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McCollum opts out of fall ballot BCSB a 'rubber stamp'

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With the June 18 deadline to qualify for the 2010 ballot fast approaching, local candidates have been getting in — and out — of races for open county commission and school board seats.

This week school board member Karen McCollum announced she would not pursue a second full term in November.

Though a recent conflict over the school district's new health insurance plan made the move easier, Ms. McCollum said she decided not to run months ago.

"There's a lot of reasons," she said. "I feel like I'm only one spoke in the wheel and I've worked hard to research materials to do a good job for not only the employees but also the community ... I don't feel like the board in its current capacity is serving any purpose. If you're there to rubber stamp things, then you're not operating in the capacity in which you're intended to."

Voters elected the former elementary school teacher and mother of two boys, ages 7 and 9, to the school board six years ago. She served the remaining two years of the late Jeanine Harvey's term and was re-elected over two opponents in 2006.

"I felt like I had the opportunity with school age children and coming from the classroom, I could truly be an advocate," Ms. McCollum, 36, said.

In recent years, however; the Macclenny resident said she's become frustrated with the post and doesn't want her business to suffer due to a political fight.

"I've had people attack my business and me professionally," she said. "It's not worth it when all I've ever tried to do is save the county money and be an advocate for teachers."

The Prudential financial services advisor has endorsed another Macclenny resident, Jesse Davis, to replace her.

"He's educated and has children in the system," she said. "He has the same conservative values that I have, and he's running for the right reasons. He's not running because somebody put him up to it, he wants to see positive things take place in our community."

Mr. Davis, a 34-year-old insurance wholesaler, must pay a roughly \$1000 fee between June 14 and 18 to qualify for the race. His likely opponent, Tina Mobley of Macclenny, qualified previously by collecting 142 petition signatures.

Both have children attending Baker County schools.

Mr. Davis, a father of three and member of the county's planning board, had hoped to support Ms. McCollum in her re-election.

"We're very similar in our perspectives," he said. "It felt like the right opportunity to step in and keep that perspective on the board. We need parents to be involved. Karen is the only board member with children in the school system."

Before making the decision to run, Ms. Mobley, 41, said she'd prayed about the matter for about a year.

"God has laid this burden on my heart for the children of Baker County," said the sporting goods store owner and mother of two teenage boys.

Charlie Burnett of Glen St. Mary qualified by petition to run against incumbent District 4 school board member Paul Raulerson, the father of School Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson.

Two county commission seats will also be on the 2010 ballot.

Republican commissioner Mike Griffis announced last month his intention not to seek re-election for the District 4 seat.

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Karen McCollum



First Lieutenant Sam Bussey and fellow ROTC cadets salute during the playing of TAPS.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

ROTC honors vets

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Baker County Junior ROTC cadets gathered to mark the start of Memorial Day 2010 by lowering the flag at the entrance of Macclenny Nursing and Rehab to half-staff.

It would remain at that position until noon. So began the facility's third annual Memorial Day Observance to honor and thank all of the men and women who served this country and are now residing at the center.

A red, white and blue memorial wreath was mounted on the speaker's podium. Vivid purple ribbons hung below it, occasionally rising and falling in the wind.

The ribbons bore a combination of letters and numbers — BCHS FL 20025 AF JROTC — the designation of the high school's ROTC program.

During the program, cadets recognized the living veterans and also paid a solemn tribute to all who have fallen in the line of duty. Their group saluted as TAPS softly played and a benediction was given.

"... May our ceremony honor their memory and praise God's holy name ... let us always remember ..."

Cadets then sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Macclenny Nursing and Rehab director John Simmons, wearing a tie with an American flag design, praised the cadets.

"I always get emotional at events like this when today's youth assemble to honor our nation and our flag," he said. "Let us remember those we know and those we don't know who lost their lives defending our country. It is no small thing."

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'Miracle patient' cuts Shands ribbon

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Ashley Davis of Glen St. Mary nearly died less than a year ago, the result of a freak four-wheeler accident. Ms. Davis and her parents recently recounted the details of the accident and her remarkable recovery.

Over the last eight months, the staff at Shands Jacksonville witnessed first hand the miraculous recovery of Glen St. Mary resident Ashley Davis.

That's why they asked her to cut the ribbon at the May 17 dedication of Shands' new neurosurgery intensive care unit.

"Ashley would not be here if not for two things," said her father Larry Davis. "Those things are the grace of God and the doctors and staff at Shands."

Her mother Sharon agrees. "We can never praise the wonderful people at Shands enough," she said. "And also the people at Brooks Rehab, the Baker County EMS, LifeFlight and the sheriff's office."



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Ashley at home with parents Sharon and Larry Davis

The accident

It was just getting dark on Father's Day, June 22, 2009. Sharon and Larry Davis, who had spent the day at church, were relaxing at their Glen St. Mary home.

Their quiet evening was suddenly turned upside down when the phone rang. On the line was a deputy from the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

"There's been an accident," he told them. "I need to come to your house."

The next thing they knew, the deputy was driving them to Shands Jacksonville, where their youngest daughter Ashley was barely clinging to life.

Accidentally thrown from a four-wheeler while riding with friends in the Osceola Forest, her injuries were so severe that doctors did not expect her to survive.

It was not the first time Ashley had been hurt riding a four-wheeler. In 1999, when she was 11 years old, she and two other girls out for a ride near her home were hit by a truck. It was hard for the Davises to believe it had happened again and that this time, instead of just a badly broken leg, their daughter was near death.

Mr. Davis still shudders when he recalls the extent of Ashley's injuries.

"She had a fractured skull, two broken neck vertebrae and broken ribs. Her spleen and liver had been damaged and there was massive internal bruising of her heart and

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Arrest for neglect as kids left in car at bar

Police arrested a Macclenny couple late on May 24 after making note of the fact that they left two small children in the rear seat of their car while they were in Mac's Liquors downtown for over a half hour.

Amanda Moore, 31, denied to Deputy Matt Sigers that much time elapsed before she and Jason Basille, 26, returned to their 1997 Volkswagen with two other adults, who were then driven to an address off Miltondale Rd.

Deputy Sigers and Lt. Scotty Rhoden stopped the couple near US 90 and Lowder shortly after because the vehicle had a cracked windshield and broken tail light. The officers also learned via a computer check that Mr. Basille, who was driving, has 11 prior suspensions on his license.

They followed the vehicle from Mac's parking lot because they had earlier observed the couple leave the children unattended.

The VW had a license tag registered to another vehicle and Mr. Basille was also ticketed for not wearing a seat belt, and both he and Ms. Moore were charged with having open containers of alcohol in the vehicle.

He also faces a criminal charge for the license violation.

Ms. Moore's two 5-year-old sons were asleep in the rear seat, and she insisted they were in the lounge "no longer than 15 minutes."

"When informed of the dangers involved with leaving two small children unattended in a vehicle for an extended period amidst unknown persons at a bar, Amanda Moore stated, 'We were only inside for just a second; they are ok,'" Deputy Sigers related in his report.

Ms. Moore was charged with child neglect, a third-degree felony, and the Department of Children and Families was notified of the circumstances of the arrest.

The children were released into the custody of Ms. Moore's mother.

In other arrests:

- April Combs, 32, of Glen St. Mary was arrested for driving on a license with six prior suspensions after she was stopped near the intersection of Fred Harvey and Cowpen Rds. about 1:00 am on May 29.

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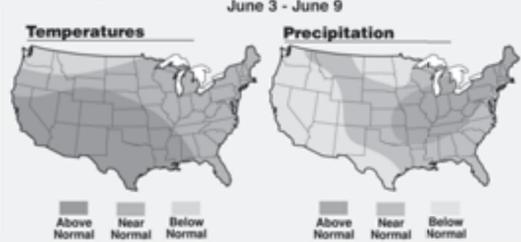
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High: 86° Low: 73°	High: 86° Low: 71°	High: 90° Low: 73°	High: 88° Low: 74°	High: 92° Low: 75°	High: 92° Low: 77°	High: 91° Low: 74°

Temperature and Precipitation Outlook



Tides

Cedar Key	Jun. 3	Jun. 4	Jun. 5	Jun. 6	Jun. 7	Jun. 8	Jun. 9
First high	7:12 a.m.	7:56 a.m.	8:43 a.m.	9:31 a.m.	10:18 a.m.	11:03 a.m.	12:49 a.m.
First low	12:34 a.m.	1:16 a.m.	2:05 a.m.	3:00 a.m.	4:01 a.m.	5:01 a.m.	5:55 a.m.
Second high	6:32 p.m.	7:44 p.m.	9:08 p.m.	10:32 p.m.	11:46 p.m.	—	11:46 a.m.
Second low	12:51 p.m.	1:56 p.m.	3:09 p.m.	4:21 p.m.	5:25 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	7:08 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Jun. 3	Jun. 4	Jun. 5	Jun. 6	Jun. 7	Jun. 8	Jun. 9
First high	12:59 a.m.	1:42 a.m.	2:29 a.m.	3:20 a.m.	4:15 a.m.	5:09 a.m.	6:02 a.m.
First low	7:33 a.m.	8:20 a.m.	9:07 a.m.	9:53 a.m.	10:40 a.m.	11:27 a.m.	12:17 a.m.
Second high	1:24 p.m.	2:12 p.m.	3:04 p.m.	3:57 p.m.	4:51 p.m.	5:43 p.m.	6:33 p.m.
Second low	7:44 p.m.	8:42 p.m.	9:38 p.m.	10:33 p.m.	11:25 p.m.	—	12:15 p.m.

Mayport	Jun. 3	Jun. 4	Jun. 5	Jun. 6	Jun. 7	Jun. 8	Jun. 9
First high	1:31 a.m.	2:14 a.m.	3:00 a.m.	3:52 a.m.	4:46 a.m.	5:41 a.m.	6:33 a.m.
First low	7:52 a.m.	8:36 a.m.	9:19 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:43 a.m.	11:28 a.m.	12:26 a.m.
Second high	2:02 p.m.	2:51 p.m.	3:42 p.m.	4:36 p.m.	5:28 p.m.	6:18 p.m.	7:07 p.m.
Second low	7:58 p.m.	8:55 p.m.	9:50 p.m.	10:43 p.m.	11:35 p.m.	—	12:15 p.m.

St. Augustine	Jun. 3	Jun. 4	Jun. 5	Jun. 6	Jun. 7	Jun. 8	Jun. 9
First high	1:05 a.m.	1:48 a.m.	2:35 a.m.	3:26 a.m.	4:21 a.m.	5:15 a.m.	6:08 a.m.
First low	7:35 a.m.	8:22 a.m.	9:09 a.m.	9:55 a.m.	10:42 a.m.	11:29 a.m.	12:19 a.m.
Second high	1:30 p.m.	2:18 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	4:03 p.m.	4:57 p.m.	5:49 p.m.	6:39 p.m.
Second low	7:46 p.m.	8:44 p.m.	9:40 p.m.	10:35 p.m.	11:27 p.m.	—	12:17 p.m.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday 6:27 a.m.
 Sunset Thursday 8:27 p.m.
 Moonrise Thursday 12:47 a.m.
 Moonset Thursday 12:22 p.m.

