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## Warrants yield gun, drugs and some cash

The sheriff's department's special response team [SRT] assisted in the serving of two warrants at west Macclenny addresses the morning of June 24, resulting in two arrests and the seizure of drugs, cash, a firearm and other items associated with the sale of narcotics.



Tyrone Reed

The first raid took place about 5:30 at a rental house occupied by Tyrone Reed, 34, on South Boulevard, where police found a baggie of crack cocaine, a small amount of marijuana, \$351 in cash at two locations and a .22 caliber pistol.

Mr. Reed, in a later interview with sheriff's investigators Mike Hauge and John Hardin, admitted to selling marijuana out of the residence and that the crack was his.

He denied ownership of the pistol, which he said belonged to his sister. Because he was aware of its presence, he was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Additional charges include possession of the drugs with intent to sell and possession of paraphernalia.

Shortly after, the investigators and SRT entered the nearby residence of Wesley Belford, 27, and arrested him on multiple charges including possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

Police seized from a safe \$361, 37 grams of marijuana, a scale and small plastic baggies commonly used in drug sales. A female occupant of the house was not charged.

The warrant was based on sales of marijuana to confidential informants on June 21.

The sheriff's department routinely uses the SRT team when serving warrants of this nature where armed persons may be inside.

## Attempts to trade pot for pills — in doctor's office lobby

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## FIREWORKS: they're taboo

### Risk accelerates with burning ban

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PRESS STAFF

All across the United States people are getting ready for the nation's birthday party. They're cleaning grills, buying new flags and stocking up on things that go boom and light up the sky.

But before Fourth of July celebrants in Florida and Georgia ignite the first fuse, consider this. Fireworks that explode or deliver their colorful payload while airborne are illegal for personal use.

And if anyone thinks the risk is worth the potential price, think again. Using illegal fireworks is a misdemeanor offense punishable by up to a year in jail or a \$1,000 fine, or both. If someone's property catches on fire as a result, additional charges could be filed.

State and local officials say there have been enough wildfires plaguing Florida and Georgia without increasing the risk further with fireworks shows in peoples' driveways and back yards.

"It's not a particularly good time to be doing it," said Kurt Wisner, a Florida Division of Forestry spokesman at the Suwannee Forestry100 Center. "The conditions are so dry right now things will ignite with the least ignition. Sparks from bottle rockets and things like that can start fires."

"I know we've had a little rain lately and hopefully we'll have more. But it's not enough yet for people to



Shane Roman of St. George, GA loads a cart at Phantom Fireworks on SR 228 S. June 28.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

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## Majority of officer budgets are higher

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A majority of the county's constitutional officers are asking for larger budgets in the coming 2011-12 fiscal year in anticipation of higher health insurance, salary and operating costs.

Budget requests submitted to Baker County Commission staff recently show year-to-year increases ranging from 10 percent for the clerk of courts to 1.8 percent for the sheriff's office.

Property Appraiser Tim Sweat, however, turned in a draft budget reducing his office's expected spending by 3.5 percent, or \$25,545, while including a 5-percent hike in health insurance and 3-percent bump in employee salaries.

Tax Collector Gene Harvey's proposed budget isn't due to the county commission until August, though commissioners have planned to start meeting on the 2011-12 spending plan July 18.

The new fiscal year begins October 1.

County Manager C.J. Thompson e-mailed all five constitutional officers, including Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford, on May 23 expressing the commission's desire to include the raises and asking that they assume the health insurance increase.

"Please make sure that your employees understand that this is just the beginning stages of the budget and employee raises are far from certain," he wrote.

Sheriff Joey Dobson's June 1 letter to commissioners, which accompanied his budget request, noted that while his budget request was "as conservative as possible," rising costs for necessary items increased the current year's spending plan by 1.8 percent to \$3,617,942 for the coming year.

"This proposal contains no additional personnel, projects or equipment ... We are requesting only the continued maintenance and operation at the current level," Sheriff Dobson wrote.

Changes made by the state to the Florida Retirement System requiring that employees contribute to their pensions is expected to save the sheriff's office more than \$100,000 in retirement contributions.

Meanwhile, the net effect of salary increases and cuts to overtime and holiday pay linked to changes at the federal level could mean an additional \$62,000 in personnel spending.

But, as the sheriff noted in his letter to the board, his budget request for personnel is still less than the amount approved

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## Fire command set up at Olustee

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As state and federal forestry officials work to contain the roughly 13,000-acre Impassable Bay Fire Complex in the Osceola National Forest and the nearly 284,000-acre Honey Prairie Fire Complex in the Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge, a command center manned by wildfire personnel from around the nation has been opened at the Florida Gateway College training center near Olustee.

An agreement between the FGC and the US Division of Forestry will place 25-50 forestry officials at the center 24 hours a day, seven days a week "for the foreseeable future," states a June 22 press release from the college.

"The center was chosen based on its ability to provide sufficient infrastructure, such as phone lines and Internet, and meet the needs of forestry officials," the release reads.

Ground and air operations as well as logistics in North Florida and South Georgia will be managed from there.

Stored on the property off US 90 west of Olustee are ample supplies of military-style Meals-Ready-to-Eat, bottled water and replacement parts for heavy equipment used in fighting wildfires.

With help from the Florida Division of Forestry [FDOF], local firefighters have been responding to smaller fires sparked by lightning and other causes throughout the county in recent weeks.

About 10 acres burned near Sapp Road from an unknown cause last weekend and lightning sparked a 3-acre fire north of Noel Road the evening of June 27 along with a smaller fire south of Fred Harvey Road.

County Fire Chief Richard Dolan said those fires were contained



Logistics team (above) enjoys a dominos game during the lull in operations at the Olustee center Tuesday afternoon. Note boxes of MREs (meals, ready to eat) and gas cans (left) among stockpiled supplies.

within a few hours with assistance from state personnel.

"They took care of the 3-acre fire and we took care of the little one and did some structure protection on Noel Road as [the fire] started heading south," he said.

In a separate incident, a semi-trailer packed with pine needles burned up overnight June 23-24 also in the area of Sapp Road.

"They called us after the fact," the fire chief said. "The fire marshal is investigating to see if it was arson."

The day before, county units were dispatched to assist Union County firefighters east of SR 121 where some 20 homes were threatened by a wildfire.

But thanks to heavy rain early this week, Chief Dolan said as of late afternoon June 28, there weren't any active wildfires in the county beyond the large blazes in the Okefenokee swamp and Osceola National

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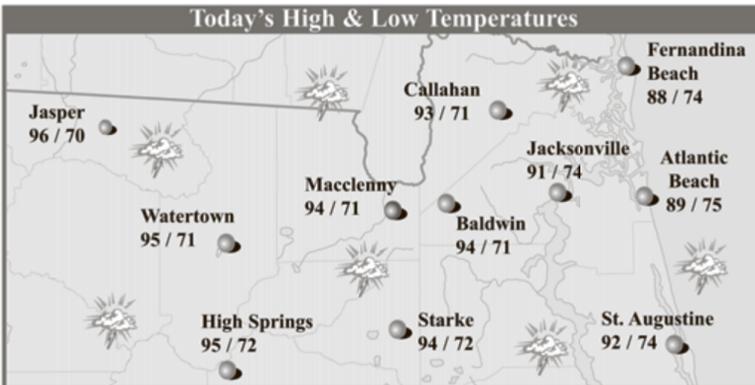
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June 30, 2011

Seven Day Forecast	
	<b>Thursday</b> Scat'd T-storms High: 94 Low: 71
	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 95 Low: 71
	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 96 Low: 72
	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 97 Low: 72
	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 96 Low: 73
	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 92 Low: 74
	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 95 Low: 74



Sun/Moon Chart This Week				
Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon Phase	Full / Last
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	8:35 p.m.		Full 7/15
Friday	6:30 a.m.	8:35 p.m.		
Saturday	6:30 a.m.	8:35 p.m.		
Sunday	6:31 a.m.	8:35 p.m.		
Monday	6:31 a.m.	8:34 p.m.		Last 7/23
Tuesday	6:32 a.m.	8:34 p.m.		
Wednesday	6:32 a.m.	8:34 p.m.		

Last Week's Local Almanac				
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tue, 6/21	95	73	91/71	0.00"
Wed, 6/22	97	68	92/71	0.00"
Thu, 6/23	95	72	92/71	0.00"
Fri, 6/24	90	70	92/71	0.00"
Sat, 6/25	93	70	92/71	0.03"
Sun, 6/26	93	68	92/71	0.00"
Mon, 6/27	91	68	92/71	0.16"

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St. Mary's River Levels			Hunting/Fishing Times		
	Now	Change	Peak Times		
Moniac, GA	4.27 ft.	0.00 ft.	Day	AM	PM
Macclenny	1.60 ft.	+0.04 ft.	Thu	10:21-12:21	10:51-12:51
Weather History			Fri	11:16-1:16	11:46-1:46
<b>June 30, 1972</b> - The entire state of Pennsylvania was declared a disaster area as a result of the catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Agnes, which claimed 48 lives and caused 2.1 billion dollars in damage.			Sat	12:40-2:40	12:10-2:10
			Sun	1:33-3:33	1:03-3:03
			Mon	2:24-4:24	1:54-3:54
			Tue	3:14-5:14	2:44-4:44
			Wed	4:04-6:04	3:34-5:34

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# FIREWORKS: they're taboo...

