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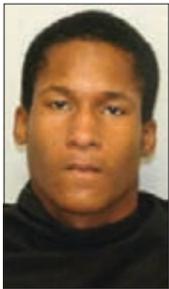
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Teenager sought for a drive-by shooting

Police have issued a warrant for a west Jacksonville teenager for the drive-by shooting and wounding of a Maccleeny teen just after midnight on September 12.

The warrant charges Marquise (Saint) Yates, 17, with attempted murder of the local youth and aggravated assault on the victim's cousin who was standing nearby when 4-5 shots rang out off Quail Lane in the west city that morning.



Marquise Yates

The victim, 17-year-old Carlos Griffett Jr., was struck by bullets in the chest, shoulder and back — all of them missing vital areas. He was released from Shands Jacksonville before noon that day.

Sheriff's investigator Steve Harvey said the shooting was likely the result of an argument the previous afternoon over a female. Yates was not involved in that confrontation that took place in the same neighborhood, but police believe others who were with him at the time of the shooting returned to Jacksonville and enlisted him as an ally because he is known to always carry a gun.

"It's like they went back to one of the crime-ridden neighborhoods in Jacksonville and brought it out here to settle the score," said the investigator.

He said it took most of the day Sunday for police to re-trace the series of events leading up to the shooting, and learn the identity of Yates, who has a criminal record for grand theft auto.

Maj. Chuck Brannan, chief investigator, said he interviewed the suspect's mother in Jacksonville and she said she hadn't seen him in several days.

One of the occupants of the car from which shots were fired about 12:05 is Griffett's half-sister, age 16, who told Sheriff Joey Dobson she was unaware that Yates had a gun. Also in the vehicle were her boyfriend Leon (Ghost) Brooks, 18, and another 16-year-old male, a cousin to the half-sister. All are from

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Judge 'reluctantly' accepts Fox plea

Two families shattered by '09 robbery turned murder

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An apparent robbery gone bad on April 1, 2009 in Sanderson changed forever the lives of two Baker County men and their families.

Sterling F. Howell was stabbed to death and his neighbor Aaron M. Fox will spend roughly 49.5 years in prison for the murder.

"There are no winners or losers in this case ..." said Mr. Fox's attorney and public defender Julie Johnson during the defendant's sentencing September 10. "Sterling was Mr. Fox's friend and neighbor... He mourned his loss and continues to do so."

Judge Phyllis Rosier accepted Mr. Fox's no contest plea to second degree murder and robbery with a deadly weapon about 2:00 pm that day.

She did so reluctantly due to the heinous nature of the murder.

Mr. Howell was stabbed in the neck and torso and left for dead shortly after 7:00 pm. Mr. Fox's mother, Andrea Ellis, and another neighbor found the body a short time later.

Testimony from the 27-year-old defendant's sister and grandmother painted a troubling picture of Mr. Fox's childhood, one that included

physical and mental abuse by his step-father, Danny Ellis.

"Growing up was the hardest part of his life until now," said the sister, Melissa Coleman of Sanderson.

Ms. Johnson said her client was born premature, but Mrs. Ellis didn't stay at the hospital with him. The attorney also mentioned the mother's alcohol abuse and said she was drinking the night of the murder, a point Ms. Johnson intended to use during trial to discredit her testimony.

Mrs. Ellis, who shared a Brince Way residence with Mr. Fox, advised police the night of

the murder she overheard her son planning to rob Mr. Howell, saw him leave with what appeared to be white socks on his hands and that she was sure he killed the victim.

And while Ms. Johnson said Mr. Fox's harsh start in life didn't excuse the charges before the court, "in his view, negative attention was better than no attention at all."

Judge Rosier responded that everyone has problems in life, but as adults they're still responsible for their actions.

"It was a horrible crime," she said. "It even shocked the con-

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Above from left: victim's family Sheryl Bielling, Adrian Hurst and Kim Williams; Mr. Fox's mother Andrea Ellis and chief bailiff Charles Ross fingerprinting Mr. Fox.



PHOTOS BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Former elections chief, icon Barton dead at 67

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John J. Barton, a political icon in Baker County politics the final three decades of the 20th Century, died at his Maccleeny residence on September 10 of a rare illness. He was 67.

Mr. Barton, elections supervisor for 28 years until he decided to retire in 2000, managed with his subdued, down-home style that included pound cake recipes on the back of campaign cards, to be re-elected with opposition in all seven elections. He typically garnered about 60 percent of the vote.

"He was always the type of man who treated everyone fairly," observed his successor Nita Crawford this week. "He told me we always needed to go by the laws and we'll help anyone we can."

Ms. Crawford worked as a deputy supervisor for Mr. Barton from 1979 until he retired. In 2000, she bested a field of five candidates and took over the elections office from the man who had mentored her.

Mr. Barton was elected in 1972 as one of a wave of then-younger candidates sworn into constitutional and board positions, and he outlasted all of them. In years prior to that, the elections supervisor doubled as a courthouse janitor and the office was staffed by one person.

When he took over, Baker County had 4500 voters [he purged the roles of 500 names], all but nine of them Democrats. During his tenure, Mr. Barton oversaw 63 county and city elections with virtually no hint of irregularities save some grumbling about absentee balloting — always by losing candidates.

In fact, Mr. Barton treated absentees as an inflated commodity. They could be an accurate predictor only if the ones "worked" by candidates were subtracted from the total. The resulting "un-influenced" ones generally mirrored the eventual



Mr. Barton in pre-retirement 2000 photo.

outcome.

"When you look at it, only once since I took office have the absentees made any difference in an outcome," Mr. Barton said during an interview in 2000 just prior to leaving office.

"In hundreds of other races, if you're ahead at the precincts, absentees aren't going to beat you."

John Barton's legacy also includes an uncanny knack for predicting winners — who would run best and how they'd finish. Ms. Crawford agrees that his encyclopedic knowledge of Baker County

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Group resurrecting school PTA; initial sign-up September 30

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The Baker County PTA is back.

A new chapter of the national association for parents and teachers, or anyone willing to pay membership dues, is being formed here once again.

School board member Karen McCollum is spearheading the effort along with her successor-elect Jesse Davis, who's agreed to supply seed money for the organization.

"Being a school teacher and school board member, in social gatherings and just talking to people, over and over again, I heard parents ask why we don't have a PTA," explained Ms. McCollum. "It seemed to be a recurring topic."

During his election campaign, Mr. Davis pledged to donate his roughly \$25,000 school board salary to benefit teachers and students.

He won't take office until November, but said about half of the first year's salary — minus taxes — will help launch the new PTA.

"That way, at least initially, they won't need to be so wrapped up in raising money just to get the organization started," Mr. Davis said, adding that he doesn't intend to play an active role in governing the PTA group.

"All A-rated districts and schools have very active PTAs," he said. "We have a lot of people that want to be involved but can't due to work-

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... over and over again I heard parents ask why we don't have a PTA ...

—Karen McCollum
Baker County School Board Member
Baker PTA President

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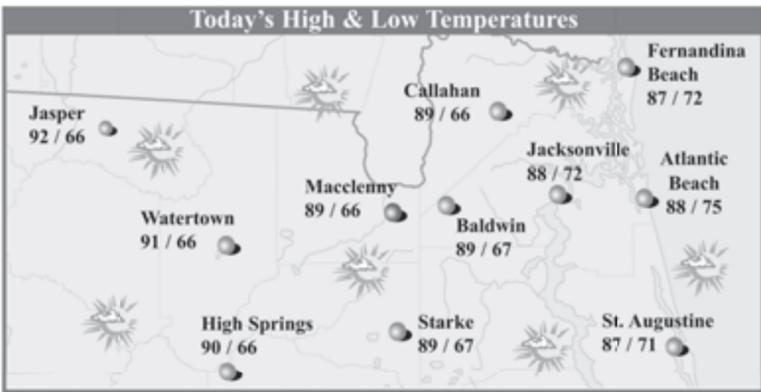
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The Baker County Press Weather

Sept. 16, 2010

Seven Day Forecast

Thursday	Mostly Sunny High: 89 Low: 66
Friday	Mostly Sunny High: 90 Low: 66
Saturday	Mostly Sunny High: 89 Low: 67
Sunday	Mostly Sunny High: 88 Low: 66
Monday	Mostly Sunny High: 87 Low: 65
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny High: 89 Low: 68
Wednesday	Sunny High: 90 Low: 68



Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	7:13 a.m.	7:33 p.m.
Friday	7:14 a.m.	7:32 p.m.
Saturday	7:14 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	7:15 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
Monday	7:15 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
Tuesday	7:16 a.m.	7:27 p.m.
Wednesday	7:17 a.m.	7:25 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tue. 9/7	87	69	90/71	0.00"
Wed. 9/8	89	68	90/71	0.00"
Thu. 9/9	93	68	89/71	0.00"
Fri. 9/10	95	68	89/71	0.00"
Sat. 9/11	95	71	89/71	0.00"
Sun. 9/12	93	71	89/71	0.00"
Mon. 9/13	89	68	89/70	0.00"

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Average normal temperature 80.1°
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Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

St. Mary's River Levels

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	4.64 ft.	+0.11 ft.
Macclenny	2.23 ft.	+0.08 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	AM	PM
Thu	6:42-8:42	6:12-8:12
Fri	7:30-9:30	7:00-9:00
Sat	8:15-10:15	7:45-9:45
Sun	8:58-10:58	8:28-10:28
Mon	9:39-11:39	9:09-11:09
Tue	10:19-12:19	9:49-11:49
Wed	11:00-1:00	10:30-12:30

Weather History

Sept. 16, 1989 - Showers and thunderstorms, representing what remained of Hurricane Octave, brought locally heavy rains to California, impeding the drying process for raisins and other crops. Sacramento, Calif. was soaked with 1.53 inches of rain in six hours.

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'Reluctant' on Fox plea

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scious of this court, who has seen a lot of violent things in her life ... It was a death nobody deserves. I'm sure [Mr. Howell] was buried with dignity. But there was nothing about his death that was dignified."

Assistant state attorney Ralph Yazdiya said his office agreed to the 50-year sentence to avoid the emotional toll a trial would've placed on the victim's family and Mr. Fox's mother, who was set to testify against her son.

Mr. Howell's sister, June Fairhurst-Fay, was the first to address the court. She thanked the prosecution for sparing the family the horrific details of the murder.

She described how Mr. How-

ell was adopted and took a trip to meet his biological siblings for the first time in New York 17 years ago.

Ms. Fairhurst-Fay spoke about her brother's natural ability to fix things and his love for guitar and ham radios.

Mr. Fox sat with his head bowed as Mr. Howell's step-daughter Lisa Tollefrud of Lake Butler read her victim's statement.

"Please know the pain and sorrow our family has suffered for the last year and a half ..." she said. "He was loved by many people ... We should've been celebrating his birthday, but instead we were mourning his death."

Mr. Howell would've turned 57 the day after his murder.

Then public defender Julie Johnson presented a written statement from Mr. Fox's grandmother, Martha Jones, who sobbed as her words were read into the court record.

"We're terribly sorry for Sterling. He was such a great friend to all of us," Ms. Johnson said in part. "He was a good friend and neighbor for 13 years."

Mr. Fox also cried during this portion of the hearing.

Asked afterwards what she'd miss most about her step-father, Kim Williams, also of Lake Butler said, "His funny jokes and his corniness. He had a way of making you laugh."

Mr. Fox will receive 528 days time served on the 50-year sentence.

Teenager is sought

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Jacksonville's westside.

With the exception of Yates, they were all involved in the confrontation between 3:00-4:00 on Saturday afternoon.

Robert Wilcox, 25, a cousin of the victim who exited his residence just before the shots rang out, was not injured but was in the line of fire. Apparently, someone called Mr. Griffett — a student at Baker County High School — from the vehicle and told him to stand outside his residence.

Both sheriff's investigators said they were taken aback by the passive response they got from occupants of the car at the time of the shooting.

"Everyone in that car — they have no regard for life," said Investigator Harvey. "I know now why they have all those shootings in that part of Jacksonville. They don't think anything about someone leaning out a car window and shooting someone. They don't seem to care."

The sheriff's department this week is consulting with the state attorney's office on possible criminal charges against the vehicle occupants as accessories.

"I don't know whether we can do that at this time, but I'd like to see all of them charged with something," said Mr. Harvey.

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Ex-elections chief Barton...

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families and history underpinned that ability.

"He knew everyone, he knew their kin and their politics. That made him very accurate in his predictions," recalls the current supervisor.

Of course, Mr. Barton was reticent to share those predictions freely. They are a bit like land mines, and he was far too cautious to risk offending candidates and their families — unless they were nudging him to stretch election laws.

"I just found it best to stay out of the other man's politics," he said during the same interview.

By the time the new century came along, the decorated Vietnam War vet decided he'd had enough and headed often — even before his term expired — to retreats in the Great Smoky Mountains with his wife Wanda.