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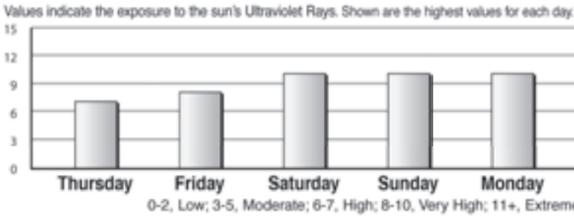
Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, May 31.

Temperature
 High/Low for the week 91°/65°
 Normal high/low 86°/66°
 Average temperature 77.4°
 Normal average temperature 76.0°

Precipitation
 Total for the week 0.75"
 Total for the month 1.65"
 Total for the year 11.20"
 Normal for the month 3.48"
 Normal for the year 17.39"

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Solunar Table

The solunar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Jun 3	4:44 a.m.	10:54 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	11:16 p.m.
Jun 4	5:30 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	5:50 p.m.	—
Jun 5	6:12 a.m.	12:01 a.m.	6:32 p.m.	12:22 p.m.
Jun 6	6:52 a.m.	12:42 a.m.	7:12 p.m.	1:02 p.m.
Jun 7	7:31 a.m.	1:20 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	1:41 p.m.
Jun 8	8:09 a.m.	1:58 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
Jun 9	8:49 a.m.	2:37 a.m.	9:13 p.m.	3:01 p.m.

River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	—	11.45	-0.18
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	6.35	-0.03
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	5.63	+0.73
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.54	+0.02
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	52.66	+1.21

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Miracle patient: the long road to recovery

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lungs which affected her ability to breathe," said Mr. Davis.

What followed was a harrowing fight for life and a recovery that surgeons and the score of doctors, nurses and therapists who treated Ashley in the ensuing months view as nothing short of miraculous.

The cause of the accident is still not clear. According to Ashley, she and her friend Matt Sigers were simply enjoying a ride together on a four-wheeler, something they had done numerous times. One of the wheels hit uneven terrain and both Ashley and Matt were thrown into the air.

"I trusted Matt completely and I still do as far as handling a four-wheeler," said Ms. Davis. "Carelessness was not a factor. We weren't even going very fast. It was no one's fault."

In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Davis are the first to point out that Matt, a deputy sheriff, kept their daughter alive while the paramedics rushed to the scene. As it turned out, if the young man, who was himself injured, had not administered CPR to Ashley, she would not have survived long enough for paramedics to arrive.

"The doctors told us outright that 'whoever was with this young woman at the time of her injury saved her life,'" said Mrs. Davis.

Clinging to life

After brain surgery, Ashley lay in a drug-induced coma. Family and friends, many from the Davis' church, lined the halls, praying for the girl to survive.

The Davises learned that with

brain injuries it is 96 hours after surgery before doctors can usually assess with any degree of accuracy the full extent of damage and how the patient will be affected.

Ninety-six hours.

Four very long days.

During that time, the vigil for Ashley was kept around the clock and the Davis family prayed and prayed and hardly slept.

Ashley's destroyed spleen was removed when she arrived. After an evaluation, surgeons operated on her brain. In the hours after brain surgery, her heart stopped three times. Each time they were able to bring her back. Her chances of surviving a fourth heart failure were slim to none.

"Her lungs were so bruised they would not work properly and doctors can't do anything for bruised lungs. Lack of oxygen was causing her heart to stop," said Mr. Davis.

Shands began a frantic search for a special type of oscillating ventilator that would oxygenate her blood, but let her lungs rest until the swelling subsided. A ventilator was located in Orlando, but it would take several hours for it to arrive.

"Three hours," the nurses told the Davis family. "If she can just hold on for three more hours."

Family and friends prayed nonstop and when the ventilator finally arrived, Ashley was still alive.

After several days, doctors began bringing Ashley out of the coma and administering tests for hearing and physical responses. There were none.

Things seemed bleak. The

once vibrant girl lay motionless, seemingly beyond reach. Her desperate family struggled to cling to hope.

Finally, one of the nurses once again bent close, imploring, "Ashley, if you can hear me, please open your eyes."

At that moment, the girl's eyes suddenly flew open and stayed open for several seconds, then closed.

It would be two weeks before she woke again. Even so, the family rejoiced.

"That gave everyone hope," said Ms. Davis. "Most important, it gave doctors and nurses something to work with. They knew she was still there."

Ashley lay in a neck brace, unable to move her arms. Because she could not swallow she received nourishment through a feeding tube. It would be months before she ate or drank normally. Her kidney function was compromised so she was frequently dialyzed.

After two weeks, she at last began waking up. She was moved to Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital.

"I remember bits and pieces of things from Shands, but hardly anything at all," said Ashley. "It seems I dreamed something was wrong with me and in the dreams I couldn't move or speak. It was very frightening."

Her first clear memories began coming together at Brooks. Long days of physical, occupational and speech therapy began. A family member was always nearby.

"We never left her alone," said Mrs. Davis. "Someone was always there."

"I remember it was so frustrating, trying to speak and not being able to. Then when I finally could, no one could understand what I was saying," said Ashley.

Her parents remember how excited they were at the slightest

show of progress.

"She'd squeeze my hand and it would be barely detectable and I would start shouting and calling people," said Mrs. Davis.

"I couldn't lift my arms," recalls Ashley. "I even had to get someone else to scratch my face if it itched. Smelling food was torture, because I couldn't eat and couldn't even tell people what I was experiencing."

Fraction by painful fraction, she began regaining some control over the muscles in her upper body.

"I remember my first step and how difficult it was. My knees would buckle and collapse under me and I would be exhausted."

She remembers the day when, supporting herself with a walker and having aides on each side holding her, she took 10 consecutive steps.

"That," she said, "was big."

At that time, she realized her recovery was up to her. Determination took over and she worked and worked at the tasks that would bring her back as close to normal as was possible.

"I just knew I had to do it, somehow," she said.

It would be late August before she finally came home.

"Beginning at the county line we started seeing 'Welcome Home Ashley' signs made by well-wishers all along the interstate," said Mr. Davis.

"It was a joyous day for us," said Mrs. Davis.

Home again

It was a relief to be at home. Recovery continued — slowly. Ashley still needed assistance to move from one room to another.

She slept a lot and her mom slept in the room beside her. Finally, five months after the feeding tube was put in, she took her first sip of liquid. Soon, the tube was removed.

back to all that happened and I just have to stop it. It's too painful a thing to think about," said Mr. Davis.

Unbelievably, Ashley says she is not afraid to ride again on a four-wheeler. To date, she has not done so, but she is sure that at some point, she will.

When she talks about all she wants to do, her voice is still a bit weak, but her expression is confident.

"I don't want to be held back by the fear of getting hurt again because there are lots of things I want to do," she says, flashing her shy but arresting smile. "It might seem surprising, but I want to try skydiving."

With her determined spirit, one day, she probably will.

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ROTC honors vets

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Retired Marine Sgt. Earl McKee, watched the ceremony proudly. One of the cadets, Mitchell Bunch, is his grandson.

Veteran and Macclenny Rehab resident Harold Anderson zipped across the parking lot in his motorized wheel chair, coming to a stop in front of Sgt. McKee. He smiled up at him and made a request.

"I want you to help me with something," he said. "Do you think you can get me a Vietnam hat?"

He was referring to the decorated and embroidered hats many veterans wear commemorating specific tours of duty.

Mr. McKee smiled broadly.

"I certainly think I can do that," he said.

Currently, thirteen veterans reside at Macclenny Rehab: Jessie Smith, Ralph Odum, Ben Dodd, James Hurst, Harold Anderson, Rodney Shultis, Eva Willis, Ben Brown, Ralph Frith, Donald Vaness, Alvin Dunmire, John Huff and Allen Dunham.

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A chaplain reflects on Memorial Day

By Lt Col (Retired) John W. Groth, USAF

Memorial Day.

We'll talk about those who paid the last full measure and who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

As a chaplain who served in Dover's mortuary through eight years, I can see how it's tempting to describe our fallen heroes that way. Some would come to Dover without a visible mark on them, others would come back unrecognizable, but they all came having given their lives. They had paid it all and had no sacrifice left to make.

But — I think about the young Marine's wife struggling to raise a child now, the parents who grieve deeply having lost the race to the grave to their Army Specialist daughter, the ball turret gunner's son whose own son never got to crawl up into the lap of his grandfather, the daughter whose uncle must walk her down the aisle because her Air Force dad never did come home, the friend who longs for the Navy friend she lost in a terrorist attack on his ship.

I remember Laura, an 84-year-old woman in the last church I served who had never been married. She said to me, "The only man I ever loved died when the prisoner-of-war ship he was on went down in the Pacific in '45."

I think of the lifetimes of sacrifices and full measures people like this are making.

In church on Sunday, I will not ask the veterans to stand to be honored for their service. They surely deserve it, but this is not their holiday.

Instead, I will ask to stand those whose loved ones whose names are forever linked with places like Bataan, Normandy, Chosin, Cam My, Beirut, Fallujah, Baghdad, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Years ago, I watched a young woman reach out and touch the name of her father etched into a war memorial. I watched her crumple to the ground sobbing. This day is just as much for her and all like her who carried and will continue to carry the sacrifice through the years. This day is for those who, like her, continue to pay into the last full measure.

Last, and least of all, this day is for those of us who didn't lose a loved one, who don't have the memories, who are not feeling the sacrifice or paying the price — it is ours to honor those who have.

Go online and look at rows of grave sites, go to a town square and find a war memorial, walk into a place of worship and find a framed list of names and note the ones with stars alongside, Google "gold star mothers" and read the stories, watch a You-Tube clip of a solemn twenty-one gun salute at a lonely grave site, then find one who is still paying the price and feeling the sacrifice and tenderly, sacredly, thank them and honor their full measure!

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Irony in Lawtey cop's arrest

IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

There's sweet irony in the news about a part time policeman in Lawtey, FL over in Bradford County arrested for bribery for allegedly collecting speeding fines "on the spot" from unsuspecting motorists.

Lawtey, as many Baker County drivers know, is one of two towns on US 301 between Baldwin and Gainesville whose only purpose, it appears, is to be a speed trap. The other one is the burgh of Waldo, closer to Gainesville.

I had to chuckle reading about the officer, Kenyatta Sheffield of Jacksonville. He's charged with accepting cash in lieu of traffic fines through the court, once from a woman from North Carolina who called the Bradford County clerk's office looking for a receipt.