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 start feeling comfortable."  
 If devastating wildfires haven't been enough to convince people that they shouldn't play with fireworks, Mr. Wisner said June 27, perhaps they should consider the penalties for violating the county-wide prohibition on outdoor burning declared in early May by the Baker County Commission.  
 "The burn ban includes fireworks," he said. "Our biggest fear is people thinking it (starting a wildfire) can't happen to me. That type of thinking is what gets us in trouble."  
 Mr. Wisner said he hopes law enforcement officials will vigorously enforce the burn ban and the state law prohibiting illegal fireworks.  
 Major Gerald Gonzalez, operations chief with the Baker County Sheriff's Office, said he hopes people will cooperate by celebrating the holiday without fireworks. If not, and neighbors complain, arrests could follow, he said.  
 "As of yesterday the county commission has a ban on the use of fireworks," Maj. Gonzalez said June 28. "We're going to take the position that they're still banned until we're notified that they're not."  
 The problem, however, will be enforcing the ban and fireworks law with a limited number of deputies to patrol the whole county on the busiest holiday of the year for fireworks dealers.  
 "The magnitude of trying to enforce that with the number of people who will be using them (fireworks) could be overwhelming," Maj. Gonzalez said. "Our position is we will respond to complaints of fireworks. Technically, it is a misdemeanor and, therefore, a deputy will have to actually witness the person using the fireworks."  
 Deputies always have the discretion of issuing a warning to cease and desist, filing a sworn complaint with the State Attorney's Office, or arresting a violator if the officer actu-

ally witnesses a fireworks violation, he said.  
 The major said he believes fireworks usage will be down this Fourth of July for two very good reasons.  
 "I think people will be less apt to use fireworks because of all the wildfires and the economy," he said. "They'll have to choose to put gas in the car to go to work or buy fireworks."  
 In both Florida and Georgia, legal fireworks include sparklers, which includes snakes or glow worms, smoke devices, party poppers, trick noise makers and a few other similar items. But anything that leaves the ground or explodes is illegal.  
 However, Florida law contains a loophole that allows dealers to sell fireworks that in most peoples' hands would be illegal by having customers sign a waiver that acknowledges they own a fish hatchery or have some legitimate agricultural use for fireworks.  
 One of the largest fireworks retailers in the county is Phantom Fireworks, which has had an outlet just off Interstate 10 in Macclenny for many years.  
 A waiver customers sign at Phantom reads in part: "I have reviewed Section 791.04 of Chapter 791, Florida Statutes, and my purchase and use of the fireworks falls within an exception specified therein."  
 The law specifically allows the purchase, sale or use of fireworks "solely and exclusively in frightening birds from agricultural works and fish hatcheries" under rules promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.  
 Another part of the waiver says: "The seller is not responsible for any damage or injuries caused by the misuse, improper use, or illegal use of fireworks."  
 Until recurring rains thoroughly saturate the ground and greatly reduce the danger of wildfires, forestry officials urge the public to

use extreme caution outdoors. A lit cigarette carelessly tossed out the window of a passing automobile could easily start a fire "in the drought conditions we're having now," Mr. Wisner said.  
 The Consumer Product Safety Commission offers the following safety tips:  
 • Do not allow young children to play with fireworks under any circumstances. Sparklers, considered by many to be the ideal "safe" firework for the young, burn at very high temperatures and can easily ignite clothing. Children cannot understand the danger involved with fireworks and may not act appropriately in case of emergency.  
 • Older children should be permitted to use fireworks only under close adult supervision.  
 • Do not allow any running or horseplay.  
 • Set off fireworks outdoors in a clear area, away from houses, dry leaves, or grass and other flammable materials.  
 • Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and for pouring on fireworks that fail to ignite or explode.  
 • Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.  
 • Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.  
 • Never light fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.  
 • Keep unused fireworks away from firing areas.  
 • Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.  
 • Check instructions for special storage directions.  
 • Observe local laws.  
 • Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework while lighting.  
 • Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.

# Spat of wildfires keep crews busy the past week

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 Forest.  
 But, he said, so-called "mop up" operations were ongoing at the Sapp Road fire, the 180-plus-acre burn south of Northeast Florida State Hospital from two weeks ago and another fire west of CR 127 N. behind Dinkins New Congregational Methodist Church that began last week.  
 "With mop ups, they're putting out hot spots, any open flames or smoldering spots so none of the embers are picked up and get outside the containment area," said Chief Dolan.  
 Wildfires have ravaged hundreds of thousands of acres throughout Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia since May, recently taking the lives of two FDOF firefighters. A moment of reflection was observed the morning of June 25 to honor the memories of Josh Burch and Brett Fulton, who died in the line of duty June 20.

# Shots fired at house

A relative who was recently released from prison was named as a suspect in the early morning hail of bullets that damaged the front of a residence on Eloise St. in northwest Macclenny on June 23.  
 Both occupants of the structure and a next door neighbor in the normally quiet residential enclave off CR 23A told Deputy Koty Crews they heard gunfire around 3:45 that morning.  
 Cynthia Parsels said later that morning before 9:00 am, she discovered several bullet holes on her porch, including on pillars and a rocking chair.  
 Deputy Crews said he found five bullet holes in the area, and retrieved the five .45 caliber bullets. Two shell casings were picked up from the street in front of the address, and police documented tire tracks where a vehicle likely turned around.  
 Neighbor Pearl Gaines said she saw a small, dark truck slowly driving away after she heard the shots.  
 Carolyn Velleca, who lives in the house with Ms. Parsels, told police of the relative-suspect, who she said "has a lot of animosity towards her."  
 The male relative was not immediately located.

# Most county officers seek higher spending

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 in this year's budget.  
 "As you will recall our personnel have not received any salary adjustment for the past two years," he said. "Another factor affecting our payroll budget this year is the longevity pay increase policy, which has also resulted in an increase for personnel services. Please note that even with this request, our personnel services appropriation request is reduced by \$19,747 from last year."  
 The sheriff's office asked for operating expenses and capital

outlay allocations totaling some \$85,000 more than those in the 2010-11 budget. The largest increases are in vehicle repair and maintenance, professional services and operating supplies.  
 Elections chief Crawford's 2011-12 budget request for the elections office is 9 percent above this year's appropriation of \$368,706, or \$402,005.  
 The jump comes from \$40,700 in additional monies for election-year expenses like poll workers and postage and about \$2500 in higher health insurance and salary costs. The increases are tempered, however, by lower retirement contributions.  
 Clerk of Courts Al Fraser's proposed budget of \$290,562 for the coming fiscal year is 10 percent higher than this year's spending with most of the boost coming from \$29,610 more for personnel services.  
 Despite the insurance and salary hikes included in all of the county's draft budget proposals,

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## Modern surgery: blowing you up, gluing you back

"How do you feel?"  
"Feel what?"  
"No, dear. How do you feel?"  
"Um ... With my fingers?"  
"This is the pain medication talking isn't it?"  
"It can talk?"  
Wow."

As you probably know from reading last week's column, my wife Kelley had her gall bladder out. She's been feeling bad for going on eight months and the doctor said it was because of a very bad gall bladder full of stones.

So out it came. It's quite fascinating how they do it. Gone are the "old days" when they cut an eight-inch incision into your belly, reached in there and yanked that sucker out.

Nowadays it's done laparoscopic. I don't have any idea what that means, I just know that instead of one big cut there are four inch-long incisions. They blow air into you to fill you up like a balloon, stick in a camera and go to work. A little snip and out it comes.

Her gall bladder, if you must know, was full of stones that look and feel like calcium sand spurs. The biggest was the size of a quarter. They stitched her up on the inside so she wouldn't have any scars, and super glued her wounds closed.

"You're kidding me, right?" I asked the doctor.

"No. Super glue. No bandages. Nothing."

"You ever made a mistake and glue your finger to a patient?"

"You'd better hope not or you're taking me home for dinner."

Whod've thunk? When the bottle says a million and one uses, they aren't kidding. Last week I wrote about Bob's Home Surgery Kit, but I never imagined Super Glue. Truth is stranger than fiction yet again.

Not only can you glue Granny's candy dish back together before your wife gets home, you can glue your wife together and send her home.

Which is exactly what they did.

In the modern age of HMOs you have to have brain surgery to stay overnight in the hospital.

They can take something out of your body that has been there all your life and send you home by lunch time.

Kelley literally came out of surgery at 9:00 am and was in the front seat of the car by 1:00 pm — home-bound.

"How do you feel?"  
"Didn't you ask me that?"

"And you never answered."  
"Oh. I feel okay for someone who left a major organ behind in the hospital."