He spent more time in Baker County in recent years closer to his three children and his grandchildren. Several months ago, Mr. Barton began a relatively quick descent into a debilitating

and fatal condition that doctors diagnosed as Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

It's a very rare condition that destroys brain proteins and can lie dormant for decades. Experts link it to the famed "mad cow disease" and say it can be contracted by consuming infected meat products.

Mr. Barton's family was told that he could have contracted it while in Vietnam in the 1960s.

So John Barton had the ideal perch for observing Baker County politics — and demographics — during a pivotal time. Voters went from using paper ballots, to the cumbersome voting machines to punch cards to optical scanners.

The county began what is now a transition well underway into a two-party electorate. Back when he took office, big families got together before an election and voted as a bloc, often the whim of a reigning patriarch. Inter-family connections and ancestry counted far more than actual qualifications, and incumbents swam against those political tides

at their own peril.

John Barton sat above it all, sensing the changes earlier than just about everyone and going about his business in the unassuming way that won over the trust of Baker County voters for nearly 30 years until he chose the time to quit.

He was buried at Macedonia Cemetery following a funeral service the morning of September 15.

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Likes 'Friday night lights' She'll leave acrobatics to youths

I had the rewarding experience of attending the Baker County Wildcats' first game of the season on September 3 against Crescent City.

I wouldn't have wanted to be the guys on the opposing team, especially on the long bus ride back home, because our Cats stomped those suckers 40-0.

In the last few months, *The Press* has added video coverage of community events to its website. Since I'm still learning to use our new video camera, I wondered if I could get any football game footage worthy of posting. I volunteered to try.

Of note is the fact that I'm not a sports fan myself, so I've never gone to games and this was a first for me.

I grew up in a household with a father who played basketball for the University of South Carolina back in the late 1940's and early '50s.

On Saturdays during football season, he was glued to the tube. I remember lots of shouting, the nature of which directly correlated with the action or lack of action on the television screen.

As my brothers came along, they joined in these tirades. With each addition of a son, the volume of the shouting in our house on game days rose significantly.

Time marched on and sports found its way into weekday coverage as well. This meant I often experienced the frustration of having a favorite evening TV program pre-empted by my father and brothers.

They never asked if anyone minded because they didn't care. I found their self-styled "entitlement" to the TV on such occasions downright selfish. But my protests were futile.

It proved easier to wrestle a gi-

THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan



BCBS Majorette Jenna Sands

ant ravenous alligator into submission than to gain control of the television when a game was being broadcast, and so the women in the household simply gave up.

Suffice it to say I never became a football fan.

But small town life quite often revolves around its high school football program and that's a fact.

It was time to confront my dislike of the sport and give it a chance. Armed with the video camera, I decided to go to a Cats game and see if I could capture some plays as well as community spirit.

Now I know why people like high school football games so much — they're exciting and fun!

For someone not versed in the hows and whys of football, I got some pretty good video, and to my surprise, had a good time.

Actually, I had a *great* time. The cheerleaders were beautiful, the band was energetic, especially the brass and percussion arrangements of the song "Tequila."

I carefully studied the girls spinning, twirling, throwing and catching their batons (I've never understood how people do that). I'm including here the photograph I shot of twirler Jenna Sands stretching before the game.

This picture is a source of great envy for me because I have never been limber. I took ballet lessons like so many little girls and my fellow dancers could all contort themselves into human pretzels with no effort. Not me.

What I *could* do, however, was turn cartwheels, sometimes half a dozen at a time.

Last summer, I impulsively tried to turn a cartwheel in my front yard, knocked over a rake leaning against the wheelbarrow and nearly squashed a cat to death when I landed in the azalea bushes. It was five minutes before I recovered enough to stand up and stagger into the house where I debated calling EMS.

The next day I could barely walk.

I'll stick to the video camera and leave the game night acrobatics to the younger girls.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Libraries good for economy

Dear Editor:

What you already knew is now shown in a recent study by the State Library and Archives of Florida.

Libraries provide essential services to a community, whether helping people of all ages learn something new or improving existing skills. They can help to attract people and businesses to an area. Libraries provide a sense of community.

Visits to libraries have increased in recent years in spite of stagnant funding due to nationwide economic conditions.

The Taxpayer Return on Investment in Florida Public Libraries study, conducted by the Haas Center at the University of

West Florida, (and funded by a grant from the federal government) shows that for every tax dollar received, Florida public libraries (in 2008 when the study was done), provided \$8.32 in value. This, of course, is an average throughout the state.

Think about it this way. If you had to buy outright all of the books and DVDs that you borrow, if you had to pay outright for the computer classes that you attend, if there was a charge to attend children's programs or to use the meeting room, that's quite a bill.

The Emily Taber public library provides these things for your use.

Think about this and how li-

braries benefit businesses. On your trip to the library you might stop and have lunch, go to a store, buy gas — things you might have done anyway — but the lunch and a store purchase might be extra purchases. Businesses benefited by your trip to the library.

Buildings are built and maintained, supplies are purchased. Local businesses can and do provide those services, again local businesses benefit.

Libraries are a good deal!

Ginny Bird
New River Public Library Co-operative
Lake Butler

[The Taber Library and Baker County are members of the tri-county co-op.]

Wants JV grid team coverage

Dear Editor:

With football season back in full swing, our small town is buzzing about who is playing who and who is coaching who. Everyone anxiously awaits the weekly edition of *The Press* to read about last week's games.

You print articles about our [BCMS] Bobcats and our varsity Wildcats without even a mention of the JV Wildcat team.

We understand the way the system works — middle school and varsity come first. But the JV players, coaches and parents put in just as many hours of practice and dedication. Many are supporters at the same monetary level as the varsity parents.

We travel to away games and are just as proud of our children. The cheerleaders and their coaches work for endless hours to encourage the team and entertain the crowd. Coaches spend no less time with the JV than with varsity, and they do not give the younger boys any breaks because they are JV.

As supporters of our community sports, we would like to see the JV games at least mentioned in the only newspaper in town. We are told to encourage our children to work hard and stay focused, and we ask that you give them a small piece of recognition. Allow our children and their families to chronicle their progression from JV to varsity and maybe even further!

Terry and Lynette Crews
Macclenny

Rick Scott targets pay of state workers

Dear Editor:

Are you a state employee?

Republican gubernatorial candidate Rick Scott wants to cut state employee positions by 5 percent. He promises that he will slash state contributions to your pension fund by \$1.4 billion and require you to deduct at least 5 percent of your salary into your FRS pension plan, thus giving you an automatic 5 percent pay cut!

Are you a correctional officer?

Mr. multi-millionaire Rick Scott says that you are making too much money dealing with convicted felons, and according to his website he will cut the Department of Corrections budget by \$1 billion and put correctional officers on a "competitive based salary."

Of course, Mr. Scott has neither the honesty nor intestinal fortitude to call this what it really is — a pay cut!

Are you a NEFSH employee?

Rick Scott is eager to privatize state government services. Baker County fought off many attempts by Republican politicians over the years to privatize the state hospital. Think how much harder that fight will be if you have a Republican governor favorable to privatization.

Are you a local business owner? Think about the economic hardship that Scott will inflict on the local economy if many of your friends, neighbors and customers who are state employees receive drastic pay cuts, are privatized or part of the 5 percent that Rick Scott wants to reduce.

I urge all Baker County state employees, whether you work at NEFSH or for the Department of Corrections, to vote on November 2. Don't give Rick Scott the opportunity to cut your position, your pay and your pension!

John Belovich
Macclenny

[The writer is a sergeant at Union Correctional Institution and a 22-year veteran employee of the Department of Corrections.]

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Facebook fans

'What you had to say ...'

We asked our Facebook fans September 13, "Recently the judges have started getting creative with their shoplifting sentences by having the offenders hold signs outside the stores they stole from. If you could be judge for a day, what would your sentence be for shoplifting items valued at \$100 or less?" Here's what you had to say...

Ed Davie: "Cleaning the store bathrooms, retrieving shopping buggies from the parking lot, etc. Credit at minimum hourly wage until \$100 in work is earned."

Dennis Whelan: "Wear a T-shirt, and do 3 hours a day for 2 weeks, during busy times. T-shirt should read: 'I am a shoplifter.'"

Jack Presnell: "16 hours picking up litter on the roadways."

Ralph Nelson: "Well that's just perfect, but I say cut of the hand that steals. They would run out of hands pretty quick. Then they would think long and hard before doing it."

Aaron Scott: "I'm just not into humiliating people. It smacks of 'The Scarlet Letter.' Some good hard working-it-off by cleaning up roadsides, parks, and the like, ought to make an impression. Besides, if someone gets 'known' as being a shoplifter, they might just figure there's no good reason not to and just go ahead and live down to everyone's expectations."

Amanda Michelle Heppner: "You know I work in retail and it is sad to see the type of people that shoplift. We had a girl that had to be at least 11 or 12 years old steal about 60 dollars worth of make up and fake nails. When we approached her guardian about it. She acted like it wasn't a big deal. Parents need to teach their kids what is wrong and right. If my child did that, she would apologize and hold a sign that said, 'I had nothing better to do than steal.'"

Judy Allen Carter: "How about a sign, 'Now I know the REAL cost of those items!'"

We also asked, "If you were a commissioner (city or county) and were faced with a large budget shortfall would you vote to increase taxes or fees or cut some funding to programs?" Here's what you had to say...

Roger Alexander: "Think I would start writing tickets to speeders going thru our town. Might cut down on accidents, and may make a few bucks."

Joshua Forth: "No tax increase, stop all programs and cut spending No more new stuff for at least the next 6 years. No more pricey fire truck. Close the new jail and sell it and move the police back into the old building. If the county needs more money, make the cops go out and give tickets to everyone that deserve it. Tail lights out, running a red light, missing tag, speeding though school zone, pulling over people who drive in the dark with lights off after 8:00 pm. If they pull everyone over for that you got your money there!"

Adam Tomlin: "I agree with Joshua on this. When we as individuals have a budget shortfall, we don't have the option of just demanding more money. And the government shouldn't do that either. They should cut funding, or work harder. Ticketing drivers is

a good way to make extra money. Everybody in the county sees patrol cars parked in the parking lots chatting with each other, so we know they could be working."

Don Yonn: "I would look very closely at the budget and make the decision on what would be best for the majority of the citizens of Baker County."

Steven Floyd: "I for one like a little leniency if you happen to be traveling at 3 or 4 miles an hour over the speed limit. Do you really want this town to be a big speed trap? I'd also like to have a chance to fix a tail light out if I didn't know it was out before getting a ticket. I'm sure these officers out here will pull someone over if they are driving like a crazy person. Just cut the programs I say."

Jack Presnell: "Amen. Start with speeders and litter bugs. As long as the programs you cut do not hurt people that would be fine to."

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CITY OF MACCLENNY COMMISSION

City board cool to bids for attorney

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With only one member of the public on hand September 14, the Macclenny City Commission approved tentatively its budget and millage, or property tax, rate for the coming fiscal year beginning October 1.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the \$6.6 million spending plan earlier this month and will consider it again, for final adoption, September 28 at 5:15 pm in city hall, 118 E. Macclenny Ave.

The proposed property tax rate of 3.6 mills is 2.9 percent below the rolled-back rate of 3.6994 mills, which is the rate needed to keep tax revenues at their current level.

The proposed tax rate would generate some \$9600 less than the current rate, or \$768,065. The dollar amount represents about 11.5 percent of the overall budget.

A home valued at \$200,000 would pay about \$720 in city property taxes at the proposed rate. The same property if homesteaded and eligible for Florida's \$50,000 value ex-

emption would pay about \$540 in city taxes.

Macclenny residents' tax bills also include county, school district, hospital authority and water management district tax levies.

The sole resident on hand was Macclenny real estate agent Dennis Collins, who regularly attends city commission meetings.

He questioned whether the city could save money by bidding out its legal services, which are now on contract to Macclenny attorney Frank Maloney for \$140 an hour and a \$500 monthly retainer.

"Maybe there are others that might be willing to do it for less," he told the board.

None of the five commissioners, nor City Manager Gerald Dopson voiced support for the measure.

Mr. Dopson admitted that savings would be likely, but said Mr. Maloney's knowledge of city operations is more valuable.

"There is an advantage to having someone experienced providing professional services," he said.

Mayor Gary Dopson, brother to the city manager, agreed. He believes the savings

wouldn't be worth giving up "a known quantity" like Mr. Maloney.

"He's done excellent work for us," Mayor Dopson said. "As long as we're happy and his rate is competitive, I don't feel strongly about looking for a modest amount of savings."

Commissioner Vernon Bennett added the long-time city attorney has received just two raises in 23 years.

Mr. Collins also asked why the city doesn't have its own police department, particularly since the proposed budget for law enforcement services from the sheriff's office in the coming year is about \$66,400 more than the fire department's proposed.

"The fire department is doing an excellent job. Why can't we have a city police department?" he said.

Mayor Dopson said the endeavor would likely cost more than the city is paying today for law enforcement services.

In other business, the commission agreed to annex into city limits American Enterprise bank and forgo a \$2 hike in the garbage rate.

BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

County okays budget at \$32M; local share of revenue down \$13K

JOEL ADDINGTON
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The Baker County Commission maintained course last week by approving unanimously a tentative \$31.9 million budget and 7.1495 millage, or property tax, rate for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

The decision came September 8 during the first of two public hearings required by law before final adoption, the second of which is set for September 20.

The proposed property tax rate is 2.87 percent less than the rolled-back rate needed to collect the same level of tax revenue as the current year.

The proposed rate represents a tax cut because it's expected to generate \$13,547 fewer tax dollars than this year.

It should generate \$5,617,489 or about 18 percent of the new budget.

A home valued at \$200,000 would generate about \$1429 in county taxes at the proposed tax rate.

The same property, if homesteaded, would yield about \$1072 due to property value exemptions approved by Florida voters in 1992 and 2008 totaling \$50,000.

The latter measure also made the exemptions portable, so they can't be lost when homeowners move from one location to another.

The school district, hospital authority and water management district levies appear on county tax bills too, along with assessments for fire protection and garbage disposal.

The \$31.9 million spending plan for the coming fiscal year, which begins October 1, is about \$825,000 smaller than this year's budget.

Spending is expected to rise modestly in many departments due to state-mandated increases in retirement contributions and a 5 percent rise anticipated in health insurance costs.

The recreation department and the Supervisor of Elections, however, proposed less overall spending despite increasing personnel costs.

The new budget reflects no new employees, equipment, programs or across-the-board raises. County commissioners approved a raise for IT specialist Clint Shivers last spring in an effort to retain him.

The county board will consider the budget and tax rate for final adoption Monday at 5:00 pm at the county administration building, 55 N. 3rd St.

In other business last week, the board directed county staff to advertise for bids to remove a nearly empty 6000-gallon fuel tank south of the planning, building and environmental health offices at the corner of Stansell and 2nd streets in Macclenny.

The removal is estimated to cost more than \$18,000.

The sheriff's office used the tank before it moved into the complex north of Macclenny in June 2009.

"At present we do not have a need for the fuel station," County Manager Joe Cone wrote in a memo to the board, adding that the road department and emergency services are fueled through a private vendor and have access to a 500-gallon tank for use after regular business hours.

Maintaining the 6000-gallon tank would mean insuring it and paying for annual inspections to comply with state environmental regulations. Mr. Cone estimated those costs at about \$1650 a year.

Group resurrecting school PTA...

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ing or conflicts with childcare."

Mr. Davis plans to donate the remainder of his salary to the Baker County Education Foundation, a non-profit corporation formed in 1989 and governed by community leaders and school district officials.

State statutes already mandate that districts maintain School Advisory Councils or SACs to assist in preparing and evaluating school improvement plans and deciding how to implement the plans using state funds.

The plans are aimed at increasing student performance.

The councils consist of school officials, parents, business partners and community representatives. The groups must also be racially reflective of local demographics.

The Pre-K/Kindergarten Center's SAC, for instance, includes 34 people: five white males, four black females and 25 white females. Less than half the group showed up for the council's first 8:00 am meeting of the year.

"It's kind of hard [to attend] at that time," said the school's secretary Shirley Crawford.

Keller Intermediates' SAC alternates meeting times. Next month's meeting is at 6:00 pm to coincide with a family reading night while the December meeting is scheduled for 8:00 am.

Mr. Davis said that finding a more convenient avenue for

parents to become involved in classrooms was part of the PTA's impetus.

"[SAC] is a great opportunity for parents to learn about what the schools are doing," he said, "but you don't have the full opportunity to be engaged and involved as you would with a PTA that can meet anytime on any issue."

The PTA isn't intended to compete with the advisory councils, but instead offer another source of revenue and more opportunities for parents to volunteer, said Ms. McCollum.

With a network of millions of PTA members nationwide and 280,000 in Florida, she said the organization can also educate the public on issues facing schools today, like funding losses, class size reduction and performance pay for teachers.

"Whatever you face, chances are somebody has been there and done that," Ms. McCollum said.

Leadership for the PTA and its budget will come from a board of directors elected by the general membership. While the board will meet in private, general meetings among the membership will be open to the public, though only members can vote.

Ms. McCollum said the board will present activities and initiatives to the general membership for consideration.

The PTA's first general meeting will be September 30 at the Crockett Building, 19 E. Mac-

clenny Ave., at 6:30 pm. Attendees are encouraged to write down any suggestions or ideas they may have for the PTA and submit them at the meeting.

A representative of the Florida PTA will make a presentation that evening about the differences between PTA and the state-mandated SACs.

"Some parents feel like SACs are controlled by principals and not really a voice of the parents," Ms. McCollum said. "PTA is independent from any kind of school leadership."

She reiterated that the two groups would not compete.

The PTA can enhance what the district's already doing by, for example, supplementing the \$300 new teachers receive for classroom supplies.

"That doesn't go very far," said Ms. McCollum.

David Davis, district administrator and former principal, [no relation to Jesse Davis] questioned the need for another parent-teacher group and called SACs, "a real workable group for parents."

"You don't have a void," David Davis said.

Because the councils spend state funds, they're subject to more stringent auditing requirements and public records laws.

The records of nonprofit groups like the PTA are generally not open for public inspection.

SACs are also charged with deciding jointly with school administrators how to spend "recognition" funds from the state. The money is awarded to A-rated schools and those improving by one letter grade or more.

If no agreement is reached on how to spend the funds by November 1, they're dispersed as bonuses to teachers.

When asked why the PTA disbanded here years ago, David Davis said he couldn't say for sure, but believed it was because of membership dues.

Ms. McCollum said annual dues for the new PTA will be \$10 per member. Three dollars of the sum will be remitted to the Florida and national PTA organizations.

More information about the PTA can be found at <http://www.floridapta.org> or <http://www.pta.org>.

SAC information can be found at <http://www.florida-family.net/SAC/FLSAC.htm>.

The local PTA group has also launched a Facebook page where users can ask questions or request further information.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

Orders fix of wiring violations

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The Code Enforcement Board [CEB] gave a Sanderson commercial building's owner 10 days to fix electrical hazards that county officials said could ignite a structure fire.

William Raulerson rents the 42-year-old convenience store building to Amin Ali, who operates Cheap Butts on the southwest corner of US 90 and CR 229.

The CEB ruled September 13 that Mr. Raulerson would be fined \$100 if the hazards aren't rectified by September 23. He could face additional daily fines of \$15 until the property comes into compliance, for a maximum of 180 days.

The board also assessed Mr. Raulerson an \$85 administrative fee.

Fire Marshal John Motherwell's inspection of the store in May identified nine fire code violations including drink coolers in the store's rear being powered by extension cords, no emergency



The Sanderson convenience store on US 90 cited for fire code violations.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

lighting and no manual disconnect for fuel pumps.

After a 45-day grace period the hazards continued and Mr. Motherwell contacted county code enforcement officer Bob Hathcox, who visited the address August 9.

"I walked through and con-

firmed the fire marshal's report," Mr. Hathcox told CEB members. "The electric panel definitely needs some work ... My view is this building right now is a public safety issue."

The fire marshal agreed. "We're pushing the envelope right now," said Mr. Motherwell, who could feel heat coming from the extension cords during his inspection.

Fire inspections typically don't lead to code enforcement cases, but the marshal said this case was "a major life-safety issue" and not the first time one of Mr. Ali's stores has been cited.

"He takes a 'when I get around

to it, I'll fix it' kind of attitude," Mr. Motherwell said.

The building's owner, Mr. Raulerson, addressed the CEB that evening too, saying he's hired P&R Electric of Macclenny to fix the problems.

"I ran that store for 45 years," Mr. Raulerson told the board. "He [Mr. Ali] changed everything around."

The landlord is also attempting to evict Mr. Ali from the building.

In other actions this week, the CEB:

- Gave Roger Harvey 30 days to complete skirting around the rear of his south county mobile home at 7000 Southern States Nursery Rd.

Failing to do so will cost Mr. Harvey \$50, plus \$15 per day until the skirting's finished, for a maximum of 180 days.

The board also charged the owner an \$85 administrative fee.

- Rescheduled to November a hearing for a violation of zoning rules that prohibit horses in residential districts.

Home Again Investments LLC foreclosed on the East Ridgewood Drive property in Glen St. Mary and now rents it with an option to buy to the horses' owner, Mr. Hathcox said.

The Land Planning Agency will consider a special exception application next month to permit the horses.

4-H Kick-off event

Baker County 4-H invites everyone to it Fall Kick Off on Thursday, September 16 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Baker County Agricultural Center at 1025 West Macclenny Avenue.

It will be held in the auditorium and families can drop by anytime during those hours. There will be refreshments and leaders will have tables set up to explain their club and recruit members. New and continuing members can complete their registration paperwork at the Kick-Off.

4-H Agent Renee Gore will be there to meet families and talk with them about the program in Baker County. There will be information on hand for families to find out about the opportunities 4-H has to offer youth.

There are many project areas

for youth to explore from clogger dancing to forestry and archery and just about everything in between. 4-H will be promoting the 2010 fundraising and service campaign with the Baker County sheriff's department called "Put a Tiger In The Trunk" For more information about 4-H in Baker County visit our web site at <http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu>.

4-H is a world-wide community of youth learning citizenship, leadership and life skills. The 4-H program is for youth ages 5 - 18 (as of 9/1 each year and not graduated high school).

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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 preview 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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Baker County District School Board will hold the following **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Monday, October 4, 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 Policy:
5.105 Dating Violence and Abuse

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

The documents will be available for preview 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

8/26-9/30

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 02-2010-CA-000114 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA DBA AMERICAS SERVICING COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, GEORGE W. RHODEN A/K/A GEORGE WRAY RHODEN, DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, GEORGE W. RHODEN A/K/A GEORGE WRAY RHODEN, DECEASED

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This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in The Baker County Press.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 3rd day of September, 2010.

Al FRASER
Clerk of the Court
By: T.A. Lovingood
As Deputy Clerk

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This building is approximately 22,870 square feet.

A mandatory, pre-bid walk through will be held on September 20th at 10 a.m. at the Baker County Administration Building, 55 N. 3rd St., Macclenny, FL. Any Bids submitted by contractors on the bid opening date who did not attend the pre-bid meeting will be rejected. This is a mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Bid specifications may be obtained at the Baker County Administration Building located at 55 North 3rd Street Macclenny. All bids are due by 4:00pm, September 29, 2010.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2010-DR-390

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:

PAUL C. WILKERSON,
Petitioner/Husband,

and

MARSHA M. WILKERSON,
Respondent/Wife.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Marsha M. Wilkerson

A dissolution of marriage action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, entitled in Re the Marriage of Paul C. Wilkerson and Marsha M. Wilkerson.

You are required to file written defenses with the clerk of the court and to serve a copy on petitioner's attorney within 30 days after the first publication of this notice. Petitioner's attorney is E. Barbara Baris, Mannikko & Baris, P.O. Box 1667, Macclenny, Florida 32063.

Dated on: August 26, 2010

AL FRASER
AS CLERK OF THE COURT
By: s/Tammy A. Lovingood
As Deputy Clerk

9/2-9/23

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.

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ELIZABETH NICOLE GENTRY

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
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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 24, 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.
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34 S. 5th Street
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Pone 904-259-6606
9/2-9/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2009-214-CA

CAROLINA FIRST BANK, d/b/a MERCANTILE BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

AMY STAVELY and LONG BRANCH FARMS, LLP,
Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the real property located in Baker County, Florida, described as follows:

SECTION 34: TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FL.

NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4.

shall be sold by the Clerk of this Court, at public sale, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure rendered in the above styled action dated April 20, 2010, at the Baker County Courthouse, in Macclenny, Baker County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, October 4, 2010, to the best and highest bidder for cash.

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.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 7th day of September, 2010.

Al Fraser
Clerk of Court
By: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

9/16-9/23

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 **Glen Saint Mary Plant Nursery** whose principle place of business is: **7703 Glen Nursery Road, Glen Saint Mary, FL 32040** and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

NAME	EXTENT OF INTEREST
Thomas F. Williams	100%

Thomas F. Williams
Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BAKER
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of September, 2010.

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

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The following people have until September 28, 2010 at 1:00 pm to furnish back rent and late fees, or contents of unit(s) will be sold.

Dawn Trifolo	Unit 1
Melissa Stines	Unit 3
Paul Overlin	Unit 4

9/16-9/23

The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) gives notice of receipt of the following permit application(s):

Standard General and Standard ERP Permit Applications

David Burnham, 151 S. 7th Street, Macclenny, FL 32063, application #40-003-125394-1.

The project is located in Baker County, Section 8, Township 3 South, Range 22 East, and includes 3.15-acres. The Environmental Resource Permit application is for construction of a surface water management system for a commercial development known as Burnham Construction. Florida Land & Lakes, LLC, 9987 Preserves Way, Jacksonville, FL 32219, application #40-003-102106-2. The project is located in Baker County, Sections 19 & 20, Township 2 South, Range 22 East. The Environmental Resource Permit application is for construction of a surface water management system for a 96.97-acre development known as Creekside Oaks Subdivision.

