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62 apply in quest for new manager

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This week Baker County commissioners will review 62 resumes from applicants seeking to replace County Manager Joe Cone, who announced his retirement last April.

Among the hopefuls are seven men and one woman with ties to Baker County, either by residence or employment. They include engineers, business professionals, government workers and small business owners.

Commissioners haven't voiced a preference as to whether the next county manager should be required to live here, but rather that he or she is qualified for the job.

The position requires a bachelor's degree and six years of senior level management experience, according to an advertisement for the vacancy.

All the local candidates appear to have the requisite management experience. Two resumes, however, don't list bachelor's degrees — those of IT logistics director Greg Shepard and property manager Cherill Mobley.

Mr. Cone narrowed the overall list of applicants to about 30 by excluding those "not even remotely qualified," he said at the commission's August 16 meeting.

Nonetheless, the board opted to review all the applicants and recommend a dozen or so for discussion at the next commission meeting. It will be September 7 at 5:00 pm, 55 N. 3rd St. in Macclenny.

Advertisements for the post also asked that candidates have, "knowledge of budget/finance, human resources, purchasing, intergovernmental relations, planning and general county operations; strong interpersonal skills and commitment to team management and citizen participation/service."

The county manager's salary will be negotiated with the county commission, but the pay scale was advertised at between \$70,000 to \$90,000. Mr. Cone said he receives about \$89,000 a year plus vehicle and cell phone reimbursements.

Here's a close look at the qualifications of the eight local applicants:

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New school year means tighter caps on class sizes

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Davis, Burnett, Starling, Giddens win

County Commission District 4 (Party winners meet in the General Election November 4)		School Board District 3		School Board District 2	
Mike Conner	26%	Jesse Davis	51%	Artie Burnett	52%
Chris Rhoden	30%	Tina Mobley	49%	Paul Raulerson	48%
Donnie Starling	44%	JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR reporter@bakercountypress.com District 4 Baker County Commission candidates Adam Giddens and Donnie Starling survived their primary election bids August 24 and will meet in the general election November 4.			
Jeana Duval (R)	34%				
Adam Giddens (R)	66%	See page 4»			

Few glitches as school year begins

A dozen BCCHS classrooms still without AC

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A dozen classrooms at Baker County High School were still without air conditioning as the school year kicked off August 23.

The final phase of a multi-million-dollar overhaul of the schools heating, ventilation and cooling system has been ongoing all summer for buildings 7, 12 and 15.

It's on schedule and expected for completion in October.

BCCHS principal Tom Hill said the first day of the 2010-11 school year went well, although more students than usual showed up to enroll on opening day.

The parents of about 30 teens spent the first period filling out paperwork and getting other information from the front office. Usually only a handful register on the first day of school.

"Scheduling is really busy right now," Mr. Hill said the following day.

The school district rented a number of portable AC units for use at the high school, but one unit per classroom wasn't enough to keep temperatures down.

"It was honestly warmer in the room with the unit going than it was outside in the hallway," said the second-year principal.

Two units will be used in



PHOTOS BY KELLEY LANNIGAN AND JOEL ADDINGTON

Clockwise from above: Stormy Holton, instructional assistant at the middle school, makes sure students get their yearly planners. Verna Midgett gets the first lunch of the new school year ready in the middle school cafeteria.

some classrooms without AC and students will rotate through classrooms with the units during the planning periods of teachers regularly assigned to those rooms.

"We're in a little bit of flux," Mr. Hill said.

Sixty-six of the schools 78 classrooms have air conditioning.

The middle school's opening day, by comparison, was much less hectic. The only malfunction: the timer for the school's

automatic bell wasn't working.

BCMS principal Sherry Barrett blamed a lighting strike three weeks ago and said the bell will be activated manually until a replacement part arrives.

"We had a fantastic first day," she said. "The students came back to school so excited and the teachers were excited too. It was the smooth-

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Pummels daughter over salt on a steak

A Sanderson man was arrested for domestic battery on his 17-year-old daughter the evening of August 20.

The teen, who suffered facial bruising, told police her father turned violent after accusing her of sprinkling salt on the steak she was preparing for him.

Deputy Matt Sigers said neighbors called police after seeing the father and daughter exit their mobile home off Emily's Way into a yard where the father repeatedly struck the victim.

The officer found the teen crouched and crying near the front of the residence.

"My dad is drunk and he thinks I put salt on his steak but I didn't so he got mad and started a fight with me," said the daughter, adding she had been hit on the face and that her father attempted to choke her.

The accused was interviewed at a nearby residence and initially said he had only cursed at his daughter, then admitted to striking her.

"... she got smart with me and, yea, I did slap her upside the head a little bit," he is quoted as saying in the incident report. Deputy Sigers noted that

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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Clouds and sun with a t-storm; humid	Clouds and sun with a t-storm possible	Clouds and sun with a t-storm possible	Clouds and sun, a t-storm possible; breezy	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm possible	Partly sunny with a couple of showers	Sunny and less humid
High: 89° Low: 72°	High: 89° Low: 70°	High: 87° Low: 68°	High: 86° Low: 66°	High: 91° Low: 66°	High: 91° Low: 74°	High: 88° Low: 74°

Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

August 26 - September 1



Tides

Cedar Key	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31	Sep. 1
First high	3:23 a.m.	3:44 a.m.	4:06 a.m.	4:31 a.m.	4:59 a.m.	5:35 a.m.	6:21 a.m.
First low	9:31 a.m.	10:04 a.m.	10:38 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	11:58 a.m.	12:51 p.m.	1:22 a.m.
Second high	3:28 p.m.	4:03 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	5:21 p.m.	6:11 p.m.	7:18 p.m.	8:53 p.m.
Second low	9:46 p.m.	10:11 p.m.	10:38 p.m.	11:07 p.m.	11:41 p.m.	—	2:03 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31	Sep. 1
First high	9:43 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	10:58 a.m.	11:37 a.m.	12:18 p.m.	12:34 a.m.	1:21 a.m.
First low	3:44 a.m.	4:17 a.m.	4:50 a.m.	5:25 a.m.	6:04 a.m.	6:49 a.m.	7:43 a.m.
Second high	10:03 p.m.	10:39 p.m.	11:15 p.m.	11:53 p.m.	—	1:04 p.m.	1:57 p.m.
Second low	3:59 p.m.	4:36 p.m.	5:14 p.m.	5:55 p.m.	6:42 p.m.	7:37 p.m.	8:38 p.m.

Mayport	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31	Sep. 1
First high	10:21 a.m.	10:57 a.m.	11:32 a.m.	12:09 p.m.	12:22 a.m.	1:03 a.m.	1:50 a.m.
First low	3:53 a.m.	4:21 a.m.	4:48 a.m.	5:20 a.m.	5:58 a.m.	6:44 a.m.	7:39 a.m.
Second high	10:35 p.m.	11:09 p.m.	11:44 p.m.	—	12:49 p.m.	1:34 p.m.	2:28 p.m.
Second low	4:05 p.m.	4:38 p.m.	5:13 p.m.	5:53 p.m.	6:40 p.m.	7:36 p.m.	8:39 p.m.

St. Augustine	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31	Sep. 1
First high	9:49 a.m.	10:26 a.m.	11:04 a.m.	11:43 a.m.	12:24 p.m.	12:40 a.m.	1:27 a.m.
First low	3:46 a.m.	4:19 a.m.	4:52 a.m.	5:27 a.m.	6:06 a.m.	6:51 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Second high	10:09 p.m.	10:45 p.m.	11:21 p.m.	11:59 p.m.	—	1:10 p.m.	2:03 p.m.
Second low	4:01 p.m.	4:38 p.m.	5:16 p.m.	5:57 p.m.	6:44 p.m.	7:39 p.m.	8:40 p.m.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday 7:02 a.m.
 Sunset Thursday 7:58 p.m.
 Moonrise Thursday 8:47 p.m.
 Moonset Thursday 8:40 a.m.



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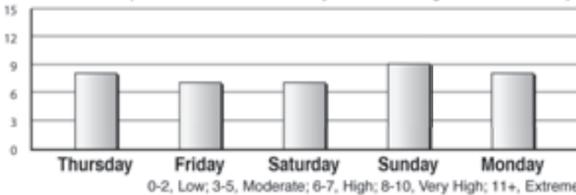
Jacksonville week ending Monday, Aug. 23.

Temperature
 High/Low for the week 97°/75°
 Normal high/low 89°/72°
 Average temperature 86.1°
 Normal average temperature 81.0°

Precipitation
 Total for the week 3.07"
 Total for the month 4.88"
 Total for the year 23.80"
 Normal for the month 4.88"
 Normal for the year 33.61"

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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
Aug 26	12:18 a.m.	6:29 a.m.	12:39 p.m.	6:49 p.m.
Aug 27	1:02 a.m.	7:11 a.m.	1:21 p.m.	7:31 p.m.
Aug 28	1:46 a.m.	7:56 a.m.	2:06 p.m.	8:16 p.m.
Aug 29	2:31 a.m.	8:42 a.m.	2:53 p.m.	9:03 p.m.
Aug 30	3:20 a.m.	9:31 a.m.	3:42 p.m.	9:53 p.m.
Aug 31	4:10 a.m.	10:22 a.m.	4:34 p.m.	10:46 p.m.
Sep 1	5:02 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	11:40 p.m.

River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	—	10.61	+0.12
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	6.87	+0.02
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	3.95	+0.53
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.72	+0.06
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	51.54	-0.10



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Eight locals among applicants

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Ed Preston
 Mr. Preston has been the director of Baker County's planning and zoning department since 2006.

He received a bachelor's degree in urban planning from Jacksonville University in 1981 and resides in Jacksonville's Springfield neighborhood.

Mr. Preston has worked for the Northeast Florida Regional Council as the nonprofit regional planning organization's chief planner and for the City of Jacksonville's emergency preparedness division as a senior planner.

Before that he worked for a number of for-profit planning firms including his own consulting firm in the 1990s.

"The board knows that in the four years I have served as planning and zoning director, balancing competing interests and reaching consensus on complex issues of development has been my hallmark," Mr. Preston wrote in his cover letter.

He included with his resume three letters of recommendation — from Jim McGauley, publisher and managing editor of *The Press*, the school district's facilities director Denny Wells and the City of Macclenny's assistant city manager Roger Yarbrough.

Greg Sheppard

Mr. Sheppard's resume describes his 28 years of experience in "global delivery, business analysis, project execution including new business/customer implementations, project management and international team management" with an emphasis on "global supply chain management, third-party logistics, domestic and international freight, manufacturing and US Department of Defense service industries."

Since 2000 he's worked for Neptune Orient Lines [NOL] in Jacksonville as the director of an IT logistics group.

The Sanderson resident also spent 15 years Columbia Research Corporation in Lexington Park, Maryland as a senior consultant. He holds certifications in IT service management and professional project management.

Thomas Volz

Mr. Volz started serving as the sheriff's department's victim advocate and background investigator in May 2009 after working in real estate and construction since 2002.

The Macclenny resident graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1999 with a bachelor of arts degree and holds Florida real estate and contractor licenses.

His resumes also shows he's worked as a chain restaurant manager, an account executive for a wine and liquor distributor and an account executive with UPS.

"My experiences are extensive and diverse," reads Mr. Volz's cover letter. "I maintain an all-around management style with exceptional leadership, presentation, training, development, communication and team building skills."

David Richardson

Mr. Richardson began his career as an attendance officer for the school district in 1988 after graduating from the University of Florida with a sociology degree.

The Glen St. Mary resident has spent 28 years with the county's Emergency Medical Services [EMS] department, which he leads today as director emergency services.

Mr. Richardson, a 1981 BCHS graduate, is certified as a fire firefighter and paramedic.

He holds certificates from Florida State University in public and supervisory management, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Florida.

Mr. Richardson owned and managed the Baker County Saw and Mower Shop in Macclenny for five years before selling the business in 2002.

"Managing are large county department has allowed exposure to and understanding of county processes, employee issues, payroll, discipline, budgeting, planning, grants, purchasing and policy review only to name a few. I believe my familiarity with the various departments and officials in Baker County has also given me a good sense of the direction the county is heading,"

Mr. Richardson wrote in his letter to the board.

Tracy Lamb

Ms. Lamb owns Value Driven LLC, a Glen St. Mary business appraisal company.

The 1999 Jacksonville University graduate is a member of the American Institute of Appraisers, Institute of Business Appraisers, National Center for Employee Ownership, Estate Planning Council of Northeast Florida and National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

She holds a bachelor's degree in finance and economics.

The Glen resident spent nine years at the Jacksonville-based boutique business valuation firm Sheldrick, McGehee & Kohler LLC and one year building a valuation practice in Jacksonville for the national accounting firm RSM McGladrey, Inc.