I guess that's how they can send you home the same day. You do feel pretty good. You are still in the arms of Morpheus even though you're walking and talking.

I remember having major back surgery 15 years ago and they sent me home in under 24 hours. I was up walking around sitting in a chair and joking with people a couple of hours after surgery.

I wasn't joking the next day when all the anesthesia wore off. Neither was Kelley. When I asked how she felt, she told me, in no uncertain terms.

I have since been busy being Bob Nightingale, and doing a pretty good job of it. It's pretty easy because Kelley's been a good patient; all she asks for is cranberry juice.

So long as I can get her cranberry juice and her pain pills on time she's fine.

I'm disappointed I didn't ask for one of the gall stones for a keeper. The big one and two of the little ones would make interesting jewelry. A pair of earrings and a necklace would not only be unusual but would also be a fascinating conversation starter. Spray paint them and apply the glitter.

"What are those? They look like some sort of sea creature or shell fish."

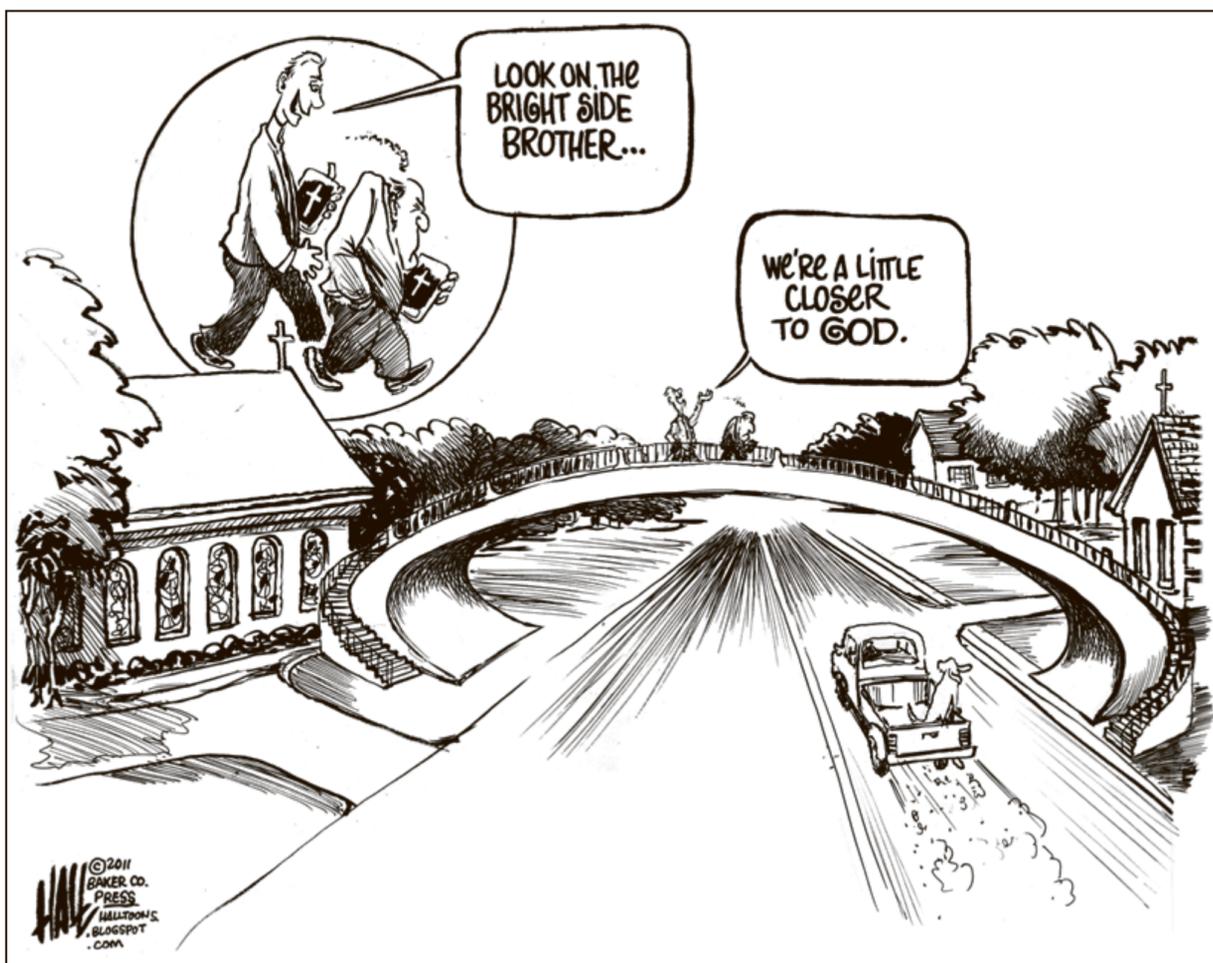
"Oh no, those are my gall stones."

That would either start a conversation or stop it cold.

Now, several days after the trip to the hospital Kelley is feeling much better. Thanks for all the kind words you've sent her.

## MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD



## Facebook fans

### 'What you had to say ...'

*We posted to our Facebook friends this week, "July 4th is right around the corner! What kind of fireworks do you and your family like? With the high drought conditions will you still shoot off fireworks?" Here's what they had to say ...*

**County Manager C.J. Thompson:** "The county is currently under a burn ban which prohibits the use of fireworks. We are in daily contact with the Florida Division of Forestry evaluating the conditions."

**Cindy Oglesby:** "Pretty sure most counties in the state are under the same ban."

**Tracey Moorman Mchood:** "We are just going to have fun. We don't need fireworks to have fun and celebrate the 4th of July."

**Lyon Marc:** "Bahaaaa! Burn ban, yet Walmart, Phantom Fireworks and several stores are selling fireworks by the truck load. Is that going to be enforced like the, 'No Sunday alcohol

sales?'"

**Alicia Lass Musgrove:** "We will be going to the fairgrounds. Hopefully it will be a safe night. Don't want to start any more fires."

**Richard Clark:** "Are you serious? Not only is it too dry, a burn ban is in place and it is illegal to light anything that leaves the ground. Hopefully law enforcement will be cruising the neighborhoods ready to write citations."

**Jennifer Sizemore Meadows:** "I hate live fireworks! The lit up display isn't enough to outweigh the awful smell and the noise. I'd rather stay home and watch them on TV and switch channels so I can watch them

in DC and NY, etc. I also hate that some of our neighbors are rude and continue to set them off after 10 pm. It's hard for people — kids especially — to go to sleep when fireworks are being set off next door!"

**Janet Davis:** "With the dry weather I would hope people would leave the fireworks to the professionals in a controlled environment. However, I too have some of those rude neighbors that fire them until all hours of the morning. We have never shot off fireworks, we have dogs that are terrified of them and have to put them in the bathroom with a radio playing to keep them calm."

## ----- GUEST COMMENTARY -----

# Lengthy re-drawing of districts begins

**JANET ADKINS**

Member Florida House of Representatives District 12

The first week of redistricting meetings were held last week with two meetings in Tallahassee, and one each in Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach and Panama City. After 13 hours of driving and 13 hours of listening to public testimony, it is clear that the effort to draw new [legislative] districts will be tedious.

This is my first experience in the redistricting process and I am honored to have been appointed to serve on the Redistricting Committee. While other members were thankful to dodge the "extra work," I enjoy the opportunity to be a part of history and to learn the mechanics behind redistricting.

Every 10 years, Florida redraws the political boundary lines of state legislative and congressional districts to reflect changes in population, as determined by the most recent US Census and as required by the Florida and US Constitution. The term "reapportionment" refers to the task of dividing the state's population by the number of congressional seats apportioned to the state. The task of "redistricting" is the redrawing of political boundaries to reflect change in the population.

Between now and September 1, members for the Florida House and Senate will hold 26 public hearings throughout the state to hear from Floridians on how they wish the new lines to be drawn.

The various redistricting committees will then begin drawing

part of the Panhandle is primarily agriculture and the southern portion focused on tourism and the big question was should district boundaries be drawn horizontally to reflect the communities of interest (such as agriculture and tourism), or vertically to reflect county lines where possible.

Many rural counties do not have sufficient population for a full House or Senate district and must be grouped with other counties. Then it becomes a matter of where do you split a county. Some expressed interest in "like" neighborhoods being grouped together and others asked that their city be made "whole" within the same district.

In Tallahassee, much concern was expressed over congressional districts, but in Pensacola, the focus was primarily with state and House districts.

Concern was voiced regarding the newly passed amendments 5 and 6 dealing with "Fair Districts." Every two years, each lawmaker takes an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the State of Florida and the United States Constitution. These amendments are now part of Florida's Constitution and the Legislature will abide by their requirements.

The committee heard from the AARP, NAACP, League of Women Voters, ACLU, Tea Party, Coffee Party, Democratic Executive Committee, Farm Bureau, Republican Executive Committee and the Chamber of Commerce. We heard from private citizens, school board members, city commission members, city commissioner, a soil and water conservation supervisor, a mayor

and a representative from the supervisor of elections office.

