally, routine cleaning and trash removal at the trail head pavilion and bathroom area are now necessary.

"Previously there was some discussion of the county hiring a park manager," Mr. Richardson wrote in a memo to Mr. Cone. "Harvesting timber would be a good way to provide funds for this position and give the county a reserve that could be used for a match on future grants."

Commissioner Mark Hartley was absent from this week's meeting, but conveyed his approval of harvesting to Mr. Cone and others on the board.

Mr. Cone said the commissioner had suggested leaving some trees as a buffer for residences adjacent to the 320-acre harvesting area near James Britt Road.

Though the remaining commissioners agreed on the harvesting, Commissioner Alex Robinson said he'd prefer clear cutting the timber instead of thinning.

"I want us to cut as much as we can," he said. "We need the money."

Commissioner Gordon Crews said he wanted to see new trees planted after the thinning took place in accordance with the Forest Stewardship Plan adopted for the park in 2006.

The conversation soon turned to the volatility of timber prices.

According to Mr. Richardson's memo, the best time to sell timber is at the end of summer when pulp mills are building inventory for the rush on plywood that accompanies the brunt of hurricane season.

He also recommended the county hire a forestry consultant to oversee the harvesting and sale of timber, monitor operations to ensure against theft and clean up the area afterwards.

Riverfront property

The county's nine acres west of SR 121 on the Georgia side of the St. Mary's River will be advertised for sale to the highest bidder in accordance with the commission's decision this week.

The uninsurable, litter-prone and non-developable parcel has been a problem for county officials and neighboring property owners for months.

The board had considered selling or leasing the property, which costs the county about \$300 annually in Charlton County property taxes, and sought an appraisal to determine its value.

Mr. Cone was less than pleased with the response.

"I can't believe that property is only worth \$3700," he said of the appraised value. "I think we ought to ask for more than that."

The lack of sales of comparable properties left appraisers James M. Smith with little market information.

Only one of three properties examined was also riverfront land in the same market area as the county-owned acreage.



Timber on St. Mary's Shoals Park.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

The low appraisal was also attributed to the land's location in a flood zone and its unsafe access from SR 121. A steep decline leads off the highway, which also inhibits visibility when pulling back onto the road.

Mr. Cone said a local non-profit, The Baker Bunch, has shown interest in the property as well as a neighboring landowner.

"He was complaining about the people and the trash coming in there on the weekend," he said of the neighbor.

In other business

The board approved buying a roughly \$500 scanner for the building department to store contractor credentials digitally, eliminating the need for physical storage space.

Mr. Cone said money was available in the department's budget for the purchase thanks to about \$1400 that went unspent from \$17,000 earmarked for a new truck bought earlier this year.

"We need to do this all over the county, if we had the money," he said in reference to paperless records.

Commissioners also pushed back the date for considering Troy McCullough's appeal to operate a mud bogging pit on 76 acres off Mud Lake Road.

His request for a temporary (one year) permit to do so was denied by the Land Planning Agency (LPA) in a 3-2 vote last month.

The appeal had been moved from July 20 to July 30, but Mr. McCullough said he would be away that week and couldn't attend.

"I can't reschedule," he told the commission.

The board set a tentative date for the appeal hearing on August 6 at 6:00 pm in the school board's meeting chambers on South Boulevard, if the space is available at that time.

The venue for the hearing was changed from the county commission chambers on 3rd Street due to crowded conditions during the LPA's consideration of the temporary permit there June 25.

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Elderly motorist strikes two teens in rainy weather

Falling rain the evening of July 2 was listed as a contributing cause of an accident in Margaretta that resulted in injuries to two young pedestrians struck by a 93-year-old motorist.

Eugene Ford of Sanderson was at the wheel of a southbound 1990 Oldsmobile when it struck Malik Lee, 13, and James Nelson, 16, both of Glen St. Mary, about 8:00.

The youths were walking south in the southbound lane, and ended up on the grassy west shoulder, as did the vehicle. They were taken to Shands Jacksonville by Baker County rescue.

Mr. Ford was not injured. Trooper H.J. Cichoski Jr. said any charges against him pend further investigation.

Tape shows customer taking man's iPhone

A surveillance tape appears to affirm the claim of a Key West, FL man that another customer at the Walmart liquor store made off with his \$600 cell phone the evening of July 3.

Stephen Manning called police when he realized he exited the store without the iPod, leaving it on the check-out counter after being distracted by his mother.

The tape played later depicts a black male who was standing behind Mr. Manning in line concealing the phone with his wallet before leaving the store. He was wearing a white tank top shirt, khaki pants and a white hat. The incident occurred about 7:30.

In a second case at Walmart, Tracy Bryant, 33, was arrested the afternoon of July 3 for attempting to leave the store with \$121 in clothing she stashed in a large bag while under surveillance by store personnel. The suspect became belligerent with store employees and Deputy Matt Riegel, who responded to a complaint call. She refused to give information on her residence, and was booked on a second charge of obstructing police.

Jeff Thompson of Macclenny reported on July 1 that a \$14,900 check written to him for an on-line purchase of his motorcycle turned out to be a fake.

Mr. Thompson had arranged for the sale with a person who identified himself as Paul Smith of Ottawa, Canada. He received to check written on the Montana Board of Housing, which affirmed it was bogus. The complainant still had possession of the motorcycle.

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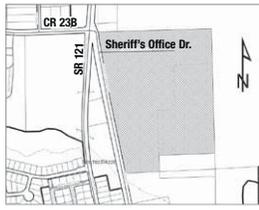
ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE

CITY OF MACCLENNY AND COMPANION AMENDMENTS TO THE

CITY'S 2010 FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP

The City Commission of the City of Macclenny, Florida shall consider **Ordinance No. 09-11**, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MACCLENNY, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM BAKER CORRECTIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PARCEL I.D. NO. 29-25-22-0000-0000-0080; AMENDING THE 2010 FUTURE LAND USE MAP WHICH SHALL CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR LANDS DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE C AND INSTITUTIONAL TO PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC AND LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; REZONING THE LANDS DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM INSTITUTIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL CONVENTIONAL OR MOBILE HOME TO COMMERCIAL GENERAL AND RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; AUTHORITY; FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY; FINDINGS OF FACT; SEVERABILITY; RECORDATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

SYNOPSIS: Ordinance No. 09-11 involves an application for voluntary annexation of approximately 63 acres into the City of Macclenny. The Subject Property's Future Land Use Map ("FLUM") and Zoning Map designations shall be changed from its Baker County designations to equivalent City categories. Ordinance No. 09-11 will cause the Subject Property to be reclassified as follows: 43 acres as Low Density Residential (LDR) on the FLUM and zoned Residential, single-family (RS-1); 20 acres as Public/Semi-Public (P) on the FLUM and zoned Commercial General (CG). The complete legal description by metes and bounds and the ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.



FIRST READING: A public hearing on the first reading of the proposed ordinance will be held on **Tuesday, July 14, 2009** 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, August 11, 2009** 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 ordinance.

The proposed ordinance is available for review at the City Manager's Office, 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

Fleeing batterer caught Accosted girlfriend in north Macclenny

A north Macclenny man was booked on multiple charges after he was chased down on foot by a county deputy on a ballfield following a domestic violence incident.

Brandon Staley, 20, ran off late on July 4 when police arrested at the trailer park where he resides off North Boulevard. Earlier, he and live-in girlfriend Andranna Duran, 19, argued and Mr. Staley allegedly threatened to kill her, then both pushed and choked her.

Deputy Bill Starling said Mr. Staley refused to stop when ordered several times after he ran south toward the Knabb Sports Complex as police arrived. The officer tripped up the suspect and took him into custody. During a subsequent search, both marijuana and small plastic bags commonly used when selling it were found on the suspect.