The other victim that police know of called the sheriff's office May 5 to ask if she should give Officer Sheffield \$190 cash to cover the fine.

My guess: there are others among the 200 people he ticketed during an unspecified tenure with the Fair City of Lawtey.

What's the big deal? All he did was play the role of middle man in place of a traffic court. Both the officer and Lawtey, which derives revenue legally

from ticket fines, have identical motives, after all, and that's ripping off motorists via speeding tickets — many of them from out of state, of course.

The out-of-state motorist arrangement is convenient, by the way, since it eliminates most if not all of the political backlash resulting if a municipality decided to get a major part of its revenue by, say, ticketing its own citizens.

How long would that last? So really, all we're looking at here is an officer deputized by Lawtey doing illegally what the town does legally. Hence the sweet irony.

Lawtey and Waldo are jokes. Not necessarily because they are municipalities located on US 301, but because they are municipalities whose citizens decided that a geographic fact is sufficient to employ a police force whose main mission is to give tickets.

Add to that the fact that most of the tickets are issued to out-of-state motorists — many of whom are in Florida as tourists paying sales and gasoline taxes which, in turn, raise revenues so that residents of Waldo and Lawtey don't have to pay a state income tax. See how it works?

It'd be interesting to "plant" an applicant

for a job on either police force, someone whose priority leaned toward, oh, protection of property or keeping the peace.

You think they'd get the job, or if they did, would they be kept on the job very long?

On the other hand, if a major crime occurred in either township, do you think the first line of defense would be the local police, or maybe the Bradford or Alachua county sheriff's departments, the FDLE or Florida Highway Patrol?

I wonder. So, we'll see how the justice system deals with Mr. Sheffield, and meanwhile hope that the AAA Auto Club South continues to call Lawtey and Waldo "notorious" speed traps and the only two towns recognized as such in the United States (in 2007, Lawtey issued 9000 tickets and collected \$300,000 in revenue from them).

Mr. Sheffield's behavior isn't to be condoned, of course, and it's going to be costly. He has already been fired as a corrections officer at Union Correctional.

He could be guilty of bribery, but consider also that he's probably also guilty if thinking he can act like the town that employed him by making a little cash off people passing through.

The nerve of him.



Facebook fans

'What you had to say ...'

We asked June 2: "Hurricane season has begun, and the predictions are for an active season. Are you prepared or will you wait until the first threat comes our way?" Here's what our Facebook fans had to say:

Sheila Miller-Reynolds: "Wait because it's Jax ... We always get scared but it never hits us LMAO!"

Louise Curtiss Smith: "Never say never."

Beth Moore: "How can you be prepared when the economy sucks and people are barely surviving now?"

Kaycee Greif Heinz: "I will wait. For the past several years they have predicted an active season and it has not happened. Because we live in a rural area I am always ready for loss of power, but I'll wait before I buy anything extra."

Matthew Barfield: "Wait is what we always do, until the threat comes then everybody rushes into the grocery store (FOOD LION) wanting the last jug of water."

Marsha Bennett: "I am usually prepared with water, medications, batteries, etc. but I can guarantee you I will NEVER evacuate again. The first time when I was a child we evacuated to the old Glen St. Mary Elementary school. When we got home to our house in Sanderson, our two ducks were swimming down the highway. The second time I evacuated was a few years ago when we got hit with 5 hurricanes that year. The news stations incited fear and near hysteria — EVACUATE, EVACUATE ... blah, blah, blah! Well, against my better judgment, I did as instructed and nearly got myself and my daughter killed in the process."

Theft of the 'library jar'

THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

You have to wonder about the character of a middle-aged adult male who would intentionally steal a pickle jar of money from the circulation desk at the Emily Taber Library.

That's what happened last week, and some of us have been scratching our heads over it.

Ever since the new addition to the library opened last fall that large glass jar has held donations — money that will go toward the purchase of new book shelves.

The library has been short on space for a long time. A grant funded the new addition, designed to relieve the library's cramped conditions and allow it to expand its holdings and resources to benefit Baker Counties who depend on it.

It included wonderful new bathrooms, an elevator, expanded work space at the circulation desk for the librarians and a wide, well-lit stairwell connecting both floors.

Unfortunately, the grant did not extend to the shelving units necessary to accommodate the books and the library doesn't have the financial resources readily available to acquire them.

Shelving is prohibitively expensive and the library must come up with the money and donations are a critical part.

Until the shelves can be purchased, the additional library space cannot be utilized to its fullest potential.

On May 25, a man and woman entered the library. They used the computers and then, when the library employee at the circulation desk turned her back for a moment, the man snatched the pickle jar. The two hightailed it outside, where the man took out some of the money, then hid the jar in a trash pile.

He wasn't smart enough to even try to be discreet and a librarian patron in the parking lot was watching. She called the Baker County Sheriff's Office and a deputy intercepted the couple, by that time over on College Street.

According to what April Teel, library director, was later told, the man had been buying cigarettes with the shelf donation money.

As patrons began learning the fate of the pickle jar and what the thief had done with the donation money, the same sentiment was angrily expressed many times:

"They ought to take every one of those cigarettes and shove 'em up his sorry ..."

Well, you get the picture. "This guy not only stole from

the library, he stole from so many good people in the community," said Ms. Teel. "People who love and support the library. People who gave unselfishly, sometimes all they money they could spare."

She related poignant tales of little children emptying their pockets or cleaning out piggy banks of all their pennies and bringing them specifically to put in the jar.

"To many little children, the library is a magical place. They voluntarily give all their money to it because they love it here," she said. "One child, and I'll never forget this, made a special trip here just to donate the money sent to him in his birthday card."

The thief and his partner now have a "no trespass" order against them, barring them from entering the library, but it's uncertain how long that will be in effect.

The thief did not possess a library card, but his partner did. Her card is now flagged with a warning that will come up in the library's data base with details of the incident in the event it's ever used there again.

And the donation jar? It has been returned.

But I was told it now rests out of reach of patrons, a sad testimony to the honor system that used to be such an integral part of American society, but now, sadly, is mostly a thing of the past.

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DCF cites Love Center day care 23 violations for lax screening, staff levels

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The Macclenny child care facility the Love Center hasn't been checking the criminal backgrounds of its employees in accordance with state law, inspection reports from the Department of Children and Families show.

The center at 162 South Blvd. has paid \$150 in DCF fines for violating screening requirements and more fines are on the way, said the department's spokesman John Harrell.

"It's important for parents to know that the people watching their children are safe," he said. "They deserve to know."

The Love Center, owned by Charles and Natalie Wilson, was first cited by DCF inspectors in October 2009 for problems with background screening, but also for having too few personnel for the number of children being supervised.

This month the facility was once again found not complying with state laws that mandate fingerprinting and criminal record checks through local, state and federal law enforcement agencies every five years.

Mrs. Wilson said it was her husband who hadn't been

screened at all three levels.

When inspected in mid-May she said she could only locate paperwork demonstrating state and federal background checks, but that a check by the Baker County Sheriff's Office was faxed to the state June 1.

"We work really hard on this," Mrs. Wilson said. "It's very important."

Since 2008 DCF has been enforcing such rules with fines that become progressively higher when violations are not corrected promptly.

There are also three different classes of violation. The most severe, level 1, can mean automatic penalties from \$100 to \$500; while a level 3 offense, like not having a written emergency evacuation plan, only draws a warning.

Failure to comply with background screening is a level 2 violation and subject to \$50 fines when not corrected after an initial warning.

"We are very concerned about background screening at this facility," Mr. Harrell said of the Love Center, adding that its license is up for renewal in June.

Should the center be found noncompliant with background screening rules again, fines will likely grow, but its child care li-



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

The Love Center site on South Boulevard in Macclenny.

cence could remain intact.

"I wouldn't say it's enough to put their renewal in danger ... But this shouldn't be happening," said Mr. Harrell.

In addition to the Love Center, which serves infants and toddlers, the Wilson couple run an affiliated center at 574 Minnesota Ave. for preschool children and above.

During the last five months, the centers combined for 15 level 3 violations and eight level 2 violations.

The level 2 infractions included leaving bleach within reach of

children, allowing infants to sleep on their stomachs and not documenting annual maintenance on vehicles used to transport children.

DCF inspects 25 licensed child care facilities in Baker County, many of which have been cited for level 3 violations. More often than not, those cited correct the problems within a month.

The DCF childcare inspection reports are available online at www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childcare. Call DCF's childcare licensing office at (904) 723-2064 for more information.

McCullum opts out...

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Chris Rhoden of Glen St. Mary qualified by petition to run as a Democrat for the office. His opposition will most likely be Jeana Duval, who announced this week she intends to pay the roughly \$1700 fee in mid-June to have her name on the ballot.

Democrat Alex Robinson, county commissioner for District 2, qualified in May by petition. The Macclenny resident has served four and a half terms on the commission since being elected in 1992.

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Slight dip in third grade FCAT scores

The scores of Baker County third graders on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test or FCAT dropped slightly this year, but local students continue to score higher than the statewide average and their counterparts in some neighboring counties.

District-wide, the percentage of third graders scoring at or above grade level — scores of 3, 4 or 5 — decreased from 83 percent in 2009 to 82 percent this year in reading, and from 84 percent in math last year to 83 percent this year.

Statewide the portion of third

graders reading at or above grade level is 72 percent and those doing so in math is 78 percent.

The Florida Department of Education released the third grade scores last week and will continue to make public other students' scores within the next few months.

Of the district's two elementary schools, Macclenny Elementary showed an increase in the percent of students scoring a 3 or higher. The school increased its reading percentage by one percent and its math percentage by three percent.

Westside Elementary in Glen St. Mary saw a four percent drop in the portion of students reading at or above grade level and a five percent decline on the math portion of the test.

Meanwhile, FCAT scores in Bradford County indicated 67 percent of third graders read at or above grade level and 71 percent do math at or above grade level. Similarly, Duval County also trailed Baker County on both sections of the FCAT, by 13 percent and nine percent, respectively.

In Union County, 76 percent of students scored a 3 or higher on the reading portion of the FCAT, which is also below the 82 percent of Baker County third graders that did so. Eighty-six percent of Union's third graders performed on or above grade level in math, or three percent more than those in Baker County.

Clay County topped Baker County's percentage in math by three percent but tied in read-

ing with 82 percent scoring at or above grade level.

The number of third graders tested also grew in Baker County this year, from 409 to 421.

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Child neglect arrest

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Cpl. Ben Anderson said he stopped the northbound 2005 Ford pickup after it veered into a ditch and also charged Ms. Combs with failure to maintain a single lane and possession of drug paraphernalia for having a glass pipe in the vehicle.

Deputy Sigers was on foot patrol near 9th St. and South Boulevard in Macclenny about 1:30 the morning of May 25 when he halted a 1995 Toyota driven by Carmus Shaw, 29, of Macclenny because of excessive stereo noise.