The file(s) containing the permit application(s) are available for inspection Monday through Friday, except for District holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the District's Headquarters, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, Florida, 32177-2529. You may also view files at one of the District's Service Centers, but you should call Service Center staff in advance to make sure that the files are at a specific Service Center. Service Center contact information is available on-line at <http://permits.sjrw.com/epermitting/jsp/contact.jsp>. Additionally, most permit application file documents can be viewed online at <http://floridawater.com/permitting/index.html>. To obtain information on how to find and view permit application file documents, go to the HELP tab in E-Permitting and click on Support and FAQs and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents."

The decision on Standard General and Standard permit applications will be made at the District's Service Center where the application is processed, unless the application is upgraded to an individual permit as explained below. A substantial objection to a Standard General or Standard permit application must be made in writing and filed with (received by) the Director of Regulatory Information Management, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, Florida, 32178-1429, or by e-mail at applicationsupport@sjrw.com, within 14 days of notification of the application. Please include either the Permit Application number or the Project Name in the objection. Notification of the application is either the fifth day after the date on which the written notice is deposited in the U.S. mail (for those persons who receive actual notice by U.S. mail), the day the notice is emailed (for those persons who receive actual notice by email), or the date the notice is published in the newspaper (if actual notice is not provided by U.S. mail or email). A "substantial objection" means a written statement directed to the District that identifies the objector, concerns hydrologic or environmental impacts of the proposed activity, and relates to applicable rule criteria. A timely substantial objection will cause the Standard General or Standard permit application to be considered an application for an individual permit. If the District receives a timely substantial objection from you, then you will receive written notice of the District's intended decision on the permit application.

Please note that decisions on individual permit applications will be made either by the District's Executive Director or designee (for those applications which are recommended for approval) or by the District's Governing Board (for those applications which are recommended for denial). For individual permit applications, you are advised to notify the District within 14 days of notification of the application(s) if you have questions, objections, comments, or information regarding the activity proposed in the permit application. If you make a written request to the District for additional information regarding a specific permit application, you will be provided an opportunity to obtain the available information. Please note that filing a written objection does not entitle you to a Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, administrative hearing.

Notice of intended (proposed) District Decision will be provided to persons who have requested individual notice. A request for individual notice of intended (proposed) District Decision on the application must be received by the District's Director of the Division of Regulatory Information Management prior to the date the notice of intended (proposed) District Decision is generated.

Robert Presley, Director, Division of Regulatory Information Management
St. Johns River Water Management District
9/16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 02-2010-CA-0134

CAROLINA FIRST BANK, as successor by merger with Mercantile Bank,
Plaintiff,

vs.

LONNIE D. BROWN; et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 1, 2010 entered in Civil Case No. 02-2010-CA-0134 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein CAROLINA FIRST BANK, as successor by merger with Mercantile Bank, is Plaintiff and LONNIE D. BROWN; et al., are Defendant(s).

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. MacClenny Ave., MacClenny, FL at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 20th day of October, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Township 2 South, Range 22 East, Baker County, Florida as described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Southeast 1/4; thence N 88°38'30" E on the North line of said Southeast 1/4; 1,554.36 feet; thence S 00°05'45" E, 490 feet; thence S 37°32'30" W, 565.28 feet; thence S 25°17'20" W, 565.14 feet; thence S 70°38'30" W, 40 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence N 82°21'30" 150 feet, more or less, to the waters of the South prong of the St. Mary's River; thence Southeasterly along with the said waters of the South prong of the St. Mary's River, 240 feet, more or less, to a point here S 11°27'15" E from the Point of Beginning; Beginning thence N 11°27'15" W, 400 feet, more or less, to an iron pipe and continuing 415 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning. Reserving the North 60 feet for road and utility purposes.

Vacant Land

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 this 9th day of September, 2010.

AL FRASER
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

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9/16-9/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 022010CA000046CAXXXX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS FOR AMERIQUEQ MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2005-R8, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R8
Plaintiff,

vs.

ALTON L. HILL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALTON L. HILL; CUNA MUTUAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 2, 2010, and entered in Case No. 022010CA000046CAXXXX, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS FOR AMERIQUEQ MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2005-R8, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R8 is Plaintiff and ALTON L. HILL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALTON L. HILL; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; CUNA MUTUAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the EAST DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, AT 339 EAST MACCLENNY AVENUE, MACCLENNY IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 12th day of October, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 28, ALLEN LANDS, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1996 DOUBLEWIDE MOBILEHOME, ID#FL70A23500GH21, TITLE #6827367 AND ID #FLFLS-70B23500GH21, TITLE #6827368.

A 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 this 9th day of September, 2010.

AL FRASER
As Clerk of said Court
By: Jamie Crews
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 339 East MacClenny Avenue, 1st Floor, MacClenny, FL 32063, Phone No. (904) 259-8113 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

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9/16-9/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY
CASE # : 2009-CA-000268
Division #:

Chase Home Finance, LLC
Plaintiff,

-vs.-

James B. Turpin a/k/a James Turpin and Melissa D. Turpin a/k/a Melissa Turpin, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for HomeAmerican Mortgage Corporation; Rolling Meadows of Macclenny Homeowners Association, Inc.;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 2, 2010, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000268 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein Chase Home Finance, LLC, Plaintiff and James B. Turpin a/k/a James Turpin and Melissa D. Turpin a/k/a Melissa Turpin, 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 MACCLENNY AVENUE, MACCLENNY, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on October 19, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 123, ROLLING MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 96-101, 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.

AL FRASER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Baker County, Florida
By: Jamie Crews
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

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9/16-9/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 02-2010-CP-005

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
JOHNNIE E. CRAWFORD,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: NANCY DAVIS
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition to Determine Heirs 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 October 15, 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 13th day of September, 2010.

As Clerk of the Court
By:
Deputy Clerk

9/16-10/7

COURT

4.5 years for sale of crack Defendant is a felon on probation

A convicted felon who was released from prison and out on probation when arrested in December, 2009 for selling cocaine was sent back last week for 52 months.

Walter McCrary, III, 25, of Macclenny had been in county jail since his arrest for sale of the drug and possession with intent to sell.

He had earlier violated probation from cases dating back to 2005, including grand theft, felony criminal mischief and sale of cocaine.

In other cases heard on September 7, Judge Phyllis Rosier ordered Raymond Brown to serve 19 months in prison after he pleaded no contest to two counts of selling crack cocaine. He gets credit for 59 days in jail since his arrest.

Mr. Brown, 26, of Jacksonville was implicated in two controlled buys set up by sheriff's investigators in Macclenny and Sanderson last May.

• Jason Smith, 23, admitted to violating probation in several

cases dating back to 2007 and will serve 13 months in prison.

Court records show he failed to submit to drug treatment and left a Salvation Army facility in June, thus violating two conditions of his house arrest probation.

He was on probation for felony driving on a suspended license, battery on an older person, repeat petty theft, felony battery and resisting arrest.

• Lee Battles Jr. admitted violating probation for possession of a controlled substance and will be in county jail six months.

• Rodrick Roberts will be in jail a year for violating probation for sale of a counterfeit controlled drug in 2009.

• Judge Rosier ordered Darlene Brister onto a drug offender probation for three years in return for her no contest plea to possession of a controlled drug. She withheld adjudication and also ordered the defendant to pay a \$350 cost of investigation fee.

• Jason Burnette pleaded no contest to criminal mischief and grand theft and will be on a

two-year probation. Restitution will be determined later, and the judge ordered the defendant to pen a two-page essay on theft.

• Elick Griffis pleaded no contest to 13 counts of burglary of vehicles, structures and grand theft and was placed on a five-year drug offender probation. He will remain in jail pending availability of a bed at the Salvation Army facility, where he is to undergo treatment for substance abuse.

• The judge ordered Gregory Lee of Green Cove Springs onto a five-year probation after he pleaded no contest to theft of \$2617 in electronics equipment from the Macclenny Walmart in the spring of this year.

The order includes payment of restitution and that the defendant stay out of Walmart stores in the state of Florida or risk going to jail.

Mr. Lee was one of three persons who entered the store in the early morning of May 11 and stole a television and other merchandise. He also hit Walmarts in Bradford and Duval counties.

Arrest for 'mobile' meth lab

A state trooper was credited with the arrest early Saturday of a Middleburg man for driving a vehicle containing the ingredients for manufacturing methamphetamine.

Trooper D.L. Myers said he turned around on a southbound 2000 Cadillac Escalade on SR 228 south of Macclenny just before midnight on September 10 because it had no tail lights.



Elton Fortner

The driver, Elton Craig Fortner, 34, behaved in a nervous manner when questioned, and Trooper Myers noted he opened the rear door of the vehicle attempting to retrieve tools to fix the light malfunction.

Mr. Fortner told the officer he was driving back from Fort Lauderdale, where he said he had been fishing and submitting a bid for his cabinet contracting business.

Trooper Myers noted that the

driver also had constricted eye pupils and the pitch of his voice varied while being questioned. He also said he had encountered both Mr. Fortner and passenger Kathleen Mock, no age or address listed, back in August and she made statements then indicating the driver was in the methamphetamine business.

Later, when she was placed in the patrol car of DOT officer Matt Finley, Ms. Mock spoke of a duffel bag in the Escalade that Mr. Fortner asked her to conceal when he realized the trooper had made a u-turn just before the traffic stop.

When the officers realized the bag's contents included items commonly used in meth labs, they summoned Investigator Randy Crews, a member of a federal drug task force.

He inventoried contents of the bag that included: lighter fluid, iodine, nail polish remover, coffee filters, two packets of Sudafed, a rubber hose, suction tube, matches and several bottles containing clear liquid.

Mr. Fortner informed the officers that two of the plastic bottles contained moonshine. Earlier he denied knowing it was in the vehicle.

Trooper Myers and Officer Finley also found a glass pipe in the center front console and five prescription pills in a small metal tube in the vehicle's interior.

Mr. Fortner was booked at county jail for possessing equipment to manufacture an illegal substance and possession of controlled drugs without a prescription.

Ms. Mock was not arrested.

Arrests on drug warrants

The sheriff's department rounded up five suspects September 8 and 9 on warrants stemming from controlled drug buys using confidential informants in August.

Two more suspects are being sought this week.

Arrested last week:

- Teddy O'Neal Belford, 19, of Macclenny for possession and sale of marijuana and controlled drugs.

- Calvin J. Chestnut, 51, of Sanderson, two counts of sale and possession of crack cocaine and one count of trafficking in hydrocodone.

- Bradley Hardenbrook, 21, of Glen St. Mary, two counts of trafficking, one in oxycodone and the other in methadone.

- Galen Pittman, 23, of Macclenny, counterfeit sale of Loratab. The pills, when examined by sheriff's investigators who monitored the sale to the informant, turned out to be over-the-counter Aleve.

Investigators John Hardin, Mike Hauge and Steve Harvey all had involvement setting up the sting buys.

Police have warrants for Octavius Thompson, 19, of Baldwin for two counts of possession and sale of powder cocaine and a single count of possession and sale of marijuana, and Roman Tyrone Thompson, 20, of Macclenny for sale of marijuana.

- Deputy Steven Smith arrested Rashaad Church and Arlee Givens, both 18 and from Sanderson, after driving up on them late on September 11 in the Macclenny park off West Boulevard.

Mr. Givens allegedly tossed on the ground a bag containing cocaine and he was charged with felony possession.

Mr. Church, who gave consent to search his car, was charged with misdemeanor possession of a small amount of pot between

the front seats and having a larger bag of it before tossing it outside the vehicle below the driver's side door.

NEFSH patient knocks out employee

A criminal complaint for battery was filed against a patient at Northeast Florida State Hospital for attacking a male employee the morning of September 8 and knocking him unconscious.

The employee, Shelton Pervis, 53, of Macclenny told Deputy Daryl Mobley the male patient, age 33, struck him in the face shortly after the employee told him he would return to let him in a television room in Building 13W.

Witness Lori Jacobs of Macclenny, another employee, said she ran to the scene and heard the patient scream "I am going to kill you, man," as he pinned Mr. Pervis to the floor. Other employees and security officers pulled the patient off him.

In other incidents, Deputy Matt Sigers filed criminal complaints against all three women involved in a fracas at MLK Dr. and South Boulevard the evening of September 8.

Romona Robertson, 22, was named for aggravated battery on Laronda Ellis, 23, who is seven months pregnant. Ms. Ellis claimed her assailant was armed with a razor that caused a small cut on her hand during the altercation.

The complaints against Ms. Ellis and another female, age 14, are for simple battery. All are from Macclenny.

- Edward Stewart, 55, of Macclenny told police he was attacked by a black male wearing sunglasses after he attempted to break up an argument between the man and his wife Lori Royal, age 38.

Mr. Stewart told Deputy Jeremiah Combs the man threw a piece of concrete that struck him on the arm, then cut him on the left palm with a knife.