"After doing appraisals for several years, I began to train other appraisers and take on more of a managerial capacity," her cover letter states. "So not only have I honed my project management skills, but also employee management."

C.J. Thompson

Mr. Thompson, a Blue Cross Blue Shield program manager for more than six years, described himself as "a highly effective, results-oriented leader with broad experience in program management, strategic planning and budgeting," according to his resume.

The Macclenny resident obtained a master's degree in business administration from Florida State University in 2004 and a bachelor's degree in finance the previous year.

Mr. Thompson is chairman of the county's Land Planning Agency and has a seat on the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

He's also been appointed to a number of local and regional advisory groups like the county's Public Safety Coordinating Council and Jacksonville Transportation Authority's Regional Transportation Study Advisory Panel.

His public sector experience includes a stint with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee as an assistant contract manager from 2001 to 2004.

"My experience as a program manager ... has required me to manage multiple project teams simultaneously; consistently providing the leadership necessary to ensure success," reads Mr. Thompson's cover letter. "In addition, my dedication and willingness to serve Baker County in any capacity needed over the last several years highlights my passion and commitment to the betterment of our county."

He submitted four letters of recommendation — from Mercantile Bank president John Kennedy, the City of Macclenny's City Manager Gerald Dopson, state representative Janet Adkins and Brian Teeple, director of the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

Cherill Mobley

Mr. Mobley graduated from BCHS in 1959 before joining the Marine Corps and serving as an anti-tank weapons operator, driver, assistant gunner and shooting coach, among other duties.

He left the military in 1963 as a corporal to work for a paper

company in St. Mary's, GA. In the early 1970s the Macclenny resident served as a police officer for the City of Macclenny.

The bulk of Mr. Mobley's career was spent as a loan officer at the former Citizens Bank of Macclenny and he now manages a 400-plus-acre hunting preserve and rental properties.

He also serves on the Council on Aging's governing board.

Kevin Shell

Mr. Shell has been a transportation engineer for 35 years working with the Florida Department of Transportation in early 1980s and a host of private firms since, most recently Ayers and Associates of Jacksonville.

The Macclenny resident holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Dayton in Ohio and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and American Society of Highway Engineers.

He's been serving on one of the county's comprehensive plan update committees and the St. Mary's River Management Committee.

"I have considerable relevant

work experience ... In particular, during the work I performed on the Better Jacksonville Plan and numerous FDOT projects, I worked closely with many municipal and state officials," Mr. Shell wrote in his letter to commissioners.



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Service fee for EMS needed

IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

Nobody likes "fee for service" costs above what they already pay in property taxes. Nobody, except people who pay taxes and want to saddle those who don't with some of the cost.

Such is the case with pending fees to help close the deficit in the county's emergency medical services [EMS] department. It's currently running about \$300,000 short on an annual budget of \$1.4 million.

The county commission is poised to make a decision soon on EMS fees and should not be skittish when it does so. Rescue services are vital to the community, the department here has an excellent reputation and EMS is a prime example of a government operation that begs for subsidy by fee.

Everyone should be involved, much the same as they are for the garbage and fire fees currently assessed.

Based on figures that have been juggled around so far, the fee could range between \$30-\$50 a year depending on participation levels by residents of Glen St. Mary and Macclenny. They would be assessed on a per-residential parcel basis. Commercial property would not be involved.

Making EMS more self-funding also frees up money for the county to use elsewhere, and there's no shortage of "elsewheres" in other departments that do not lend themselves to fee-based revenues.

It's not unreasonable to ask people to kick in \$40 or \$50 a year — roughly the cost of a night out for two — to keep a rescue service fiscally healthy. If you

need a rescue ambulance sometime during the year, you or your insurance company will be liable for the other charges involved, of course.

In the case of people enrolled in government plans like Medicare and Medicaid — and there's more of them all the time — the

annual fee is pretty much all they'll pay anyway. It's a bargain, my friends.

User fees are criticized, many times correctly, as "sneaky taxes." In the case of Baker County EMS, that is not the case. They will go directly to shore up a deficit in a much-needed government

service that runs efficiently and merits the support of everyone living in the county.

The commission need not shy away from enacting them and taking a leadership role convincing Macclenny and Glen St. Mary boards to do the same.

Profit motive trumps clean St. Johns River

THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

An article in a recent online edition of the *Florida Times-*

Union described how a Putnam County paper mill located near Palatka is planning to build a wastewater pipeline that will empty into Rice Creek, which flows into the St. Johns River.

According to the article, Rice Creek is a stream that already consists of mostly mill wastewater and fails state water standards, even though a decade ago equipment was installed to counter cancer-causing dioxin emissions.

Mill representatives sent reports to state officials claiming the creek is cleaner than a decade ago, but admitting that it still doesn't pass muster.

The woes of the St. Johns River have been in the news a lot lately. The once beautiful body of water is polluted, in some parts, terribly. I know. I've seen the evidence myself.

Regarding this wastewater pipeline, the St. Johns River Keeper, a watchdog organization that works to protect the river and sound alarms about inappropriate industrial practices that potentially threaten it, is far from happy. In fact, the organization has been protesting the building of said pipeline for a number of years.

The *Times-Union* reported that at a recent Jacksonville City Council meeting where the issue came up, the mill's public affairs manager stated: "If we're going to meet water quality standards consistently and reliably, it's really necessary to go ahead with the pipeline."

Are they serious?

I don't get the concept of dumping polluted industrial wastewater into a creek to begin with, under any circumstances. It's my understanding that just the water that runs off the surface of the roads on which we drive is hazardous to the environment. To deliberately dump the toxic by-product of industrial processes into creeks and rivers seems heinous.

Industry drives our society and has made possible our standard of living. We'd be hard pressed to suddenly have to do without our roads, but our approaches are flawed if the natural world pays a steep price.

In the mid-20th Century, harnessing nuclear energy to meet the energy needs of a growing population made sense on the one hand.

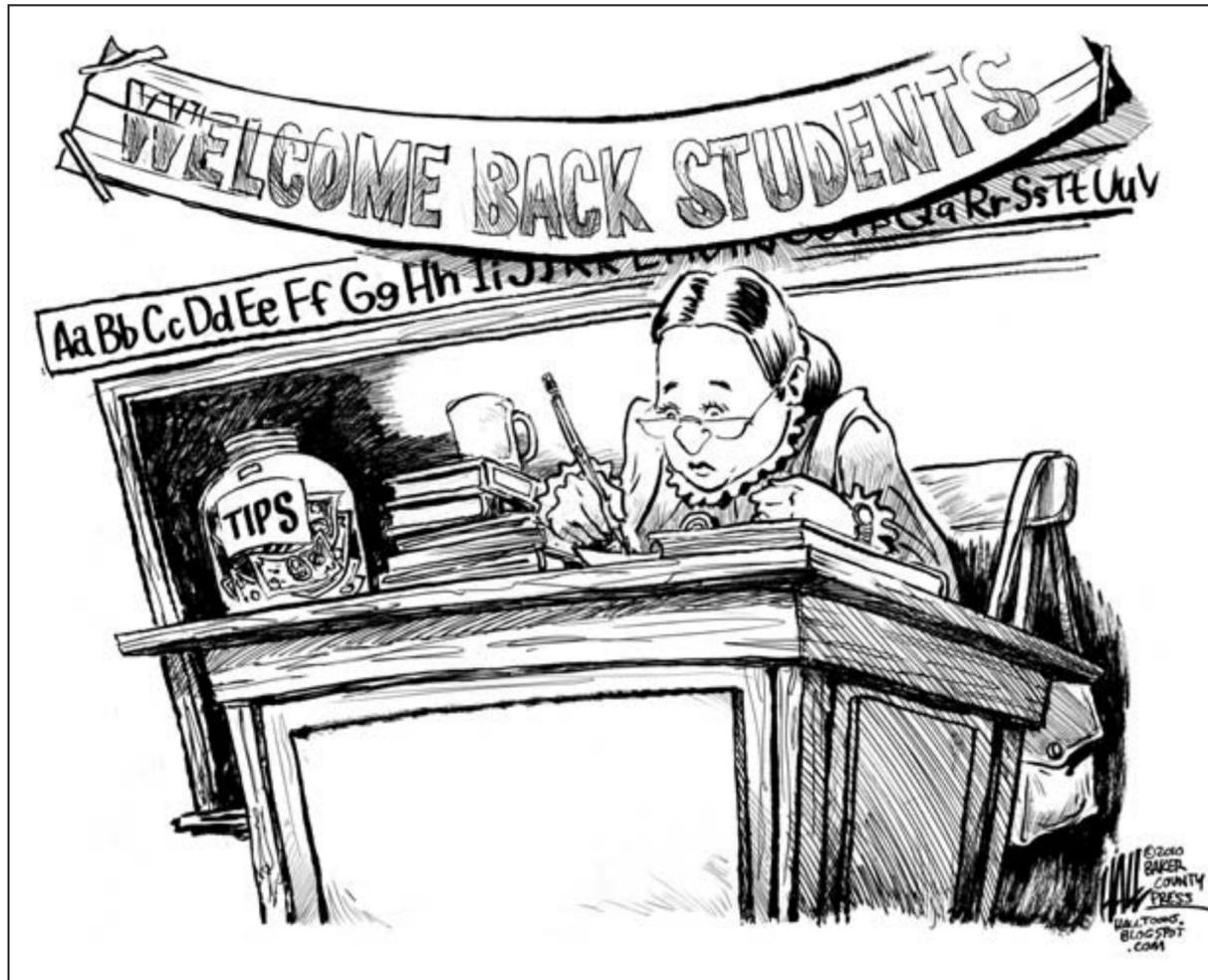
But putting the practice into place without also developing an adequate and safe procedure to deal with the waste by-product of spent fuel rods which are still dangerously radioactive seemed pure folly.

Yet, that's exactly what's been done for decades. There never has been a permanent solution, only temporary stop gap measures. Most high-level nuclear waste is sunk in cement holding tanks in the ground that are filled with boric acid. Not comforting, given that this type of waste takes several thousand years to become stable and non-reactive. And we create more and more of it as the years go by. Free standing cement bunkers are now being utilized for storage because the holding tanks are filling up.

There's a bottom line and it's an unfortunate one: turning a profit is clearly the priority and what to do with the garbage seems to always be an afterthought.

In the meantime, if the mill pipeline goes through, it's just more of the same. Companies seem to have no problem turning a blind eye to the problems they create. Being good stewards and developing good housekeeping measures matter little.

The St. Johns is in serious trouble and it appears the story will ultimately end badly.



A summer of unfulfilled grand 'to do' plans

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

I'm bleary-eyed and grumpy. No, that's *not* the way I always am. I'm bleary-eyed and grumpy because summer is officially over and I am back at work.

It's a strange thing about summer. I always start it with so many grand plans, and then when I evaluate those grand plans at the end of the summer hardly any of them have been completed.

Somehow, I don't think I'm alone in that, but it feels that way.

Here are some of the things that were on my To Do list.

- Replace the back door.

The back door has slowly deteriorated as something chewed on the bottom. We worried it might

be termites, but the pest control guy said it was ants in search of water. I had no idea that thirsty ants could eat wood.

Ants must be the supermen of bugs if they can eat wood as well as leaves and stuff. With the amount of damage they've done to my door, they must have had ant construction crews out at night with cranes and dump trucks and portable lights. At 2:00 am my back porch must resemble the construction on US 90.

My door remains in place without the least bit of work done on it by me and a ton of work done on it by the ants.

I like to think of it as a work in progress. Unfortunately, on my end there has been plenty of progress and no work.

• I also intended to lose weight. I am in the Baker County Community Theatre's production

of *Lend Me a Tenor* and really didn't want audiences to think it's Moby Dick the great white whale up there on stage, so I endeavored to lose weight.

This falls under the category of plenty of work and *no* progress.

I cut out soft drinks. I ate healthy foods. I got up early in the morning and walked. I even bought some of those fancy shape up exercise shoes with the tapered soles that are supposed to tone you up.

Right. All they did was make me seasick.

I thought the pounds would just fall off of me like they did when I was in my thirties. I did basically the same thing back then and lost 30 pounds in six weeks. Now it's the end of the summer I don't look any different. I can't manage to explain that except that I'm being punished for gloating back in my thirties.

• I also intended to fix our bathroom tub.

One of our first purchases as a married couple was a wonderful cast iron and porcelain claw-

footed tub from the 1920s. This gigantic thing weighs about 150 pounds and still has the original fittings.

Therein lies the rub, as Shakespeare would say.

It is almost impossible to get fixtures from the 1920s. They are as dead and gone as Al Capone.

For years I postponed actually hooking up my tub because I couldn't find the fixtures. Finally, I gave in and bought modern fixtures.