He was booked for possession of marijuana with intent to sell, domestic violence battery and resisting police by fleeing.

The possession charge is a third-degree felony. In other domestic violence arrests, all involving live-in couples:

• Joshua Davis, 27, of Macclenny allegedly had been drinking all day when police went to a residence off Abernathy Circle in Sanderson late that evening because he was arguing with Jessica Cannon, 21, who lived with him at a Macclenny address.

Ms. Cannon said the argument began after she requested keys and title to her vehicle, and told Deputy Tracie Benton the boyfriend struck and bit her several times on the back, and struck and pushed her uncle Raul Rowe, 56 when he intervened. The

incident happened at Mr. Rowe's address. Deputy Benton said when she arrived about 11:15, Ms. Cannon was atop the boyfriend in an attempt to keep him from further violence. Mr. Davis was handcuffed when he refused the officer's order to remain seated during questioning.

The girlfriend's 15-year-old daughter and their 1-year-old son were at the residence at the time.

• Jeffery Burnsed, 28, of Glen St. Mary was arrested for striking and pushing his sister, 31-year-old Susan McKae of Macclenny during an argument at their mother's residence off Westside St. in Glen.

The sister called police about 10:30 the morning of July 4 after Mr. Burnsed began banging his head against a pole, drawing blood. Moments before, the sister said she struck him several times after he threatened to harm her.

Earlier that morning, Deputy Tony Norman had gone to Mr. Burnsed's residence off Andrala Pl. in Glen after he argued with girlfriend Carmanita Case, 25, because she was moving out. Mr. Burnsed then promised to go to his mother's until Ms. Case cleared out with her belongings.

• Courtney Gooderham, 19, called police during the early morning hours of July 3 after she alleged boyfriend Johnnie Carter, 28, accosted her at their residence off CR 23A in Macclenny.

Ms. Gooderham told Cpl. Ben Anderson the boyfriend pushed her against her vehicle and then onto the ground after he refused to surrender keys so she could leave. He then stood on the hood and kicked in the windshield. Deputy Anderson noted in his report that Mr. Carter smelled strongly of alcohol.

Speeding motorist was going in opposite direction on US 90

A Lake City motorist spotted by a county deputy speeding in the opposite lane of US 90 west of Sanderson was arrested for reckless driving and held in county jail on a warrant from Columbia County for theft.

Deputy Chris Walker said he first spotted the 1997 Toyota driven by Daniel Rawls, 53, about 8:00 am on July 5. He clocked the vehicle at 87 mph in the 60 mph zone, and said it accelerated eastbound when he got behind it with both lights and siren activated. Mr. Rawls was initially driving in the westbound lane of the two-lane highway, and ran several other vehicles off the road.

The driver jumped a median near the Interstate 10 interchange and stopped at the Citgo station. Deputy Walker noted she smelled of alcohol, and the driver said he had been playing cards all night in Lake City.

In other recent cases involving traffic stops, James Davis, 24, of Glen St. Mary was ar-

rested shortly after 1:00 the morning of June 30 on multiple charges after a county deputy followed his speeding 2000 Chevrolet pickup to the Citgo station at CR 125 and I-10 south of Glen.

Deputy Tracie Benton said she was responding on US 90 to a burglary call when she spotted the pickup. A computer check revealed Mr. Davis' driver's license has five prior suspensions. He was also arrested for battery of Aaron Taylor, 19, of Middleburg when they got into a confrontation at the Citgo. Mr. Davis' vehicle bumped against Mr. Taylor as he was entering the store to pay for gas, according to the incident report.

• Johnny Standridge, 28, of Woodstock, GA was arrested about 5:30 the morning of July 2 after police learned he was wanted in Taylor County,

FL for probation violation.

Mr. Standridge was at the wheel of a 2002 Jeep that had pulled over on Interstate 10 east of Macclenny. Deputy Brad Dougherty was investigating a report that a vehicle matching its description was driving recklessly. He driver, first advising the deputy of the warrant, said he had pulled over because he was sleepy.

• Prentiss Brown, 29, of Macclenny was arrested for trespass after warning when he was again found on the SR 121 viaduct over I-10 the afternoon of June 30.

Deputy Kevin Jenkins said Mr. Brown was seated on the edge of the bridge dangling his feet over approaching traffic. About an hour before, he was warned by Deputy Walker to leave the area.

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Found unconscious near city park

A Macclenny man was treated at Fraser Hospital about midnight July 2 for multiple facial injuries after he was found by a passer-by lying unconscious on West Boulevard.

Brandon Colbert told Deputy Earl Lord he spotted Scott Jones, 18, on the pavement near the city park about 11:30. When he came to, the victim told Mr. Colbert "someone came out of nowhere and knocked him out."

Later, Mr. Jones told the officer two white males approached his parked car from the rear, pulled him out of it and struck him several times until he lost consciousness. He said he was talking to an ex-girlfriend at the time, and that the assailants approached his vehicle with its lights off.

When they drove away, Mr. Jones said he believes they were in a Jeep-like vehicle. Deputy Lord said he observed abrasions and swelling on his right eye and mouth, and his nose.

In other cases:
• Issac Dixon, 43, of Glen St. Mary was arrested for an alleged attack on Corey Fetz, 27, of Macclenny in the parking lot of Winn Dixie

about noon on July 2.

Mr. Fetz, now dating Mr. Dixon's ex-girlfriend, said the accused chased him down, knocked him to the ground and beat him, causing minor injuries to his hand and arm.

Mr. Dixon disputed statements by the victim and witnesses, saying he was attacked and defended himself. He was charged with battery.

• Both parties to a heated argument who refused several requests by a deputy to break it up were arrested for affray the evening of July 1.

Lt. Scotty Rhoden said he was called to the incident that had drawn a large crowd about 8:30 at the corner of Grissholm and West Boulevard in Macclenny. He arrested Whitney Brhlm, 21, of Jacksonville and Melissa Givens, 36, of Margareta.

• A criminal complaint was filed July 1 against a 31-year-old male patient at North-east Florida State Hospital for kicking employee Latishila Riley, 33, of Lake Butler in the right leg.

Ms. Riley told Lt. Rhoden she was at-

tempting to get the patient into a secure room to prevent him from harming himself with a piece of glass. The incident took place about 10:00 pm in Building 36B.

• Also at NEFHS, a complaint for battery was filed July 2 by a female patient, 49, against another female patient, age 36, who allegedly pushed her to the floor in a hallway of a dorm unit.

The fall resulted in two broken bones in the victim's left arm. Deputy Pete Quinley said the accused admitted pushing the woman because she was "saying bad things" about her.

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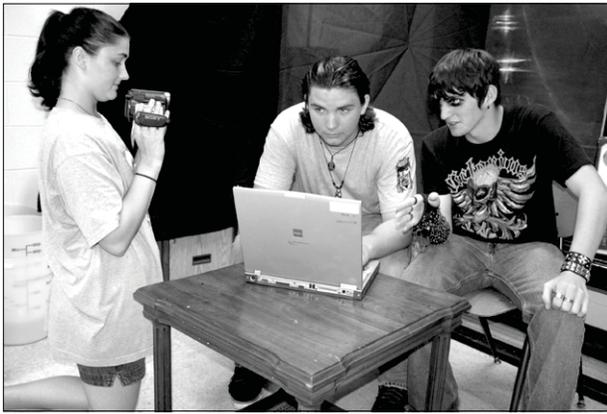
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High school student Cortney Conner films classmates Anthony Petterelli and Sam Griffiths in a scene from their internet safety PSA at BCHS July 3.

Touting Internet safety

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A group of local high school students involved in a special after-school program are spending part of their summer vacation producing a public service announcement on Internet safety. The program is being funded by a grant from the 21st Century Community Centers, which provide students with academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours.