The incident took place about 7:00 the evening of September 6 off Quail Lane.

Threats, abuse by live-in boyfriends

Police removed two live-in boyfriends from residences the past week for making threatening and abusive statements in the presence of their girlfriends and children.

Lori Jacobs, 36, of Macclenny called police the morning of September 10 claiming boyfriend Carl Peil, 45, had for several days been agitated and cursing at her and her two children, one of whom also belongs to Mr. Peil.

The couple lives on North 5th St. At one point, she told Deputy Koty Crews that Mr. Peil made a direct obscene statement to his daughter, age 4.

Ms. Jacobs said the boyfriend likely had ingested excessive medication and it was making him unbalanced. He was charged with domestic assault.

A similar charge was filed four days earlier against Steven Raulerson, 39, for making threats and using abusive language in the presence of girlfriend Susan Johns, 46, and their 2-year-old daughter.

Deputy Patrick McGauley was called to the couple's residence on Bob Kirkland Rd. late on September 6 and said Mr. Raulerson was highly intoxicated.

In other domestic cases:

- Lance Johnson, 43, was arrested for battery on step-son James Miller, 19, at their residence off Twin Oaks Lane near Glen St. Mary.

Mr. Miller told Deputy Jeremiah Combs he and his step-father argued over whether it was too hot to continue cleaning out a barn, and Mr. Johnson punched him in the face.

- A criminal complaint names Stacy Hott, 31, of Macclenny for battery on her mother Sandra Lauramore, 54, during an argument at their residence on McIver St. the evening of September 12.

The mother told Deputy Earl Lord that Ms. Hott threw a cup at her and choked her in the presence of the accused's four children ages 2-11.

Deputies notified the Department of Children and Families about the cases where children were present.

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US 90 resurfacing contractor APAC Southeast removes the existing layer of asphalt east of Macclenny September 13.

County buys up 'milling' To stabilize 5 miles of dirt roads

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR

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As US 90 gets a fresh layer of asphalt through Baker County, the old layer isn't going to waste.

Contractor APAC Southeast Inc. has been peeling away the existing surface, grinding it up and spitting the material — commonly called milling — into dump trucks, some of which bear the county's public works department logo.

The county intends to use some 12 tons of milling, the surplus amount expected by the project's end, to stabilize about 5 miles of publicly-maintained dirt roads, said department director Robert Fletcher.

APAC is keeping some millings from the 13-mile resurfacing project for itself and selling the rest to the county.

"It's way cheaper than I've ever seen," Mr. Fletcher said of the price.

About 80 percent of the county's anticipated millings have already been stockpiled at two locations — one just east of the courthouse on 2nd Street in Macclenny and another near Arnold Rhoden Road in Sanderson.

Mr. Fletcher recommended obtaining permits from the Florida Department of Transportation to stabilize 11 roads totaling 7.68 miles using the milling.

The permits last five years and the director hopes additional milling can be secured in the future.

The roads planned for stabilization are W.M. Barber Road, Ira Starling Road, Jim Starling Road, Pine Top Road South, Blue Hole Road, Faye Road, Violet Road, Eddy Grade Road to Baxter Grade Road, River Hills

Road, Aunt Mary Harvey Road and Stasi Road.

Mr. Fletcher said a 4-inch layer of milling will be placed on the dirt surfaces. It should last a few years and eliminate the need for regular grading, he said.

No date has been set to begin the spreading.

The longest stretch of stabilization is proposed for Southern States Nursery Road, which has already been permitted. Mr. Fletcher recommended beginning it when the milling process nears Glen St. Mary.

Other ongoing road projects in the county include the resurfacing and widening of Woodlawn Road, repaving of CR 229 S. to the county line, resurfacing of Mudlake Road and resurfacing, realignment and sidewalks on Lowder Street.

Brother pawns \$2K rings for \$140 in Jacksonville

The younger brother of a Glen woman's fiancé is charged with the theft of two rings from her sometime in late August and September 3 when he pawned them in Jacksonville.

Sheriff's investigator David Morgan said James Perry, 25, pawned the rings valued at \$1000 each for \$70 at Roberts Jewelry Repair and Pawn. The suspect initially denied involvement when the theft was first reported to deputy Daryl Mobley on September 8.

They were the property of Charlene Smith, who along with the suspect and his brother live on Klein Rd. west of Glen. Ms. Smith told police the rings were in a jewelry box in a master bedroom and she discovered them missing the previous day.

One was adorned with cluster diamonds, the other with a blue sapphire and diamonds.

Investigator Morgan said Mr. Perry admitted to the theft when confronted with evidence from the Jacksonville pawn shop.

He was booked for grand theft, a third-degree felony.

In a second recent residential theft, this one also involving a ring, a neighbor identified as Jason Perry, 25, was named in a criminal complaint for petty theft. It is not known if he is related to the other suspect.

Victim Shirley Norman called police after a 17-year-old female who resides with the suspect told the victim she found the ring and some prescription pills with Mr. Perry's belongings.

When questioned by Deputy Patrick McGauley, Mr. Perry denied stealing the items and instead said Ms. Norman gave

them to him. She denied it.

The officer also talked to another witness who lives across the DeLong Rd. near Macclenny from the victim and she said Mr. Perry may be involved in several recent neighborhood thefts.

Ms. Norman told Deputy McGauley she recently took Mr. Perry to the Family Dollar in Macclenny and saw him walk out of the store with 10-15 DVDs in his waistband and pockets.

The juvenile handed over several DVDs still in the wrapping and believed to be among those taken. The case is under investigation.

In other residential thefts reported to police:

• A flat-screen television valued at \$3000 was taken from the residence of Michael Stoutamire on Dolphin St. north of Sanderson between 1:00 am on September 3 and the late evening of September 6 when he returned to find a rear door had been pried open.

There are suspects in the theft.

• Several video game consoles and games were taken from the residence of Penny Maxwell on Circle G. Lane near Sanderson overnight on September 5. A door was pried open to gain entry and there was no value attached

to the missing property.

• Lillian Ellis told police someone removed the license plate on her husband's 1995 Mazda pickup overnight on September 4. It was parked off Mack Ruise Rd., and she said this is the second such incident this year.



NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Baker County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a budget for 2010/2011.

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

September 20, 2010
at 5:01 p.m.

at the
County Administration Building
55 N. Third St.
Macclenny, FL 32063

Drunk driver fails to stop

A Macclenny motorist was arrested for drunk driving after a county deputy followed him driving erratically west on US 90 between Macclenny and Glen St. Mary early on September 10.

Cpl. Ben Anderson said he was stopped at the Lowder and US 90 light just before 2:00 am when he observed a 1999 Saturn driven by Donald Brantley, 39, make an excessively wide turn.

He also said the vehicle veered out of its lane several times before turning north on Wildcat Drive.

The officer said Mr. Brantley failed to pull over when he activated the blue lights of his patrol vehicle, and eventually turned onto Westside St. and into a private drive.

The driver had an odor of alcohol and failed several field sobriety tests before he was taken to county jail where he measured .188 on a breathalyzer, well in excess of what Florida considers drunk.

Mr. Brantley was also ticketed for failure to maintain a single lane.

In an unrelated arrest, Romona Robertson, 22, of Macclenny was jailed for disorderly conduct after she refused repeated requests by Deputy Matt Sigers to calm herself the night of September 9.

The officer responded three times that evening to disturbance calls on MLK Dr. in the west city involving Ms. Robertson. The final time, she had returned to the area and was standing in the northbound lane of the street, cursing and making threats to a crowd that had gathered.

Police this week also arrested several motorists for driving on suspended licenses.

• Jason Basille, 26, of Macclenny was at the wheel of a 1994 Ford pickup that failed to stop at the intersection of Yarborough Rd. and CR 125 north of Glen St. Mary the evening of September 7.

Deputy Patrick McGauley said he got behind the vehicle due to a faulty headlight and after stopping it on 125 learned Mr. Basille's license had 15 suspensions and he is considered an

habitual offender.

• Phillip Richardson, 24, of Jacksonville was stopped for having no tag on a 2006 Yamaha motorcycle in north Macclenny the afternoon of September 10.

He was arrested for four prior license suspensions and ticketed by Sgt. Tony Norman for the tag

violation.

• Mark Criss, 25, no address indicated, was ticketed for driving on one suspension and having no tag on his 1993 Jeep. Deputy Chris Walker stopped him the evening of September 12 on CR 127 north.

Correction

An article in last week's edition erroneously stated that brothers Brenton and Gregory Rhoden used a stolen credit card while making a purchase at Walmart on September 2.

Brenton Rhoden, 36, of Jacksonville made the purchase on Gregory's card without his brother's knowledge.

Advertising Deadline
Monday
5:00 pm
NO EXCEPTIONS!

BUDGET SUMMARY

BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011

REVENUE:	GENERAL REVENUE FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	TRANSPORTATION FUND	HEALTH DEPT.	TOTALS	
TAXES	MILLAGE PER 1000					
AD VALOREM TAXES	7.1495	\$2,103,215.00	\$3,514,274.00	\$56,826.00	\$5,674,315.00	
SALES AND USE TAXES		\$1,671,838.00	\$22,000.00	\$1,242,420.00	\$2,936,258.00	
PERMITS, FEES & SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		\$763,600.00	\$586,335.00		\$1,349,935.00	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE		\$4,517,722.00	\$780,624.00	\$6,154,547.00	\$11,452,893.00	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		\$786,000.00	\$60,100.00		\$846,100.00	
FINES AND FORFEITS		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00	
COURT RELATED REVENUE		\$26,300.00	\$212,330.00		\$238,630.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		\$1,305,692.00	\$119,991.00	\$55,200.00	\$1,480,883.00	
OTHER SOURCES		\$135,000.00			\$135,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$11,310,367.00	\$5,295,654.00	\$7,452,167.00	\$56,826.00	\$24,115,014.00
LESS 5% per F.S. 129.01		-\$464,517.00	-\$206,354.00	-\$128,136.00		-\$799,007.00
TRANSFERS IN			\$3,412,363.00	\$185,302.00		\$3,597,665.00
FUND BALANCES/RESERVES		\$2,115,379.00	\$2,421,757.00	\$513,817.00		\$5,050,953.00
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES		\$12,961,229.00	\$10,923,420.00	\$8,023,150.00	\$56,826.00	\$31,964,625.00
EXPENDITURES:						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$4,969,052.00	\$224,500.00			\$5,193,552.00
PUBLIC SAFETY		\$1,581,590.00	\$7,630,136.00			\$9,211,726.00
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT		\$509,873.00	\$818,009.00			\$1,327,882.00
COURT RELATED		\$291,770.00	\$1,565,761.00			\$1,857,531.00
TRANSPORTATION			\$47,000.00	\$7,837,848.00		\$7,884,848.00
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT		\$57,800.00	\$317,364.00			\$375,164.00
HUMAN SERVICES		\$1,385,538.00		\$56,826.00		\$1,442,364.00
CULTURE/RECREATION		\$753,243.00	\$320,650.00			\$1,073,893.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$9,548,866.00	\$10,923,420.00	\$7,837,848.00	\$56,826.00	\$28,366,960.00
TRANSFERS OUT		\$3,412,363.00		\$185,302.00		\$3,597,665.00
FUND BALANCES/RESERVES						
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES/RESERVES		\$12,961,229.00	\$10,923,420.00	\$8,023,150.00	\$56,826.00	\$31,964,625.00

THE TENTATIVE ADOPTED AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

'Tenor' cast of BCHS drama alums

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A cast of seasoned Baker County performers will present the upcoming comedy farce "Lend Me a Tenor," which opens September 23.

The play won three Tony Awards and four Drama Desk Awards during its two Broadway runs.

The story takes place during September 1934 in Cleveland, Ohio. The general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera company is all set to welcome the world famous Tito Morelli, the greatest tenor of his generation.

For one night only, Morelli will star in the opera Othello.

But the star arrives late and through a hilarious series of mishaps, passes out after being given a double dose of tranquilizers. Thinking him dead, the manager, who wants to salvage the performance, persuades his assistant to impersonate Morelli on stage.

A cast of strong and experienced actors is a must for a play like "Lend Me a Tenor." It's filled with plot twists and a dizzying array of entrances and exits on and off the stage.

It's worth it just to hear the grandiose and amusing Italian accents (which are very good) and see the bigger than life dramatic gestures of the actors.

Baker County's version of "Lend Me a Tenor" is a community theatre project and features a cast made up entirely of Baker County High School alumnae. They all have continued to participate in theatrical productions while pursuing academic degrees or holding down jobs.

Here's a rundown of the cast, the characters they were chosen to play and more on why they wanted to be in "Lend me a Tenor."

Tito Morelli

Bob Gerard plays Tito Morelli, the world-famous tenor who is also known to his fans as "Il Stupendo."

Bob's acting and his theatrical directing experience speak for themselves. Suffice it to say he is executing this project with the usual quality and attention to detail that productions at BCHS are noted for.