But oddly enough, whether it's 1925 or 2010, one simple fact remains. Plumbing isn't going to fix itself. There are no plumbing fairies that come like ants in the middle of the night. If they were ants, the work would be done and they would be doing the backstroke in my bubble bath.

Instead there's me, and the tub remains a large repository for dirty clothes.

Isn't that odd how certain home fixtures and appliances seem to attract clothes?

My son has a foosball table. He probably hasn't played a game of foosball in five years because

he can't see it. It is covered with clothes. I suggested to him that he take it with him to his apartment in Gainesville.

"Where would I put my clothes?"

"Hmm? The closet?"

"Dad."

In a couple of weeks the table will make its way to Gainesville because he will discover that he has nowhere to put his clothes in the apartment.

We once owned a treadmill. We used it briefly until we discovered that it required you to sweat. After that, we hung clothes on it.

In short, I seemed to have accomplished very little this summer. I lay around the house watching the World Cup and reading books. I made lists and projects and then ignored them. I watched television and visited friends.

Now that I review my summer, it actually sounds pretty good to me. The ants certainly agree with me. Out on the porch they are giving me a thumbs up.

Or whatever ants use for thumbs.



Facebook fans

'What you had to say ...'

We asked our Facebook fans August 23, "Now that the first school day is behind us, how did it go for the kids? the parents?" Here's what you had to say ...

Katie Elizabeth Hutcheson: "The 7 periods of school at BCHS is so horrible. The administrators are too strict. And this is my senior year, I was looking forward to it. Now I want it over and done with."

Ryan Bellovich: "This was like the worst first day of school that I have ever had and this is my senior year. No

air conditioning in most classes and no one knew what to do or where to go. Everything was so chaotic. But I'm glad that I don't have to stay there for a full day. I feel sorry for the kids that do though."

Melissa Pelfrey: "Lines at Westside were almost an hour long for pickup."

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SUV slams into postal carrier; 2 injured

Both drivers were seriously injured the morning of August 21 when the 2004 Ford SUV (right) collided with the 1999 Chevrolet SUV in the background on US 90 in east Glen St. Mary. Trooper Dan Myers of the Florida Highway Patrol said both vehicles were eastbound about 10:30 when the Ford driven by Malissa Tubberville, 26, of Glen failed to slow and struck the rear of the second vehicle driven by Jennifer Ann Martin, 33, also of Glen. Ms. Martin, a carrier for the Glen post office, had slowed near the south shoulder to deposit mail on a roadside box. Both were taken to the hospital and later released. Ms. Tubberville's 2-year-old son was in the vehicle with her but was not injured. Trooper Myers charged her with careless driving.

Fraud, prescription theft Two accused of stealing morphine

A Macclenny man was named in a criminal complaint for stealing prescribed morphine patches intended for his ex-wife, and a female accomplice is accused of presenting false identification at a local pharmacy to obtain the prescription on August 14.

An employee at CVS Pharmacy downtown confirmed that Olgay Davis, 42, was the person who picked up the patches that evening, claiming to be Patricia Stephens, 41, also of Macclenny.

Deputy Patrick McGauley said the patches had been intended for Ms. Stephens, and when Ms. Davis brought them to her, seven of the 10 were missing. Ms. Davis later told the deputy that Mr. Stephens took them.

The incident was reported on August 19 by Gwendolyn Walls, the mother of Ms. Stephens, and Deputy McGauley's report notes that Ms. Davis initially denied picking up the patches from CVS, then said she could not remember whose name she signed.

She apparently also showed the victim's identification at the time.

When the officer went to the residence of Ms. Davis and Mr. Stephens on Pine Oaks Circle, he said the latter appeared to be intoxicated or high on drugs with slurred speech, poor balance and the inability to remain awake.

In other recent cases:
• Richard Pietrowski, 40, of Macclenny was arrested for disorderly intoxication the evening of August 21 while a guest at the Macclenny Travelodge.

Employee Denise Byrnes told Deputy Brandon Kiser that Mr. Pietrowski several times came to the motel office creating a disturbance, once by tossing money at her then attempting to hop over

a counter.

Motel guests also complained about his behavior, and Deputy Kiser said he told the suspect to remain in his room and sober up, only to see him shortly after heading back to the office. He was then arrested.

The officer said Mr. Pietrowski acted in a self-destructive manner while at the emergency room at Fraser Hospital and on the way to county jail.

• Deputy McGauley charged Judy Young, 52, of Macclenny with a similar offense after she became unruly while at a residence off North Boulevard the evening of August 19.

Ms. Young several times refused requests by the officer and others to leave the premises, and once under arrest she had to be taken to the ground after refusing to be handcuffed.

She was also charged with resisting arrest.

• Robert Baglin, 20, of Macclenny was charged with underage possession of alcohol after

his pickup was stopped by the same deputy near US 90 and CR 125 in Glen St. Mary early on August 20.

Deputy McGauley said Mr. Baglin's 2007 Nissan had a defective tail light, and the driver admitted to having 11 cans of beer in a cooler stashed in the truck bed.

A 17-year-old male passenger was not charged in the incident just before 3:00, and Mr. Baglin was given a citation for the faulty light and a verbal warning for having a small amount of marijuana residue on the passenger seat.

He said a man he did not know purchased the beer for him earlier that night.

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Schools open here

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est first day we've had in a long, long time.»

The school's new band director, Nancy Dee Waters, contributed to the first-day buzz too, by walking the hallways before the first bell playing a saxophone.

"The kids were excited by that. We felt like we almost had a parade before school," Ms. Barrett said.

Beyond the high school's return to a seven-period class schedule and a relocation of the drop-off staging area at the pre-K/kindergarten center to East Boulevard, school routines remained similar to last year's. The move helped alleviate traffic backups on South Boulevard and South 6th Street.

"We had a really smooth opening," said Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson early this week. "You worry about the changes, but everybody's been flexible and worked together. Everyone's been just super."



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Primary election results...

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Democrats Michael Conner and Chris Rhoden were eliminated along with Republican Jeana Duval from the commission race.

Republican Jimmy Anderson will face incumbent commissioner Alex Robinson, a Democrat, for the District 2 seat. They were not included on the partisan primary ballots.

Tuesday's election also resulted in two new school board members.

Artie Burnett defeated long-time school board member Paul Raulerson in the District 4 race by only 171 votes.

Jesse Davis took the District 3 school board seat by an even slimmer 52-vote margin, beating fellow political newcomer Tina Mobley.

The District 3 school board race remained neck-and-neck as Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford read aloud totals from the county's nine precincts, one by one as they came into the Macclenny elections office.

Modem and telephone problems delayed some results, which had to be hand delivered about 8:00 pm.

Mr. Davis, a Macclenny resident and insurance executive, held a one-vote lead after results were in from all but one precinct.

"We were really nervous," he said later that evening. "But I was always comfortable that win or lose, I'm wasn't going to stop serving the community."

He serves on the Land Planning Agency and Council on Aging's board of directors.

The 34-year-old father of three thanked Ms. Mobley — a property manager, bookkeeper and sporting goods store manager with deep roots in the community — for running a spirited race.

"She almost won," he said. "But this [election] is a resounding statement that the old guard doesn't have the power that it used to. A new guy like me can come in with the right ideas and

convictions and the desire to serve, and do it."

He hopes the primary results will inspire others to seek public office too.

"Maybe people who wanted to run but didn't think they could because they didn't have the right family or they didn't have enough money," said Mr. Davis. "This is an inspiring moment for those people. If I can do it, they can do it. I hope people get that message. We always need new leaders."

Mr. Burnett, 52, is also new to public office.

"I'm happy things turned out well and I appreciate the people of Baker County giving me a vote

of confidence," said the corrections officer and Glen St. Mary resident.

"I realize it was a close vote, but I hope people that supported Mr. Paul [Raulerson] will allow me to represent them just like everyone else ... I feel like I have some big shoes to fill. I hope I can live up to the standard he's set and continue to work with school board members and administrators to bring about the best education system for the children of Baker County."

Ms. Crawford reported turnout for the primary was 36 percent of the county's 13,673 registered voters.



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TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY

Proposed Glen budget holds the line

The Town of Glen St. Mary appears resolved this year to hold the line on spending in light of shrinking revenues from the state and other sources.

The town council will not vote on final approval of its 2010-11 spending until later next month, but the board during its regular meeting August 17 raised no objections and asked few questions when Mayor Juanice Padgett presented it that evening.

In the general fund, total spending is planned at \$173,490, down from the amended current plan at \$181,493 that ends at the end of September.

The difference is due to a \$7000 reduction in Glen's capital outlay spending next fiscal year — none is planned. The town recently used that allotment to purchase a new riding lawn mower.

General fund spending in Glen has dropped by \$7,000 due to a lack of capital outlay.

Mayor Padgett kept spending on most other major categories at the same levels as this year. The largest category on the expense side is salaries of the town's three employees, Mayor Padgett and the other four council members.

They amount to nearly \$81,000 absent retirement and payroll taxes.

On the revenue side, transfer of utility tax income from sewer and water into the gen-

eral fund translated into a bookkeeping hike in total anticipated revenue to the town of \$173,830, up from \$168,530.

Utility taxes are the largest single source of revenue, followed by electric franchise taxes and sales tax. Glen St. Mary does not levy ad valorem property taxes.

The town breaks out separate budgets for water and sewer, and for impact and water capacity fees. With the exception of anticipated revenues of \$1500 in the school service area, impact fee income has dried up to virtually nothing.

Glen St. Mary anticipates \$1000 more in water capacity fees based on recent increases in rates enacted by the City of Macclenny at the behest of the St. Johns Water Management District.

Son accused of forging mom's checks

A Macclenny woman accused her son of stealing four checks and forging them for a total of \$1414 including a \$70 fee for one that bounced.

Shirley Smallwood said Zachary Smallwood, 26, also of Macclenny took the checks from a business account and forged them for amounts ranging between \$279 to \$400.

Deputy William Hilliard said he telephoned the accused, who said he was out of town and unavailable to meet the officer to discuss the allegations.

The officer then filed a criminal complaint for grand theft and fraud. The state attorney's office will make a decision on prosecution.

In other theft reports:

- Elizabeth Chessman of Macclenny called police when she returned home August 19 from

the hospital and found that her North 7th St. residence had been looted of a computer, diamond earrings, a printer, digital camera and \$200 cash.

Total value of the loss was not indicated in the case report by Sgt. Tony Norman, but police found no sign of forced entry into the locked residence.

Ms. Chessman said she left the address abruptly about 11:40 on August 16 when she went into labor.

- Johnny Sanders called police on August 19 when a riding lawn mower was not returned to his residence off Black Jack Rd. near Macclenny as promised.

He told Sgt. Norman he allowed Garrett Gray, 23, of Macclenny to borrow the \$600 mower on August 16 on the premise that he use it to mow lawns to earn money because his children

had no food.

Mr. Gray allegedly promised to return the mower in two days. He was named in a complaint for grand theft.

- Romona Robertson told police on August 17 an ex-boyfriend may be responsible for the theft of a television and DVD player from her residence on MLK Dr. in Macclenny.

She told Sgt. James Marker she was away from the residence between 9:00-11:30 that evening. Both items were in a bedroom and there was no sign of forced entry.

Sgt. Marker interviewed the suspect later and he admitted to having a key to the residence but denied involvement.

The property was valued at \$350.

- A purse and contents were taken from a vehicle belonging

to Annie Boyette of Glen St. Mary the morning of August 16 after she parked it at the Glen post office.

She told police she left the purse under the front seat and returned minutes later to find it had been taken, along with four credit cards, a driver's license, checkbook and \$200.

- Someone entered vehicles belonging to Tommy Hines and his wife during the night or early morning of August 16 and took both sets of keys and a case with 15 CDs.

The vehicles were parked at their residence off Odis Yarborough Rd., and Mr. Hines told Deputy Rodney Driggers two white males that morning had sought help pulling a vehicle out of a nearby ditch.

- Natasha McCaul called police the morning of August 22 when she discovered a Clay High class ring valued at \$700 was missing from her vehicle.

It was parked overnight off Deerfield Rd. south of Macclenny and the victim gave Cpl. Ben Anderson the names of three possible suspects.

Driver had 24 suspensions

A sheriff's deputy arrested a motorist the morning of August 19 after learning his driver's license had been suspended 24 times.

Deputy Earl Lord said he stopped a 2006 Ford driven by Darrick Pickens, 30, of Lake City about 8:45 after spotting it exceeding the speed limit on US 90 in the vicinity of Baker Correctional prison east of Olustee.

Mr. Pickens initially said he was at the wheel because he had a permit to drive for employment purposes. He was unable to produce it, nor did Deputy Lord find any verification of the claim on computerized motor vehicle records.