The 2012 congressional districts should have a population of 696,345. Baker County is currently grouped in Congressional District 4, which has an average of 48,073. This means that the district will need to decrease in size. Senate districts should have a population of 470,033. Baker County is currently grouped in Senate District 3, which has an average of 25,048 and will need to decrease in size. Baker County is currently in House district 12, which is 2,676 over the ideal population of 156,678.

I encourage you to learn more about Florida's redistricting process and to sign up for e-mail updates by visiting [www.floridare-districting.org](http://www.floridare-districting.org). Also, the Florida House of Representatives has launched a web-based tool called "MyDistrictBuilder" that is available to the public so that citizens can propose their version of a redistricting plan. You can access this tool by clicking "MyDistrictBuilder" from the [www.floridare-districting.org](http://www.floridare-districting.org) website. This online tool will be used by both Floridians and legislators to propose new boundary lines for congressional and state legislative districts.

As a member of the Redistricting Committee, it is important that I hear from you in how you want your community to be represented. Please mark your calendar for July 11 at Florida State College's downtown campus. We will hold two meetings that day; 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm.

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# Battery on pregnant girlfriend Police respond to a rash of domestic calls

A complaint for felony aggravated domestic battery was filed on a live-in boyfriend following a confrontation at an E. Ohio Ave. address the evening of June 25.

Joshua Cuevas, 23, allegedly struck and shoved pregnant girlfriend Jennifer Brooks, 29, during an argument about 9:45 at their residence. Deputy Daryl Mobley also filed a complaint for battery against Randy Michael, 36, of Hilliard for accosting Mr. Cuevas.

They and other witnesses gave conflicting versions of events that evening that resulted in Mr. Cuevas going to the emergency room of Fraser Hospital for treatment of lacerations to the right hand when he put a fist through a window.

Deputy Mobley noted that all parties to the melee except Ms. Brooks appeared to be intoxicated.

In another domestic incident, Christopher Gay, 34 was arrested for battery and child abuse, at his South Boulevard residence in

Macclenny.

Crystal Gay, 41, accused her husband of pinning her and her daughter, age 16, in a doorway during an argument in their bedroom that began with accusations about his alleged drug use.

• Brandi Estep, 31, of Glen St. Mary was arrested early on June 25 for accosting her boyfriend Tommy Bryant, 34, outside Mac's Liquors in downtown Macclenny.

The two were arguing just after midnight over whether they should leave the bar. Deputy Leo Clements said both parties smelled strongly of alcohol.

• One person was arrested for aggravated battery and criminal complaints were filed against four others for battery and aggravated battery following a fight in north Sanderson the evening of June 20.

All the participants are female and three of them claim to be pregnant, resulting in the felony complaints.

Deputy Daniel Nichols arrested Biancia Jackson, 28, for attacking Ami Copeland, 23, and Aisha Gilbert, 31, and a complaint was filed against a 17-year-old for attacking Ms. Jackson. All are from the Sanderson area.

The officer was told the fight started in the parking lot of Cuz's One Stop in Sanderson when the juvenile struck Ms. Jackson.

The participants then moved several blocks north to the neighborhood near Tony Givens Rd. and CR 229 when a larger melee occurred.

• Deputy Daryl Mobley filed battery complaints following another fight involving several participants, this one early on June 22 off Timberlane Dr. near Macclenny.

They include Lauren Gaaney, 19, of Jacksonville and a 17-year-old female for fighting each other, and against Shelby Albino, 19, for allegedly attacking Michael Schroer, 20. Both are from Glen.

## Offered to trade drugs — at physician's office

Sheriff's investigators arrested a Macclenny man the evening of June 21 for offering to trade his stash of marijuana for prescription pills in the waiting room of a physician's office on South 5th St.

Travis Johnston, 22, initially denied the allegation relayed to Sgt. Brad Dougherty that he was soliciting the trades from patients in the office of Dr. Charles Scarbrough late that afternoon.

Investigator Mike Hauge found the suspect in the waiting room, and Mr. Johnston, when questioned outside the office, initially said he was waiting for a ride from John Paul (Pumpkin) Mann, 42, of Sanderson, who was waiting to see the doctor.

The investigator said Mr. Johnston became nervous and edgy during the interview, and

continued to cast his eyes in the direction of Mr. Mann's Chevrolet pickup parked nearby.

He told several different versions of how he got to Dr. Scarbrough's office, including that he walked, but his girlfriend affirmed they both had been brought there by Mr. Mann.

The drug-sniffing canine Cash was brought to the scene, and alerted to the scent of drugs inside the pickup, where officers found 27 grams of marijuana in a plastic baggie stashed near the console.

The amount was sufficient to book Mr. Johnston on a felony possession count.

In other drug-related arrests:

- Carl Dillard, 19, of Mac-



Travis Johnston

clenny was charged with misdemeanor possession after a deputy found a small baggie in his pants pocket during a weapons search.

Deputy Ben Anderson questioned Mr. Dillard when he found him walking along George Hodges Rd. in the late morning of June 26. He said the pedestrian became agitated and consented to the search.

- Lt. Adam Faircloth arrested

## Quote was misattributed

A June 23 article on page one of *The Baker County Press* incorrectly attributed comments to County Manager C.J. Thompson that actually were made by architect Erik Kasper in a memo to the county manager.

Mr. Kasper stated that revised drawings for a proposed new county administration building would be "quite significant" and would cost about \$23,000. He also stated in his memo: "In

speaking with the mechanical engineer we discovered another advantage to making this change. Because the original design was divided into separate enclosed spaces we had nine separate air conditioning systems. Now that the new design combines these spaces we can reduce the number of units and save additional money on installation and maintenance."

The officer, who lives on the property, came upon the youths, a 17-year-old from St. George and a 16-year-old from Glen, in a wooded area off Wild Kitten Dr. about 9:00 pm.

Lt. Faircloth confiscated a small baggie of marijuana and a plastic bottle used as a smoking "bong."

*The Press* regrets the error.

## Robbery at the city park

Three Macclenny suspects, two of them juveniles, have been implicated in a strong-arm robbery of another Macclenny man at Memorial Park on the city's northside the afternoon of June 24.

The victim, 22-year-old Bryce Gibson, told police he was seated on a picnic table about 1:24 waiting for his brother when approached by the trio. One of them struck him on the left side of the face and a suspect he later identified as a 17-year-old took off with his cell phone.

Deputy Robbie Aberly and Sgt. James Marker soon located two of the suspects who matched a detailed description given by Mr. Gibson. The 17-year-old admitted to speaking with the victim at the park, but said the topic was cigarettes. He denied the

thefts and would not identify the two others though he admitted he was acquainted with them.

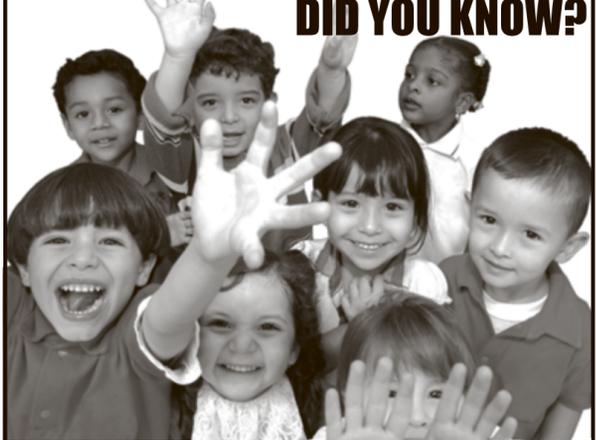
The second suspect, age 14, was contacted shortly after and admitted to riding off on Mr. Gibson's bike, insisting he did so only to put air in the tires. He told the officers where he had stashed the bicycle off MLK Dr.

Both were charged with second-degree felonies after positive identification by the victim.

The third suspect, Andrew Garcia, 18, was interviewed later at a residence off MLK and admitted confronting the victim, but told Deputy Aberly that Mr. Gibson was not struck.

The cell phone was recovered from Mr. Garcia's sister, but the victim could not make a positive identification, so charges against him pend.

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CIRCUIT COURT

# Prison for probation violators

## Starke woman caught shoplifting in Alachua

A Starke woman with a lengthy criminal record admitted to violating probation and was sentenced on June 21 to 22 months in prison, a term to run concurrently with a sentence in Bradford County.

Christina Reed, 36, admitted she violated terms of her probation when she was arrested in March for shoplifting in Alachua County and failed to comply with an order to pay supervisory costs and court costs. The probation stemmed from a year-old arrest in Macclenny for selling marijuana on a street corner, a case made via a confidential informant.

Ms. Reed's criminal past includes arrests for attempted second-degree murder, theft, welfare fraud, battery and possession of controlled drugs.

In another prison sentenced handed down that day by Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier, Richard Mann, 33, was ordered to prison for 20 months after a similar admission that he violated probation.

Mr. Mann, of Glen St. Mary, was charged along with two others in the theft of thou-



Christina Reed



Richard Mann

sands of dollars of construction equipment from a Lawtey contractor in January. He was on probation for grand theft at the time, and also violated other provisions by changing his residence and failing to report to his probation officer and take drug tests.