"Lend me a tenor is without a doubt the funniest play I've ever read or seen," he said.

Mr. Saunders

Mark Bryant plays Mr. Saunders, the manager of the opera company. He's brash, authoritarian and short-tempered.

Mr. Bryant graduated from BCHS in 1986 and is a veteran employee of Blue Cross. He was involved in theatre throughout high



Kelly Owen, Stacy Staples, Mark Bryant and Kaylie Raulerson portray a scene.

school and while attending Jacksonville University.

He's been in the Alhambra Theatre productions of "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Godspell" working with Leanza Cornett, Miss America 1993.

"I'm a tough audience myself and this play is hands down the funniest thing I've ever seen. It's truly 'Laugh out loud' funny," he said.

Max

Josh Willoughby plays Max, the earnest, hard-working opera company assistant who is in love with Saunder's daughter Maggie.

He graduated from BCHS in 2000 and has participated in theatre continuously since that time, while working different jobs.

He did numerous community theatre productions with Bob Gerard at Lake City Community College and often worked backstage helping young actors learn the ropes of stage production.

"What drew me into auditioning for "Lend Me a Tenor," was the prospect of working with other seasoned actors," he said. "And this is a fun project. The play is a hoot."

Maggie

Stacy Staples plays Maggie, Max's girlfriend and Saunders' daughter. Smart and practical, she yearns for something wonderful and romantic before settling down with Max.

Ms. Staples is a 1988 BCHS graduate who attended Lake City Community College, Brigham Young University in Hawaii and graduated from University of North Florida with a degree in education. She taught at BCHS for a decade and now works as the librarian at the PreK Center.

"I missed the stage these last 10 years," said Ms. Staples. "Community theatre was a way to get back to it. This is such a crazy play. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Julia

Kelly Owen Register plays Julia, the vivacious chairperson of the opera guild.

Ms. Register is a 1988 graduate of BCHS. She earned her degree in accounting from University of Florida and is now a CPA at Nemours Hospital.

A veteran of stage productions at BCHS, she appeared in the local community theatre production of "Steel Magnolias" last year. Since accounting can be a somewhat solitary profession, acting keeps her connected with people and doing something she truly loves.

She is happy to be a part of "Lend me a tenor." "It's so funny, this show," she said. "About the funniest play I've

ever read."

The Bell Hop

Kaylie Raulerson is the shrewd, opportunistic bell hop who is determined to wrangle an audition out of Morelli.

A 2008 graduate of BCHS, Ms. Raulerson is currently attending Florida Gateway College and is employed by Westside Elementary as a Title I instructional assistant.

She was in her first play in 2000, the part of a butterfly in "The Wiz." She later appeared in "The Wizard of Oz" as the Wicked Witch of the West.

"I thought The Wizard of Oz would be the last play I did for a while because I needed to go to school but no, I keep on coming back. I can't stop," she said, laughing.

The chance to work with experienced thespians is what drew her to this play. She says the experience should really help her grow as an actor.

Diana

Nikki Knight plays the part of Diana, the opera's sultry and forceful lead soprano.

Ms. Knight graduated from BCHS in 1997 and is currently a science teacher at Oakleaf High School.

She began working with Bob and Kelley Gerard at age 7 when she landed the role of Toto in "The Wizard of Oz."

"Lend Me a Tenor" is hilarious, the funniest play I have ever read," she said. "You know it's funny when you even go home in tears from the rehearsals."

"Lend me a tenor" runs September 23-26 and September 30 - October 3.

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CITY OF MACCLENNY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY AND COMPANION AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP

The City Commission of the City of Macclenny, Florida shall consider **Ordinance No. 10-10**, "A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM AMERICAN ENTERPRISE BANK OF FLORIDA OF PARCELS 08-3S-22-0000-0000-0230, 08-3S-22-0000-0000-0030, AND 08-3S-22-0000-0000-0035; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE." The Subject Property consists of approximately 3.18 acres located on the east side of State Road 121, south of Interstate 10 interchange (see map below).

SYNOPSIS: Ordinance No. 10-10 involves an application for voluntary annexation of approximately 3.18 acres into the City of Macclenny. The Subject Property's Future Land Use Map ("FLUM") and Zoning Map designations shall be changed from its Baker County designations to equivalent City categories. Ordinance No. 10-10 will cause the Subject Property to be classified Industrial on the City's FLUM and Industrial, Warehouse on the City's Zoning Map.

FIRST READING: A public hearing on the first reading of the proposed Ordinance will be held on **Tuesday, September 14, 2010** in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. There shall be no vote by the City Commission regarding this Ordinance at this meeting. The City Commission meeting **will begin at 6:00 p.m.** and the public hearing will be held shortly after the meeting is called to order. Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the adoption of the proposed amendment.



COMMISSION VOTE: A public hearing requiring City Commission action on the proposed Ordinance will be held on **Tuesday, September 28, 2010** in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. The City Commission meeting **will begin at 6:00 p.m.** and the public hearing will be held shortly after the meeting is called to order. Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the adoption of the proposed annexation.

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

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OBITUARIES

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CONTACT US

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John Barton, 67, was supervisor of elections 28 years

John Jefferson Barton, 67, of Macclenny died September 10, 2010 at his residence following a brief illness. He was born in Macclenny to the late Ressie Barton and Agnes Lucy Griffis on August 17, 1943 and resided in Macclenny all his life.



John Barton

Mr. Barton retired after 28 years as Baker County Supervisor of Elections. He honorably served in the US Army and received the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Medal while on a tour of service in Vietnam. He was predeceased by brothers Alvin Barton and Arlie Barton; sister Pauline Barton Byrd.

Survivors include wife Wanda Benefield Barton of Macclenny; daughters Stephanie (Joshua) Denmark and Tina (Eric) Carver, both of Macclenny; Lawanda (Walter) Sciberras of Yulee; grandchildren Jonathan, Erica and Abigail; siblings Charles (Dot) Barton, Cliff (June) Barton, Phillip Barton, Hester (Joseph) Johnson and Edward Barton, all of Macclenny.

The funeral service was held September 15 at 11:00 am at Christian Fellowship Temple in Macclenny with pastors David Hodges and Clifton Barton Jr. officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

John Lee, 60, of Sanderson

John Edward Lee, 60, of Sanderson died August 26, 2010 at his residence. He was born in Savannah, Georgia to the late Charles Edward and Nell Amereson Lee on August 6, 1950 and was a resident of Baker County since 2006.



John Lee

John honorably served in the US Air Force and later worked as a mechanic. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars and making people laugh. He never met a stranger.

Survivors include his loving wife of 22 years, Betty Yarbrough Lee of Sanderson; children Melissa Lee of Colorado, Samuel (Christina) Owens, Tara Lee, John (April) Lee and Charles Lee, all of Jacksonville, and Francis (Brandy) Harrell of Savannah; brothers Charles Lonnie Lee, Danny Ray Lee and Kelvin Lee Driskell; 16 grandchildren.

The graveside service will be held Monday, September 20 at 2:00 pm at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Waynesville, GA with Pastor Claude Global officiating. The family will receive friends on September 20 from 10:00-11:30 am at Ferreira Funeral Services.

John L. Lenoir, Air Force retiree

John L. Lenoir of Fort Walton Beach, Florida and former resident of Lake City, died on August 28, 2010, at the Fort Walton Medical Center.



John Lenoir

He was born March 14, 1950 in Lake Park, Georgia, the oldest of four children of Mrs. Alberta Young. He attended school in Lake City, graduating with the class of 1968, attended Lake City Community College and Southern Illinois University.

John Larry began his distinguished career in the United States Air Force at the age of 23, where he began a life of service and dedication to his country as an Airman. He provided for and protected his family values and his career took him to many parts of the world. John retired from the Air Force March 31, 1997 as a MSGT and as an outstanding achiever for 24 years. He returned to Elgin Air Force Base as a Civil Service Engineer Analyst, working from 2001 - 2010. His military and civil service career spanning more than 38 years, concluded at age 60.

He was preceded in death by son Travis Lenoir.

Mr. Lenoir is survived by his wife of 38 years, Fay; daughter Genita Lenoir (Monty Ellis) of Killen, Texas; sons Kelvin Lenoir (Margaret) and Jarvis Lenoir, both of Niceville, Florida; adopted daughter Desiree Swain; ten grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Alberta Young of Lake City, Florida; sister Gaynell Lee (Andrew) of Lake City; brothers Arthur L. Matthews of Tacoma, Washington and Tommy Young, Leesburg, Florida; sisters-in-law Jeanette Holton, Aray Ruise, Cellastean Thompson, all of Sanderson, Louellea Ruise Farmer of Jacksonville, Trena Cunningham (Lyndon), Houston, Texas; brothers-in-law, Phillip Ruise (Bronzella) and Cleve Farmer (Lisa), both of Sanderson, Daniel Farmer (Wife), Washington, DC, Richard Farmer (Wife), Live Oak; aunt Nettie Gail Lenoir, Valdosta, Georgia; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Sunday Morning Service	11:00 am
Sunday Night Service	6:00 pm
Wed. Night Service	7:30 pm

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Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford

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CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL

Sunday School	10:00 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Prayer Serv.	7:30 pm

Pastor: Oral E. Lyons

Elease Masten, 67, of LaGrange

Elease Masten, 67, of LaGrange, GA died Friday, September 3, 2010 at Emory-Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta. Mrs. Masten was born November 16, 1942 in LaFayette, AL, the daughter of the late E.K. Abner and Fannie Mae DeLee. She lived in LaGrange most of her life and was a member of First Baptist Church on the Square.

She retired from Hanes, Inc. as a quality control inspector and after her retirement, she was employed with J.C. Penny for several years.

Survivors include husband Larry Masten of LaGrange; sister and brother-in-law Diane and Wayne Corbett of Sanderson, Nancy and Fred Wheeler of Lancaster, PA; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and Yvonne Masten of Langdale, AL; two nieces; two nephews.

The graveside funeral services were held 11:00 am September 7 at Shadowlawn Cemetery with Reverend Clifford DeLee officiating. Striffler-Hamby Mortuary of LaGrange, GA was in charge of arrangements.

'Beth' Moody, 33, of Glen St. Mary

Elizabeth "Beth" Marie Moody, 33, of Glen St. Mary died Friday, September 10, 2010 at her residence. Beth was born in Jacksonville on November 7, 1976 to David Moody and the late Jacquelyn Padgett Thomas. She was a very independent and strong willed woman who was a very good mother. She enjoyed taking pictures and family gatherings.

Beth was a member of the Cuyler Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her mother and daughter Katlyn Moody.

Survivors other than her father include children Brian Young, Noah Starling, Brittaney and Danielle Wilcutts; brothers David Moody and David Fortney; sisters Holly Spence and Haley Moody.

The funeral service was held September 15 at 11:00 am at Archie Tanner Funeral Services in Starke with Pastor Billy Worthington officiating.

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Fellowship	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Services	11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study	7:30 pm

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Helen Newsome, a former resident

Helen Jane Newsome, 63, of Tampa died September 11, 2010. She has followed the footprints of her mother Elizabeth Harvey and her sisters Faye, Ann and Kay. A fifth generation native Floridian, Helen was born in Jacksonville on September 12, 1946 and lived in Jacksonville, Glen St. Mary, Miami, Altamonte Springs, Orlando, Apollo Beach, Brandon and recently Gibsonton.



Helen Newsome

Survivors include her husband of 40 years Jim Newsome; sister Bonnie Hodges; daughter Candace Wise; son Corey Newsome, grandchildren Jordan and Dylan Newsome and Delaney and Conner Wise.

The memorial service will be held September 16th at 1:00 pm at Serenity Meadows Chapel in Riverview, Florida.

Welcome
First Baptist Church of Sanderson
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Sunday School	10:00 am
Sun. Morning Worship	11:00 am
Sun. Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Eve. Bible Study	7:00 pm

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Pastor Tim Cheshire

Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 pm

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Wednesday Night Service	7:00 pm
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Common Ground - Sunday	11:00 am
Common Ground - Wed. (Teens)	7:00 pm
God Kids - Sunday	11:00 am
God Kids - Wednesday	7:00 pm

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Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
Wednesday Service	7:30 pm

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James Ratliff Jr., 53, of Macclenny

James Alvin Ratliff Jr. 53, of Macclenny died September 8, 2010 after a four-year battle with cancer. He was born in Jacksonville to the late James Alvin Ratliff Sr. and Betty Louise Davis on June 28, 1957 and was a resident of Baker County for the last 20 years.



James Ratliff

Mr. Ratliff was a truck driver for 35 years. He enjoyed riding his 4-wheeler with his dog Sissy, spending time with his family, watching football, NASCAR and riding motorcycles. He was predeceased by brother Jesse Ratliff and nephew Jesse Norman Ratliff.

Survivors include his daughter Crystal (Josh) Satterwhite of Glen St. Mary; son James Ratliff III of Macclenny; sisters Sharon (Charles) Morris of Macclenny, Debra (Gary) Silcox of Jacksonville, Louise (Joe) Mills of Tennessee, Rhonda Ennis of Colorado, Carolyn Hair of Alabama; brother Wayne Ratliff of Jacksonville; many nieces and nephews and one future grandchild.