"These programs emphasize vocational, as well as life skills," said Sara Barber, who with fel-

low BCHS faculty member Anthony Marley is supervising the students. "They really jumped into this project with both feet. I couldn't be more pleased at their commitment to it."

The students are currently busy producing the first of a series of public service announcements targeted toward raising awareness among teens about online sexual predators. In addition to producing a PSA, students are also involved in the production of related print material such as brochures, decals and bumper stickers.

The project has been completely hands-on, with students

having to brainstorm, plan and execute each phase. Research regarding current information on the methods of online sexual predators was also reviewed.

The students came up with the concept for the PSA, wrote the script, set up a backdrop and props, acted in and shot the video.

Editing of the video footage for the PSA will be done on professional editing software called Final Cut, which the students will be learning to use.

In the video, students Anthony Petterelli and Sam Griffiths portrayed two sexual predators attempting to "set up" a young

girl (Brittany McEachin) over the Internet. The intent of this scene was to convey to teens how easy it is to make the mistake of assuming their on-line conversations are private and the person they are communicating with is harmless.

The actors are portrayed surfing the Internet on such seemingly innocent and popular sites like Facebook. They begin a communication with the girl and lure her into trusting them and revealing personal information.

The pivotal moment in the

PSA occurs when one actor turns to the other and says: "So, do you think she fell for it?"

During their research, students learned that the average online sexual predator victimizes as many as 30 people before they are caught.

"They learned a lot doing the background research for this project," said Mr. Marley. "I think one reason for their committed involvement is they came to understand how easy it is for someone to fall victim to one of these crimes and how often it occurs,

especially in their own state.

"Through the PSA they can actively do something to help educate other teens to be more careful."

Other PSA projects are planned for the future and students are considering prevention of teen violence as their next subject. According to Ms. Barber, the students hope to involve the Baker County Sheriff's Office in advising the project, and perhaps even feature staff members in their video.

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 02-2009-CA-0041

MERCANTILE BANK, a division of Carolina First Bank Plaintiff,
v.
DANIEL P. EDGE and TINA M. EDGE, HIS WIFE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 25, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2-2009-CA-0041 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein MERCANTILE BANK is Plaintiff and Daniel P. Edge et al., are Defendant(s).

will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclennay Ave., Macclennay, FL at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day of July, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: Parcel 2: A part of the East 1/4 of Section 28, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the South 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 28, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the South 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 28, a distance of 818.29 feet to the Southwest corner of a 30 foot easement as recorded in Official Record Number 2001, page 1532 of said county and Point of Beginning; thence S 62°18'24" E, along the Southerly line of said 30 foot easement, 444.83 feet; thence N 73°32'30" E, continue along said Southerly line, 33.56 feet to the intersection with the Westerly right of way line of Crews Road (a 60 foot right of way as now established); thence S 05°34'40" E, along said Westerly right of way line, 316.55 feet to the intersection with the North right of way line of Timber Trace (a 60 foot right of way as now established); thence S 89°23'47" W, along said North right of way line, 455.50 feet to the intersection with the East line of "Timberland Estates" as recorded in Plat Book 3, page 3 and 4 of said county and measurement; thence N 00°47'09" E, along said East line of Timberland Estates as monumented, 209.91 feet; thence N 00°23'04" E, continue along said East line of Timberland Estates as monumented, 63.65 feet to the Northeast corner of said Timberland Estates as monumented; thence S 87°02'25" W, along the North line of said Timberland Estates as monumented, 7.44 feet to the intersection with said West line of the South 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 28; thence N 00°35'39" E, along said West line, 114.64 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction at 12:00 pm July 11, 2009 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date.

Name	Unit #
Jimmy Stewart	7
Douy Spigler	21
Sandra Daniels	25
James Burnett	30
Laurin Stewart	30
Sylvia Watts	44
George Rogers	51
7/8-7/9	

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MACCLENNY, FL 32068
Phone (904) 259-4774

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction July 21, 2009 at 8:00 am at A, R.R. INC, 10525 Duval Lane, Macclennay, FL 32068.

2001 Dodge Ram	VIN #1B7KX23W41J235928
U-Haul Trailer <th>VIN #14HU12205VW01222</th>	VIN #14HU12205VW01222

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 02-2009-CA-0040

MERCANTILE BANK, a division of Carolina First Bank Plaintiff,
v.
DANIEL P. EDGE and TINA M. EDGE, HIS WIFE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 25, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2-2009-CA-0040 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein MERCANTILE BANK is Plaintiff and Daniel P. Edge et al., are Defendant(s).

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclennay Ave., Macclennay, FL at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day of July, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 1, Timberland Estates, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, pages 3 and 4, of the public records of Baker County, Florida.

Together with and subject to the following described Easement for Egress and Egress described as follows: COMMENCE at the NW corner of said SE 1/4 of and run S 05°08'24" E, along the West line thereof, said West line also being the East line of Timberland Estates as recorded in Plat Book 3, pages 3 and 4 of the public records of Baker County, Florida, 340 feet to a point on the North Right of Way line of Timberland Trace (A 60 foot R/W) said point also being the Point of Beginning; thence N 89°19'48" E, 468 feet, more or less, to the West Right of Way line of Crews Road (a 60 foot R/W) thence Southerly, along said West line, 60 feet, thence S 05°08'24" E, 468 feet, more or less, to a point on the East line of Lot 22, Block 1, of Timberland Estates, said point being also on the West line of said SE 1/4, thence N 0°50'08" E, along said West line, 60.02 feet to the Point of Beginning.

10207 Timber Trace Drive, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner or of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

DATED this 26th day of June, 2009.
AL FRASER
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: JAMIE CREWS
Deputy Clerk

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The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction at 10:00 am July 11, 2009 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date.

Name	Unit #
Angelina Lombardi	17
Ira & Brandi Thompson	19
Brian Birmingham	23
James Ellis Coleman	29
David Vickers	48
Kristina Ham	51
Tessa Lombardi	63
James Burnett	67
Mandy Tedder	70
7/2-7/9	

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Baker County Board of Commissioners Grants Department will be holding an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) meeting on FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in the Baker County Commission Chambers located at 55 North Third Street, Macclennay, FL 32063. The public is invited to attend.

If any member of the public desires to appeal any decision made at these hearings, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and for that purpose he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is transcribed, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in these proceedings should contact the Baker County Board of Commissioners at (904) 259-9613, at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

7/9-7/16

Pickup found damaged on I-10

A Macclennay man who initially believed his 2008 Ford pickup had been towed overnight June 20 from the parking lot of Winn Dixie later learned it was found heavily damaged along Interstate 10.

David Hullett reported the incident to police on July 3, some two weeks after the truck was taken from the lot. He had checked with area towing companies and learned that AR&R Towing of Macclennay picked up the vehicle at the request of the Florida Highway Patrol.

The report by Deputy Matt Riegel does not indicate when or where the truck was found, but notes that it had sustained \$7000 damage.

In other reports, a complaint alleging criminal mischief was

filed against Andrew Thornton, 18, of Glen St. Mary for tossing a rubber mallet at a 1995 Ford Ranger on Smokey Rd. The driver, Tammy Adams of Glen, said she nearly lost control of the vehicle when it was struck the evening of July 1, but detected no visible damage.

Three other males, aged 14, were with the accused at the time but were not cited.

In other criminal mischief cases: • Dustin Irish, 22, was arrested for criminal mischief after he allegedly attempted to kick open a door at the residence of Adam Ward on St. Mary's Circle about 1:00 am on June 30.