The state allowed him to plead to grand theft in the 2011 case, rather than dealing in stolen property, and Judge Rosier gave him credit for nearly one year already served.

Mr. Mann's criminal past includes arrests

for forgery, possession of controlled drugs, drunk driving and burglary.

• Garrett Gray entered a no contest plea to grand theft and will be on house arrest one year, followed by a similar term of probation. He was ordered to pay \$1121 restitution to victims.

The state dropped a number of forgery and exploitation counts in return for the plea.

• Aubrey Ruise admitted to violating probation in a 2010 case for sale of synthetic narcotics, and will serve a six-month jail sentence. Judge Rosier revoked his probation and allowed 15 days credit for time served.

• James Byrd admitted to violating probation in a 2008 case of felony driving without a license, and the judge reinstated his term for a year.

• An arrest warrant was issued for Michael Ray Taylor, who failed to appear in court on burglary, grand theft, trespass and felony criminal mischief charges.

He was expected that day to enter into a pre-trial intervention program.

# Stole, sold scrap from Glen property

Police arrested a Glen St. Mary man the afternoon of June 20 for allegedly carting off scrap metal from a residence on CR 125 north and selling it at an east Macclenny scrap yard.

Deputy Ben Anderson said he was contacted by Robert Foster of Glen, owner of the scrap, after the latter said he followed a vehicle driven by Robert Sanders, 25, to Scrappy Pappy's yard on US 90.

There, the suspect sold the 175-pound load of metal for \$19, a sum that Deputy Anderson said he recovered and turned over to Mr. Foster. Scrap yard employees confirmed that Mr. Sanders brought the metal to the location, and Mr. Foster identified it as having once been on his property.

Mr. Sanders was arrested and booked for petty theft.

In other cases the past week, both of them for shoplifting at the Macclenny Walmart, one person was named in a criminal complaint and the second was arrested at the scene.

A store security worker observed Casey Lauramore, 18, of

Macclenny sever a locking hook with a scissors and take a GPS system valued at \$138 the afternoon of June 25.

The employee told Deputy Robbie Aberly the suspect then took the item to the domestics department where he placed it on a shelf, only to return and retrieve it later before putting it in his pants pocket and attempting to leave the store.

• A complaint names Stacie Harris, 25, of Jacksonville for attempting to leave the store the evening of June 21 with \$144 in merchandise she stashed in a basket under a stroller.

Deputy Daryl Mobley said Ms. Harris was observed taking merchandise that included clothing, photo paper, cosmetics and a shower head.

## Fair weigh-ins

The initial tag and weigh-in for pigs and steers being entered into the 2011 Baker County Fair will be held Saturday, July 2, 8:00 am at the Fairgrounds. Call Chuck Brannan at 259-7862 for more information.

# Driver had six license suspensions

A Macclenny man stopped downtown by a county deputy early on June 22 for having a headlight out was charged with driving on a license suspended six times as an habitual offender.

Deputy Rodney Driggers said he stopped the vehicle driven by Michael Spivey, 33, in the CVS parking lot shortly after 3:00 am and learned of the suspensions with a routine check of the motor vehicle data base.

He also ticketed the driver for the headlight violation.

In other traffic-related arrests, a Live Oak woman was jailed the morning of June 24 after her weaving eastbound SUV

was stopped on Interstate 10 just west of the Nassau County line.

Deputy Ben Anderson was responding to a reckless driver report when he spotted a 2011 Chevrolet that matched an earlier description, then observed it swerving in and out of the traffic lanes.

Driver Cathey Ball, 52, had slurred speech and was unsteady on her feet after exiting the vehicle. She admitted to ingesting "all kinds of drugs" and was booked at county jail for DUI.

• Deputy Chris Volz arrested Carl Anderson, 59, no known address, for loitering and prowling near the Living Faith Church on

Mud Lake Road the evening of June 25.

The officer was responding to a suspicious person report near Richardson Rd. about 10:00 pm and received word that the suspect had fled into nearby woods when his patrol car approached.

Mr. Anderson said he was walking from Lake City to Jacksonville and had left his belongings near Interstate 10 to the north.

• Deputy Jason Bryan arrested James Drummond, 38, of Macclenny at a Seward Way address in the early afternoon of June 22. Police learned he was wanted in Collier County on a warrant for

violating probation on a reckless driving charge.

• Jerry Bubbs, 37, of Jacksonville turned himself in at county jail the afternoon of June 23. He was wanted on a warrant for failure to appear in court.

• Two inmates already in jail were served with warrants: William Finley, 25, of Macclenny on a Nassau County warrant for driving on a suspended or revoked license, and Astrel Bellavoix, 30, no address listed, wanted in Broward County for a probation violation.

## Rubio rep here

A representative from the office of US Senator Marco Rubio will be at the Baker County Chamber of Commerce in downtown Macclenny this Thursday, June 30 from 12:30-2:30 pm.

The office is located at 20 East Macclenny Ave.

# Thieves hit home site, again

Lightning in the form of vandals and thieves has struck twice at a home under construction off Edna Manning Rd. near Glen St. Mary.

Contractor Calvin Raulerson of B&R Home Builders again arrived at the property, this time on the morning of June 20, to find it had been broken into, stripped of copper wire and a bathtub with water jets similar to one stolen before.

He is building the house for David Parrish, and the incident is similar to one that occurred overnight on May 23.

No damage and loss estimate was noted in the recent case, but Mr. Raulerson told Deputy Chris Walker it equals the previous raid when the loss was placed at \$5500.

A rear door was kicked in to gain entry

In another costly burglary,

this one also at an unoccupied residence, the inventory of stolen household appliances totaled \$2100 in value.

Jodie Johnson of Macclenny called police on June 20 when she discovered the home on Richardson Rd. south of Sanderson had been entered through a bedroom window.

The residence once occupied by her mother has been empty five years. She told Deputy Daniel Nichols it has been ransacked before.

Among the stolen property were a stove, refrigerator, freezer, washer/dryer, two televisions and two stereos, and a microwave oven.

Ms. Johnson had last checked it June 6.

In other theft and vandalism reports:

• Donald White of Macclenny reported on June 24 a shed on

his rental property on Barbara Circle was entered. A window was broken to gain entry and several boxes containing unspecified items were missing.

He told Deputy Ben Anderson former tenants may be responsible.

• A suspect was named June 22 by Lesli Strait as possibly responsible for keying her vehicle parked that morning outside her boyfriend's residence on Short Putt Dr. in north Macclenny.

## DAV collecting

Chapter 20 of the Disabled American Veterans will be accepting contributions July 1-4 at Winn-Dixie and Food Lion in Macclenny to benefit all veterans in Baker County. For more information, please contact Past Commander John Joseph at 259-4956.

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GLEN ST. MARY TOWN COUNCIL

# Votes for Andrews St. closure

The Glen St. Mary Town Council voted unanimously the evening of June 21 to close a one-block portion of Andrews St. to fit an expansion plan of the First Baptist Church.

The church owns both sides of the street west from Lincoln St. to Taber Blvd. and plans to use the area for added parking. The town will retain utility easements as before.

The council initially planned to take up the request by the church to close a portion of Taber in front of the main church buildings on both sides of that street. The previous evening, the Baker County Commission failed to act on the petition amid opposition by neighbors and others.

That rendered the matter moot before the Glen board since Taber is a county road, and it was removed from the agenda.

Representatives from the church, along with a handful of others concerned that Glen would act on the Taber closure, filled the small council room — an unusual occurrence. The church urged Andrews' closure to allow for parking and natural flow of storm water into a retention ditch planned for the recently purchased tract to the north.

Bobby Crews, who lives on Lincoln two blocks north of Andrews, questioned whether the drainage flow could be arranged without closure. Chad Grimm, a Jacksonville planner who prepared the landscape design for the expansion, said closing the road will allow for a natural grade, rather than more costly piping under the road surface.

Following the vote, supporters broke into applause before filing out of the room.

In other business during the regular monthly meeting — the first with newly-sworn council member Tracy Lamb — the board decided to pursue a design and supervision alternative to a proposal submitted recently by Mittauer and Associates of Orange Park.

The proposal has a minimum price tag of \$10,900 in fixed costs plus hourly charges of \$60 for "resident observation."

Mayor Juanice Padgett suggested that Glen could get by cheaper on the upcoming installation of a sewer line along Lincoln Ave. from Geitgey north to US 90.

The mayor said she discussed the project



Rick Davis (standing) makes pitch for Andrews closing before the Glen Council on June 21.

earlier that day with a person said to be familiar with utility construction who advised the project could be completed for less than the engineer estimated. She declined to identify him.

Mittauer, the town's project engineer for the upcoming water utility installation north of US 90, estimated \$97,700 for a gravity flow system or \$62,000 for a force main connecting to the main line along US 90.

Councilman Dickie Foster, a plumbing contractor, urged the mayor to pursue another avenue with alternatives including 6-inch mains that do not require the DEP permitting or a project engineer. He said the smaller main lines could easily handle the flow.