The funeral service was held September 11 at 10:00 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor Eddie Griffiths officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny.

Larnie Roberson, 68, of Macclenny

Larnie Faye "Ms. Lo" Roberson, 68, of Macclenny died September 7, 2010. She was born April 1, 1942 to the late George and Mary Roberson. The youngest of her siblings, she was a vibrant, strong woman who loved everyone and enjoyed frequenting the senior citizen center and interacting with the other clients and staff.

Ms. Roberson was preceded by daughter Gail; grandson Charlie; granddaughter Jennifer; sisters and brothers Liz, Carrie Mae, Missy, Eddie "Uncle Pap," and Juelz.

Survivors include daughter Tiffany Johnson; great-granddaughter, Zakieya Jones; special niece and caregiver Sandra "Sugar Baby" Washington-Tyson (Wade); a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The graveside services for Ms. Roberson will be Saturday, September 18 at noon at Mt. Herman Cemetery in Macclenny.

The family will receive friends Friday, September 17 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Combs Funeral Home of Lake City.

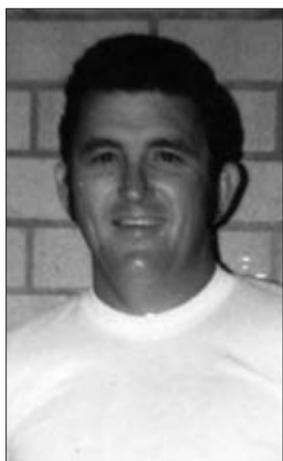
Sincere thanks

The family of James Alvin Ratliff Jr. would like to express its appreciation to everyone for the flowers, food, cards, visits and prayers during our time of sorrow.

A special thanks to Todd Ferreira and Pastor Eddie Griffiths for such a great job. And to the sheriff's department for all their help during our loss.

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We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who came together to make the Baxter Church yard sale a success. Whether it was items or love offerings you donated, prayers that you sent up, or the time you took just to drop by and say "I care." it all worked toward the Glory of the Lord. A special thanks to Voncille Haney, Windy Miller and the Shannon Ploucher family for their support and help.

God Bless, Greg Combs



In Loving Memory of our Daddy Mr. Billy Dyer 4/17/1940 - 9/20/2009

Please God, forgive a silent tear, a constant wish that he was here. Others were taken, yes we know, but he was ours and we loved him so. He bid no one a last farewell, nor even said good-bye. He was gone before we knew it And only God knows why. If all the world were ours to give, we'd give it all and more to see that loving face of his just once more.

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Heartfelt thanks

The family of Daisy C. "Ducky" Douberly extends its heartfelt thanks to all of its friends and family for the prayers, food, flowers, cards and every act of kindness shown during the loss of our mother, grandmother, great granny and great-great granny. A special thank you to Guerry Funeral Home, First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary, and Tina, Peggy, Ivan and Dan of Well Done Home Care. Also a very special thank you to Robin Dupree, Rondia Spencer, Abby Dupree, Christine Mixon, Jean Jones, Lucille Harvey, David Monds and Sharon Monds for all your loving care.

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Every two months technician George Braun pays a visit to multiple metal towers in various locations throughout central and north Florida. He was in Macclenny several weeks ago performing routine maintenance on the tower located behind the Baker County extension offices.

Installed in 2002, the tower is part of a network known as FAWN, which stands for Florida Automated Weather Network.

The project is managed through the Institute of Food and Agricultural Science at the University of Florida.

Currently, the network includes 48 towers that dot the Florida landscape, stretching from the town of Jay in the western most part of the Panhandle down past Miami.

They function as data collection stations which transmit timely weather information especially critical to farmers.

But anyone can keep themselves up to date on weather conditions by checking the data on the FAWN web site which broadcasts average values on conditions every 15 minutes.

The towers are outfitted with various instruments measuring rainfall, wind speed and direction, air and soil temperatures, dew point readings, relative humidity and radiation.

Rick Lusher, FAWN's director, visited the Baker County extension office September 8. While there, he spoke to Rotarians about the network and how it functions.

The mission of the network, he explained, is to furnish a variety of users with accurate and up to the minute weather information. However, agricultural interests comprise the majority of customers it serves.

"Suppose you're a farmer and you need to schedule irrigation. You don't want to mechanically water if nature is going to be doing the job because it's a waste of money and resources. That's where FAWN plays a vital role," he said.

After a Power Point presentation on the subject, he led Rotarians out to the field to examine the tower for themselves and explain the multiple instruments it supports.

"Many of the towers are located at research and education centers like your extension office here. Some are out in the middle of nowhere. But each one gets serviced every two months," he said.



Mr. Lusher at the Macclenny tower.

He pointed to two white dome-shaped instruments located on the lower portion of the tower and one near its top.

"These measure air temperatures at 2, 6, and 30 foot heights in Fahrenheit and Celsius."

Other instruments include rain gauges, a device to record solar radiation data, instruments that read the direction and speed of wind in mph and kilometers. There is a sensor measuring relative humidity and one buried in the ground for soil temperatures to a four inch depth.

Data junkies can even view 15-minute interval graph readings of information archived over a number of days and even weeks.

The FAWN web site offers a variety of management tools that help growers make decisions. The tools use historical weather data and crop modeling technology to assist in both short and long term planning. For example the Cold Protection Toolkit contains guidance in cold protection practices.

The web site also transmits messages to viewers on the status of the towers, especially if data transmission is interrupted. A sample message might read: "Repairs of LIVE OAK tower rain gauge are complete; all rain in past 24 hours was recorded" or "Communication with HASTINGS tower down but tower still collecting data which will be available when communication is restored."

Another convenient feature of the web site is a link to The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA). Enter your zip code and get the local current conditions and get a detailed seven day forecast and maps showing radar and satellite imagery.

To view the FAWN web site go to www.fawn.ifas.ufl.edu.

Don't have a computer? Dial the FAWN Data Hotline at 1-866-754-5732. The code to access your local tower there.

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Paige - Alston

September 25 vows

Claude and Merdes Paige of Sanderson announce the approaching marriage of daughter Melves Paige of Jacksonville to Derek A. Alston of Jacksonville. Derek is the son of Joseph and Sarah Alston of Conway, South Carolina

The wedding is planned for 3:00 pm Saturday, September 25 at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Macclenny, Friends and family are invited.

Canaday reunion

The annual Canaday family reunion will be September 26 beginning at 1:00 pm at North Prong Church. Bring a covered dish and lawn chair.

Joyful thanks

Tom and Joanne Covington want to thank each one who attended their 60th wedding anniversary party on Sunday, September 12. Your presence was a special blessing to us.

School Lunch MENU

September 20 - September 24

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Monday, September 20

Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick, fruit juice and milk
Lunch: Golden corn dog or glazed ham slice with macaroni and cheese and a homemade wheat roll, choice of 2 sides: baked beans, creamy coleslaw, chilled fruit choice and a schoolmade cookie
Tuesday, September 21

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice and milk

Lunch: BBQ ribbette 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
Wednesday, September 22

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit juice and milk
Lunch: Hamburger or hot dog on a bun, choice of 2 sides: baked french fries, lettuce and tomato slices, creamy coleslaw

Thursday, September 23

Breakfast: Cereal with slice of toast, fruit juice, milk
Lunch: BBQ chicken or beef nuggets both served with rice and gravy, choice of 2 sides: seasoned cabbage, tossed salad with dressing, chilled fruit choice and a slice of cornbread

Friday, September 24

Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, fruit juice and milk
Lunch: Roast pork with mashed potatoes PR fish crisp with macaroni and cheese, 2 sides: Italian green beans, chilled fruit choice and a homemade wheat roll



Jetta Brooke Heaps

An early arrival

Jordan and Brea Heaps of Port Orange, FL are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Jetta Brooke, who arrived 2 1/2 months early on June 25, 2001 at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach.

She joins sister Jaiden and maternal grandparents Brent and Lisa Whitney of Macclenny, and paternal grandparents Brent and Donna Heaps of Provo, Utah.

Douglass reunion

The annual Douglass family reunion will be Sunday, September 19 at the Lake Butler Community Center, 155 NW Third Street, Lake Butler.

Activities will start at 10:00 am and continue until 4:00 pm.

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Sanderson and Olustee reunion

The 23rd annual Sanderson and Olustee school reunion will be held September 25 beginning at 11:00 am at the Olustee side of Ocean Pond in the group area.

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Fair plant, art contest Extension office urges new entries

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The Baker County Fair will begin on Friday, October 1 and runs through Saturday, October 9.

The Baker County Fair is quickly approaching and that means it is now time to gather your entries to display. Whether young or old, consider showing off your talents at the fair. The Horticulture and Home Arts divisions would love to have some fresh competition this year.

Gardeners of all ages, both amateur and experienced, are invited to show off their plants in the Horticulture division. Adults and youth are judged separately and if you've never shown your plants before, there has never been a better time to start.

All qualified entries receive a ribbon and cash prize, and qualifying is easy. You may enter up to 25 plants, but not more than one of the same cultivar or variety of plant. And with so many sections, including hanging baskets, flowering/fruited plants, foliage plants, bonsai, cacti and succulents, and special displays (mixed container gardens, topi-

ary, etc.) you are bound to have at least one plant for almost every section.

All plants must have been grown by you and in your possession for at least three months prior to the fair. If you know the common name and/or botanical name of your plant, please provide it to the clerks during drop off. Otherwise, the clerks will help you determine the name of the plant to prepare it for judging.

Before you drop them off for judging, all plants and containers must be clean, groomed, and free from disease and insects. Failure to do so will disqualify the entry for judging. This means you should clean your entry using a wet cloth to remove any dirt from the leaves and from the outside of the pot.

Groom your plant by removing any dead leaves, leaves with dead spots or other blemishes. Also remove fallen leaves and debris from the inside of the container. Horticulture entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 28 from noon to 7:00 pm and Wednesday, September 29 from noon to 5:00 pm. Please call Cindy Jenkins at 259-9517 if you have questions regarding entry into the horticulture competition.

Art of all kinds made within the last calendar year are ac-

cepted for Home Arts entries, including photography, sculpture, painting and drawings.

Crafts are another category, including needlework, quilts, garments, jewelry, wood carving, ceramics and flower arranging. Canned products such as vegetables, fruits, relishes, jellies, and sauces will make nice entries. Baked products including breads, pies, cookies, and candies are also a wonderful way to display home talent. Home arts entries will be accepted at the fairgrounds at the same times as above. Baked goods and candies will only be accepted on Wednesday, September 29 from 3:00-7:00 pm. If you have any questions regarding Home Arts entries please call the Baker County Extension Office at 259-3520.

All Horticulture and Home Arts entries must be picked up on Sunday, October 10 from 1:00-5:00 pm or premium money will be forfeited and items will be donated to charity. The fair will be here before we know it, so start getting your entries ready today.



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September 17
District-wide: "Constitution Day"
BCHS: Football vs. Starke (H), 7:30 p.m.
BCMS: School Dance, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
September 20
District-wide: School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. "Celebrate Freedom Week"
BCHS: Volleyball vs. Bishop Snyder (H), 5:30 p.m.
BCMS: Volleyball vs. Lake City (H), 5:00 p.m.
September 21
District-wide: "Celebrate Freedom Week" BCHS: Volleyball @ Keystone, 5:30 p.m. BCMS: Football vs. Lake City (H), 6:00 p.m. **September 22**
District-wide: Early Dismissal. "Celebrate Freedom Week" BCHS: Club Day
September 23
District-wide: "Celebrate Freedom Week" BCHS: Volleyball vs. Crescent City (H), 5:30 p.m. Junior Varsity Football @ Starke, 7:00 p.m. Drama Presentation, "Lend Me a Tenor," Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. BCMS: Volleyball vs. Richardson (H), 5:00 p.m.

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Church launches 'Mercy House'

Temporary housing for women, soon men

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Like many churches, Raiford Road Church in south Macclenny has an active missions outreach program, helping to build churches and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Raiford Road has, to date, built 70 churches in Central America.

But charity begins at home, as the old saying goes. The Raiford Road Housing Ministry project, currently underway, has just opened Mercy House, an on-site facility for women.

Mercy House will function as temporary housing for women facing a variety of life challenges and provide shelter during the transition from a bad situation to a more positive one.

This is just one of multiple planned temporary housing facilities to be located on 6 acres of church property that will accommodate males and single families as well.

Doneita Grimm, who is undergoing church certification as a counselor, will live on site and function as the housing ministry's director.

"People in the community have been so wonderful and helped us make this a beautiful, nurturing environment where women can feel safe and loved," she said.

Mercy House began when a nicely maintained double-wide mobile home was donated to RRC. Local businesses and individuals then made additional donations of furniture, rugs, beds and decorative items to furnish the interior.