He learned via computer that Mr. Shaw has six prior license suspensions and arrested him for that violation.

The suspect was also ticketed on the noise violation, for lack of vehicle registration and not wearing a seat belt.

Bradley Wilson, 30, of Jack-

sonville was already in county jail when he was re-arrested May 27 on Duval County warrants for burglary, dealing in stolen property and fraud while pawning property.

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No rush to replace Mr. Cone

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County commissioners are in no hurry to replace retiring county manager Joe Cone, but most said they want someone with comparable experience in municipal government.

"I'm not one that wants to go backwards," said board chairman Alex Robinson, who is up for reelection in November but has not drawn any opponents. "I want a replacement that will do things for Baker County as Joe has done. He's been instrumental and I'd expect a replacement to have the same kind of experience Joe has."

Mr. Cone is retiring after more than three decades in local government.

The Vietnam-era Army veteran began as a planner in the early 1970s and subsequently assumed manager or assistant manager positions with a number of municipalities including the City of Ocala and Marion County. Prior to Mr. Cone's hiring as the county commission's top administrator he served as Lake City's city manager.

Such experience will be the



Joe Cone

first thing Commissioner Mark Hartley looks for in Baker County's next manager.

"I think whoever has that qualification will have the other qualities we want," he said.

Past experience as a city or county manager, or as a manager's assistant, is also at the top of Commissioner Mike Griffith's wish list. He recently announced that he will not seek reelection in the fall, after one term in the post.

"Joe is the only county manager I've ever worked with, so I haven't had the pleasure of working with anyone else," he said. "But certainly the experience Joe brought to the board has been invaluable."

Commissioner Michael Crews agreed. He's looking for applicants who know how the state legislature impacts small rural counties, how land use and planning works, how to be firm but respectful with the public, employees and commissioners, and how to save money without cutting essential services.

Nonetheless, the commissioner, elected to the board in 2009, added he would consider younger candidates in effort to inject a new perspective in county government.

"If I feel comfortable with their leadership and decision-making ability, I'm willing to let them have some on-the-job training," he said. "I'm ready for a younger person with a new way of thinking and new ideas and someone who will look at solutions to problems instead of just patching them. I think that will come with young folks."

Commissioners also didn't express a preference for local versus non-local applicants or any residency requirement for the new manager.

Mr. Cone's contract was recently amended to remove a stipulation that he live in Baker County. It had been informally waived for the last few years. He currently lives in Lake City and plans to retire in St. Johns County.

"I'd have to rethink that," Mr. Hartley said. "It didn't seem to be a problem with Joe. He was always here. Even during the hurricanes and stuff. Every time I went up [to the county administration office], he was always there."

"I'm sure there are some qualified people in Baker County," said Mr. Robinson. "If the person who fills Joe's shoes comes from wherever he comes from, that's fine with me ... If he's a fair person and does his job, I don't care where he lives."

And though he didn't want to

identify them, the commissioner said a couple of local residents have shown interest in the position.

"The consensus [of constituents] is we'd like to have someone from Baker County," Mr. Robinson said, "but if not, that's OK. The important thing is we need a leader for Baker County."

Commissioner Griffith has received more mixed feelings about where the next county manager comes from.

"Some would like us to hire a local person that's been here for a while," he said. "But some say just the opposite, hire someone with no ties to the community."

Long-standing family ties in Baker County could hinder the next county manager, added Commissioner Gordon Crews.

"I would love to have a local guy, but you get some problems with a local guy," he said. "I'd like to see a local guy with little family here. Maybe someone with the right experience that's only been here a few years."

Thefts, vandalism reported

Police were called to three locations the past week after owners reported thefts and vandalism in buildings, two of them vacant.

Copper wiring and an air compressor with a combined value of \$1600 were taken from a building on US 90 east in Macclenny owned by William Keves of Macclenny.

He told police the thefts took place between May 5 and May 26 when he reported it. There was no sign of forced entry.

Vandals kicked in a front door and broke out the glass on a rear door at the residence of Joseph Peters on Circle G. Lane near Sanderson.

Mr. Peters, who moved out on May 5, returned on May 29 to find the damage and evidence that several persons had been inside. Lawn chairs had been positioned in one room and Deputy Daniel Nichols found signs of drug use.

In other vandalism, someone tossed rocks into a west front window at the Baker Family YMCA on Lowder St. in Macclenny between mid-afternoon May 23 and 5:30 the following morning.

It did not appear that entry was made into the building.

Motorist flees into a swamp in east city

A Callahan man wanted on warrants from two neighboring counties eluded police for several hours in a swampy area east of Macclenny the morning of May 30 before surrendering to a deputy he mistakenly thought was a passing motorist.

Michael Goblet, 24, of Callahan ran into a wooded area off US 90 at the east city limits about 7:30 after the 2004 Nissan he was driving was stopped by Sgt. Brad Dougherty. The officer said he noticed Mr. Goblet turn around and face the vehicle's rear seat, and at the same time noted he was not wearing a seat belt.

After the suspect took off running, a passenger identified as Jacqueline Yarbrough, 21, of the same Callahan address, told Sgt. Dougherty her boyfriend was wanted on a Duval County warrant for theft and one in Nassau County for violating a felony probation.

The couple's small child was in a rear seat. Sgt. Dougherty also learned Mr. Goblet's driver's license has 14 prior suspensions.

Several deputies joined in the hunt for the suspect, who was heard several times and refused orders to come out of the swamp. One of the sheriff's department's canine officers, Deputy Patrick McGauley, waded into water 4-5 feet deep and, according to Sgt. Dougherty, damaged several items including a taser gun and cell phone.

Mr. Goblet eventually emerged and flagged down Cpl. Randy Davis, who had joined the search with his personal four-wheel drive truck. The suspect stepped out of the brush attempting to get a ride with him.

He was arrested on the warrants and charged in Baker County with the driver's license offense and fleeing police, along with the seat belt violation.

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Attacks wife with a 10" knife

Sheriff's deputies made a trio of arrests the past week involving weapons, including one during a violent encounter involving a married couple.

Tina Anderson, 37, accused husband Charles, 44, of entering her bedroom while she slept about 10:30 pm on May 27 and holding a 10" kitchen knife to her throat while he threatened to kill her.

Moments before, Mr. Anderson allegedly taunted his wife and struck her several times in the back of the head. She also accused the husband of choking her and attempting to smother her with a pillow.

The accused was gone when officers arrived at their residence off Barbara Circle in Macclenny, and was arrested shortly after near the city park on 8th St.

Deputy Jason Bryan charged Mr. Anderson with aggravated battery and battery. Mrs. Anderson received a laceration on her finger attempting to push her husband away, and was treated at Fraser Hospital emergency

room for that and other minor injuries.

Deputy Bryan also noted Mr. Anderson became ill while being booked at county jail and was medically cleared at Fraser before being locked up.

In other incidents:

- William Lanier, 29, of Live Oak was jailed for aggravated assault and improper exhibit of a firearm following a disturbance to which police were called about 10:00 the evening of May 30.

Mr. Lanier's ex-girlfriend Krysta Starling told Deputy Kevin Jenkins the accused showed up at her apartment off Canary Lane in Macclenny and was upset because her new boyfriend was there.

He threatened both Ms. Starling and Eric Sapp, along with witness Heather Snipes, and allegedly fired a rifle into the air when the ex-girlfriend grabbed his arm.

Deputy Jenkins confiscated two rifles and a pistol from Mr. Lanier's pickup. He told the offi-

cer he wanted to scare away Mr. Sapp, the new boyfriend.

Criminal complaints for battery were filed against James Jackson, 39, and Damon Pendleton, 33, after they gave conflicting versions of an altercation the evening of May 27 off Jim Starling Rd.

Mr. Jackson and Phillip Pendleton, 22, brother of the other suspect, went to the address about 9:00 wanting to borrow a trailer. Both suspects accused the other of battery during an ensuing argument.

The younger brother later told Deputy Patrick McGauley they expected to borrow the trailer after he returned several firearms that belonged to their mother Deborah Pendleton.

Damon Pendleton was named in a warrant also because he is a convicted felon and took possession of the guns including rifles, a shotgun and "tommy gun."

They were later recovered from the residence.



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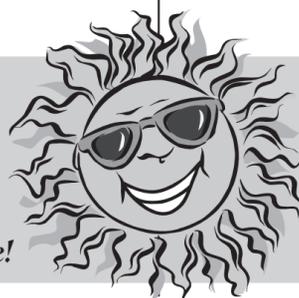
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Arrested for \$7500 jewelry theft

Suspect pawned rings, earrings locally for \$145

The sheriff's department arrested a Glen St. Mary man for stealing \$7500 in jewelry from a residence off Rufus Powers Rd. and pawning it in Macclenny for \$145.

Dustin Irish, 23, was jailed for burglary, grand theft and dealing in stolen property following an interview with sheriff's investigator David Morgan on May 28.

He allegedly took four rings and a set of earrings from a bedroom dresser drawer at the residence of Randy and Kimberly Davis around mid-May. Investigator Morgan determined the jewelry was pawned at Baker Gun and Pawn on May 17.

The property was obtained from the pawn shop and later identified by Mrs. Davis.

Mr. Irish was first implicated

by acquaintance Corey Combs of Glen St. Mary, who told Mr. Davis the suspect showed him some of the jewelry. Both Mr. Irish and Mr. Combs had been at the Davis residence in May.

Mr. Combs reported the theft on May 27, adding that \$360 cash was missing from his son's bedroom as well.

Mr. Combs' name surfaced in an unrelated case this week when he was identified as the person who poured sugar in the gas tank of a 1995 Chevrolet pickup belonging to John Tyson, who also lives off Rufus Powers Rd.

Mr. Tyson told Cpl. Ben Anderson the suspect drove from his property in a white SUV about 1:00 am on May 20, and had been involved in a disturbance at the same address the

previous evening.

Mr. Combs was named in a complaint for criminal mischief.

In other cases:

- Jerame Barber, 34, of Sanderson was arrested outside CVS in downtown Macclenny about 3:30 the morning of May 30 after he was seen leaving the store with a stolen bottle of beer.

Cpl. James Marker said he was on patrol and observed Mr. Barber staggering as he entered the store. The beer was taken from a six-pack in a cooler.

He was charged with disorderly intoxication and shoplifting.

- Felicity Crawford, 33, and Ernest Smith, 41, both of the same address on Deerwood Circle in Macclenny, were arrested the morning of May 25 for stealing a donation jar from a coun-

ter at the Emily Taber Library on McIver St.

Sgt. Thomas Dyal questioned the couple on College St. after receiving a report they placed the jar under a trash pile. It contained \$107, money intended for purchase of book shelves in the new addition.