Mr. Foster argued the Mittauer quotes are excessive for the 13 residences that are expected to connect to the sewer extension. They include eight apartments on Taber and residences on both sides of Lincoln.

Mayor Padgett is recommending that Glen

St. Mary dip into its \$255,000 reserves to the tune of \$50,000 for the sewer extension, then repay the money with revenues from the \$750 connect fees and the remainder from new water customers in the north town.

The impetus for the sewer extension stems from concerns of the health department that septic tank placement is too dense in that neighborhood and will result in continuing problems.

The board authorized Mayor Padgett to apply for an economic development grant to extend utilities south to Interstate 10 to spur development.

Last month, Rick Davis of Davis and Davis Enterprises told the board he has plans to replace the Citgo station on the northwest corner of the interchange with a large travel store.

The Envision Glen master growth plan adopted several years ago anticipates extension of sewer and water lines to the interstate.

## Jobless rate slides slightly

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The jobless rate in Baker County continued its slow slide downward in May, dropping to 9 percent, or 1091 workers.

That's 1.5 percent below the unemployment rate for May, 2010 and three-tenths of a percent under the previous month's rate.

While still sizable, the number of able-bodied workers without jobs in Baker County is below Florida's unemployment rate of 10.5 percent, Duval County's rate of 10.3 percent, Clay County's rate of 9.1 percent and Nassau County's rate of 9.3 percent, according to recently released figures from the state's Agency for Workforce Innovation.

Union and Bradford counties, however, had lower jobless rates of 7.7 percent and 8.5 percent, respectively. Both are small, rural Northeast Florida counties like Baker with a heavy concentration of state agencies jobs.

Though employers here hired 32 employees between April and May, layoffs at Northeast Florida State Hospital [NEFSH], which become effective July 1, will almost certainly mean a spike in the county's unemployment rate.

"Most local businesses are still struggling pretty bad," said Chamber of Commerce Director Darryl Register. "And with what's going on at NEFSH, we all expect the local [unemployment] number to go up."

*Expected to rise again with recent layoffs at the state hospital*

At least 70 employees were eliminated at the state-managed mental health facility in Macclenny. However, those affected were given an exclusive opportunity to apply for 48 positions that remain available, explained Kim Hodges, the hospital's director of human resources.

The jobs include nurses, therapists, some 20 so-called human services workers and other direct-care staff.

The layoffs resulted from a 10 percent budget reduction delivered to the hospital by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Governor Rick Scott in late May.

Moreover, business owners are facing uncertainty about the impact of other cuts at the state level, like the requirement that public employees start contributing 3 percent of their salaries to the Florida Retirement System.

"Local businesses are concerned, and I'm concerned, about how the actions of the legislature will affect them," said Mr. Register. "We're really heavy with public employment here — 1000 or more at NEFSH, 500-plus with the school district, over 300 at the prison in Olustee and a number of folks who work at state prisons in nearby counties. The 3 percent cut, what's that going to do to the disposable income they spend in our community. Folks will still have a mortgage payment, a car payment or two, but will they continue to spend that 3 percent at local restaurants or the dry cleaners?"

One of the few businesses hiring is the Walmart Distribution Center.

"That's something they haven't done in a long time," Mr. Register said.

Local unemployment statistics are compiled monthly by the state and the US Department of Labor. They're available at [www.worksourcefl.com/research/labor\\_market\\_information.aspx](http://www.worksourcefl.com/research/labor_market_information.aspx).

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# Youths collect water for firemen

## Businesses donate 56 cases, more to come

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A group of contestants preparing to compete in the 2011 Miss Florida Forestry State Scholarship Pageant, which took place at Baker County Middle School last weekend, were in Macclenny during the afternoon of June 24 collecting water for a very important cause.

These young ladies, all title holders of the 2010 Miss Florida Forestry Pageant, spent several hours visiting businesses and local merchants to seek donations of bottled water for thirsty firefighters.

In one afternoon, they collected 56 cases of water.

Bebe Thrift, an experienced pageant volunteer, was hosting the girls during the afternoon before the pageant dress rehearsal when she got word that firefighters in the area were in need of bottled drinking water.

"Some people might see it as the state's responsibility to provide water, but if the firefighters suddenly run out they need the water right then and the state can't respond fast enough," she said.

On learning of the water shortage, the group of pageant contestants immediately saw an opportunity to personally fight the fire in their own way.

The girls all agreed collecting water would be a way to show support for the men and women who have been risking their own safety as they worked around the clock in many parts of north Florida battling forest fires.

All water donations are being transported to the Florida Division of Forestry's regional office in Lake City, then distributed in surrounding counties.

CVS Drugstore, Burkins Chevrolet, Thrift Log Homes and Gibson McDonald Furniture were among the businesses to receive a visit. The ladies, all wearing their tiaras, sashes and matching dark green Florida Forestry Pageant T-shirts, posed for a photo with Gibson McDonald owner Joel Barber whose store donated 28 cases of water.

"It's a great idea to help people," said Jillian Hodges of Baker County.

Brittany Wallace, representing Columbia County, said, "It's



During water donation collections, Gibson McDonald store owner Joel Barber (back, left) posed with some of the 2010 county pageant division winners and the reigning 2010 Miss Florida Forestry Pageant Queen, Amanda Finley, (back row, center). From Left, Abigail Calkins, Jillian Hodges, Shirley Duran, Ms. Finley, Morgan McDuffie, Brittany Wallace, Olivia Ellis and Brandie Grau. In front, standing on table, is Madalynn Hodges.

been such fun helping out the firefighters like this."

The 2010 Florida Forestry Pageant queen Amanda Finley was in the group.

"Last Saturday I drove by some of the affected areas and you can see just how much the fire has burned. All the smoke and damage — TV doesn't do it justice. And think about all the wildlife that perished," she said. "You can see the loggers working now just trying to do something meaningful with the trees that are left, trying to make a positive point out of it, but it's just been so devastating."

She recalled seeing fire trucks parked outside of people's homes in an effort to prevent flying ash from igniting roofs.

"This is what we can do to help fight the wildfires — filling the back of our firefighter's trucks with drinking water," she said.

"As reigning queens, it's really important to collect water. It's our job to do this," said Morgan McDuffie, also of Baker County.

The collecting effort should extend through the month of July. To donate water, please contact Sydney Ferreira at 307-8442 or San and William Beckam at 553-0117.



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

## Storm snaps trees, downs power lines

Mary Walker surveys damage to her property at the corner of Stansell and N. 4th streets after a sudden severe storm with sustained 60-plus mph winds that swept through Macclenny about 4:30 pm June 24 causing street flooding, power outages and downed trees. Nearby resident Colvin Cox was on the front porch of his home on N. 4th Street when lightning struck an oak tree and broke its trunk in half. The falling tree soon snapped two nearby power lines. "I saw it hit and I saw it fall," he said. "It was loud." Macclenny Fire Chief Buddy Dugger, who appeared later at the scene, reported similar incidents all over the city, one involving a tree that took out the front and rear windshield of a car. A Florida Power & Light lineman dispatched to help repair downed power lines said, "It's going to be a long night."

## July 4th in Lake Butler

Join the Lake Butler Rotary Club at Lakeside Park for a July 4th Celebration for the family, including games, bounce house, water park, train ride, food, music, car show, fishing tournament (\$1000 grand prize) and more.

Music begins at 11:00 am, with live bands starting at 4:00 pm. There will be a family fun run at 7:30 am and a 5K run at 8:30 am. The antique car show will be from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The Big Bass Fishing Tournament starts at safe light, with registration at 4:00 am (must be over 18 or accompanied by an adult and a valid Florida fishing license is required). Fireworks at dusk.

For more information, call the club at 386-496-0909.

## 2001 Reunion

The Baker County High School Class of 2001 is holding its ten-year reunion on Friday, September 9 from 7:30 to 11:30 pm at the Hilltop Restaurant in Orange Park. The cost to attend is \$30 per person or \$60 per couple.

The deadline for ticket purchase is August 26. Please make checks or money orders payable to Class of 2001 Reunion and mail to Alison Webb, P.O. Box 725, Macclenny, Florida 32063. No cash, please.

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*-John Simmons, MNR Administrator*

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## Navy recruit honors

Navy Seaman Recruit Jason Kent Kirkland was selected as an honor recruit of his division during basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He was one of nine chosen for the honor out of 719 recruits and recognized at graduation on June 17.

He is the son of Kent and Jacki Kirkland of Macclenny.

## Camp for drama has 2nd session

The BCHS drama department's FutureStars Drama Camp began June 27, but the camp has a second session to run July 4-8 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the BCMS auditorium.

The camp is for children 5-13 who are interested in performance. The emphasis is on having fun with instruction in creative dramatics, choreography, voice, creating a role and stage movement. At the end of each week there is a FutureStars Extravaganza performance free of charge and open to the public.