The officer's report did not

mention prior offenses resulting in the suspensions. Mr. Pickens was also issued a warning ticket for speeding.

In other cases:

- Deputy Matt Sigers stopped a 2006 Pontiac just after 6:00 the evening of August 22 after noting its driver was not wearing a seat belt as she headed west on North Boulevard in Macclenny.

Driver Khrystal Luntsford, 19, of Macclenny has six prior license suspensions, the officer learned. He also ticketed her for the seat belt infraction.

- Brandon King, 23, of St. Petersburg was arrested on a similar offense when the 2006 Chevrolet pickup he was driving was stopped after it turned into

a private driveway on St. Mary's Circle west of Macclenny the evening of August 20.

Deputy James Marker said he stopped to question Mr. King and a passenger about 7:45 based on a report of a suspicious vehicle in the residential area.

A computer check revealed the driver had three prior suspensions. Passenger Darrell Choppe, 26, of Cocoa was charged with resisting arrest for initially giving Sgt. Marker a false name and birth date.

Mr. Choppe did not have a license or identification, and told the officer he avoided giving his real name because he believed there were warrants out for his arrest.

Pummels daughter over steak

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the father was drinking alcohol and unsteady on his feet when interviewed.

In another domestic battery case sparked by a trivial matter earlier the same day, police arrested both parties after an argument over spark plug wires.

Deputy Shawn Bishara said he responded to a residence off Anna Bell Pl. near Macclenny about 9:30 and charged Candace Jennings, 23, with aggravated assault with a shovel handle.

Ms. Jennings allegedly became irate when her vehicle

stalled enroute to a store, and she blamed a 17-year-old male who resides at the same address.

The youth was arrested for grabbing Ms. Jennings by the throat during a scuffle and choking her.

- Tammy Peterson, 27, of Macclenny was arrested about midday on August 22 for choking boyfriend Christopher Cooley, 34, during an argument at their residence off Barber Rd.

Deputy Daniel Nichols said he observed scratches and redness about Mr. Cooley's face and neck, and was told the girlfriend struck

him and attempted to choke him after returning home.

Earlier, the couple had been riding a motorcycle and stopped at the Fastway convenience store on Woodlawn Ave., where Ms. Peterson allegedly told the boyfriend "she was done with him" and going to a friend's residence.

The boyfriend then drove off without her.

- A criminal complaint for domestic battery was filed the night of August 22 against Carmus Shaw, 27, of Macclenny for allegedly pushing girlfriend Christina Jones, 21, to the ground during an argument on Quail Lane.

Ms. Jones told Deputy Sigers the argument stemmed from her boyfriend speaking with another female.

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EMS deficit runs \$303K County is considering a service fee

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Unpaid bills for emergency medical services [EMS] cost the general fund and taxpayers about \$303,000 a year, and the Baker County Commission may soon consider a property assessment to make up some or all of the shortfall.

Primarily, EMS staffs two 9-1-1 ambulances and a third transport unit stationed at Fraser Memorial. The latter also functions as a backup for the primary units.

The department's annual budget is roughly \$1.4 million.

The commission adopted an ordinance in June 2009 enabling the establishment of an EMS fee, but commissioners failed to specify any amount.

Then last week the board directed county staff to study the matter and present a recommendation to the county board, which can set the assessment.

EMS director David Richardson said the assessment, if approved, would appear on residential property owners' tax bills, not those of commercial property owners, beginning in the fall of 2011.

Mr. Richardson's secretary handles billing for EMS services and collects about 60 percent of what's owed.

"That [the percentage] is really pretty good," he said, "given we're a small rural county."

There are 6876 residential parcels in unincorporated Baker County. Should only those property owners carry the \$303,000 burden, each parcel could be assessed about \$44 a year.

Adding residential parcels in Glen St. Mary and Macclenny increases the total to 9265. An evenly distributed per parcel assessment could drop to roughly \$32 a year in that instance.

County officials have advocated for property assessments to fund services, like those for garbage collection and fire protection, because of disparities in traditional property taxes, also

known as ad valorem taxes. The fire assessment is \$30.50 per parcel and the garbage fee is \$55.

While unrestricted in their use, ad valorem taxes are subject to a host of exemptions and caps, particularly for homesteaded properties.

Owners of property valued at less than \$50,000 — the amount of value exempted for taxation on homesteaded land — pay nothing in ad valorem taxes while more valuable residential and commercial properties shoulder most of the property tax burden.

Conversely, property assessments don't fluctuate with changes in taxable value or state law, and commissioners can adjust the fees annually to reflect

the cost of providing services. Funds generated by assessments are limited in their use, however. They must cover costs associated with a specified service. For instance, fire protection fees can't be used to purchase road graders.

"Everyone in this county expects EMS rescue to show up when they call 9-1-1," said Commissioner Gordon Crews during the board's August 16 meeting. "Not to do anything, is not the answer."

The Glen Town Council and Macclenny Commission will need to approve any assessment for it to be effective within those jurisdictions.

"That's the plan," said Mr. Crews.

EMS receipts cover 75%

If the county commission enacts a service fee for emergency medical services (rescue) as expected, it will be designed to close the deficit gap in the department's \$1.4 million annual budget.

At present, department chief David Richardson says EMS is about \$300,000 short on the revenue-to-expense ratio, though the Baker County operation comes closer to recouping what it spends than many others.

"We're close to covering 75 percent of our costs by the revenues we collect, and that's better than many EMS operations," said Mr. Richardson.

Last fiscal year, EMS billings were \$1.09 million and allowing for "contractual discounts" the net billing stood at \$884,591. The department collected \$689,000 from patients, and both private and public insurance sources.

EMS's transport arm — mostly runs from Fraser Hospital to hospitals in Jacksonville — is averaging a \$6000 monthly profit on gross revenues of around \$37,000.

The surplus funds are plowed back into the 20-employee department's general budget, but Mr. Richardson says they are intended for vehicle replacement.

The remainder of revenues come from charges for patient treatment and in-county transfers set on a staggered basis depending on level of care. Those flat fees range from \$350 for basic care up to \$550 for advanced life support II.

The county charges \$9.25 per mile from the point of pickup to Fraser Hospital, and only for the "inbound" miles. The same is charged for transport miles in addition to the flat \$500 transport fee, typically to St. Vincent's in Riverside or Shands Jacksonville downtown.

The charges literally take to the sky if a patient is transported by helicopter — Life Flight or Trauma One based in Jacksonville or Lake City. That fee is typically \$12,000-\$13,000, said Mr. Richardson, but his department is not involved in the billing or collection.

Once the Baker County crew hands off a patient to be flown, local EMS is out of the picture.

BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Adds 19 to meet classroom caps

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The new school year began this week along with full implementation of the 2002 voter-approved amendment to the Florida constitution that caps the number of students in core classes like math, reading and science.

To meet the caps — no more than 18 students in pre-K through third grade, no more than 22 in fourth through eighth and no more than 25 at the high school — the district has added 19 teachers and still needs two more at BCHS.

The state is responsible for funding class size reductions and has allocated some \$16.2 billion since 2003-04 to that end. Baker County schools received about \$23.5 million through 2009-10 and will get roughly \$5.4 million for 2010-11, said district finance chief Marcelle Richardson during a presentation to the school board August 16.

She said other education funding from the state has been falling in recent years, however.

The Florida Legislature followed up passage of the class size amendment with an implementation schedule. For the first three years, it allowed districts to meet the caps using district-wide averages. For the next three years, districts could use school-wide averages.

This year each classroom must comply with the caps. For classrooms that exceed cap, the district will lose a chunk of funding, anywhere from \$774 to \$2027 per classroom depending on the grade level.

Mrs. Richardson said that according to a simulation run by the Florida Department of Education using data from last year, no district in the state would have met the current class size caps in the 2009-10 school year, had they been in place.

Furthermore, the Baker County school district stood to lose almost \$670,000 under that scenario, she said.

Three quarters of the penalty can be avoided in the future by submitting a plan to FDOE for meeting class size caps the next year. The remaining quarter will go to districts that comply with the caps.

Possible impact on graduation

Beyond the need for more teachers, full implementation of

the class size caps could delay graduation for some high school students, said BCHS Principal Tom Hill.

For instance, he said students who fail a math class required for graduation can double-up on math credits the following year to remain on schedule for graduation. But if the needed class is full, there won't necessarily be space for all those students, he said.

Students hoping to graduate early by completing core classes on an accelerated schedule could find themselves in the same situation.

Keeping with the math example, Mr. Hill said last year 85 ninth graders failed algebra I, one of four math credits needed to graduate.

There's room this year for 1750 students in high school math classes and about 1400 students who need those classes; leaving roughly 350 seats available for students that want to make up a credit or get ahead.

Demand hasn't reached that threshold yet.

"It's a concern, but it's not something that's happening to students at this point," he said.

Should a class max out in the future, students will have the option of completing the credit during summer school.

Mr. Hill expects to meet the 25-student per class limit this year, but just barely.

"We are very close," he said.

The school is seeking an additional math teacher and foreign language instructor.

"That's a direct result of the class size amendment," said Mr. Hill.

Other grades close to caps too

The analysis presented by Mrs. Richardson last week showed there's available capacity in most grades and schools to meet the class size limits.

However, kindergarten students are expected to exceed the cap by two students, there may be no seats available in pre-k and eighth grade and only one open seat is anticipated in the fifth grade.

With respect to kindergarten, Mrs. Richardson said that seven students have yet to enroll and others who have enrolled may not show up by Labor Day, when district officials hope to have a clearer picture of class sizes.

"That's been our magical day," said Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson. "We like to get them settled in with the teacher they're going to have for the rest of the year."

Counts to determine compliance with class size limits will take place in October and twice more throughout the year.

Mrs. Richardson will also update her presentation for the school board's second public hearing on the class size limits.

It's set for September 7 at 5:30 at 270 South Blvd. E.

A bill passed this year by the legislature mandated the hearings and placed a referendum on the November 4 ballot to again allow districts to meet class size limits using school-wide averages rather than actual class sizes.

In other business last week, the board:

- Approved agreements with 10 local preschools to refer children with speech or language disabilities to the school district.
- Approved a 25-day consultant contract with Marybeth LaPointe of Alachua for \$15,000 to teach BCHS faculty how to become an 'A' school. BCHS is labeled a 'D' school by the state.
- Approved a 41-day consultant contract with Rock Rhoden of Macclenny for \$1500 to be an assistant football coach at the middle school.

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Baker County Fair
Star Search
Amateur Talent Contest
Saturday, October 9th - 7:00 P.M.
Baker County Fairgrounds
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Applications due by September 20th
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1st Place \$75 • 2nd Place \$50
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Address: _____
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No. of participants _____
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Fair Queen Pageant

Monday, October 4 - 7:00 P.M.
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\$50 Cash Prize - Crown, Trophy, Sash for winner
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Age: _____ Phone: _____
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SOCIAL NOTICE SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Birth announcements, wedding notices and social events (military service notes and school graduations) must be submitted within four weeks of the event. All news and advertising must be submitted to the newspaper office prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication, unless otherwise noted or arranged. It is requested that all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

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Raegen Davis

Born August 5th

Terry and Heather Davis are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Raegen Baylee Davis on August 5, 2010 at St. Vincent's Medical Center.

Raegen weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz. Grandparents include Robert and Kimberly Neutz of St. George and Janice Combs of Taylor.

Crawford-Dowling

The annual Bart and Emma Dowling Crawford reunion will be September 6 at the home of J.L. and Annie Ruth Burnsed at 10846 Burnsed - Crawford Road in Glen St. Mary.

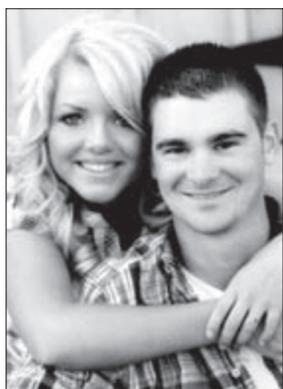
Lunch will be at 1:00 pm. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day with us. For more information call 259-6684.

Hodges reunion

The descendants of Russell and Kate Hodges will hold their annual reunion on Sunday, September 5 at 1:00 pm at the home of Bo and Lori (Hodges) Turner.

For information contact Lori at 275-2229 or Gary Hodges at 275-2547. Don't forget the kids' swimsuits.

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Robinson - Yingling

October 16 vows

David and Jacqueline Robinson of Macclenny are pleased to announce of the upcoming marriage of daughter Brittney Robinson to Justin Yingling, both also of Macclenny.

Justin is the son of Angela Boyette of Macclenny.

Family and friends are invited to share in this joyous celebration on October 16 at 2:00 pm at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

Following a Caribbean cruise, the couple will reside in Glen St. Mary.