Deputy Jeff Dawson said the suspect was in a vehicle followed by Deputy Tracie Benton to the

Glen St. Mary Citgo off SR 125 South, and two other occupants, Amber Davis, 22, and Carl Rhoden, 26, said they witnessed Mr. Irish kicking the door. They refused to sign written statements, however.

The driver of the vehicle, 24-year-old James Davis of Glen, was arrested at the Citgo for driving on a license suspended five times and battery of a store partner.

Someone tossed rocks from a nearby railroad bed through a window at the residence of Dana Phillips on W. Railroad St. in Macclennay shortly after 3:00 am on July 2.

A tractor trailer parked on the property by a tenant was entered the same night, but nothing was reported taken.



PHOTO BY JOEL RODRIGON

Filling the Boot for MDA

Baker County Fire Chief Richard Dolan collects a donation from Orange Park resident Jerome Jackson as he exits the Macclennay Walmart parking lot the morning of July 3 during the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) charity drive known as the Fill the Boot campaign. Similar drives took place in Taylor and Glen St. Mary and will occur again on July 18 and August 1, the next paydays for state employees, said Mr. Dolan. Last year's campaign raised more than \$1200. This year's goal is \$1500 or "anything to beat last year," said Chief Dolan. The July 18 and August 1 drives will also run from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm in front of Phantom Fireworks, at Walmart and at the intersection of CR 125 and US 90 in Glen. Funds raised by the Baker County Fire Department give the MDA the means to continue providing direct services to North Florida children and adults with one of the 43 neuromuscular diseases covered by MDA.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Baker County Board of Baker County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible to consider for adoption the proposed Ordinance which title hereinafter appears. The Baker County Land Planning Agency will hold a public hearing to review the amendments on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible. Both public hearings will be held at the County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclennay, Florida. On the dates above-mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to this Ordinance which is titled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO AMEND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II, ZONING, CONCERNING THE HOURS OF OPERATION, SAFE SET-BACKS, AND REMOVING RESTRICTIONS FOR THE TYPE OF WEAPON ALLOWED AT LOCAL FIRE RANGES AND PRIVATE GOLF CLUBS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACTION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; APPLICATION TO THE CODIFIER, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

According to the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Building at (904) 259-9613 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

7/9-7/16
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The following vehicles will be sold at public auction July 24, 2009 at 10:00 am, at Highbotham's Towing & Recovery, 7611 West My. Vernon, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040.

1991 GMC Pick-up	VIN #GTE1G26M1551945
2004 Volvo	VIN #4V4NC05H8M32340

7/9

Chosen for NYC drama tryout

BCHS grad overcame fear of performing

KELLEY LANNIGAN
FEATURES

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Glen St. Mary's Trey Orberg suffered from terrible stage fright when he was a child and becoming a professional actor was the last thing he could ever have imagined doing.

Ironically, Mr. Orberg, now 18, will be auditioning this December for the New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts.

Last winter, a representative of the conservatory saw him perform a monologue entitled *Lingerie* at the Florida Theatre Conference. When that rep called later and invited him to audition for the New York school, he simply couldn't believe it.

"Their auditions take place by invitation only," said Mr. Orberg, who graduated this year from Baker County High School. "If they like your audition, then they invite you to compete for a scholarship. It's a great honor, really."

Mr. Orberg is all set to pursue a degree in theatre arts at Flagler College in St. Augustine, but if accepted at NYCDA, he'll be attending there instead.

Not bad for a kid who was once terrified to stand up and perform in front of an audience.

"The first theatrical thing I ever remember doing was in my Sunday school class when I was seven," he said. "I was playing the blind man that Jesus heals and I sat in a corner waving my arms and moaning."

Then he was assigned a singing role in his church's annual

Christmas play. The song started and he managed to get through the first three words. Then he burst into tears and bolted from the stage.

"The next year, the very same thing happened," he said. "The year after that, it happened again. I had no trouble acting in front of a small group of people, like the kids in the Sunday school, but a large audience freaked me out."

Love for the stage

From such an inauspicious start Mr. Orberg would finally conquer his performance demons and fall completely in love with the stage. During his four years at Baker County High School, he participated in 14 productions.

Serious acting happened by coincidence. When he was 14, he had to go to the high school campus one day to work on an after-school project. When he arrived he got a call from another student informing him that it had

been canceled.

Since he was already at school, he decided to go over to the cafeteria and watch several of his friends who were auditioning for an upcoming school play.

"I was just going to watch," he said. "I had no intention or desire to au-



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

At left Trey Orberg performing as Mufasa in the *Lion King*.

he had been cast in the lead role. Shocked, he called his mother to tell her the news. Excited, she wished him luck.

dition for a play."

But his friends insisted he try. "Too late," they told him. "We've already put your name on the audition sign-up sheet. You gotta do it."

He went along with it just to be nice. The next thing he knew,

That year, BCHS students made the annual trek to an Arkansas theatre festival. After that experience, Mr. Orberg was hooked and knew acting was what he wanted to do with his life.

"It makes sense now," he said.

'Pelham' is not as good as original

BOB GERARD
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

I once wrote in a review that I would watch a movie of Denzel Washington changing the oil in his car. He is one of my favorite actors and I will go to see just about anything that he is in.

Naturally, I was anxious to see him in *The Taking of Pelham 123*, the thriller about the stealing of a New York City subway train. I wasn't disappointed.

I saw the original of this film when it first came out in 1974 and have watched it again and again on television. The remake isn't as good by a long shot, but it is still edge-of-the-seat stuff.

The '74 film starred Walter Matthau in the Washington role and Robert Shaw as the villain played this time around by John Travolta. Though overall the film isn't as good as the original, Washington is right up there with Matthau and Travolta outstrips Shaw in psycho meanness. Incidentally, the original film catapulted Shaw into his most memorable role as the shark hunter in *Jaws* a year later.

Though I won't give away the movie's twist ending, I'll lay out a little of the plot for you. Washington is Walter Garber, a big shot NYC transit official bumped back to dispatcher because he is under investigation for taking a bribe.

Travolta is Ryder, a disaffected ex-stock broker who takes control of a subway train, demanding \$10 million in cash to give it back. He

gives Washington an hour to get the money on board the train or he starts shooting hostages.

Pelham 123 is the train. It is bound for the Pelham stop on the subway line and leaves at 1:23 in the afternoon.

The movie is tense and exciting as the original, but has some of the foulest language you'll hear in most any film, something the original didn't have without losing an iota of its entertainment value.

Travolta is just terrific as the amoral terrorist. He doesn't hesitate to kill but has a dry acerbic wit as he talks to Garber on the intercom. Nobody can play a clear eyed psycho quite like Travolta.

There is a lot of talk in this film, which some people saw as a drawback. I'm not one. Travolta and Washington handle the back and forth intercom banter with aplomb and it is necessary to build both characters and the story line.

In fact it is probably the best part of the movie. Once the shoot 'em up action happens near the end, it's pretty much standard fare.

The supporting cast is pretty solid, particularly John Turturro as the NYPD hostage negotiator, the always solid Luis Guzman as one of Ryder's accomplices and James Gandolfini as the mayor. Gandolfini, in fact, steals every

scene he is in.

When asked to make a statement to the press about the incident, he quips, "I left my Rudy Giuliani suit at home."

The action snowballs as time runs down toward the deadline. The tension mounts and Garber's frantic attempts to extend the deadline have little affect on Ryder.

There is, of course, a twist to this tale. Suffice to say that you're given hints throughout the film, but it is a clever ending nonetheless.

I recommend this movie with some reservations. It is very intense and the language is extremely strong.