All but what the suspects spent on cigarettes was returned.

- Roy Lambertson, a patient at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab, told police someone took \$900 from his wallet, likely when he was showering about 5:30 am on May 24.

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'Heavy tint' stop leads to arrest for felony pot

A Macclenny man stopped in the northwest city the evening of May 25 because the tinting on his car windows exceeded that allowed by state law ended up jailed for felony possession of marijuana.

Johnnie Hollings, 36, allegedly had a baggie with 56.2 grams of the drug, well over what the state deems sufficient for a felony charge.

Deputy Matt Sigers said he first took note of Mr. Hollings' pink 1995 Buick as it was southbound on Barbara Circle near Milfordale. He stopped it near Lowder and Long Dr. and, using "tint meter," determined the windows were too dark.

One of the county's drug sniffing dogs alerted to the smell of pot near the driver's side door, and a subsequent search turned up the baggie.

Police had to employ a tool to enter the vehicle after Mr. Hollings, who Deputy Sigers said was acting nervous and agitated, locked the keys in the Buick.

He was ticketed for excessive tint and for using the vehicle to

commit a felony.

In other cases, a 13-year-old male student at Baker County Middle School was charged with misdemeanor possession after he produced a small bag of marijuana from a pants pocket the morning of May 26.

School officials say they were tipped off by other students that the youth, who is from Glen St. Mary, had the drug.

Interviewed by Deputy Allen Markley, the boy indicated the pot belonged to another student, a 14-year-old female from the Sanderson area, and that he picked it up from a counter in the boy's bathroom.

The girl denied the accusation.

- Ernest Smith, 41, of Macclenny was arrested early on May 28 for loitering on the property of Jay Blanchard in the Deerwood Circle neighborhood.

The complainant called police about 2:45 am after spotting the suspect and hearing his cell phone ring. Mr. Smith lives in the neighborhood.



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Danger 'by the twos'

When Billy Joe Clark of Margaretta heard his dog barking continuously the afternoon of May 27, he took a look and found two 15- to 20-pound rattlesnakes behind the pet's pen. Mr. Clark said the snakes were likely mating and didn't become defensive until being struck with a shovel handle. "I took a chance of getting bit," he said, "but I didn't want them to get to my dogs. That's what I was scared of." The snakes measured more than five feet in length. Mr. Clark decapitated them before stopping by *The Press* office where the above photo was taken. "All my life, I've never seen them that big," Mr. Clark said.

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 02-2010-CA-0102

IN RE: GENE HARVEY, as TAX COLLECTOR OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Delinquent Taxpayer Receiving This Notice

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Validation of Tax Warrants issued for unpaid 2008, Baker County Personal Property Taxes has been filed by Gene Harvey, Baker County Tax Collector, in which you are named as a party for nonpayment of 2008 Personal Property Taxes as assessed against you. Upon ratification and confirmation of the petition by the Court, the Tax Collector shall be authorized to issue a tax warrant against you, and levy upon, seize and sell so much of your personal property as necessary to satisfy the delinquent taxes, plus costs, interest, attorney's fees, and other charges.

YOU WILL BE DISMISSED AS A PARTY TO THIS ACTION WITHOUT ANY COURT APPEARANCE BY YOU IF YOU PAY SAID DELINQUENT TAXES OWED BY YOU AND COSTS TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AT: 32 North 5th St., MACCLENNY, FLORIDA 32063, PRIOR TO THE FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED IN THIS MATTER.

You are further notified that a Final Hearing will be held in this matter on the 23rd day of June, 2010, at the Baker County Courthouse in Macclenny, Baker County, Florida, at 11:50 a.m. before the Honorable Phyllis M. Rosier, Circuit Judge, at which time you or your attorney may present your objections, if any, to issuance of the Tax Warrant against you. The amount of the assessment or amount of taxes levied have been paid or not.

A copy of the Petition filed herein may be obtained at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Macclenny, Baker County, Florida, upon request.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 29th day of April, 2010.

LIST OF DEFENDANTS

- 08-5001805
FIBERSTEAM CARPET CLEANING
6166 Adams Rd.
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 08-50003285
MACCLENNY LIQUORS, INC.
303 Macclenny Ave
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 08-5003298
MACCLENNY PEDIATRICS
28 Macclenny Ave. W.
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 08-5004790
TAYLOR INSURANCE
P.O. Box 988
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 08-5005524
L & L COUNTRY CLIPPERS
43 W. Macclenny Ave.
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 08-5005551
BATY PAINTING
16038 Stokes Rd.
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 08-5005561
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Macclenny, FL 32063
- 08-5005711
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Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
- 08-5007443
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7600 Nutty Butty Ln
Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
- 08-5007538
DA VI NAILS
2097 West 3500 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84119
- 08-5007608
YMA ENTERPRISES OF NE FL INC
6080 Copper Dr.
Macclenny, FL 32063

AL FRASER,
AS CLERK OF THE COURT
BY: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

5/27-6/17
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6/3-6/10

Registration of Fictitious Names

I the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of **Simple Chicks Cleaning** whose principle place of business is: **11381 South Confederate Drive, Glen St. Mary, Florida 32040** and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

NAME	EXTENT OF INTEREST
April D. Teel	100%
April D. Teel Signature	

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BAKER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of May, 2010.

Al Fraser
Clerk of Court
Baker County, Florida
By: T.A. Lovingsood
As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY
Case #: 2009-CA-000090
Division #: 09
UNC:

LSF6 Mercury REO Investments
Trust Series 2008-1
Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Estate of Willie Mae Wilcox, Deceased; Unknown Heirs; Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Creditors, Lienors and Trustees of Willie Mae Wilcox, Deceased, and all other Persons Claiming By, Through, Under and Against the Named Defendant(s); Brianna Charis Wilcox; Theresa Ann Wilcox; Robert Lee Wilcox, Sr.; Virginia Reed Wilcox; Alex Wilcox; Leo F. Jones, Jr.; Lonnie M. Wilcox, Jr.; Alvin Leon Wilcox; William Paul Wilcox; State of Florida, Department of Revenue; State of Florida Department of Revenue Child Support Enforcement Office; Clerk of Circuit Court, of Baker County, Florida; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 2, 2010, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000090 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein LSF6 Mercury REO Investments Trust Series 2008-1, Plaintiff and Estate of Willie Mae Wilcox, Deceased; Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Creditors, Lienors and Trustees of Willie Mae Wilcox, Deceased, and all other Persons Claiming By, Through, Under and Against the Named Defendant(s) are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE EAST DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 339 EAST MACCLENNY AVENUE, MACCLENNY, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on June 17, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT TWELVE (12), BLOCK "B", OF WILLIAM KNABB ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY, FLORIDA, AS PER PLAT OF SAID ADDITION ON FILE, IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 24, OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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DATED at Macclenny, Florida, this 20th day of May, 2010.

AL FRASER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Baker County, Florida
BY: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO & FISHPAN, LLP
10004 North Dale Mabry, Hwy, Suite 112
Tampa, Florida 33618
09-124757
5/27-6/3

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904-259-3565**

The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction at 9:00 am on June 5, 2010 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:

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Baker County Board of Commissioners Timber Bid - Shoals Park

Dear Prospective Bidder:

Generally, this proposed sale involves a 356 acre tract with approximately 207 acres of 5th row, logger select improvement thinning, and approximately 149 acres of clear cut. These properties are located in Sections 1, 2, 3, and 10, of Township 2 South, Range 21 East and Section 35, Township 3 South, Range 21 East, in Baker County Florida.

Total sale volume is estimated to be 25,000 tons MOL.

Stand 1 is approximately 207 acres of planted slash pine to be harvested with a 5th row thinning with selections from the four residual rows to be removed. Removal priority determination will be to remove diseased, suppressed, forked, and poorly formed trees.

Stand 2 is approximately 5 acres of planted slash pine along a high visibility area typically adjacent to roads and nature trails. This area is to be clear cut.

Stand 3 is a 39 acre stand of planted slash pine to be the clear cut. This stand is moderately dry and adjacent to residential development. A 25 foot natural buffer is to be kept adjacent to the residential areas located on the east and south sides of the property.

Stand 4 is a 105 acre plot composed of stands of 18-year old bedded slash pine on very poorly drained soils. This area is to be clear cut.

This sale also includes timber to be removed from within three, 1/2 acre logging decks and their associated skid trails. Such locations will be designated by the County in cooperation with the successful bidder.

The ultimate goal and final use of the property is the creation of a natural looking stand of healthy, good form trees.

The successful bidder will be required to be State of Florida Certified to perform the services specified in this advertisement.

It is anticipated this will be a six month contract.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a lump-sum advance payment of \$50,000. The County will offset the advanced payment against timber receipts due to the County until such time as the advanced payment is exhausted. All additional payments to the County will be made weekly based upon receipts

Interested parties please contact the Baker County Administration Office at 55 North 3rd Street, Macclenny, FL (904) 259-3613 for a bid packet.

This is a sealed bid sale; no faxed, emailed or verbal bids will be accepted after; no faxed, emailed or verbal bids shall be accepted. The Baker County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject all bids.

All bids shall be submitted by 10:00AM on June 17, 2010 in a sealed envelope marked and addressed as follows:

**Shoals Timber Bid
Baker County Board of County Commissioners
55 North 3rd Street
Macclenny, FL 32063
6/3-6/17**

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on May 19, 2010:

(Name and address of applicant) **Baker County 55 North Third Street Macclenny, FL 32063** permit # 400-003-124237-1. The project is located in Baker County, Section 5 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, Township 25 & 25 South, Range 22 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 56.69 acres for resurfacing and widening, known as CR 23A. The receiving water body is St. Mary's River.

The file containing the application for the above listed permit is available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32178-1429. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under section 120.573, Florida Statutes, before the deadline for filing a petition. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect the right to a hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement. The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in section 120.573, Florida Statutes, and rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-404 Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, concerning the subject permit. Petitions that are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of intent. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the applicant have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

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**A. R&R, INC
10525 DUVAL LANE
MACCLENNY, FL 32063
Phone (904) 259-4774**

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction June 18, 2010 at 8:00 am at A. R&R INC, 10525 Duval Lane, Macclenny, FL 32063.

**1997 Yamaha Motorcycle
VIN # JYA5AHE04VA001823**

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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on April 2, 2010:

(Name and address of applicant) **Baker County 55 North Third Street Macclenny, FL 32063** permit # 400-003-123657-1. The project is located in Baker County, Section 7, 8, 12, Township 35 South, Range 21 & 22 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 25.01 acres for resurfacing and widening known as CR 29A (Woodlawn Road). The receiving water body is South Prong of St. Mary's River.