Adult ed center in new quarters

The Baker County school district's career and adult education department has moved to 523 West Minnesota Avenue in Macclenny (the former Alternative School).

This will be the new location for both registration and taking the adult basic education and GED preparation classes.

Free classes for each of these programs are offered Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Evening classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 - 9:00 pm.

The next GED tests will be given October 18-20. Registration will be held October 12 at 6:30 pm.

For more information contact Wanda Conner 259-0403.

School Lunch MENU

August 30 - September 3

Offered everyday:
Cold lunch plate of chef salad with wheat roll or crackers and dessert (when offered) 1% lowfat white milk, ½% lowfat flavored milk, orange juice.

Monday, August 30

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, peach slices, milk

Lunch: BBQ ribbett on a bun or baked Italian lasagna with a slice of homemade Italian bread, choice of 2 sides: garden salad with dressing, steamed green peas, chilled fresh fruit, and a fruit cobbler

Tuesday, August 31

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit juice, milk

Lunch: Oven baked chicken or beef nuggets both service with rice and gravy, choice of 2 sides: seasoned cabbage, tossed salad with dressing, chilled fruit choice and a slice of combread

Wednesday, September 1

Breakfast: Cereal with slice of toast, fruit juice and milk

Lunch: Roast pork with mashed potatoes or fish crisp with macaroni and cheese, choice of 2 sides: Italian green beans, chilled fruit choice and a homemade wheat roll

Thursday, September 2

Breakfast: Pancakes with syrup, fruit juice, milk

Lunch: Shepherd's pie with a wheat roll or deli turkey and cheese sandwich on a bun, choice of 2 sides: garden salad, steamed broccoli, chilled fruit choice

Friday, September 3

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs with baked potato rounds, fruit juice, milk

Lunch: Cheese pizza slice or BBA pork on a bun, choice of 2 sides: Steamed green beans, baked french fries, rosy applesauce

Volunteers are sought

Volunteers are sought for the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program in Baker County.

The volunteers counsel older persons on matters involving Medicare and health insurance to help them make informed decisions on health care matters.

There are 400 such volunteers working in Florida at present, and some are needed in this area. Volunteers should have an interest in working with the senior population and have the ability to use computers and the Internet. They will also attend professional training and update briefings.

The SHINE volunteers work under the supervision of the Department of Elder Affairs.

For more information, contact 1-800-963-5337.

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To my wife, children and family, I would like to say this campaign was possible only because you stood by me and encouraged me. I will never forget you or how hard you worked to reach our goals.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

August 26
KIS: Gates-MacGinitie Testing.

August 27
BCHS: Football Kickoff Classic vs. West Nassau (H), 7:30 p.m.

August 30
BCHS: Volleyball @ Hilliard, 5:30 p.m.

August 31
KIS: Math ThinkLink, 9:15 a.m.

September 1
KIS: Reading ThinkLink, 9:15 a.m.

September 2
BCHS: Junior Varsity Football @ Suwannee, 7:00 p.m. Softball Booster Mtg., Media Ctr., 7:00 p.m. BCMS: Club Day. Volleyball @ Yulee, 5:00 p.m. KIS: Science ThinkLink, 9:15 a.m. PK/K: School Advisory Council Mtg., 8:00 a.m.

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Type of Pet: _____

OBITUARIES

CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION

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

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Kenneth Davis, 78, of Old Town

Kenneth Lawton Davis, 78, of Old Town, Florida died Friday, August 20, 2010 at his daughter's home in Macclenny. A native of Bainbridge, GA, Mr. Davis had moved to Old Town 15 years ago from Homestead. He was a retired veteran of the Air Force with 30 years of service, including Korea and Vietnam. He was a member of the American Legion and the Joppa Masonic Lodge in Old Town.

Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his first wife and the mother of his children, Louise A. Davis.

Survivors include wife Eula Mae Davis of Old Town; sons Kenneth L. (Chantelle) Davis Jr. of Valdosta and James Steven Davis of Ft. Walton Beach; daughters Debora Jean (Kim) Marx of Macclenny, Maria (Guy) Vivier of Miami and Sharon (Wilbur) Odle of Fort Walton Beach; step-son Jerry (Mary) Saylor of Old Town; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Friday, August 27 at the chapel of Palms Woodlawn Funeral Home in Naranja, FL at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at Palms Woodlawn Cemetery with full military honors. Visitation with the family will be from 9-10:00 am, one hour prior to the service on Friday. Local arrangements are under the direction of Guery Funeral Home.

Nicholas Holst, 99, lived in Glen

Nicholas Forster Holst, 99, was born in Versailles, (Morgan County) MO on August 22, 1910 and died on August 12, 2010 in New Smyrna Beach, where he had recently relocated from Nevada City, CA. He was the son of Thomas Rossen Holst and Effie Jessie Forster Holst of Versailles and had an adopted sister, Jessie Holst Widowski, and a foster brother Harry.

Mr. Holst joined the Navy in 1932, and he married Vina A. Gilberts of Seattle, WA in 1933. Nick served with the Asiatic Fleet before and during WWII, and in 1955 retired from the Navy in San Diego, CA, where he and his family resided for many years.

He graduated from San Diego State College in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in social science and had a distinguished career with San Diego County Department of Public Welfare, retiring in 1975 as assistant district chief.

Nick and Vina relocated to Arkansas and later moved to Glen St. Mary in 1989. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary there August 1993. They enjoyed many years of traveling across the US and to Canada visiting family and friends, as well as, attending Asiatic Fleet reunions. Nick took pleasure in gardening, home remodeling, hunting and fishing. In later years, he enjoyed riding through rural areas observing the animals and scenery.

After he was widowed in November 1993, he lived in Las Cruces, NM until he relocated again to the Nevada City, CA area. During the last three years Nick traversed the USA from California to Maryland and Florida five times in the backseat of a GMC pickup. He also took pleasure in a good vanilla ice cream cone.

Survivors include daughters Agnes E. Henderson of Jacksonville, Ann Thomas (Tom Maloney) of Browns Valley, CA, and Sue Ellen G. McIntyre (Jim) of New Smyrna Beach; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and special friends. His memory will be cherished by all.

A celebration of his life was held in Jacksonville on what would have been his 100th birthday. His cremated remains will reside beside his wife at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.

Condolences may be made online at www.settlewilderfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were handled by Settle-Wilder Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 406 S. Orange Street, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168.



Nicholas Holst

Infant daughter Abigail Murphy

Abigail Grace Murphy, 42 days old, of Jacksonville died August 22, 2010. She was born to Toby Wayne Murphy and Amanda Gail Reimer on July 12, 2010. She was predeceased by grandmother Teresa Reimer; great-grandfather Clayton Reimer.



Abigail Murphy

Survivors other than her parents include maternal grandfather Russell C. Reimer; paternal grandfather Michael Murphy; paternal grandmother Rita Murphy; great-grandmother Elizabeth Reimer; great-grandparents Lewis and Jeanie Lloyd; aunts Mel Carroll, Julie Theophile of Macclenny, and Tracie Gunnin; uncles Chris Carter, Timothy Reimer, Marcus Reimer and Shane Murphy.

The graveside service will be held Thursday, August 26 at 10:00 am Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery in Jacksonville with Pastor Eric Osbourne officiating. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

New location

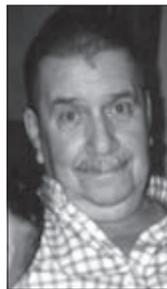
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Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church
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Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Prayer Serv. 7:30 pm
Pastor: **Oral E. Lyons**

Funeral Saturday for Mr. Wilkinson

AMS1 Earl Thomas "Pops" Wilkinson died August 21, 2010 surrounded by his family. He was born on January 26, 1937 in Mansfield, Ohio. He served in the US Navy for 20 years and at NADEP for an additional 20 years.



Earl Wilkinson

Mr. Wilkinson was preceded in death by his father Harry F. Wilkinson and grandson Michael Thomas Wilkinson.

He is survived by Gloria Faye, his loving wife of 47 years; son Keith and daughter Sheri Lynn Kilgore; grandsons James Kilgore II, Marcus Kilgore and Andrew Wilkinson.

The family will receive friends on Friday, August 27 at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Home from 6:00-8:00 pm. The funeral service will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Macclenny on Saturday, August 28 at 10:30 am.

Gospel celebration

There will be a gospel celebration at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Macclenny on August 27 beginning at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

Sanderson Christian Revival Center
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Pastor Allen Crews
Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford
Youth Pastor Brian Poole

Infant Givens dies August 15

Phillip Dewayne Givens Jr., 13 weeks, of Glen St. Mary died August 15, 2010. He was born in Orange Park to Phillip Dewayne Givens Sr. and Amanda Leigh Combs Marshall on May 14, 2010. He was predeceased by paternal grandmother Michelle Givens and paternal great-grandmother Pauline Givens.



Phillip Givens

Survivors other than his parents include brothers Darrien and Exavier; sisters Philidasha, Kierra, Philziya and Carmen; paternal godmother Theresa Wilcox; paternal grandparents Glen (Tena) Watts; maternal grandparents David and Gail Combs; maternal great-grandmothers Virginia Combs and Rosaline Stone; paternal great-grandfather Nathaniel Givens.

A graveside service was held August 19 at 11:30 am at Macedonia Cemetery with Pastor Abram Marshall officiating. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 pm



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

Gospel sing

Road to Calvary Church in Glen St. Mary will be having a gospel sing this Friday beginning at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited.



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God Kids - Wednesday 7:00 pm
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Youth Pastor Gary Crumney



John Lyons

Many thanks

The family of John Wesley Lyons Jr. would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and all his friends for the tremendous support shown to our family during his long illness. Thank everyone for all the delicious food and also the many prayers extended. A special thanks to Bill Guerry Funeral Home for the services provided. We will never forget the wonderful service and comforting words spoken by Elder Arnold Johns and Elder Michael Green. Daddy lived his life for his family, friends, church and growing vegetables in the garden to give away.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being a part of his life.

The Lyons Family

Many thanks

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love and support during our recent loss. We would like to extend a special thank you to Ferreira Funeral Services for their excellent care and contributions. You are a blessing to our community and may God bless you in return.

We are comforted in knowing that the eye has not seen, nor the ear heard of the things that our Father has prepared for Phillip in Heaven and that he is waiting for us there.

May God Bless,

The Family of

Phillip Dewayne Givens, Jr.

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Help us to be strong, help us to find good in all. Life is so hard and each day is so long. We still look to you and talk to you for guidance. Help us to change the things we can and help us remember we are still in God's hands.

WE LOVE AND MISS YOU, DADDY, KIM, PAUL, MAMA AND FAMILY

Quitman cemetery

There will be a meeting at Faith Temple Church in Sanderson on Five Churches Road September 2 at 6:00 pm to discuss expansion options for Quitman Cemetery.

Everyone with an interest in the cemetery east of Sanderson is invited and encouraged to come.

NEFSH to help turn foster kids into nurses

The Florida Department of Children and Families [DCF] announced last week that young men and women aging out of Florida's foster care system will have a free educational opportunity to prepare for employment in health care and become eligible to work at Northeast Florida State Hospital.

NEFSH, in partnership with Florida Gateway College and Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc. will offer a 15-week program to prepare participants for the certified nursing assistant certification exam.

It's the first program of its kind in the state.

Students who obtain the certification will be eligible for jobs in skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and hospitals. They'll also be eligible to enter advanced allied health education programs like nursing, phlebotomy, pharmacy technician, physical therapy assistant and occupational therapy.

"It's tough for young people everywhere to find jobs in this economy, and it's especially difficult for youth coming out of foster care who may not have the educational opportunities that will help them find meaningful and satisfying employment," said Joe Infantino, NEFSH administrator. "That's why we are so pleased to

be able to offer this option."

The inaugural class, scheduled to begin in the fall semester on the NEFSH campus, will have 15 students who are at least 18 years old. The students were recruited from foster care and independent living programs in northeast Florida.

Students receive free tuition, books, exams, uniforms, supplies and background checks, plus transportation to Gateway College for lab sessions. The costs are estimated at \$1300.

A grant application has been submitted to the US Department of Health and Human Services to fund the program through 2015.

There are nearly 1,500 teenagers leave foster care each year in Florida.

"We are delighted to be able to partner with NEFSH and bring our CNA training program to their campus," said Mattie Jones, director of Gateway College's nursing program.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, nursing assistant jobs will experience about a 28 percent growth by 2016. Home health aides are expected to have the fastest job growth and nursing assistant jobs in hospitals and nursing home are expected to grow faster than the average for all careers.