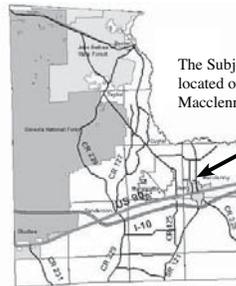
It's rated R and I give it 3 of 4 stars.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinance whose title hereinafter appears, will be presented to the Baker County Board of Baker County Commissioners' for possible adoption on Monday, August 17, 2009, at 6:01 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, and the Baker County Land Planning Agency will review on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 7:01 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioners' office, address stated above. On the dates above-mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance which is titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BAKER, FLORIDA, REZONING 0.50 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY LINNIE JANETTE WILKERSON FROM RESIDENTIAL (RCMH 1) TO RESIDENTIAL (RCMH .5); PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE



The Subject Property is located on CR 23B in Macclenny, Florida

If any member of the public desires to appeal any decision made at this public hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for that purpose may need to ensure the transcription is a verbatim record of the proceedings, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-3613 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

"When I was little, I watched *Peter Pan* and *The Lion King* every day. I probably drove my parents crazy doing that. Later I got fixated on old comedy shows like *Gilligan's Island*."

Behind the scenes

Once he committed himself to performing, he got involved in every aspect of live theatre, including designing and building props, changing scenes, running lights and sound.

"Working tech in our high school plays was optional, but I chose to do it. I wanted to be marketable in many ways, not just as an actor," he said.

He's had favorite roles over the years such as playing Will Parker in the musical *OklaHoma*. He also liked the challenge of acting on stage with a mechanical giant plant in *Little Shop of Horrors*.

"The challenge was keeping the audience interested," he said. "A lot of the time, it was just me and this fake plant out there on the stage alone."

He credits actor Will Smith's performance in the movie *I am Legend* as his inspiration to succeed in acting opposite the plant.

"For the first hour and a half of that movie, it's just him on the screen. Not once did I feel bored," he said. "I did my best to achieve that same thing for the Baker County audience. They had paid to see the play. You didn't want them losing interest."

The real show, as Mr. Orberg is quick to point out, often takes place backstage or behind the curtain away from the audience. No theatre production is complete without at least one set malfunction. He loves this unpredictable, often zany aspect of theatre and laughs as he recalls what happened in last spring's production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

"Part of the set started falling over just as the curtain was opening. One of the guys backstage

had to dash out and grab it and because the curtain was already open he had to stand there and hold it up through the entire first act."

During the run of *Footloose*, Mr. Orberg had 30 seconds to dash from one side of the stage to the other when the curtain briefly closed. Another actor, Dylan Gerard, also had to cross the stage going in the opposite direction. It was dark and they slammed into each other.

"Dylan ran right over me and kept going. I was on the floor and somehow managed to get off as the curtain opened, but had to go right back up again even though my head was spinning," he said.

A frantic, rewarding year

Last school year was a busy, busy one for the drama students at Baker County High School. They rehearsed and performed *Broadway On Baker!*, *Broadway for Kids!* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Arsenic and Old Lace, their performance piece for the Arkansas festival, also had to be prepared.

"I was always tired," said Mr. Orberg. "But I loved every second."

The budding professional thespian has another ambition as well. He plays guitar and writes songs and is currently working with a recording studio laying down tracks for a Christian music CD. His dream ten years from now is to be performing on Broadway and to have his albums doing really well.

"My parents [John and Lisa] have supported me completely in my acting and music venture. That challenges me to become successful," he said. "I'd like to be able to walk through the door one day and say 'Dad, you don't have to work anymore. It's my turn to take care of you.'"

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CITIZENS OF MACCLENNY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE at the Regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida, the City of Macclenny will consider the below Ordinance for first reading:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM MURPHY OIL USA, INC., OF PARCEL 04-3S-22-0000-0000-0171; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



A complete legal description by meets and bounds and the Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.

Anyone having an interest in the first reading of this Ordinance is invited to attend the meeting.

Baker Beach Body CONTEST

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'09 Jr. Master Gardener Summer Camp

From left: Deryk Clark, Andrea Clark and Allia Jones at work on gourd birdhouses, one of many activities undertaken by campers at the Junior Master Gardeners Summer Camp held June 29-July 2 at the Ag Center. Campers also learned their APBS - the difference between biennial, perennial and annual plants. Other activities included learning how plants manufacture oxygen, building a topiary, participating in a "touchy feely" exercise to understand about the different soil types and a lesson on vermi culture (composting with worms).

Water permits bypass board

Beginning this month a new state law changed the process in which Florida's water management districts approve permits, according to a press release from the St. Johns River Water Man-

agement District (SJRWMD). Under the new law, which was signed by Gov. Charlie Crist June 30, the 2009 Florida Legislature directed that the governing boards of the state's five water

management districts delegate their authority to approve permits to each district's executive director.

In St. Johns district, that's Kirby B. Green III.

Mr. Green may designate other district staff to approve permits and permit applications that are recommended for denial will continue to be considered by the governing boards.

In preparation for the possibility of Senate Bill 20080 becoming law, the St. Johns River Water Management District's governing board voted at its June 9 meeting to delegate its authority to take final action on permit applications recommended for approval to the district's executive director, or designee.

If the bill had been vetoed, the board's action would have been voided.

Seeking to ensure that there continues to be opportunities for public involvement, the board in June also directed staff to develop a process to provide continued public participation in permitting decisions.

"Staff is currently working to develop such a process, recognizing that public input has always been an important part of the permitting process and the district's decisions," states the press release.

For information about the district's permitting process and how the public can be involved, visit the district's web site at sjrwmd.com/sb2080.



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Patriotic spirit on display

Al Heyn of Orange Park arrived at Northeast Florida State Hospital's Independence Day celebration June 30 in his vintage 1929 Model A convertible decorated, like himself, with the American flag. When asked what he loved most about the USA, Mr. Heyn replied with one word, "Freedom." The self-described Reagan-era conservative said if he could change anything about the country, it'd be, "The President."

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State degree recipients Hannah Masterson, Brianna Stewart, Charlie Burnett and Katelyn Linkford.

Elected FFA state officer

Austin Gibson was elected a state vice-president at the FFA state convention in Orlando in June. It capped an outstanding year for the Baker High School FFA during which chapter members won the state title in poultry judging, placed second in forestry and third in ag sales.



Austin Gibson

Gibson is only the seventh BCHS student elected to a state office.

"Austin went through a rigorous screening process earlier in the year and also had to participate in many delegate meetings, answering questions, working on delegate matters, and meeting many more voters from across our area and state," said FFA sponsor Greg Johnson. "He will travel our Area conducting programs at middle and high school chapters and participate in many leadership

trainings with the FFA."

Twenty local FFA members traveled to the state convention last month to celebrate one of the best years ever for the local chapter.

Members of the state's best poultry team included Chelsea Crews, Austin Gibson, Timmy Gibson, Matt Cantrell and alternate Dillon Corn. On the second place forestry team were Kyndall Brooks, Hannah Masterson, Dillon Corn and Matt Cantrell. Members of the third place ad sales team were Chelsea Crews, Austin Gibson, Bobby Gage and Kyndall Brooks.

The three proficiency finalists were Katelyn Linkford in beef production, John David Peterson in diversified ag pro-

duction and Brianna Stewart in ag sales.

National Chapter finalists 5 and state degree recipients include Austin Gibson, Charlie Burnett, Hannah Masterson, Katelyn Linkford and Brianna Stewart.