The file containing the application for the above listed permit is available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32178-1429. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under section 120.573, Florida Statutes, before the deadline for filing a petition. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect the right to a hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement. The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in section 120.573, Florida Statutes, and rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-404 Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, concerning the subject permit. Petitions that are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on May 21, 2010:

(Name and address of applicant) **Baker County 55 North Third Street Macclenny, FL 32063** permit # 400-003-124237-1. The project is located in Baker County, Section 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, Township 35 South, Range 20 & 21 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 65.84 acres for resurfacing and widening known as CR 130. The receiving water body is South Prong of St. Mary's River.

The file containing the application for the above listed permit is available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32178-1429. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under section 120.573, Florida Statutes, before the deadline for filing a petition. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect the right to a hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement. The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in section 120.573, Florida Statutes, and rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-404 Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, concerning the subject permit. Petitions that are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

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

CASE NO.: 10000152DR

CHRISTOPHER BRIAN BARRETT,

Petitioner,

and

JENNIFER LYNN BARRETT,

Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

**TO: JENNIFER LYNN BARRETT
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
125 E. ORANGE STREET
BALDWIN, FL 32234**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Christopher Brian Barrett whose address is 125 E. Orange Street, Baldwin, Florida 32234 on or before June 28, 2010 and file the original with the clerk of this court at 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny FL 32063 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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

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

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

Dated: April 23, 2010.

Clerk of the Court
By: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Fill the Boot drive underway

Firefighters have begun their annual Fill the Boot campaign to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, a nonprofit research organization dedicated to finding a cure for muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases. Pictured above is Macclenny fire department's Captain Chris Bonds accepting a donation from a passing motorist at the US 90 intersection with 6th Street the afternoon of May 28. The department hopes to raise \$2500 to help fund summer camp for children suffering from these diseases. Typically, Mr. Bonds said, the department raises enough money to send three or four kids to camp. The drive will occur again this weekend, June 4 and 5 at the same intersection and possibly at the Walmart Supercenter entrance on CR 228 S. "Even in bad economic times like now, we do good because of what we're collecting for," said Mr. Bonds.

A macabre birthday fete Traditonal 'send-off' at Big 5-0

KELLEY LANNIGAN
FEATURES

features@bakercountypress.com

Teachers at Macclenny Elementary School have a tradition. When a teacher turns the big five-O, they get an "over-the-hill" birthday celebration.

Kelly Woods, a computer resource teacher at the school, was the latest victim of this black humored, but fun birthday prank.

She arrived at school on May 13 to find her classroom door completely draped in black cloth.

"It looked like a tomb," she said, laughing. "There were even black balloons."

Her desk chair had been hijacked and in its place was a wheelchair which she had to use for the rest of the day.

On the desk were numerous geriatric items, including a package of adult diapers and a pair of dentures. There was also a walker nearby and a bouquet of black flowers.

"They really socked it to me," said Ms. Woods, of the other teachers and staff responsible for the prank.

Of the other folks involved, they all showed up at school that day dressed in black to help observe her reaching the half century mark.

The craziest part of the morning was when the ladies in black gathered together in the front



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Birthday girl Kelly Woods, seated in front of Pam Hughes, Kari Anderson, Macclenny Elementary Principal LuAnn Williams, Superintendent Sherri Raulerson, Tracy Wilford and Cathy Fletcher.

office to sing to the unlucky Ms. Woods.

This was perhaps the worst version of *Happy Birthday* that has ever been performed in the history of the song.

And it was loud enough to wake the dead.

The women yelled and screeched and hollered and hooted and groaned their way through the song, not a single one of them on key or in rhythm with each other.

It was downright painful, not to mention pitiful.

After Ms. Woods had escaped back to the safety of her over-the-hill classroom, the other teachers snickered and giggled over what was yet to come.

It seems her birthday cake wasn't a cake at all. Someone had the bright idea of decorating an overturned empty cake pan with frosting to make it look like a real cake.



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Duval Pawn reopens in Macclenny

Duval Jewelry, Gun and Pawn, which operated the last two years in Glen St. Mary, reopened in its former location on W. Macclenny Avenue on May 28. The event was marked by a ribbon cutting ceremony and visitors enjoyed free hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks and coffee. Owner Matt Williams is happy to re-establish the Duval Pawn in the former location and promises customers expanded parking in the back lot. "We're glad to be back in Macclenny," he said. "We're looking forward to increased traffic and serving our customers." From left: Baker County Chamber of Commerce president Darryl Register, Mr. Williams, Hannah-Marie, Regina and Kelsey Williams, chamber members Josh Wood and Gary Rosenstone.

Deal with the county's insurance broker tabled

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR

reporter@bakercountypress.com

The Baker County Commission put the brakes on any negotiations with its long-time health insurance broker Owens and Associates in hopes of further discussing how the firm will be compensated and solicit quotes from insurers.

The board agreed the evening of June 2, at the behest of Commissioner Michael Crews, to schedule a June 21 workshop meeting with the firm's president Tim Owens.

"There's some questions that need to be answered," Mr. Crews said, citing statements from Mr. Owens at a May 17 school board meeting in which he denied knowing about a alternative to the voluntary vision plan from United Healthcare soon approved by the board that evening.

School member Karen McCollum presented the alternative plan from Humana to Mr. Owens, arguing it was a better value than the one approved. She was the sole vote against approval.

Commissioner Crews this week said he's heard about e-mails that indicate Mr. Owens was aware of the Humana plan, but didn't present it to an insurance committee of school district employees that recommended the United Healthcare plan.

"It begs the question, what is the truth here," he said.

Furthermore, what Mr. Crews called "volume-based bonuses" paid by insurers to brokers may mask an incentive for the broker to favor one insurance company's plan over another.

The county's current insurer AvMed paid Owens and Associates a \$22,775 bonus, according to a May 17 letter from the company to the county and citing the 2008-09 contract year.

"These are the questions, and many more, that I'd like to get answered," Mr. Crews said.

County commissioners voted unanimously May 4 to move forward with a recommendation from the county's health insurance committee to negotiate a fixed-fee contract with Mr. Owens' Jacksonville-based firm for broker services.

The board reasoned that paying the firm an up-front fee would allow any proposed health plans to be judged on actual cost, unaffected by commissions that insurance companies typically pay to brokers based on a percentage of total premiums.

The committee, made up of

county employees, ranked Owens the top firm of nine brokers submitting proposals and also recommended the fee-based approach.

Commissioner Gordon Crews said this week he wants some clarification on how Owens would be paid as well.

"How do you know whether Mr. Owens isn't going to get a bonus regardless? I don't know," he said. "How do you get to the truth in these insurance dealings ... The inquiry is a great idea. Maybe we'll get some answers."

With respect to proper procedure, the county's attorney Terry Brown said this week the board could meet with Mr. Owens, and if not satisfied by what it hears, rescind the earlier decision and choose a new course of action.

That could mean instructing county staff to negotiate a deal with a different broker or secure quotes from insurers themselves.

The June 21 workshop is scheduled for 3:30 pm at the county administration building, 55 N. 3rd St. in Macclenny.

No regulations for controversial Internet cafes

The commission also set a workshop meeting next month to discuss future regulations for so-called Internet cafes.

Internet cafe proponents contend they sell time on the Inter-

net to customers who enjoying playing casino-like games on electronic machines, while opponents say it's gambling in disguise.

"They are coming," said Patricia Bass, who works in the county's planning department but addressed the commission this week as a concerned citizen.

"It starts out as buying time on the Internet," she said. "But what it's really turning out to be is gambling ... We're open territory for this and have nothing to regulate it."

Such establishments also drew criticism from Macclenny city commissioners during their May meeting, in which city attorney Frank Maloney was tasked with researching the businesses and reporting back to the board.

Mr. Brown, the county's attorney, said he's also been asked by the Bradford County Commission to draft an ordinance there to regulate Internet cafes.

The Baker County Commission's workshop on the matter is set for 4:00 pm July 6 at the county administration building.

In other business, the board approved \$31,150 design and permitting contract for the paving of Cow Pen Road to Tarbox Consulting & Design of Jacksonville.

The only other proposal came from Bishop, Bailey & Lane of Lake City at \$107,355.



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BCMS musicians inspire Pre-K

Forrest Elledge lets children Rayleigh Combs, Karrie Bryant and Kyhen Chrome try out his xylophone when the Baker County Middle School band played an outdoor concert for the PreK Center last week. At one point, children from all pre-K classes were allowed to move slowly in a circle around the musicians, stopping to ask questions and getting a hands-on feel for live performance music. The xylophone was a favorite instrument as was the big bass drum. The kids also enjoyed a performance and some instruction of baton twirling by members of the Baker County Middle School Majorettes.



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Postal food drive 6000 lb. success

Macclenny Post Office employees pose with a small portion of over 6000 pounds of food they collected for the annual Letter Carrier's Food Drive held May 8. The event was in conjunction with the 18th National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive. Rural and city carriers from all post offices in Baker County participated in the drive, which collects food for millions of people in United States facing hunger on a daily basis. With the roughly 6000 pounds collected by the Glen St. Mary and Sanderson post offices, Baker County residents donated about 12,000 pounds in all. "It's exciting to see the community band together and participate in a charitable effort," said Maxie Stout, postmaster of the Macclenny Post Office. "I'm proud of how hard work our carriers and other employees work to make this a reality." The nonperishable food donations will help stock the Samaritan food bank on US 90 operated by Mitch Rhoden and other volunteers. Mr. Rhoden said he appreciated the outpouring of generosity and applauded the postal workers for their help in making it possible. Pictured from left are Angie Johnson, Ms. Stout, Kim Higginbotham, Cindy Register, Amanda Gayle, Tina Crews, Bill Groskoff, Lisa Norris and Byron Ramaseur.

High GPAs by LCCC grads In UF, other four-year programs

By Brian Gerald Dopson
Dean, Liberal Arts and Sciences

According to the Florida Department of Education, Lake City Community College ranks at the top of area community colleges preparing transfer students for their coursework at the university level.

According to the most recent data, LCCC students have a combined grade point average (GPA) at Florida public universities of 3.10. The GPA for junior level students who go straight to a Florida public university is 3.13. That means that there is very little difference in terms of performance at the junior level for students entering the university straight out of high school versus a student who goes to Lake City Community College.

LCCC students do very well in transfer. The majority choose the University of Florida, and they have a combined GPA there of 3.12. They outperform students from Santa Fe College, Florida State College at Jacksonville and many other colleges throughout the state.

At Florida State University, transfers from LCCC are second best in the state with a grade point average of 3.23.

This is very encouraging news for the graduates of Lake City Community College, and for all of us in this community. In today's financial times, parents are looking for creative ways to save money, and yet still provide their children the best opportunity to succeed in life. Lake City Community College offers an affordable alternative to the sometimes expensive life of a university student.