"I want to especially thank two of the funeral homes in Macclenny — Guerry's and Ferreira's for their donations of furniture," said Ms. Grimm. "It helped create the feeling of a safe and welcoming environment when you first walk in, exactly what I envisioned for women who come here."

Mercy House is not a battered women's shelter specifically, al-

though women who may need to escape from domestic violence will certainly be among those who use the facility.

The church's counseling services will assist in empowering women to seek employment, job skills training, housing and any other aspects involved in becoming self-sufficient.

Anyone seeking shelter through Mercy House will go through an evaluation process to determine genuine need. Attending church services, sharing meal preparation and housekeeping tasks, and actively participating in counseling and spiritual exercises will be part of the experience.

"The church will be here to help empower these women to become self-sustaining and take control of their lives again," said Ms. Grimm.

According to senior pastor John Raulerson, making a real difference in the immediate community has become a primary focus for the RRC congregation. The church already offers free Biblical-based counseling and a free clothing ministry that is in the process of reopening in a new location.

"It's important to get people out of the pews and involved — as minister servants — if you will," said senior pastor John Raulerson. "Our faith contends that we are all servants. The Raiford Road Housing Ministry is just one of the many ways the church is attempting to actively create opportunities for its members to be 'pastors-at-large.'"

An existing structure on the 6 acres devoted to the project was a small brick house that had fallen into terrible ruin.

Ms. Grimm's husband, who has considerable construction experience, worked to renovate the house where the couple now resides. Ms. Grimm worked by his side, tearing down walls and hauling away debris.

"Grass was growing up 3 feet tall inside this house," she said.



Doneita Grimm outside Mercy House.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

"It was covered with vines and all kinds of critters were living in it. It's hard to imagine now."

As the housing ministry's director, Ms. Grimm is enthralled with her new home, her impending counseling certification and the opening of Mercy House, which she named.

The other housing units will have their own names also.

"Doenita and her husband are a blessing to our church and I'm pleased to say that we have nearly 80 more members of the congregation involved in earn-

ing counseling certification also. They will work in the capacities at which they are most suited," he said.

"It's been my experience that a person doesn't receive the full joy of God's love until you realize and find your purpose, how you can best and most effectively serve," he said.

An open house will be held September 26 at 5:00 pm for visitors to see the property, tour Mercy House and the director's residence.

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Ladies sweep Baldwin Indians on home court

The Lady Wildcat volleyball team traveled to Baldwin September 7 and swept the Lady Indians 3-0 by the scores of 25-23, 25-17 and 25-18.

Baldwin played inspired volleyball in the first game to go point-for-point, but the Cats scraped out a win to take command of the match.

"In the first game we were able to withstand a poorly played

game by the team, however sophomore Brooke Roberts saved the day with some timely kills," said coach Chris Armoreda. "The team was able to capitalize on several Baldwin errors to eke out the first match."

The Wildcats took control of the second game and were able to hold off Baldwin for the rest of the afternoon. Kallie Raulerson provided the spark for BCHS with her serving and Jordan Hand, Kayla Holland and Logan Raulerson led the team to victory with strong offense and defense.

The girls will travel to Union County on Thursday, September 16, before returning to face Bishop Snyder on Monday, September 20. Both games at 5:30 pm. They take to the road again the following day for the Keystone Heights Invitational.

Lifter takes the bronze

Tiffany Braddy of Baker County secured a bronze medal at the 9th Annual Joe Dubé Weightlifting Classic this past weekend in Jacksonville.

The Classic, named after Baker County's own Olympic weightlifter, attracts top lifters from around the state and nation.



Tiffany Braddy

Braddy, a 16-year-old BCHS junior, was suffering from the flu but nonetheless managed to snatch 48 kilos and clean and jerk 66 kilos in the Olympic-style event. She missed her last clean and jerk attempt at 68 kilos and finished in third place in her division.

Braddy qualified for the Junior Nationals based on her weight totals in the School Age Nationals in San Francisco in June. She will compete in the Junior Nationals in February.

She is the sister of Junior Olympic weightlifter Thomas Braddy, who competed this summer for the US team in Bulgaria and has trained at the Olympic weightlifting facility in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Braddy has only been lifting competitively for a little over a year.

"I got into this sport because of my older brother. I had been watching him lift for a while and thought it was pretty cool so I decided to get into it myself," Tiffany Braddy said.

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Running back Falon Lee is tackled by the ankle during the Wildcats' double-overtime win against Trinity Christian September 10. PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Wildcats topple Trinity in 2nd overtime Game ends 34-27 with defensive stand at goal line

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Whew!

If you are a longtime Wildcat fan, you know there are games that stick in your memory as pivotal victories. Beating Starke for the first time is certainly one. Last year's playoff victory over Madison is another.

Friday night's double-overtime thriller against Trinity Christian Academy in Jacksonville certainly ranks as a game that will be talked about for years to come. The 34-27 come-from-behind victory against the top-rated team in the area had all the makings of a classic for the ages.

Trinity defeated the Wildcats last season on their home field and the Cats' starting quarterback Jeremy Wannamaker transferred to BCHS from Trinity this year.

The game had marquee player and Division 1 prospect Andrew Buie, who took the Conquerors on his shoulders and almost propelled them to victory.

It had a remarkable last second field goal to tie the game.

And finally, a teeth-gritting, helmet-smashing stop on fourth down to seal the Wildcats' win.

It was one of those games that make high school football so appealing and exciting and can define the season and the team as a whole.

The Wildcats knew all last week the game would be a challenge. Trinity was last year's runner-up for the state crown and this year sat atop the area's power ranking. Add to that home field advantage for the Conquerors and it looked to be a tough task.

"We knew we were going to have to execute. But knowing your assignment is one thing and executing is another," said Coach Ryan Sulkowski.

The Wildcats had a couple of not-so-secret weapons in Wannamaker and Bryce Cox.

Cox was Trinity's defensive guru before picking up the defensive coaching reins at BCHS.

Knowing what to expect and stopping it are two different things, as the Wildcats discovered when the Conquerors struck first on a 58-yard touchdown pass from Buie to Chuck Hawkins on the first series.

Buie is one of the state's most dangerous players and the fact that he can play running back or quarterback makes him more so. He would prove to be the biggest obstacle of the game for BCHS.

The Cats struggled with mental mistakes early in the game and it took a while for them to get on track.

Trinity wasn't immune to their own misdeeds and Wildcat Kendrick Singleton picked off Buie at the Trinity 44 yard line to set up an eight play, 55-yard touchdown drive.

The Wildcats platoon Wannamaker and Kendrick Sampson at quarterback, with Wannamaker considered more of a running threat and Sampson the passing threat.

But Sulkowski shuffled the deck and brought in Sampson on what looked to be an obvious passing down at the 19-yard line. Sampson caught Trinity off guard, took off running, found the left corner and scampered into the endzone. Wannamaker's kick gave BCHS the lead.

The Cats extended the lead after two big hits by Jared Lee and Rickie Tharpe gave the



Above is Kendrick Sampson. Below is Reuban Jackson. PHOTOS BY JUD JOHNSON



BCHS hit tight end Ruben Jackson up the middle and Jackson powered the ball to the 15-yard

line. From there, Sampson rolled to the right and ran it in for the score.

At halftime, Trinity coach Verlon Dorminey decided to put the game squarely on Buie's shoulders and the gamble almost worked. Trinity scored on a Buie touchdown run and BCHS answered with a 42-yard field goal from Wannamaker for a 17-12 edge over the Conquerors.

But Buie scored again and Trinity added the two-point conversion on a double reverse to Hawkins.

It was one of those times that coaches claim define their team's character. The Wildcats drove 80 yards in four minutes to tie the score with two seconds left on the clock. They were aided by a pair of pass interference penalties against 6'5" wide receiver Thomas Sirk, who was hammered going for the ball.

With time expiring, Wannamaker got a perfect hold and booted a pressure-packed 43-yard field goal to tie the game.

Overtime proved no different than regulation play for Trinity.

It was all Andrew Buie. With the ball set up in the Kansas Tie-breaker format on the 10-yard line, Buie ran it in on the first play of extra time to give the Conquerors a 27-20 edge.

A pass interference call against Kendrick Singleton moved the ball to the 5 yard line. Another Trinity penalty took it to the 2 and Wannamaker ran it in and added the point after to tie the game again.

This time, tie-breaker rules gave BCHS the ball and Falon Lee, who had seen just a few touches during regulation play, got the ball and easily ran it in for the score and a 34-27 edge for BCHS.

The Conquerors got the ball to 1-yard line with Buie running every play. On fourth down it was no secret who would get the ball. Buie rolled out and the Wildcat defense swarmed him.

"It was literally the only play since the first half that we stopped them for a loss," said Sulkowski. "But when our defense bows up their neck they can stop some people."

It was bedlam from the large Wildcat traveling contingent and silence on the part of the Trinity faithful. The game was a huge win for the Wildcats and a devastating loss for Trinity.

This week BCHS will take on undefeated Bradford County at Memorial Stadium.

In other BCHS football action, the Wildcat JV lost to Bishop Kenny 12-7 on Thursday night at Memorial Stadium.

New coaches step into Baker-Bradford rivalry

Ask any Wildcat fan over the age of 40 what the most important game of the football season is and the answer is likely to be unanimous — Bradford County.

For many years it was all about beating Starke. A win over the Tornadoes ensured a good season, no matter what the final record showed.

The luster might have faded from the match-up in recent years, but for many fans in the stadium this Friday when Bradford comes to town, the game has meaning.

The Cats notched a big win last week against Trinity Christian, but Coach Ryan Sulkowski knows the Tornadoes have outscored opponents 59-7 in their two wins this season.

Bradford is rebuilding after a 4-6 record last season. They have an enthusiastic new coach in Derek Chipoletti, who was 7-4 at Williston. Chipoletti moved the Tornadoes from the Wing T to the spread offense, so they will be something of a mirror to the Wildcats offensively.

Pulling the trigger is Chipoletti's son Austin, who has some exciting players at the receiver posi-

tion. YaKeem Griner, who at 6'4" and 200 pounds plays both tight end and receiver, runs a sub 4.8 seconds in the 40 and has committed to FIU. Tramaine Harris is slower but a receiver with very good hands.

Carrying the ball the brunt of the time is running back Dexter Clayton. He is quick, durable and an exciting back.

The offensive line is big and anchored by 300-pound senior Cameron Moore. Dylan Manning is also good at opening holes for Clayton.

John Clark is a senior linebacker and team leader. He played quarterback last season in the Wing T, but is now the Tornadoes' top 'backer. Donelle Williams and Adrian Mosley will also be a handful at linebacker.

The Tornadoes have made a lot of progress so far in the young season. They beat Keystone Heights 19-7 in the first game of the season and handed the Fernandina Beach Pirates an embarrassing 40-0 shutout.

They would like nothing better than to come to town and shock the Wildcats on the home field.



Carl Jefferson during the win against Camden. PHOTOS BY JUD JOHNSON

'Physical' Bobcats football squad at 2-0

Baker County Middle School got its season off to a great start September 7 with a 38-20 victory over Camden County at Memorial Stadium. The Bobcats totally dominated the middle of the field and overpowered the highly-ranked visitors.

"We were able to run up the middle against them and kept them from getting to outside on their sweep," said Coach George McDuffie.

For McDuffie, the Bobcats' ability to control the line of scrimmage was the key to the victory, one of the biggest in the middle school's history.

"They couldn't stop us from going up the middle. Our offensive line was able to open holes all night long. The offensive line of Bo Hodges, Matthew Butcher, Josh Colon, Cotton Jefferson and Austin Manning overpowered the Camden defenders," he said.

Running back Brodie Crews scored three touchdowns from his full-back position and Jefferson came in at running back and scored two more for the Bobcats. Quarterback Jacob made good on the 2-point conversions.

Defensively, the Bobcats prevented the dangerous sweep. Cody McKendree, Reggie Givens, Butcher and Crews did a good job sealing the corners and keeping the Camden running backs bottled up.

Two of the Camden scores came on kickoff returns for touchdowns. "We've got to do a better job on special teams this week," said McDuffie.

The BCMS Bobcats made it two in a row with a 28-6 victory on the road at Callahan Middle School. The Bobcats controlled the line of scrimmage and ran it down the throats of Callahan in what George McDuffie called a "good physical game."



Brodie Crews runs the ball.

Scholarship recipients sought

Baker High graduates who received college scholarships in any sport or activities including cheerleading, band and other areas, are invited to be on hand at the Wildcat football game Theme Night on September 17.

Special recognition will be given to these former students starting at 7:00 pm. If you would like to be part of the program, contact Jane Rhoden at 259-3809 on or before Tuesday, September 14, and leave your name, the year you graduated from BCHS, the university or college you received the scholarship from and in what sport or activity.

Participants can also include professional information, and the Theme Night Committee is seeking any BCHS grad who was drafted into a professional sport.

Persons who miss the contact deadline can still participate by bringing an index card with the information to the field concession stand just outside the stadium gate by 6:45.

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