Other than Austin Gibson, the following have also been state officers: Tim Starling 1964-1965, Van Long 1968-1969, Billy Williams 1973-1974, Douglas Register 1979-1980, Chuck Brannon 1980-1981 and Blake Iverson 2002-2003.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to a petition submitted by Todd Knabb, Glen Plantation LTD, to vacate a single lot within a platted subdivision known as Doe Run at Glen Plantation as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, for the purpose of adding the acreage to a commercial development. The petition is made in reference to the Baker County Land Development Regulations, Sections 8.06.02. The property is located on the east side of CR 125 N and approximately 850' foot south of Odis Yarborough Road. The Baker County Board of Baker County Commissioners will consider the petition at a public hearing scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2009, at 6:01 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Commissioners Chambers of the Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL. On the date above-mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the petition. Written comments for or against the petition may be sent to the Baker County Planning Department, 81 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063. Faxed comments may be sent to (904) 259-5057. Copies of any petition may be inspected in the Planning Department by any member of the public. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-5123 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to an application submitted by Nora Thomas Herrmann to be granted a Special Exception on property located on Frenda Road, approximately 2 miles east of the intersection of CR 125 and CR 229 north of Macclenny in Section 07, Township 1S, Range 21, containing approximately 6.10 acres in Baker County, FL. The Baker County Land Planning Agency (LPA), will consider the request at a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 7:01 p.m. in the County Commissioners chambers of the Administration Building, 55 North Third St., Macclenny, FL. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the Special Exception request. The purpose of the request is to be granted a Special Exception to the Baker County Land Development Regulations in reference to Section 3.04.10.02.3 Permissible Uses by Special Exception for the operation of a dog kennel within an agricultural zoning. Written comments for or against the Special Exception may be sent to Baker County Planning Department, 81 North Third St., Macclenny, FL 32063. Faxed comments may be sent to (904)259-5057. Copies of the Special Exception may be inspected by any member of the public in the Planning Department, address stated above. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-5123 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.



Gray-Thrift

July 11 wedding

Oscar and Susie Gray of Macclenny are proud to announce the engagement of daughter Brittany Gray, also of Macclenny, to Nathan Thrift of St. George, Georgia. Nathan is the son of Buford and Dana Thrift of St. George and Melissa and Larry Long of Macclenny.

The couple will be wed on noon on July 11, 2009 at the Christian Fellowship Temple in Macclenny. All friends and family are invited to come and share in the joyous occasion.

After honeymooning at Sandals at the Bahamas, the couple will reside in St. George.



K'mariyon Smith

Daughter is born

Kashanda Smith of Sanderson is pleased to announce the birth of daughter K'mariyon D'avoni Na'shay Smith on June 16, 2009 at Shands of Lake Shore. K'mariyon weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20" long.

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How to reduce your debts in this economy

Does your monthly stack of bills leave you wondering where your bailout is? For many Americans, money is tight and spending has become more conservative, but this does not mean that you lack options when it comes to reducing your debt.

"Getting out of debt is a viable possibility for most people," says Daniel Wesley at creditloan.com, a comprehensive Web site on personal finance. "The way America views debt and money is changing, and many people are taking advantage of resources so they can become financially secure today and in the future."

Here are some easy steps to consider for managing debt in any economy:

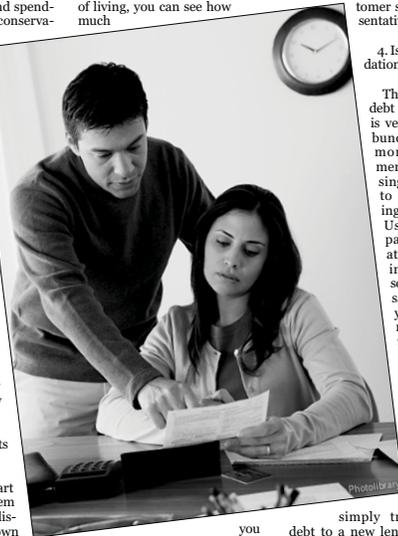
1. Assess all your debts and loans

The only way to start fixing your debt problem is to see where you realistically stand. Write down all your loans and credit card debts along with their interest rates and monthly payment requirements. Federal law states that you can print out a free credit report once a year, so this would be a good time to review and fix any errors.

2. Set a manageable budget

Determine what your expenses are each month. Food, fuel,

insurance, utilities -- be sure to include everything with a regular expense. After you know your cost of living, you can see how much



you have left to go toward your debts.

3. Be credit card smart

It's best to keep only one or two credit cards for your personal use and pay off debt monthly. If you have rotating debt like many people do, find out if you can negotiate better terms with your credit card company. It's possible to reduce your interest

rate or settlement on some debt just by asking. Be firm yet courteous when negotiating with a customer service representative.

4. Is debt consolidation an option?

The concept of debt consolidation is very attractive: bundle multiple monthly payments into one single payment to make paying bills easier. Usually these payments are at a reduced interest rate, so you can also save money. If you have significant debt, this can be a good option, but there are some things you should remember.

Debt consolidation does not write off your debt, it simply transfers the debt to a new lender who will work with you to find a manageable payment plan. A debt consolidation loan is typically a secured loan with your home as collateral, effectively making it a second mortgage. Some loans are unsecured without collateral, but the interest rates are typically much higher.

"If you decide to consolidate debt, you must analyze your spending habits immediately and act responsibly," says Wesley. "For example, if you consolidate your credit card debt, don't start spending on those cards again once you clear the balance. You must make the commitment to live within your means, no matter what your financial situation." If you would like more infor-

mation about dealing with debt the right way, visit www.creditloan.com. All resource information is free, comprehensive, objective and updated daily.

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Wayne Akridge, loved motorcycles

Thomas Wayne Akridge Sr., 49, of Wellborn, FL died Sunday July 5, 2009 in a motorcycle accident. He was born on May 12, 1960 in Delray Beach, FL to the late Robert L. and Tommie Evelyn McGovern Akridge.



Wayne Akridge

Mr. Akridge lived in Baker County from 1976 to 1998. He was the owner and operator of Akridge and Son Trucking and a member of Taylor Church. He loved riding motorcycles and four wheelers, enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his grandchildren. He is predeceased by brother John Robert Akridge, Sr.

Survivors include children Tracie (Roger) Akridge Hodges of Macclenny, Trista Gail Akridge of Jacksonville and Thomas Wayne "Bubba" (Ricki) Akridge of Wellborn; sisters Debra (Dickie) Foster, Anita (Red) Mette, Linda (Shine) Minshew and Pam (Wayne) Johns, all of Glen St. Mary; grandchildren Griffin, Garrett and Evelyn Brea Hodges, Layne Akridge.

Gospel jamboree

The Otis Road Church of God in Jacksonville is holding a gospel jamboree and community fun day Saturday, July 11 at 801 Otis Road. There will be a church yard sale from 8:00 am to noon and music and other events including a chili cookoff from 2:00 to 7:00 pm.

Representatives from JSO, Hubbard House and the Justice Coalition will be on hand, along with a bloodmobile. Concessions and children's activities are also planned. Singers include Theresa Hartley, Billy Sage, Wilton Stokes, The Lighthouse Trio and others.

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Jesus answered, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5

Pauline Demers, 69, dies July 7th

Pauline Susan Gaylard Demers, 69, died July 7, 2009 after an eight-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was born March 6, 1940 at the old St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville. She graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1958 and was still involved in the high school planning committee.



Pauline Demers

Mrs. Demers worked at Florida Reserve Bank in Jacksonville early in her career and retired from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Florida after 26 years of employment. She was predeceased by parents Elbana Aldrege and Frederick Jefferson Gaylard Jr. She recently was rewarded the 2009 American Cancer Society Courage Award. The things she most cherished in her life were her family and friends. She was very involved in the formation of the GYN Ovarian Cancer Support Group.

Survivors include husband of 49 years, Norman O. Demers; her loving and supportive sister Ruth G. Davis; sisters-in-law Lorraine (Jules) Deschmes and Pat Labarre; brother-in-law Rudy Demers; sons Michael (Suzie) of Middleburg, Robert (Gayvone) of Macclenny and Jimmy (Cindy) Demers of Jacksonville; three nephews; one niece; 11 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two great-grandsons; many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

The viewing will be held July 9 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Hardage Giddens Funeral Home in Jacksonville. The funeral service will be held at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church July 10 at 11:00 am with Rev. Kathy McLean officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy Pitts, David Hilliard, Tony Demers, Kyle Demers, Joshua Pitts, and Randall Smith.