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 Sunday August 29, 11:00 am service

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING ADOPTION OF PROPOSED EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT-BASED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY 2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Macclenny City Commission, acting as the Local Planning Agency of Macclenny, Florida, intends to amend and update its Comprehensive Plan based on the City's Evaluation and Appraisal Report and the Florida Department of Community Affairs' Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report. The amendments shall update the Comprehensive Plan through the year 2025 consistent with the requirements of Section 163.3191 (10), Florida Statutes.

The Florida Department of Community Affairs issued their Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report on the proposed amendments on July 16, 2010. DCA raised no objections to the proposed amendments. The Macclenny City Commission shall consider **first reading** of an Ordinance approving the proposed amendments at a public hearing to be held **Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 6:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 118 E Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. A second public hearing for the City Commission to consider **adoption** of the proposed amendments will be held **Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:00PM**. Persons interested in the process or commenting on the subject may appear and shall be given an opportunity to speak before the City Commission at either hearing.

Drafts of the proposed amendments are available for your review online at www.cityofmacclenny.com as well as at the City's Building and Zoning Department. The Building and Zoning Department is located at 118 E Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. Written comments on this proposed amendment may be mailed to the attention of Roger Yarborough, Building and Zoning Coordinator at the aforementioned address. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed amendments.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Commission has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Manager at (904) 259-0972 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

DUI is targeted

The Florida Highway Patrol will participate in the national *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest* campaign through Labor Day.

FHP will join thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation in an effort to reduce the number of impaired drivers on Florida's roadways and save lives.

"Drunk driving is simply not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but also the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving can be significant," said FHP Lieutenant Bill Leeper.

The campaign encompasses the Labor Day holiday weekend, which begins September 3. The holiday caps off the summer season for many, and historically travel increases with people driving to celebrate with friends and family.

In addition to the national enforcement campaign, FHP will participate in Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) during the four-day holiday weekend. The operation involves all 50 state police and highway patrol organizations across the United States.

Please remember to dial *FHP (*347) from your cell phone to contact FHP to report an aggressive or impaired driver or to request roadside assistance.

FHP reminds motorists that Florida's primary safety belt law authorizes law enforcement officers to stop and cite motorists solely for failure to buckle up. Also, be sure to move over for stopped emergency vehicles with flashing lights on the side of the road. If you are unable to change lanes safely, slow down to 20 mph below the posted speed limit, or to five mph if the speed limit is 20 mph or less.

Legal Notices

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Baker County District School Board will hold the following **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Monday, August 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.** and **Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Baker County School Board Meeting Room located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida.

TOPIC: Discussion of "District's Strategies on How to Meet Class Size Amendment"

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Sherrie Raulerson
Superintendent of Schools
8/15-9/2

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Baker County District School Board will hold the following **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, September 7, 2010, in the Baker County School Board Meeting Room located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida, to be held immediately following the 2010-2011 Budget hearing which begins at 6:30 p.m.**

Approval of the:
2010-2011 Student Progression Plan
2010-2011 Code of Student Conduct

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

The documents will be available for review at the Baker County School Board Office located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida beginning Wednesday, August 4, 2010 (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.).

Sherrie Raulerson
Superintendent of Schools
8/5-9/2

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Baker County District School Board will hold the following **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Monday, September 20, 2010, in the Baker County School Board Meeting Room located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Approval of the following School Board Policies:

- 2.070 Board Meetings
- 2.100 Program of Awards
- 5.130 Zero Tolerance for School Related Crimes
- 5.150 Administration of Medicine
- 5.190 Student Records
- 6.242 Family and Medical Leave
- 6.250 Military Leave
- 6.660 Staff Training
- 8.500 Conservation of Resources

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

The documents will be available for review at the Baker County School Board Office located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida beginning Wednesday, August 18, 2010 (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.).

Sherrie Raulerson
Superintendent of Schools
8/19-9/16

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David J. Crews, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 07-00499
Year of issuance: 2007
Description of property: 29-25-22-0028-0008-1061.

Part of Lot 17, Block 8, as shown on map of E.R. RHODES ADDITION to the Town of Macclenny, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 4 of the public records of Baker County, Florida, also known as Parcel D, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the Westerly right-of-way of Cardinal Lane, a 50 foot right of way as now established, with the Northerly right of way of Ivy Street, a 50 foot right of way as now established, thence run South 77°14'58" West on said Northerly right of way a distance of 120.50 feet, thence run North 10°47'32" West a distance of 88.40 feet; thence run North 78°11'10" East, a distance of 120.50 feet to said Westerly right of way; thence run South 10°46'08" East, on said West right of way line, a distance of 86.43 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.24 acres, more or less. All of said property being in the County of Baker, State of Florida.

Names in which assessed: Karen Rosamonda (Trustee).

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the East door of the Baker County Courthouse on October 4, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2010.

Al Fraser
Clerk of Court
Baker County, Florida
By: Tammie A. Lovingood
As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David J. Crews, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 07-00721
Year of issuance: 2007
Description of property: 06-35-22-0042-0000-0040

Lot 4 and 5, Turkey Creek Retreat, Unit 3, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 50, of the public records of Baker County, Florida. All of said property being in the County of Baker, State of Florida.

Names in which assessed: Barbara A. Smith, Henry A. Smith, Gregory A. Smith

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the East door of the Baker County courthouse on October 4, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2010.

Al Fraser
Clerk of Court
Baker County, Florida
By: Tammie A. Lovingood
As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 4th day of August, 2010, in the cause wherein, in Re: The Marriage of Luis A. Cordova, III, Husband and Evangelina Cordova, Wife, being Case No. 02-2008-DR-0251 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the party named in the Writ of Execution, Luis A. Cordova, III, in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

Lot 19 of "The Highlands" an unrecorded subdivision comprising the South 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 12, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, said Lot 19 being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, and run N 89 deg 54' 11" E, along the South line of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 a distance of 30.00 ft to a point on the E right of way line of a county graded road; thence N 0 deg 22' 40" W along said E right of way line, a county graded road, 407.91 ft to a point at the intersection of said E right of way line and the N right of way line of Pine Circle Road (a 50 ft right of way); thence N 89 deg 45' 09" E, along said N right of way line of Pine Circle Road, 409.58 ft; thence N 0 deg 20' 47" W, 366.08 ft to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue N 0 deg 20' 47" W 223.04 ft; thence N 67 deg 53' 57" E, 555.58 ft to a point on the Southwesterly right of way line of Pine Circle Road (a 50 ft right of way), said point being also on the arc of a curve concave to the left, having a total central angle of 31 deg 04' 20" and a radius of 478.50 ft; thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve, also along the Southwesterly right of way line of Pine Circle Road, 139.86 ft; thence S 49 deg 24' 28" W, 472.08 ft, thence S 88 deg 47' 07" W, 225.65 ft to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said lot containing 3.14 acres, more or less, and lying wholly within the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4.

SUBJECT TO Deed of Restrictions as recorded in O/R Book 46, page 32 public records of Baker County, Florida.

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on September 21, 2010 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the party named in the Writ of Execution, Luis A. Cordova, III, right, title and interest in the aforesaid real property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

JOEY B. DOBSON,
Sheriff of Baker County, Florida
By: Pamela L. Davis, D.S.

8/19-9/9

FICTITIOUS NAMES

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned ME Investments LLC of 1199 South Sixth Street, Macclenny, FL 32063, pursuant to the requirements of the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations is hereby advertising the following fictitious name: **Sixth Street Steakhouse**. It is the intent of the undersigned to register Sixth Street Steakhouse with the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations.

Dated: August 18, 2010.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 02-2010-CA-000113

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVEISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF THADDEUS E. RAYSOR, SR., DECEASED, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVEISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF THADDEUS E. RAYSOR, SR., DECEASED, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, AND WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THADDEUS E. RAYSOR, SR., DECEASED, OR ANY OF THE HEREIN NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED

Current residence unknown, but whose last known address was:
688 N 5th Street, Macclenny, FL 32063

-and-

CHRISTOPHER JAMES RAYSOR, DAVID A. RAYSOR, THADDEUS E. RAYSOR, JR., UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTOPHER JAMES RAYSOR, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID A. RAYSOR, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THADDEUS E. RAYSOR, JR., and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendant(s), who (is/are) not claim to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants

Current Residence Unknown, but whose last known address was:
688 N 5th Street, Macclenny, FL 32063

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

LOT 5, FOREST PARK SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 62, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before September 13, 2010 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this day of 11th day of August, 2010.

Al Fraser
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION, AT BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 339 EAST MACCLENNEY AVE., MACCLENNEY, FL 32063, TELEPHONE 904-259-8113, NOT LATER THAN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING. IF HEARING IMPAIRED, TDD 1-800-955-8771, OR VOICE (V) 1-800-955-8770, VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE.

8/19-8/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY

CASE NO. 02-2008-CA-000195

U.S. Bank, National Association, As Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-CB8
Plaintiff,

v.

Matthew A. Martin and Lucinda Martin, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. As Nominee for Omniv Mortgage Solutions, Inc.; Carmel Financial Corporation; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; 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
Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated August 10, 2010 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-000195 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-CB8, Plaintiff and Matthew A. Martin and Lucinda Martin, Husband and Wife 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 MACCLENNEY AVENUE, MACCLENNEY, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA 11:00 A.M. September 10, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 56, CYPRESS POINTE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 90 THROUGH 92, INCLUSIVE, OF THE 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.

DATED at Macclenny, Florida, this 11th day of August, 2010.

Al Fraser
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Baker County, Florida
By: Jamie Crews
As Deputy Clerk

SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP
4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd.
Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33614
(813) 880-9898
8/19-8/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a meeting of the NFBA Operations Committee that all interested persons are invited to attend. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The NFBA's Operations Committee meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2010; at the Cabot Lodge Board Room, 3726 SW 40th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32608. The NFBA's Operations Committee meeting will be to conduct general business of the committee. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding or have any questions please contact Faith Doyle, Clerk to the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3482 or (407) 629-6900 at least one (1) business day prior to the date of the meeting.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The quarterly meeting of the Baker County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board will take place at 10 a.m., Thursday, September 9, 2010, at the Baker County Family Health Department, 480 West Lowder Street, Macclenny, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend. The Northeast Florida Regional Council adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Requests should be received at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting in order to allow time to provide the requested services. For more information, contact the Northeast Florida Regional Council at (904) 279-0880 between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The quarterly meeting of the Baker County Local Mitigation Strategy Task Force will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 13, 2010, at the Baker County Emergency Operations Center, located at 1 Sheriff's Office Dr., Macclenny, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Baker County Board of Commissioners will be accepting applications until 12:00 pm on September 6, 2010 for one (1) temporary heavy equipment operator position with the Baker County Road Department. Must have valid driver's license with a good driving record. Must have a minimum of three (3) years motor grade experience. You may pick up applications at the County Administration Office, located at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063.

The Baker County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

8/26-9/2

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

CASE NO. 02-2010-CA-0115

COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
A Federal Credit Union,
Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN A. GRINER, II and
TERESA L. GRINER, his wife.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Baker County, Florida, described as follows:

Parcel 7-A
Part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 19, Township 2 South, Range 22 East, Baker County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 19; thence S 0°33'51" E on the West line of said Section 19, a distance of 468.7 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 0°33'51" E on said West line a distance of 140.15 feet; thence N 89°37'57" E a distance of 354.77 feet; thence N 0°22'23" W a distance of 105.15 feet; thence N 84°44'26" W a distance of 356.98 feet to the Point of Beginning. Also known as parcel 7-A, North Forty. ALONG WITH A 1996 Destiny Omni Doublewide Mobile Home #050357A and #050357B.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on September 21, 2010.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 19th day of August, 2010.

T.A. "AL" FRASER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

Frank E. Maloney, Jr., P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff
445 East Macclenny Avenue
Macclenny, FL 32063
8/26-9/2

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Baker County District School Board will hold the following **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Monday, October 4, 2010, at the Baker County School Board Meeting Room located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Approval of the following School Board Policy:
5.105 Dating Violence and Abuse

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

The documents will be available for review at the Baker County School Board Office located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida beginning Wednesday, August 25, 2010 (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.).

Sherrie Raulerson
Superintendent of Schools
8/26-9/29

FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

Baker County is a fair housing advocate. Baker County will hold a workshop on Tuesday, August 31, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063. The purpose of the workshop is to explain the Fair Housing Ordinance for all protected classes (race, color, familial status, disability, national origin, religion and sex). All interested parties are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in these proceedings should contact the Baker County Administration Office at (904) 259-3613, at least 48 hours prior to the time of the workshop.

EEO/Fair Housing/Handicapped Accessible Jurisdiction

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Registration of Fictitious Names

I the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of **R & J Nursery** whose principle place of business is: **5331 Sam Griffiths Road, Sanderson, FL 32087** and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

NAME	EXTENT OF INTEREST
Randal Drawdy	50%
Jennifer Drawdy	50%

Randal Drawdy
Jennifer Drawdy
Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BAKER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of August, 2010.