We also offer the more personalized touch of knowing our students, and genuinely helping them through their first two years of college. University life can be somewhat depersonalized by the large classes. Some university classes are taught in large lecture halls with hundreds of students. The teachers of the

class are often graduate students who are not much older than the students they are teaching. At Lake City Community College, we try to keep our class sizes under 30, and the average class size is approximately 20 students.

LCCC also has an excellent partnership with Saint Leo University, and any student who is interested in attending a university within the sanctuary of their hometown college may do so. Saint Leo offers programs that prepare graduates to be teachers, law enforcement officers, psychologists, and other professions. Students who graduate from Lake City Community College have easy access to a variety

of quality university programs, and the best news is that they do very well when they get there.

Chuck Oden, director of the Saint Leo Lake City Center, states, "Lake City Community College prepares students well for the academic challenges of our university as well as for future employment. Students come equipped with the skills they need to be successful."

We hope you will consider Lake City Community College [soon to be called Florida Gateway College] as your family choice for a quality education. Contact me at dopsonb@lakecitycc.edu or call (386) 754-4269 with questions.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB HATHCOX

Retains national ranking

Baker County's building official Robert Hathcox (right) shot well enough last month to retain his 19th place ranking in the United States and 7th rank in the Southeast in distance rifle shooting. Mr. Hathcox is pictured with another retired Marine Corps warrant officer, Ray Anti, who for 14 years was head rifle coach at the US Naval Academy. They competed May 8-16 in the Eastern CMP Games and Creedmoor Cup Match held at Fort Butner, N.C. They shot the first vintage sniper team match from 300 and 600 yards. The rifle is an M1.

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Lori and Fred Stivender
Celebrates 25!

Fred Stivender Jr. and Lori A. Godwin-Stivender of Macclenny celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 25 by renewing their vows with 'Elvis' in Las Vegas. Fred and Lori were originally married in St. George, Georgia on May 25, 1985.

The Stivender's have two children, Fred Stivender III who is currently stationed in Anchorage, Alaska and daughter Kristi Stivender of Macclenny.



Ms. Himmelhaver - Mr. Dunn
Wed May 1st

Rose Ann Himmelhaver and Courtney Dale Dunn are happy to announce their marriage on May 1, 2010 at the Mathis House in Glen St. Mary.

The bride, an RN and 2000 graduate of Baker County High School and graduate of the University of North Florida, is the daughter of Beverly and the late Ronald Himmelhaver. The groom, a graduate of Florida State University, is the son of Vicki and Donald Snell of Jacksonville, and son of Dale and Chris Dunn of Keystone Heights. The couple resides in Macclenny.



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BCMS awards top students

The following 8th grade students were honored at an awards ceremony at Baker County Middle School:

Band Most Outstanding- Forrest Elledge

Band Most Improved- Katelyn Ginder
Social Studies Most Outstanding- Mallory O'Donnell, Dennis Simon II, Katherine Register, Dylan Raulerson

Social Studies Most Improved- Mikki Evans, Tyler Curry, Lillian Boland, Aaliyah Ruise

Mathematics Most Outstanding- Brandie Lee, Kimberley Samaroo, Clara Harvey, Tyler Wendel, Tyler Braddy, Brittany Hodges

Mathematics Most Improved- Kelsey Longnecker, Brad Stewart, Justin Sapp
Language Arts Most Outstanding- Forrest Elledge, Paige Smola, Jennifer Hodges

Language Arts Most Improved- Ashli Knapp, Shelby Murray, Tyquand Major, Taylor Lauramore, Markas Davis

Science Most Outstanding- Abigail Hinson, Megan Anderson, Sarah St. John, Chase Seymour, Danielle Raulerson

Science Most Improved- Branden Harden, Damien Flores, Brianna Davis

Exploratory Most Improved- Brian Goldsmith, Zachary Shumate, Glenna Godwin

Exploratory Most Outstanding- Mackenzie Wingard, Taylor Dopson, Delaney Arabie, Kelsey Berry, Kaleb Carter

Principal's Award- Shelby Kuhr, Mackenzie Wingard

Presidential Award- Malory Osteen, Genie Taylor, Abigail Hinson, Tyler Wendel, Brandi Harrison, Hawke Forbes, Kaleb Carter, Forrest Elledge, Mason Moble, Hunter Williams, Sarah St. John, Tyler Braddy, Kelsey Berry, Kimberley Samaroo, Clara Harvey, Ashton Adkins, Anthony Griffis, Jr., Amber Welborn, Kaitlyn Corder, Lexy Knabb, Mikki Evans, Paige Smola, Chelsea Sanderson, Taylor Dopson, Mekenzi Hand

Most Improved- Desarae Toole

Most Outstanding- Brandon Davis

Athletic Award- James Johns, Kaleb Carter, Mekenzi Hand, Brandi Harrison

Donna Kirkland Award- Branda Jarvis

"Mack Attack" Award- Michael Boone

Gifted Class Award - Most Outstanding- Megan Anderson, Malory Osteen

TOP AR - 3 year total 1st place- Christina Gereshenski

TOP AR - 3 year total 2nd place- Kaleb Carter

TOP AR - 3 year total 2nd place- Rachel Sibley

2009-2010 AR Champion- Lauren Rain

"America the Beautiful" Award- Abigail Hinson

Take Stock in Children Scholarship- Jolonda Watts, Brandie Lee, Mikala Schaeffer, Madison Thompson, Kelsey Anderson

Special Award- Kiala Pigott, Shelby Johns

Perfect Attendance- Kevin Thomas, Destiny Yarbrough, Anthony Griffis, Jr., Mikki Evans, Lawrence Albritton III, Katelyn Ginder

Allie Crummey wins 3rd grade spelling bee

Allie Crummey, a third grader in Abbey Woods and Amy Blanken-ship's class at Macclenny Elementary, won that grade's spelling bee on May 28 after competing against 24 spellers from a dozen classes. She's pictured above with Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson. The youth, who enjoyed being on stage, said she had studied hard and knew she had to remain calm and remember all the things she had studied to win. Other spelling bee participants included Kaitlynn Morefield, Carsyn Griffis, Jared Gaskins, Abigail Craig, Skylar Hinson, Gareth Parker, Shannon Rodriguez, Jim Smith, Layden Pruit, Abbie Ruis, Lacey Nornstrom, Cheyenne Powell, Cheyenne Norman, Allie Fauble, Adison Goddard, Issac Henry, Chris Kellar, Mackenzie Webb, Noah Melvin, Gabby Schoolcraft, Stanley Lin, Alex Himmelhaver and Brianna Smallwood.



FFA holds year-end banquet

The Baker High FFA celebrated a year of successes and awards at its annual year-end banquet on May 20 in the BCHS auditorium. Sponsors Greg Johnson and Jessica Blythe handed out scholarships and recapped a year that has proven one of the best in the history of the local chapter.

Top scholarship winners were Kyndall Brooks, Bobby Gage and John David Peterson. Brooks and Gage, the chapter vice-president and president, took the Baker County Fair Board scholarships as well as others handed out that night.

Brooks also won the Bud Rhoden Scholarship. The Baker County FFA Alumni Scholarship went to Peterson, who also won the Robinson Family and Robinson Work Rehabilitation Services scholarship for a student in ag business.

Robinson's honey-making business qualified him for the award, which is designed to help a student expand their business in an agricultural area.

Brennen Baze, Matt Cantrell, and Kyndall Brooks were the winners of the workhorse awards.

The FFA gives out two distinguished service



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FFA's top officers: Kyndall Brooks and Bobby Gage.

awards for local businesses that help the chapter throughout the year. This year, the Baker County Farm Bureau and Country Federal Credit Union were recognized for their help and contributions.



Reagan Davis

Born May 6th

Josh and Crystal Davis of Glen St. Mary are proud to announce the birth of daughter Reagan Marie Davis on May 6, 2010 at Baptist Medical Center. Reagan weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18½" long.

Grandparents are Les and Sherry Huggard of Jacksonville, Jeff and Sue Davis and Richard Starn and Deborah Davis, all of Glen St. Mary.

Birthday party

The children of Jessie Lucas of Macclenny invite everyone to a birthday party in her honor on June 13 at First Baptist Church of Macclenny from 3:00-5:00 pm.

Miss Jessie will be turning 85 years young this year. Your presence will be your gift; she asks for nothing else.

Retirement gala

BCHS art teacher Marilyn Harrell will be the honoree at a retirement reception Saturday, June 12 at the main house on the Glen St. Mary Nursery from 5:00 - 9:00 pm.

All friends, colleagues and past art students are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring some of their art work to the reception. Please RSVP to Tiffany Armoreda on Facebook.

Two scholarships

Applications are being accepted at the district school office for the Neil and Beatrice Kirkland and Norma Kirkland college scholarships for prior graduates.

Applicants must have graduated from a high school or earned a GED diploma at least three years prior to making application.

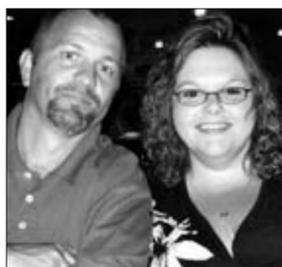
Contact Ann Burch at 259-0428 for other details. Application deadline is June 17.

Relay for life

Mark your calendars for June 12 at the "duck pond" Memorial Park in Macclenny for the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

It starts at noon followed by the Survivor Walk and luncheon. There will be a variety of food, music and games.

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Reception to be held

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Saturday, June 5, 2010
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Susie Boyle, 100, dies on May 27th

Susie Elizabeth Boyle, 100, of Sanderson, died May 27, 2010 at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital following an extended illness. Mrs. Boyle was a native of Sanderson and resided in Baker County for the past 27 years. Prior to living in Sanderson, she had resided in Jacksonville for 40 years. She was a member of the Christian Fellowship Temple Church.

Survivors include step-son Jimmy Boyle of Jacksonville; niece Mildred Anger of Sanderson; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held June 1 at 2:00 pm at the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. David Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Cedar Creek Cemetery in Sanderson.

Rev. Nevill, 86, dies on May 31st

Reverend Jimmy Nevill, 86, of Macclenny died May 31, 2010 at his home. He was born in Marked Tree, Arkansas to North A. Nevill and Minnie Pearl Nevill on October 24, 1923. Rev. Nevill was a resident of Macclenny for the last 32 years after moving from Callahan.



Jimmy Nevill

He honorably served in the US Navy in World War II. He was ordained in 1964 and served as the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Macclenny for 24 years, retiring in 2002. He was predeceased by wife of 59 years, Betty Jo Nevill and son Terry Nevill.