Flowers or donations can be given to the GYN Ovarian Cancer Support Group, 2270 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville, FL, 32210. Hardage Giddens Mandarin Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Mamie Braddock of Bryceville dies

Mamie "Nanny" Fouraker Braddock, 94, of Bryceville died at Wells Nursing Home in Macclenny following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Braddock was born in Bryceville on November 24, 1914, the daughter of David Fouraker and the former Gertrude Stafford.

"Nanny" was a lifelong member of Brandy Branch Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by husband of 42 years, Harry Bryant Braddock and son-in-law Dick Travis.

Survivors include daughter Eleanor Travis; sons Roy (Pat) Braddock and Dwight (Joan) Braddock; three grandsons; five granddaughters; eight great-granddaughters; 10 great-grandsons; sister Willow Mae Kast; two sisters-in-law, JoAnne Fouraker and Ola Woodard; numerous nieces, nephews and her church family.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 am on July 2 at her church with Rev. Rusty Bryan officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery in Bryceville. Serving as pallbearers were grandsons Rick Travis, Bruce Travis, Rodney Owens, David Coleman, Bud Daniels, Randy Braddock and Vance Prestwood. The great-grandsons served as honorary pallbearers. Prestwood Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Redith Bryant, 61, dies July 1st

Redith Richardson Bryant, 61, of rural Glen St. Mary died Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at Shands Hospital at Lake Shore in Lake City after an extended illness. Mrs. Bryant was the daughter of the late Lacy and Emma Richardson and was born in Sanderson, where she lived most of her life.

Mrs. Bryant worked in the clothing department of North-east Florida State Hospital. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sanderson, and was predeceased by husband Mabry Bryant; brothers Wilford and Harry Richardson.

Survivors include sisters Joyce Griffin and Rachel (Marvin) Lauramore; brothers Vernon (Janie) Richardson, Franklin (Dulene) Richardson, Earl (Iris) Richardson; sisters-in-law Geraldine and Jeanie Richardson, all of Glen; niece Emma Lauramore, step grandson Brian (Amy) Barefoot; step great-granddaughters Kayleigh and Karris Barefoot, both of Sanderson.

The funeral service was held July 3 at 11:00 am at the chapel of Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler with Rev. Robert Christmas officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Lake Butler.

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Ms. Rosamonda, 18, of Interlachen

Kelli M. Rosamonda, 18, of Interlachen died Tuesday, June 30, 2009. She was a native of Orange Park and had resided in Putnam County for five years, moving there from Baker County.



Kelli Rosamonda

She was born October 11, 1980 and attended school in Baker and Putnam Counties. When she was younger, she played softball and was involved with gymnastics. For three years Kelli was a Junior Jaguar ROAR cheerleader, performing at the Jacksonville Jaguar home games. She was preceded in death by grandparents Vito and Helen Rosamonda.

Survivors include parents Garry and Karen Rosamonda of Macclenny; sister Stephanie (Deuane) Rosamonda of Lake City, brothers Nicholas (Katie) Rosamonda and Kelli's twin brother Vincent Rosamonda, both of Macclenny; granddaughters Frank and Sandra DeGeyer of Interlachen, uncle Peter (Sherry) DeGeyer and aunt Sandra (Bruce) Sogan, all of Interlachen; two nieces; one nephew; numerous cousins and other relatives.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 am on July 7 at Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Interlachen. Interment followed at Pine View Cemetery in Interlachen.

Lewis Harvey, 78, Army veteran

Lewis Harvey, 78, of Sanderson died Friday, July 3, 2009. Lewis was born August 13, 1930 to Roy Harvey and Winnie Davis Blair. He was a United States Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. Lewis spent 28 years on tug boats on the St. Johns River with Florida Towing of Jacksonville before his retirement in 1994.

Mr. Harvey was a member of the Masters, Mates and Pilots Union and the American Legion Post 0057 of Lake City. After retiring, he enjoyed fishing, cooking and was an avid Florida Gator and Atlanta Braves fan. Lewis was predeceased by wife of 42 years, Bonnie J. Harvey.

Survivors include daughter W. Jane Harvey of Jacksonville; numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted July 7 at 10:00 am at Cedar Creek Cemetery of Sanderson with Pastor David Thomas officiating. Honorary Pallbearers were Larry Chestnut, Jerry Smith, Timmy Milton, Michael Donnelly, Ronnie Flowers, Bruce Flowers, Jeff Ledford, and Ken Webb.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Bill Roddenberry, 33, of St. George

Bill 'Big Daddy' Roddenberry, 33, of Folkston, GA died Friday, June 26, 2009 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. He was a native and lifelong resident of Charlton County. He was a member of the Folkston Masonic Lodge F & A M #196. He was also a member of Cowhouse and Rider Hunting Club.



Bill Roddenberry

Mr. Roddenberry was employed with Conner and Roddenberry Logging and had many friends in Baker County. He was preceded in death by father Clayton 'Babe' Roddenberry.

Survivors include daughter Harley Roddenberry and her mother Sandie McAlister; mother and step-father Lucy and Larry Crews; brothers Buck (Beth) Roddenberry, J.W. (Glenda) Roddenberry; several nieces and nephews; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

The funeral service was held at 10:00 am on June 30 at Camp Pinckney Baptist Church with Rev. Ray McMillan officiating. Interment followed at Sardis Cemetery. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Honorees at CCS banquet

Employees and clients of Comprehensive Community Services in Baker County joined counterparts from several other north Florida locations for a 28th annual recognition banquet last month at the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park.

CCS is a non-profit group that assists people with developmental disabilities in Baker, Suwannee, Hamilton and Lafayette counties.

Client Andrea Mixon of Baker County received the Bright Star of the Year award for progress she has made toward her goals this past year.

Renee Brumfield, a supervisor at the Macclenny office, got the President's Award for outstanding performance.

Client Patrick Fortuna represented the Community Support of the Year award to First Federal Bank of Florida and Hallmark Driving, Inc.

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'Wink' Williams, enjoyed outdoors

Winston Lemoine "Wink" Williams Sr., of Macclenny died July 5, 2009. He was born March 23, 1942 to the late Arthur Williams and Edna Reed Williams. Winston attended the public schools in Baker County and graduated from Keller High School. He was employed at Aero Aircraft, Inc. as an electronic engineer for several years then later worked 35 years for Timco Aircraft, Inc.



Winston Williams

Mr. Williams' hobbies included camping, fishing and video productive imaging. He attended the Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Macclenny.

Survivors include wife Oweida Manier Williams; sons Winston Lemoine Williams Jr., Irvin Lamont Williams Sr. and Adrian Levon (Christy) Williams; his son's mother Caldonga T. Williams; step daughter Karri Manier; sisters Deloris (Dave) Williams, Doris Jean Cooley, Bobby Lee (E.J.) Paige and Dolly Mae Brown; brothers Curtis (Jimmy) and Clarence (Rosa) Williams; mother-in-law Frances Monroe; ten grandchildren; two step granddaughters; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral service will be held 11:00 am July 11 at Faith Bible Church with Elder Videll Williams and Bishop Clarence Williams officiating. The family will receive friends Friday from 6:00-8:00 pm at Allen Chapel. Toston-La Frans' Funeral Home in Jacksonville was in charge of arrangements.

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Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-noon, 6343 Laurel Court in Glenfield Oaks, off Woodlawn Road by Burger King.