Al Fraser
Clerk of Court
Baker County, Florida
By: Jamie Crews
As Deputy Clerk

8/26

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

CASE NO.: 02-2010-DR-0332

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:
BREA JADE GENTRY, DOB 4-25-2004, and
BRAYDEN ELIAS HOLLOWAY, DOB 3-28-2007,
Minor children.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ELIZABETH NICOLE GENTRY

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
4960 RICHARDSON ROAD
GLEN ST. MARY, FLORIDA 32040

ROBBIE HOLLOWAY
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

DARRELL WAYNE GENTRY
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Verified Petition for Temporary Custody of Minor Children by Extended Family Member has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on the Petitioner's attorney whose name and address is Hugh D. Fish, Jr. at P.O. Box 531, Macclenny, Florida 32063, on or before September 6, 2010, and file the original of the written defenses with the Clerk of Court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of this Court on this 19th day of August, 2010.

Al Fraser
As Clerk of the Court
By: Sherrie Dugger
Deputy Clerk

Hugh D. Fish, Jr.
Attorney at Law
34 S. 5th Street
Macclenny, FL 32063
Phone 904-259-6606
8/26-9/16

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

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010
NOTICE OF ELECTION**

I, Dawn K. Roberts, Interim Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 2, 2010, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.

**No. 1
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title:
REPEAL OF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING REQUIREMENT.

Ballot Summary:
Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution that requires public financing of campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.

Full Text:
ARTICLE VI
SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 7. Campaign spending limits and funding of campaigns for elective state-wide office.—It is the policy of this state to provide for state-wide elections in which all qualified candidates may compete effectively. A method of public financing for campaigns for state-wide office shall be established by law. Spending limits shall be established for such campaigns for candidates who use public funds in their campaigns. The legislature shall provide funding for this provision. General law implementing this paragraph shall be at least as protective of effective competition by a candidate who uses public funds as the general law in effect on January 1, 1998:

**No. 2
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 31
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title:
HOMESTEAD AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL.

Ballot Summary:
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide an additional homestead property tax exemption by law for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The exempt amount will be based upon the number of days in the previous calendar year that the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The amendment is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2011.

Full Text:
ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.—

(a) All property owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment to the taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law from taxation.

(b) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and to every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.

(c) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the electors of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorize the county or municipality to adopt such ordinances. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business and shall also apply to tangible personal property of such new business and tangible personal property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the electors of the county or municipality, and may be renewable by referendum as provided by general law.

(d) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions to owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(e) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of property subject to tangible personal property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation.

(f) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(g) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article, who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard, and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

**ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE**

SECTION 31. Additional ad valorem tax exemption for certain members of the armed forces deployed on active duty outside of the United States.—The amendment to Section 3 of Article VII providing for an additional ad valorem tax exemption for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard deployed on active duty outside of the United States in support of military operations designated by the legislature and this section shall take effect January 1, 2011.

**No. 3
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 4 and 6
ARTICLE XII
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title:
PROPERTY TAX LIMIT FOR NONHOMESTEAD PROPERTY; ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR NEW HOMESTEAD OWNERS.

Ballot Summary:
The State Constitution generally limits the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property to 10 percent annually. This proposed amendment reduces the maximum annual increase in the assessed values of those properties to 5 percent annually.

This amendment also requires the Legislature to provide an additional homestead exemption for persons who have not owned a principal residence during the preceding 8 years. Under the exemption, 25 percent of the just value of a first-time homestead, up to \$100,000, will be exempt from property taxes. The amount of the additional exemption will decrease in each succeeding year for 5 years by the greater of 20 percent of the initial additional exemption or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the property. The additional exemption will not be available in the 6th and subsequent years.

Full Text:
ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 4. Taxation; assessments.—By general law regulations shall be prescribed which shall secure a just valuation of all property for ad valorem taxation.

(a) Agricultural land, land producing high water recharge to Florida's aquifers, or land used exclusively for noncommercial recreational purposes may be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

(b) As provided by general law and subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified therein, land used for conservation purposes shall be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

(c) Pursuant to general law tangible personal property held for sale as stock in trade and livestock may be valued for taxation at a specified percentage of its value, may be classified for tax purposes, or may be exempted from taxation.

(d) All persons entitled to a homestead exemption under Section 6 of this Article shall have their homestead assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the effective date of this amendment. This assessment shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year; but those changes in assessments shall not exceed the lower of the following:

a. Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year.

b. The percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(3) After any change of ownership, as provided by general law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) New homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1st of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided by general law; provided, however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law.

(7) The provisions of this amendment are severable. If any of the provisions of this amendment shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this amendment.

(8)a. A person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2009, or January 1 of any subsequent year and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of this Article as of January 1 of either of the two years immediately preceding the establishment of the new homestead is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value. If this revision is approved in January of 2008, a person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value only if that person received a homestead exemption on January 1, 2007. The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows:

1. If the just value of the new homestead is greater than or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the new homestead minus an amount equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

2. If the just value of the new homestead is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the new homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the new homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-subparagraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person.

(c) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law.

(f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 62 years of age or older. Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property.

(2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved.

(g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth

in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law; but those changes in assessments shall not exceed five ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year.

(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of real property that is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) and (g) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law; but those changes in assessments shall not exceed five ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year.

(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes:

(1) Any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving the property's resistance to wind damage.

(2) The installation of a renewable energy source device.

(j)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f)(1) By general law, and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide an additional homestead exemption to the person or persons who:

a. Establish the right to receive the homestead exemption in subsection (a) within one year after purchasing the homestead property; and

b. Have not owned a principal residence during the eight-year period before the purchase. For married persons, either the purchaser nor his or her spouse may have owned a principal residence during the preceding eight years.

(2) The additional homestead exemption shall equal 25 percent of the just value of the property on January 1 of the year in which the homestead exemption in subsection (a) is received, but not more than \$100,000.

a. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to twenty percent of the amount of the initial additional exemption or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value determined under subsection (d) of section 4 of this Article, whichever is greater.

b. The additional homestead exemption shall not apply after the fifth year after the initial additional exemption is granted.

(3) Only one additional exemption under this subsection may apply to a single homestead property.

**ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE**

Property tax limit for nonhomestead property.—The amendment to Section 4 of Article VII reducing the limit on the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property to five percent from ten percent and this section shall take effect January 1, 2011.

Additional homestead exemption for first-time homestead property owners.—The amendment to subsection (f) of Section 6 of Article VII providing for an additional homestead exemption for persons who have not owned a principal residence within an eight-year period and this section shall take effect January 1, 2011, and shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2010.

**No. 4
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE II, SECTION 7
(Initiative)**

Ballot Title:
REFERENDA REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS.

Ballot Summary:
Establishes that before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, the proposed plan or amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body and notice. Provides definitions.

Financial Impact Statement:

The amendment's impact on local government expenditures cannot be estimated precisely. Local governments may incur additional costs due to the requirement to conduct referenda in order to adopt comprehensive plans or amendments thereto. The amount of such costs depends upon the frequency, timing, and method of the referenda, and includes the costs of ballot preparation, election administration, and associated expenses. The impact on state government expenditures will be insignificant.

Full Text:
ARTICLE II
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.—Public participation in local government comprehensive land use planning benefits the conservation and protection of Florida's natural resources and scenic beauty, and the long-term quality of life of Floridians. Therefore, before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, such proposed plan or plan amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body as provided by general law, and notice thereof in a local newspaper of general circulation. Notice and referendum will be as provided by general law. This amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the electors of Florida.

For purposes of this subsection:

1. "Local government" means a county or municipality.

2. "Local government comprehensive land use plan" means a plan to guide and control future land development in an area under the jurisdiction of a local government.

3. "Local planning agency" means the agency of a local government that is responsible for the preparation of a comprehensive land use plan and plan amendments after public notice and hearings and for making recommendations to the governing body of the local government regarding the adoption or amendment of a comprehensive land use plan.

4. "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county, the commission or council of a municipality, or the chief elected governing body of a county or municipality, however designated.

**No. 5
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE III, SECTION 21
(Initiative)**

Ballot Title:
STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING.

Ballot Summary:
Legislative districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

Financial Impact Statement:

The fiscal impact cannot be determined precisely. State government and state courts may incur additional costs if litigation increases beyond the number or complexity of cases which would have occurred in the amendment's absence.

Full Text:
ARTICLE III
LEGISLATURE

SECTION 21. Standards for establishing Legislative district boundaries.—In establishing Legislative district boundaries:

(1) No apportionment plan or district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent; and districts shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice; and districts shall consist of contiguous territory.

(2) Unless compliance with the standards in this subsection conflicts with the standards in subsection (1) or with federal law, districts shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable; districts shall be compact; and districts shall, where feasible, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries.

(3) The order in which the standards within sub-sections (1) and (2) of this section are set forth shall not be read to establish any priority of one standard over the other within that subsection.

**No. 6
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE III, SECTION 20
(Initiative)**

Ballot Title:

STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.

Ballot Summary:

Congressional districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

Financial impact statement:

The fiscal impact cannot be determined precisely. State government and state courts may incur additional costs if litigation increases beyond the number or complexity of cases which would have occurred in the amendment's absence.

Full Text:
ARTICLE III
LEGISLATURE

SECTION 20. Standards for establishing Congressional district boundaries.—In establishing Congressional district boundaries:

(1) No apportionment plan or individual district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent; and districts shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice; and districts shall consist of contiguous territory.

(2) Unless compliance with the standards in this subsection conflicts with the standards in subsection (1) or with federal law, districts shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable; districts shall be compact; and districts shall, where feasible, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries.

(3) The order in which the standards within sub-sections (1) and (2) of this section are set forth shall not be read to establish any priority of one standard over the other within that subsection.

**No. 7
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE III, SECTION 20
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title:
STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.

Ballot Summary:
In establishing congressional and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in the State Constitution. The state shall take into consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice, and communities of common interest other than political parties may be respected and promoted, both without subordination to any other provision of Article III of the State Constitution. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and implementation of standards is rationally related to the standards contained in the State Constitution and is consistent with federal law.

Full Text:
ARTICLE III
LEGISLATURE

SECTION 20. Standards for establishing legislative and congressional district boundaries.—In establishing congressional and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in this constitution. The state shall take into consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice, and communities of common interest other than political parties may be respected and promoted, both without subordination to any other provision of this article. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and implementation of standards is rationally related to the standards contained in this constitution and is consistent with federal law.

**No. 8
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, SECTION 1
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 31
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title:
REVISION OF THE CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Ballot Summary:
The Florida Constitution currently limits the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms in the following grade groupings: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 18 students; for grades 4 through 8, 22 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 25 students. Under this amendment, the current limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms would become limits on the average number of students assigned per class to each teacher, by specified grade grouping, in each public school. This amendment also sets new limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom as follows: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 21 students; for grades 4 through 8, 27 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 30 students. This amendment specifies that class size limits do not apply to virtual classes, requires the Legislature to provide sufficient funds to maintain the average number of students required by this amendment, and schedules these revisions to take effect upon approval by the electors of this state and to operate retroactively to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Full Text:
ARTICLE IX
EDUCATION

SECTION 1. Public education.—

(a) The education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. It is, therefore, a paramount duty of the state to make adequate provision for the education of all children residing within its borders. Adequate provision shall be made by law for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education and for the establishment, maintenance and operation of institutions of higher learning and other public education programs that the needs of the people may require. To assure that children attending public schools obtain a high quality education, the legislature shall make adequate provision to ensure that, by the beginning of the 2010-2011 2010 school year and for each school year thereafter, there are a sufficient number of classrooms so that:

(1) Within each public school, the average maximum number of students who are assigned per class to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 does not exceed 18 students and the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom does not exceed 21 students;

(2) Within each public school, the average maximum number of students who are assigned per class to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for grades 4 through 8 does not exceed 22 students and the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom does not exceed 27 students; and

(3) Within each public school, the average maximum number of students who are assigned per class to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for grades 9 through 12 does not exceed 25 students and the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom does not exceed 30 students. The class size requirements of this subsection do not apply to extracurricular or virtual classes. Payment of the costs associated with meeting reducing class size to meet these requirements is the responsibility of the state and not of local school schools districts. Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the legislature shall provide sufficient funds to maintain reduce the average number of students required in each classroom by at least two students per year until the maximum number of students per classroom does not exceed the requirements of this subsection.