Survivors include children Linda (Peter) Theofield of Macclenny, Barbara (George) Roberts of Grapevine, TX, Jim (Patti) Nevill of Louisville, KY, Connie Denise (David) Jones of Trophy Club, TX, Anita (Clint) Combs of Jacksonville and Sandy Nevill Parker of Macclenny; sisters Patsy Selman and Maxine Henderson, both of Alabama; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Friday, June 4 at 1:00 pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Macclenny with pastors Michael B. Ramondetta and Dewayne Jowers officiating. Interment will follow at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny. The family will receive friends June 3 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the funeral home. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Tetstone, 21, dies May 29

Michael Ray Tetstone, age 21, of Lake Butler, Florida passed away May 29, 2010. Born in Gainesville, FL on March 10, 1989, Michael was known as a faithful friend and enjoyed working outdoors in his garden. Michael was described as a loving son, brother, and grandson, and was affectionately known to his family as "The Mama's Boy." He was predeceased by his grandfather, Leroy Sweat; his grandmother, Nancy Tetstone, and his great-grandparents Sylvester and Maxine Manning.



Michael Tetstone

He is survived by his mother, Sabra (James) Rhue of Olustee, FL, his father, Raiford Tetstone, Jr. of North Carolina, his sisters, Sandra (Nic) Watts of Lake Butler and Raishell Tetstone of Olustee, his brother, Raiford Tetstone, III of North Carolina, his long time companion, David Stegall of Lawtey, his grandparents, Billy Joe and Janice Sanford of Starke, his grandfather, Raiford Tetstone, Sr. of Olustee, niece, Chamberlin Watts, nephew Cory Watts, numerous uncles, aunts, and his cat Mimi.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 11:00 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Home Chapel in Macclenny, with Brother Tommy Anderson officiating. Interment will follow at Olustee Cemetery in Olustee, FL. The arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services. Visit www.ferreira-funeralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

Norm Devine, 73, dies on May 25th

Hugh Norman (Norm) Devine, 73, of Macclenny died on May 25, 2010. He was a long-time resident of Baker County, moving here from Mississippi. Mr. Devine was a veteran of both the Navy and US Merchant Marine.

He is survived by daughters Norma Jean Robinson (Daryl) of Glen St. Mary, Tammy Ann Devine (Donnie Davis) and six grandchildren; brother Richard Devine (Carol) and lifetime friend Shauna Callaway.

At Mr. Devine's request, there was no memorial service. Morning Funeral Home in Melrose, FL was in charge of arrangements.



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Clear skies at graduation

Skies looked threatening, but stayed clear for the Baker County High School commencement exercises which were held at Memorial Stadium Friday night, May 28. Over 300 seniors graduated this year. Above Haley Thigpen prays during the ceremony. Bottom right, co-valedictorians Jennifer Nguyen and Danielle Cole gives their speeches.



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2 BR, 1 BA mobile home in Glen, \$300 deposit, \$550/month, garbage pick-up, lawn maintenance. Service animals only. 259-2880, leave message on answering machine. 6/3-6/10p

3 BR, 1 BA house, large city lot, quiet neighborhood, no smoking, service animals only, \$775/month. 259-8444. 5/27tfc

3 BR, 2 BA brick home, 18 month lease, \$850/month, \$800 deposit. No smoking. 714 Chipshot Drive. 259-9797. 5/27tfc

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YARD SALES

Friday, 8:00 am-3:00 pm, 515 W. Linda Street, Macclenny. Big yard sale

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-2:00 pm, 7391 W. Smooth Bore Avenue in Glen. Moving/yard sale in garage so rain will not be a problem. Furniture - wood bedroom set from Rhodes, nice clothing, up to date household items. Good stuff. 121N to caution light at Steele Bridge/23C, turn left and go 1/2 mile and then turn left onto Odis Yarborough, turn onto Third Street on right is Parrot Riffle and right onto Smooth Bore, first house on left.

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Saturday, 8:00 am-?, Correction - this Saturday! 14271 N. SR 121. Church sale, household items, clothes, furniture, office supplies. New Life Church of God.

Saturday, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Old Nursery Plantation, end of Catherine Court. Clothes, guys stuff, lots of goodies. Two family

Saturday, 8:00 am-?, 23A, Ray Phillips, left on Webb, left on Persimmon, right on Ash. 1000 + items, antiques, women's plus, kids, ,tools. Details on Craigslist. 383-2180. Huge three family

Saturday, 8:00 am-noon, 695 Rox Run Circle.

Saturday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm, 125 N. Turn right at Altman's store onto 127, across the street from Cuyler Church on the right. Name brand baby toys and lots of low priced items. Watch for signs.

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Saturday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm, 4710 Maple Street, Macclenny II. Three sets end tables, Lazy Boy recliner, LCD monitor, baby stroller, kids clothes and toys.

Saturday, 9:00 am-?, 67 N. 6th Street, across from CVS. Women's boys and girls clothes and lots more.

Saturday 8:00 am-?, 719 Shortputt Drive. Truck tires, furniture, baby clothes and baby items. Huge, six family

Homes and mobile homes for rent from \$750-850 monthly. 259-2255 or 813-1580. 11/13tfc

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Lifting title tops 2010 Wildcat football gains new leader

If you're a big Wildcat fan, you had plenty to cheer about this school year. From a third consecutive weight lifting state championship to deep runs in the playoffs in football, baseball and softball, it was definitely a red and white year.

The top news for BCHS fans has to be the third consecutive title for the weight lifting team. New coach Scott McDonald continued the winning tradition, defeating arch-rival Arnold High School by one point and snatching a pair of individual state titles to boot.

Seniors Reuben Jackson and Cody Wheeler were both medalists at the state tournament.

The football team won the district title in a thrilling playoff by defeating Ribault 21-7 to host the first round of the post-season. The Cats took on Madison County and, in by far their best game of the season, stopped the Cowboys 26-17.

The following week, however they fell to the Godby Cougars of Tallahassee, 26-19. Godby's balanced offense proved the difference although the Wildcats battled back to within a touchdown.

After the season the Cats were rocked by the news that Coach Bobby Johns would be moving to Milton High in the Panhandle. He was replaced by Coach Ryan Sulkowski from Rifle High in Rifle, Colorado.

In baseball, the big news was that Coach John Staples is retiring from coaching at the end of this



Rueben Jackson and Cody Wheeler

season. It was a good year on the diamond, with the Wildcats winning playoff games against Bradford, Bishop Snyder and Union County and coming back to defeat Episcopal in a tournament game.

After beating Bolles in the regular season, the eventual state champs ousted BCHS from the playoffs on the Bulldogs' home field.

The fate of the softball team was eerily similar to that of the baseball team. The girls won their way through to the regional quarterfinals, where they came up against the buzz-saw that is Bolles. The Wildcats were shut out by the eventual state champions, again on the Bulldogs' home field.

Kiana Parker placed fifth in the state in the high jump for the girls track team.

Cat basketball had a down year by normal standards. They beat in the opening round of the district tournament but lost to



Bobby Johns



Ryan Sulkowski



John Staples

Bishop Snyder in the semi-finals.

The girls' basketball team looked good in the early going of the regular season, but after beating Baldwin twice in the regular season, inexplicably lost to the Indians in the district tournament.

The girls' volleyball team had a spotty season but made it through to the first round of the playoffs, losing 3-0 to Bishop Snyder.

In all, the strong performances leaves Wildcat fans hopeful for another exciting season to come when school resumes in the fall.

'Intriguing' finals match-up

FAT LADY ROBERT GERARD

The NBA got what it wanted this past weekend. It got a "classic."

A classic is a game with a guaranteed viewership. This year's classic is LA and Boston. Again.

What the league didn't want was Phoenix versus Orlando and when both teams came roaring back to challenge league officials had to be worried. It was needless worrying. The Celts polished off the feisty Magic and the Lakers dashed the Suns' hopes.

It sets up an intriguing series. The Celtics led their division but limped into the playoffs. They stopped the Cleveland Cavaliers, the team with the best record in the league and the Magic, who had the second best record. LA had the best record in the West and an outstanding 34-7 home record. Kobe Bryant is in great form, particularly on the road, where he has eight straight 30-point games.

Will this be one for the ages? Hard to say. The Celtics are banged up, but if you are wearing Celtic green and can't get up for the old enemy you must not have a pulse.

The Magic came back by out-muscling the Celts, something I never thought would happen. I don't know if the Lakers can summon that kind of strength but then again, can the Celts harness Kobe in the new Garden.

I don't watch much NBA basketball, but I will watch these finals whether they turn out to be the real definition of a classic or just the NBA's version.

The USA soccer team took off for South Africa on Sunday. They will take on England in their first game of the World Cup on June 11.

An estimated 2.6 billion people will watch the World Cup this month. That is almost half of the entire population of the planet.

I am one of those soccer devotees and here's my take on the USA squad.

They have a decent chance of getting out of their group into

Benefit softball game

The Macclenny Food Lion is organizing a charity males versus females softball game on July 17, with proceeds going to the Children's Miracle Network and Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville.

The store is seeking sign-ups now from teams and individuals. See Laura or Brittany at Food Lion for more details.

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Undefeated for LL minor title

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The Little League girls 9- and 10-year-old softball team Crush went undefeated with a record of 12-0 this season to take the minor league title. The final game of the three team division was played against team Rage May 22. Pictured (top row from left) are head coach David Crumme, Autumn Hutter, Allie Crumme, Mallory Godwin, Camryn Payne, Assistant coach Troy Richardson, (middle row from left) Alyssa Giddens, Madison Haller, Timbra Alford, (bottom row from left) Brianna Trionfo, Lillie Starling, Cheyenne Ball and Tori Richardson. Crush players not pictured are Lake Lewis and Bailey Hanks.

2010 MVP is Elasik

Johnny Elasik was named Most Valuable Player at the annual Wildcat baseball awards ceremony on May 23 in the BCHS auditorium. It was an emotional night for Coach John Staples, who will be closing out 18 years as a head baseball coach.

Other award winners were as follows:

- Wildcat award, Clayton Horne.
- Most improved, Matthew Blackmon.
- Wildcat legend award, Cameron Crews.
- Coaches award, Scooter Gross.
- Most valuable offensive player, Adam Holland.
- Most valuable defensive player, Klata Duval.
- Most valuable underclassman, Chris Waddell.
- Most valuable pitcher, Dillon Jones.
- Most valuable player, Johnny Elasik.



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Pee Wee division champs

The Yankees Little League team of 7- and 8-year-old boys in the Pee Wee division went undefeated on the season at 15-0. The season ended May 20 for the six-team division. Yankees coach John Clark said it was his first undefeated season and credited his players in the effort. "They worked really hard," he said. "I had a good bunch of boys that love to play ball." Pictured in front from left are A.J. Norman, Cameron Crawford, Mason Davis, Gage Griffis, Carson Crawford and Christian Taylor. Standing from left are Weston Johns, Jeremy Combs, Tyler Robinson, Jace Stokes and Parker Cason. Also pictured are coaches Charlie Stoke and Mr. Clark. Six of the Yankees players will compete in all-star play beginning June 7.

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