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Saturday, 8:00 am-7:00 pm, 4250 Dogwood Street, Macclenny II. Furniture, clothes, baby clothes, prom gowns, books.

Saturday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm, Mudlake Road, thru four-way, first dirt road on right, first house on left. Men, women, boys clothes, shoes, household items, Christmas items, beanie babies, race collectables and much more.

Saturday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 458 S. 3rd Street. Furniture, men, women and children clothes, too many items to list.

Saturday, 8:00 am-7:00 pm, 7228 Beagle Trail, 125 North At Bob Burnsed Road. Lots of baby clothes, stroller, toys, high chair, lawn mower, love seat, TV stand and much more.

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Federer may soon become 'best ever'

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After Sunday's epic final at Wimbledon, the question has to arise -- is Roger Federer the best ever? It's hard to argue with his stats. Federer captured his sixth Wimbledon title and collected his fifteenth win in a Grand Slam event, breaking the record of 14 he shared with Pete Sampras. Sampras, who was in the crowd, still is one better of Federer at Wimbledon. He and William Renshaw each have seven wins as grass.

The best ever? That's awfully hard to say at this point. He certainly is up there with Sampras and Borg and the great Rod Laver, but the best? I'm not willing to claim that just yet, but we can easily say that unless something awful happens to the Swiss star within the next couple of years, he will be. Federer is still young at 28 and conceivably has another five years at the top of his game. He could outdistance all the greats by that point.

He certainly played like it on Sunday against American Andy Roddick, played the match of his career in the five-set marathon that broke Wimbledon records for the number of games played. He was point-for-point-with Federer and only linked at the very end of a remarkable 16-14 final set.

For his part, Federer, who lost last year's final to Rafael Nadal in what is roundly said to be the greatest game ever played, stepped up his game to match his opponents. Faced with Roddick's monster serves, he outdid the American. Federer had the best serving day of his career, accumulating an amazing 50 aces during the match. Roddick was uncharacteristically gracious in defeat, though

his eyes were filled with tears as he talked to the BBC commentators. He did show a little of his contentious attitude during Federer's interview. The Swiss champ told the BBC he knew what it was like to lose on center court (referring to last year's final) and Roddick quipped "Yeah, but you'd won five times," from behind him. The best ever? Soon. Very soon.

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Slate of local athletes named to T-U's All First Coast baseball, softball teams

It was a good spring for Wildcat baseball and softball. Both teams advanced deep into the playoffs propelled by players with talent and experience.

That talent and experience paid another dividend as seven BCHS Wildcats were named to the Florida Times-Union's All First Coast baseball and softball teams.

Infielder Travis Tyson led the way for the Wildcats with the only first team selection. Tyson did it all for Coach John Staples' Cats this season. He had an outstanding glove, providing a strong defensive presence that helped lead the team.

But it was at the plate that Tyson, a four-year starter, really shone. He hit an outstanding .450 for the Wildcats, with some big hits in key games. The Times-Union called Tyson a "great all-around talent for the Wildcats," and it couldn't have been a more true assessment.



Travis Tyson



Brad Griffis



Chris Waddell



Cory Elask

Following Tyson were pitcher Brad Griffis and catcher Cory Elask, both third team selections. Griffis was the stopper for the Cats in big game situations with good speed and control. Elask was another all-around player who was strong defensively and provided some big hits, particularly in the second half of the season.

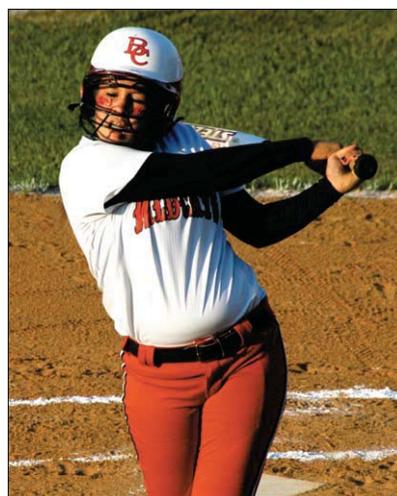
Freshman pitcher Chris Waddell was a huge surprise for Coach Staples. He began to rely on the young freshman more and more on the mound as the year progressed. Despite

his youth, Waddell showed a calmness under pressure and was the youngest player on the Honorable Mention list.

Ashley Curry and Ashley Holton led the way for the Lady Wildcats on the All First Coast softball selection. Both were second team selections from Coach Cheryl Nunn's team. Curry was named as a utility player and her versatility shone all through the season. She was a tough defensive player who could hit the ball with power. Holton was also a power hitter and a solid figure behind the plate for BCHS.

The duo were joined by pitcher Tiffany Smith, a third team selection. A four-year starter for Nunn, she could be counted on for a consistent effort, a good strike out rate and a leadership role on the mound.

Congratulations to all the players.



Ashley Curry during the 2008 playoffs. PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON



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Pictured back row from left: Madison Kennedy, Haleigh Crawford, Riley Strickland, Payton Parker, David Crumme, Angel Jackson, Kaylon Golden, Kyle Canaday and Ashton Alford. Front row from left: Kelsey Taylor, Kelly Lawler, Madison Morrison, Kelsey Strickland, Kasey Weber, Karly Richardson and Rachel Nickles.

Lady all-stars take districts

The Baker County Little League's girls 9 and 10 year old all-star squad continued its success by taking the district championship July 2 against Yulee 19-1.

The lopsided score ended the game in the fourth inning, capping the team's undefeated romp through the four-team tournament.

The girls bested San Mateo 21-3, Yulee 13-6 and then defeated Yulee again for the championship, during which pitcher Kelsey Strickland gave up only one hit.

St. Augustine made an early exit from the competition.

Other pitchers used in the tournament were Kaylon Golden and Kasey Weber.

"As a team at the plate we were just unbelievable, hitting an astonishing 570 average," said coach David Crumme. "Out of a total of 114 at bats, 87 of them got a base hit or a walk."

The girls were stellar on defense as well, committing only two errors in three games.

"Our pitchers were dominating, and when our opponents put the ball in play we made a play on them somewhere," said the coach. "I learned a lot about the makeup of this team during the tournament. I have learned we are a pressure team. From the first pitch we are all out and we never give the opposition time to breath."

The combination of good

pitching, solid defense and hitting led the team to the next round, also at Highlands Park in Jacksonville.

The one day, three-team tournament is Saturday, July 18 and starts at 10:00 am. The girls will face teams from Volusia County and southern Broward County.

The winner of the tournament will move on to the state championship.

Coed camp

If you're a young person who loves playing basketball and dreams about one day taking the court as a BCHS Wildcat, the Florida First Coast Classic Coed Basketball Camp is for you.

The camp July 20-23 is open to grades 4-9. Registration is at 8:00 am in the BCHS auditorium. The camp is being sponsored by Wildcat head coach Charles Ruise and Lady Wildcat head coach Franklin Griffis.

Ruise and Griffis will teach students about the importance of education, health and the role being an athlete plays in life.

But mainly there will be basketball and lots of it. The coaches will concentrate on dribbling, shooting, team defense, fast break drills, passing, boxing out, lay-ups, catching the ball, free throw shooting, rebounding and positional play.

"We will provide a great deal of competition, which plays an important role in the camp with strong emphasis on team play and sound fundamentals," said Griffis. For more information call 259-6286.



Cat is top reading scorer

Incoming sophomore Dillon Jones was recognized by the Baker County School Board the evening of July 6 for academic prowess including a perfect 4.0 grade point average and being the only student at Baker High to capture a perfect score on the reading portion of the FCAT basic skills test this spring. The son of Mike and Lisa Jones, Dillon, 15, played on the junior varsity team this year and Coach John Staples (left) says he is a "viable candidate" to enter into the rotation on the varsity next spring.

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