(b) Every four-year old child

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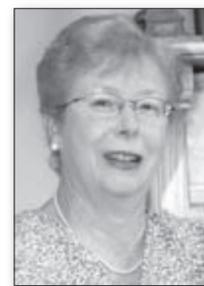
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18 attend lifestyle Camp STYLE

Eighteen Baker County teens and a dozen staff members attended the annual Camp STYLE August 2-7 at Lake Swan Camp near Melrose, FL. Pictured above are (back row, l-r) Chase Taylor, Zac Thompson, Danyle Lewis, Tristan Jewell, Mason Mosley, Cory Mills, Tracy Combs, Amanda Rhoden, Madison Knabb, Kirsten Gray, Savannah Karnes, Elizabeth Mosley, Bridget Higginbotham, Dalton McKelvey, Chandler Taylor, Johnathan North, (front) Ashton Alford, Brendan Gibson, Garrett Nipper, Jacob Theophile, Austin Mills, Tyler Braddy, Cindy Register, Allison Theophile, Kasyn Gibbons, Garrett Nipper. Anne Lewis (left, standing), director of the camp that stresses making healthy lifestyle choices, expressed her gratitude to dozens of businesses, individuals and agencies public and private that donated to her "Send a Kid to Camp" effort earlier this year.



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Alford signs with SJRCC

Brittney Alford signed a letter of intent to play softball for the St. Johns River Community College Vikings August 18 in the BCHS media center. She played second base for the Wildcats under then head coach Jamie Rodgers. Alford graduated last spring and will play second base or short stop for BCHS alum and Vikings softball coach Rebecca Bennett, who played softball at Florida State University. Alford, who hopes to study physical therapy, is pictured with her parents John and Ann Alford. She also played volleyball at BCHS.

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Making sense of your cents

One of the main points of the Dave Ramsey program is the power of cash. There are so many advantages to handling your day-to-day expenses with cash versus using credit cards. Let's go over some of them and maybe I'll convince you to get more control over your money!

Control is the key here. Dealing with cash is the daily activity you can start today that can help you get control and put a stop to the downward spiral that our paychecks often take. You know, the path which leads us to being completely broke, scratching our heads and wondering where in the world our money just went!

Have you ever noticed that it is much more difficult to part with cold hard cash than it is to swipe that credit card? We tend to be less emotionally attached to money that we can't see. It hurts your heart a little more to hand over those dollar bills, doesn't it?

That's a good thing! It causes you to be more careful with your spending. And visualizing how much money you have to spend helps you keep better track of your spending budget. We tend to think of a credit card as an unlimited source of invisible money. With cash or even a debit card we have a more realistic idea of our spending limitations - we know there is a finite amount of money that will run out.

Lots of people pay for their expenses with credit cards and pay off the balance every month.

Are you one of those people? If so, you are avoiding paying interest, which is wise. But you are not winning with your money and you definitely are not outsmarting the credit card companies.

Did you know that you are spending an average of 12-18% more a month than you would if you were paying with cash? Do you charge your credit card for regular expenses to earn airline miles? This is not the clever financial move that you think it is. There are often caveats and fine print that contain many restrictions.

Come vacation time, those "free" miles you got by using the credit card (and most likely spending significantly more than if you were using cash) may not get you very far. And many airline miles expire within a certain time period. Why not ditch the credit card, pay for expenses with cash, and put away a little every month in savings for that vacation. Your vacation options won't be limited to where your precious airline miles will fly you.

Contrary to popular belief, you *don't* need a credit card to do things like reserve a hotel room or rent a car. All you need is a regular old debit card. I have been on many trips and have never had a problem paying for hotels and rental cars this way. Any reputable company will accept your debit card.

Do you never use your credit card but keep it "just in case of

emergency." Sorry to burst your bubble, but that's not a good idea either. Keeping an idle credit card in your name leaves you vulnerable to identity theft. How about saving 3-6 months' worth of expenses and use that in case of emergency. That would allow you to rely on yourself instead of being at the mercy of a creditor when you need emergency money.

I haven't even mentioned yet the risk you are taking by keeping that credit card in your wallet. If you are one who pays off the balance every month it may make sense to you mathematically, but you need to consider the risk involved. What if your spouse loses a job and your income goes down? What if you get injured? What if you can't pay the balance next month? You are only one emergency away from interest piling up on that credit card balance.

Credit card companies do not want to "help" you save money,

go on great vacations, or spend wisely. Credit card companies are snakes, and when you have a credit card, you are playing with snakes. It's only a matter of time before you're going to get bitten.

Rosie Nickles lives in Macclenny and is a Dave Ramsey-certified financial counselor. She has an accounting degree from the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond, Virginia. You can reach Rosie at rosienicklespfc@yahoo.com.

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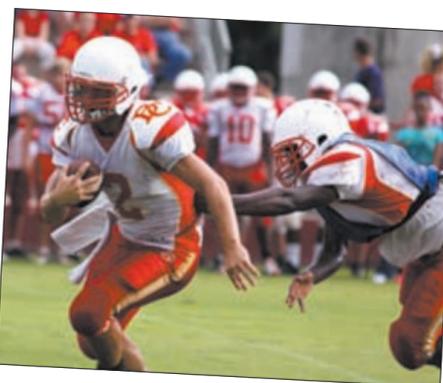


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From left: Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson and the faculty winner of the Ultimate Wildcat fan contest Michael Warren, BCHS band director, Falon Lee and Jeremy Wannamaker avoiding tacklers, and longtime fan Benny Fish with Ms. Raulerson.

Classic pits playoff rivals

All the training and preparation is over. The Wildcat football team will strap on the pads and step onto the field for real this Friday when the Cats take on the West Nassau Warriors in the annual Kickoff Classic at 7:30 pm at Memorial Stadium.

Think of the classic as the last pre-season game before the regular season begins in earnest next week against Crescent City.

It's the last chance for Coach Ryan Sulkowski and his staff to evaluate the team at the end of summer workouts and decide who will trot out onto the field as the starting offensive and defensive units against the Raiders.

But the classic is much more than a glorified scrimmage. West Nassau is a playoff team and will be anxious to give the Wildcats all they can handle in a game situation. Though for both teams it is about getting a final look at themselves, it is also about starting the season with winning momentum.

That is particularly important for BCHS, which opens with a very tough schedule, a new coaching staff and a new system on offense and defense. The Cats definitely don't want to start the season on the back foot.

West Nassau is potentially a tough team. They were 8-3 last season and made the playoffs. Though they lost in the first round to Trinity Christian 33-13, anytime you go against a playoff quality team you are staring at a squad that knows how to win games and is willing to do what it takes to come out victori-

ous. The Warriors lost their best player — Garrett Hammett — to graduation, but they return an experienced team. George Nelson's team had a near-perfect road record, recording its sole loss to Trinity.

The Warriors return three very dangerous players on offense. Senior Seth Velez and Junior Deante Simmons both flirted with 1000-yard seasons. Velez had 959 yards rushing and Simmons had over 700 yards in total offense from the quarterback position.

Senior Earl Youman had over 500 yards rushing and will be counted on for bigger numbers with Hammett gone.

Senior Mike Park leads the defense. He had 130 tackles last season to rank second on the team behind graduating senior Demetrious Wright.

The defense lost a lot of starters and Nelson will be interested in seeing how the younger players step up.

The Warriors were particularly hit hard by graduation in the secondary, and the new look Wildcat offense will want to challenge with their passing game.

For Wildcat football fans this is the perfect kickoff game. Two playoff teams from last season squaring off against one another. The Cats have the advantage of the home field and will want to jump out on top early. It should be a very entertaining game on a lot of levels.

Pep rally fires up team and fans for beginning of football season

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With the rain pouring down outside and football practice moved indoors to the BCHS auditorium, coaches on Monday fired up the Wildcats in preparation for Friday's match-up with West Nassau in the Kickoff Classic.

They talked about team work, playing their positions and the good things that would happen if the Cats played like they practiced. It was clear that though the long, hot summer is far from over, the first sign of fall is in the air — football.

You didn't need any surer sign that Baker County is ready for a little gridiron heroics than the

turnout at the pre-season pep rally at Memorial Stadium on Friday night.

The place was packed with cheering, rowdy and enthusiastic Wildcat fans. They came early and stayed late. They got fired up by the early scrimmage that Coach Ryan Sulkowski staged for their benefit.

"We just want to give them a chance to see the team get at it," said Sulkowski.

And "get at it," they did. They gave the fans a taste of what they will see on Friday night against the Warriors.

It was a fun night for the crowd. There was food — the cheerleaders went through their

routine and the band played some numbers. The BCMS Dancing Paws and BCHS Rhythmettes went through their paces.

New band director Michael Warren won the Ultimate Wildcat Fan contest. He was decked head to toe in Wildcat gear and completely painted up for the occasion. Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson challenged the student body to surpass his example for the Kickoff Classic.

The crowd cheered enthusiastically for Sulkowski and the introduction of the Wildcat players.

In short, for the capacity crowd it was a great way to get in gear for the start of the new season.

Key games to come early for Cats

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The BCHS football Wildcats are in the second year of a very difficult football schedule. With the exception of Solid Rock Christian of Miami, the schedule is full of potential pitfalls. Here's a look at the season to come.

The Cats open with a playoff team, the Crescent City Raiders, at home on Sept. 3. The Raiders were 8-3 last season and made it into the playoffs, losing to Trinity Christian. The Cats handily beat the Raiders 47-7 in Crescent City.

It's out of the frying pan into the fire as the Wildcats take on Trinity Christian in the second week of the season. The Conquerors shocked BCHS 21-7 last season and went on to win the rest of their games and be state runners-up. The Conquerors are still loaded and it should be a real battle in Jacksonville on Sept. 10.

The Cats take on the ancient enemy at home on Sept. 17. Bradford struggled last season at 4-6 and was shut out by Baker County 21-0. But Bradford is still Bradford and there is a lot of tradition to this game, so the records go out the window.

Week 4 is definitely a game to watch. The Cats open district play with the Ribault Trojans. They will be desperate to avenge the 28-14 loss at the hands of the Wildcats that ultimately cost them the district title. Though the Cats have home field advantage, Ribault will relish a chance to get back at BCHS on Sept. 24.

Whatever their record at week 5 they should be able to take a little breather with Solid Rock Christian. The school is just getting started and only played three games last season. The were beaten 36-0 by BCHS but were respectable.

The Cats host Baldwin on Oct. 8. BCHS spanked the Indians 49-0 last season as Baldwin went on to a 2-8 season. The game is a district match-up.

The Cats have an open date on Oct. 15 and they will undoubtedly use it to rest up before meeting

Raines on Oct. 22. Raines beat BCHS at Memorial Stadium 34-14 and it is never easy to play the Vikings in Jacksonville. Mark your calendar for this one.

BCHS pulled out a fascinating win against Live Oak last season as Kendrick Sampson demonstrated what he could do throwing the football and brought the Cats back from a two-touchdown deficit with a little over a minute to go. The Bulldogs will have a long memory and want to avenge that loss in a district game Oct. 29.

The Cats wrap up their district

games with a home stand against Alachua Santa Fe on Nov. 5. The Cats handed the Red Raiders a 47-7 loss and might need this district win as they did last season.

The final season game is Nov. 12 with a home stand against Arlington Country Day. The Wildcats defeated the Apaches 29-6 last season and would like to finish with momentum.

With the exception of Raines on Oct. 15 the key games are all early. It could have been an easier initiation for coach Ryan Sulkowski, but it should prove a real treat for football fans.

Wildcat Football Home Game

THEME NIGHTS

Theme Nights begin at 6:15 pm with the Wildcat Walk welcoming the players into the stadium
Pre-Game Festivities begin at 7:00 pm
Games start at 7:30 pm

Friday, August 27 • West Nassau

Ultimate Student Fan Contest, winner receives \$100
Recognition of our School District Business Partners & Wildcat Booster Officers

Friday, September 3 • Crescent City

Recognition of students with outstanding FCAT Achievement in 2010

Friday, September 17 • Bradford

Recognition of all sports athletic scholarship recipients who completed college and past Baker County graduates selected in the NFL

Friday, September 24 • Ribault

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Night
Recognition of PBS winners selected from each grade for outstanding behavior

Friday, October 1 • Solid Rock

Recognition of past and present Teacher of the Year, Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Friday, October 8 • Baldwin

Recognition of Baker County Sheriff's Department, Firefighters, EMS Technicians, Football Program Doctors & Nurses

Thursday, November 4 • HOMECOMING

5:00 pm - Homecoming Parade • 6:00 pm Cat Growl
Past graduating classes are invited to participate by class or decade!

Friday, November 5 • Santa Fe

Blast from the Past
Recognition of former football players, coaches, cheerleaders, majorettes, rhythmettes, broadcasters, homecoming queens, band, flag corps & others!

Friday, November 12 • Arlington Country Day

Senior Night
Recognition of past and present Baker County veterans at halftime

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