Campers will arrive at 9:00 am on Monday for a general assembly and then break into age groups. The Superstars are ages 5-7 and will learn the basics of acting with fun and informative acting games that will teach the rudiments of stage direction, movement and using their voice. They will stage and perform a fairy tale and learn a song and dance.

The DramAddicts are ages 8-10. Through the use of acting warm-ups, campers will learn about staging, creating a role, choreographing a dance, and preparing a song. They will perform a monologue, stage a story as well as learn songs and dances.

The Triple Threats are ages 11-13. They will concentrate on creating characters, stage scenes, stage makeup, choreograph dances, then prepare a song and create a musical revue of 5-6 songs.

Camp is \$100 for the week with a pricing deal for multiple-child families. Visit the website <http://www.bchsdramacamp.com> for more information.

## League seeks teams

Baker County Men's Softball League will start play July 15 with an inaugural tournament. Anyone interested in fielding a team, please call Joel Burnett at 259-1525 or 571-2943.

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# Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 08-00281  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2008

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

PARCEL 9

Part of the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 7, and part of the Northeast ¼ of the northeast ¼ of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: for a POINT OF BEGINNING commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 18, thence run South 72°32'45" West, a distance of 433.26 feet; thence run South 88°57'28" West, a distance of 275.00 feet to the East Right-of-Way line of Raulerson Road, said Right-of-Way line being in a curve concave Northeasterly having a radius of 759.87 feet; Thence run along and around said curve, a chord bearing and distance of, North 17°40'47" West, 203.03 feet; thence run North 89°06'03" East, a distance of 750.44 feet to the East line of said Section 7; thence run South 00°20'54" West along said East line, a distance of 70.26 feet to the point of Beginning.

Subject to a 30.00 foot easement for Ingress and Egress over the East 30.00 feet thereof.

ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: David Manucy, David Manucy Jr., James Robert Manucy.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be re-deemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 11:00 am.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2011

AL FRASER  
CLERK OF COURT  
BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Julie B. Combs, Deputy Clerk  
6/16/11

### NOTICE Invitation for Bids (IFB) Bid #11-03

Cell 6 Expansion - Gravel for Landfill Construction

The New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) is extending an invitation for bids to furnish and deliver gravel for the construction of the New River Regional Landfill (NRRL) Cell 6 Expansion. The successful Bidder will be responsible for furnishing and delivering to NRRL 1,700 cubic yards (CY) of Leachate Collection Trench Gravel and 950 CY of Gas Collection Well Gravel in accordance with the specifications provided with the Invitation for Bids.

NRL is located 2.5 miles north of Raiford, FL on State Road 121 in Union County, FL. Bid packages and other information will be available for pick up at the Administration Office at NRSWA, 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, FL 32083 beginning Thursday, June 30, 2011. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Completed bids are to be mailed to New River Solid Waste Association, P.O. Box 647, Raiford, FL 32083 or delivered to the NRSWA Administration Office. After the IFB opening, the bids will be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the Executive Director. NRSWA Purchasing Policy will be executed. All bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Contact the NRSWA office at 386-431-1000 for questions concerning the bid packages. The DEADLINE for submittal in response to the above IFB is Wednesday, July 6, 2011, 2:00 p.m. All bids will be opened and read publicly at this time.

6/30/11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA,  
IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY.  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 02-2007-CA-0065

AVELO MORTGAGE, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KRISTOPHER KEENEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KRISTOPHER KEENEY; BRANDY KEENEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRANDY KEENEY; TIMOTHY E. KIRKLAND; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2,  
Defendants

### NOTICE OF SALE

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

LOT 1, BLOCK B, WILLIAM KNABB ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MACCLENLY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, East door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida 32063 at 11:00 am, on July 12, 2011.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2011.  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of its pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 16th day of June, 2011.

Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
As Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:  
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

6/23-6/30c

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Baker County School District announced the online AUCTION of surplus property, beginning June 30th, 2011. This sale is ongoing and will continue until all items are sold. For more information, and for a list of sale items with pictures and descriptions, please visit [www.technologysurplusdepot.com](http://www.technologysurplusdepot.com) or contact A1 Assets at 407-830-7030.

David Leavitt, CEO

A1 Assets, Inc.  
1100 Charles Street  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA,  
IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY.  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000157

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

CHERYL COCHRAN AND MICHAEL R. COCHRAN, WIFE AND HUSBAND; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
Defendants

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE DATED JUNE 17, 2011, ENTERED IN CIVIL CASE NO. 2010-CA-000157 OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHEREIN REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A., PLAINTIFF AND CHERYL COCHRAN AND MICHAEL R. COCHRAN, WIFE AND HUSBAND 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 MACCLENLY AVE., MACCLENLY, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. ON AUGUST 1, 2011, the following described property AS SET FORTH IN SAID FINAL JUDGMENT, TO-WIT:

PARCEL 1:  
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT NO. 1, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN THENCE S 1 DEGREE 01'23" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT NO. 1, 581.99 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF A 30 FOOT ROAD EASEMENT AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 1 DEGREE 01'23" E, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 540.40 FEET; THENCE N 88 DEGREES 58'37" E, 302.31 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF A 30 FOOT ROAD EASEMENT; THENCE N 14 DEGREES 49'53" W, ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE, 245.75 FEET; THENCE N 37 DEGREES 03'23" W, STILL ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE, 299.77 FEET; THENCE N 49 DEGREES 40'38" W, STILL ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE, 90.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO, ROAD EASEMENT "A"  
AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, 30.00 FEET IN WIDTH, BEING 15.00 FEET TO THE RIGHT AND 15.00 FEET TO THE LEFT OF A LINE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT NO. 1, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN S 1 DEGREE 01'23" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT NO. 1, 562.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID LINE, THENCE S 49 DEGREES 40'38" E, 104.91 FEET; THENCE S 37 DEGREES 03'23" E, 304.38 FEET; THENCE S 14 DEGREES 49'53" E, 252.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF TERMINATION OF SAID LINE.

ALSO, ROAD EASEMENT "B"  
AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, 30.00 FEET IN WIDTH, BEING 15.00 FEET TO THE RIGHT AND 15.00 FEET TO THE LEFT OF A LINE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT NO. 1, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN S 1 DEGREE 01'23" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT NO. 1, 562.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID LINE, THENCE N 49 DEGREES 40'38" W, 216.24 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF A 30 FOOT COUNTY GRADED ROAD AND THE POINT OF TERMINATION OF SAID LINE.

PARCEL 2:  
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, THENCE RUN S 1 DEGREE 01'23" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 1, 577.05 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EASEMENT "A", AS DESCRIBED IN O/R BOOK 101, PAGE 194 PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN S 49 DEGREES 40'38" E, 104.91 FEET; THENCE S 37 DEGREES 03'23" E, 304.38 FEET; THENCE S 14 DEGREES 49'53" E, 252.39 FEET; THENCE RUN S 88 DEGREES 59'08" W, 4.90 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO LANDS DESCRIBED IN O/R BOOK 101, PAGE 194 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE N 14 DEGREES 49'53" W, 245.55 FEET; THENCE N 37 DEGREES 03'23" W, 299.78 FEET; THENCE N 49 DEGREES 40'38" W, 90.05 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SAID POINT BEING 581.99 FEET FROM SAID NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1, THENCE RUN N 1 DEGREE 01'23" W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 4.90 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED IS LANDS THAT LIES BETWEEN CAPTIONED PROPERTY AND EASEMENT "A", AS DESCRIBED IN O/R BOOK 101, PAGE 194 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.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 17th day of June, 2011.

Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
As Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:  
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### 2007 Dodge Dakota

Vin# 1D7HE48K57S189900

6/30c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA,  
IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY.  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 02-2010-CA-0223

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., A TENNESSEE CORPORATION AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES ROBERT MANUCY A/K/A JAMES R. MANUCY AND JENNIFER W. MANUCY A/K/A JENNIFER S. MANUCY F/K/A JENNIFER SUE WILLIAMS, HUSBAND AND WIFE; AND UNIDENTIFIED JOHN DOE(S) AND/OR UNIDENTIFIED JANE DOE(S),  
Defendants

### CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on JULY 18, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. (EST), at the main entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, located at 339 East Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, Florida, the following described property:

A PORTION OF LAND LYING IN GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF CREWS ROAD (A 40.00 FOOT COUNTY ROAD) AND THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 14 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 269.03 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 350.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 87 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 326.11 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, 267.52 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 54, PAGE 337, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 54, PAGE 337, 326.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST, 266.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

30.0 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS

A PORTION OF LAND LYING IN GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF CREWS ROAD (A 40.00 FOOT COUNTY ROAD) AND THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 14 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 269.03 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 14 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, 307.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 670.14 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST, 30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST, 676.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2006 CUM CLASSIC 52' X 28' MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NO. WHC015722GAA AND WHC015722GAB AND TITLE NO. 96756297 AND 96756338.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 18937 CREWS ROAD, GLEN ST. MARY, FL 32040.

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 seal of this court on the 21st day of June, 2011.

Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
As Deputy Clerk

This instrument prepared by:  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA,  
IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY.  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 02-2011-CA-000028

TD BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY A SERIES OF MERGERS WITH MERCANTILE BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES HARLEY NELSON AND LINDA KAY NELSON, HIS WIFE, ET AL.,  
Defendants

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 17, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 02-2011-CA-000028 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein TD BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff and JAMES HARLEY NELSON, 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 18th day of July, 2011 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 14, FRANK COMBS CIRCLE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 89 AND 90 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A 1981 BRIGADIER SUNBURST MOBILE HOME VIN #GB1CS29450

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 21st day of June, 2011.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of its pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 21st day of June, 2011.

Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
As Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:  
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IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY.  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 02-2010-CA-0135

TD BANK, N.A., AS SUBSTITUTED PLAINTIFF FOR  
CAROLINA FIRST BANK, AS SUCCESSOR BY  
MERGER TO MERCANTILE BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD O. GIVENS, ET AL.,  
Defendants

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 15, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 02-2010-CA-0135 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein TD BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff and RONALD O. GIVENS; 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 'clock a.m. on the 25th day of July, 2011 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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# Weight loss journey rewarded

## Given makeover, trip to Hollywood and more

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Kendra Morgan's weight loss story could easily be the subject of a reality television show.

More than a year ago, Ms. Morgan, who then weighed 200 pounds, became determined to reclaim the slender shape she had in high school.

Not only did she succeed, she did it beyond her wildest dreams, totally transforming her life in the process.

After graduating from Baker County High School in 1995 and moving to Alaska, she began putting on weight.

"My father was transferred to Alaska and unless you can handle 60 degrees below zero you stay indoors most of the time," she remembers. "I wasn't active like I had been in high school and that's when the weight gain started."

Ms. Morgan eventually returned and once again settled into life in Baker County. By her own admission, she wasn't careful about her diet and the pounds continued to accumulate.

"I had become mother to three step children when I got married, plus I was working. When it came to cooking, I usually just did what was easiest to get on the table, like pizza and lasagna," she said.

From time to time she tried different diets — Atkins, Weight Watchers, Nutrisystem — with few results.

As her weight crept up to 200 pounds, physical problems began to manifest — high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, hormonal imbalances and even kidney problems.

She knew she needed to lose weight and her family doctor warned her that she was in serious trouble if she didn't. So, she joined a local gym.

Even so, she still lacked the discipline to go regularly.



Kendra Morgan, left, leads Connie Thick, Christine Yaccarino, Corlis Raulerson and Heather Sands in a Zumba Class.

It was a conversation with her father-in-law that put her on the road to change. A chemist, he had studied how the human body uses food and he had little patience for excuses, especially those about having no time because of family obligations.

"Having always put the needs of others first, it was a wake up call for me," she said. "He told me if I didn't care about myself first, I might not be around to see my grand kids grow up."

Suddenly she realized that she was setting a terrible example for her children, perhaps leading them down the same road to poor health she was on. It was just the motivation she needed and she became determined to change.

That was in February, 2010. Soon she was in the gym five days a week. Then, she added aerobic Zumba classes to her routine.

Her weight loss was steady, but very slow, about one pound a week.

A trainer at the gym told her about a weight loss system called ViSalus and she decided to give it a try. Combined with her exercise routine, she quickly shed 20

pounds. As an incentive to continue, she began posting her weight loss results on her Facebook page where she received support from friends.

In May of that year, encouraged by her progress, she decided to enter the official ViSalus weight loss challenge.

"The challenge was to lose 30 pounds in 90 days," said Ms. Morgan. "I was determined to succeed."

She even signed up for the gym's boot camp to up the odds of success. Midway through the challenge, she had lost another 22 pounds.

By this time, Ms. Morgan had added a ViSalus executive as one of her Facebook friends. He was so impressed with her mid-challenge photo he selected it as part of the company's new marketing CD.

"I didn't even know they had done it," she said. "I went to a marketing event for the product and was shocked when my photo flashed up on the screen."

Her weight loss continued. By August, when the challenge completed, Ms. Morgan sent in

her before and after photos as well as her personal testimony.

The following November she received a call from ViSalus headquarters. They wanted to know if she planned to attend a regional event in Atlanta.

She agreed to be there. A week later she stood before 3,500 people as one of the group of finalists who had successfully completed the Body by Vi Challenge.

Then came the real shock. "They flashed my huge pre-weight loss bikini photo when I weighed 200 pounds on the big screen. It was so embarrassing," she said.

The next thing she knew, she had been named the Female Body By Vi Champion.

What happened next is still the stuff of fantasy to Ms. Morgan. The company sent her on their "Transformation Vacation."

Soon the girl from Baker County found herself in Hollywood getting the VIP treatment. She was pampered at a resort spa and received a professional makeover for a celebrity photo shoot. That was followed by a tour of Hollywood, a limo ride to dinner at a four-star restaurant, a night out at the exclusive Magic Castle Club. She even got to be in the background crowd while Mario Lopez was taping an episode of *Extra!*

Participating in the weight loss challenge changed everything for Ms. Morgan and today, 50 pounds lighter, fitness has become a way of life. She became a certified Zumba instructor and frequently leads classes. In January 2011, she earned her group exercise certification from the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America.

Her new goal is to help other people get control of their weight and master their health. She says her heart goes out to the county's overweight youth and she wants to do something about it.

"Obesity is such a problem in this country," she says. "And so

many kids are struggling with it."

For that reason, she has also gotten involved in helping with the gym's summer youth fitness camps.

Losing the weight, getting fit and regaining her health have transformed her life. She says she's happier and her family is

happier too. The remarkable thing is that people she knows often don't know who she is when they see her now.

"I look like a different person," she said. "I went to an annual family reunion .... and people didn't recognize me."

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## 5K run raises \$1,630 for O. I. baby

Nearly 100 people participated in the "All for One, Run for All" 5K on June 25, an event to benefit the family of Gage Spurlock, an infant born with Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) or "brittle bone disease." The Baker County Health Department planned and organized the run, which was inspired by health educator Ashley Gonzales to raise funds for the Spurlock family's medical expenses as well as increase community awareness about the disease. Funds came from runners' registration fees as well as donations from local businesses. Also donated by local businesses were bottled water, T-shirts for runners and participation bags filled with items such as first aid kits, hand sanitizer and running towels.

## NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

The Macclenny City Commission is considering applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a 2012 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to \$700,000. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

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2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
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The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of **Housing, Neighborhood, Commercial Revitalization, or Economic Development** and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public meeting.

**For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.**

In developing an application for submission to DCA, the Macclenny City Commission must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, Macclenny is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

The public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at the Macclenny City Hall - Commission Meeting Room on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, beginning at 5:45 p.m. For information concerning the public hearing contact Gerald Dopson, City Manager, Macclenny City Hall; 118 E Main Street, Macclenny, FL 32063, Phone: (904) 259-0972.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Melissa Thompson, Administrative Assistant, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Thompson, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (904)259-0972. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Ms. Thompson, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting.

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**Ms. Chism, 36, longtime resident**

Tanya R. Chism, 36, of Sanderson died June 21. She was born in Waycross, Georgia on October 21, 1974. She was a resident of Baker County most of her life. Tanya had a big heart and was a great mother to her sons. She was always willing to lend a helping hand.



Tanya Chism

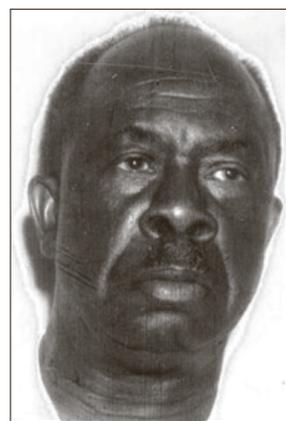
Survivors include her parents Frank Wesley Chism and Deborah Lynn Carlson Chism of Sanderson; children Charlie and Wesley Siemering of Sanderson; grandparents Harvey and Winifred Carlson of Waycross; sister Michelle (Beep) Thaimes of Waynesboro, Georgia; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral service was held Friday, June 24 at 3:00 pm in the chapel of Ferreira Funeral Services with Pastor Alvin Baldwin officiating. Interment followed at Canaday Cemetery in Moniac, Georgia.

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**J.W. Sparkman, former resident**

James William "J.W." Sparkman, 82, a resident of Bell, Florida, died Friday afternoon at Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville. A native and longtime resident of Baker County, Mr. Sparkman had been a resident of Bell for the past six years, having moved there from Waccasassa, Florida. He was the son of the late Ralph Franklin Sparkman Sr. and Lillie Mae Garrett Sparkman.

Mr. Sparkman served in the United States Navy for three and a half years and was stationed on the *USS Leyte* for more than two years in the Korean War. He then began working as an aide at Northeast Florida State Hospital in Macclenny, a position he held for ten years prior to working at Florida Wire and Cable, in Sanderson as a mechanic for more than twenty years.

Following his retirement, Mr. Sparkman enjoyed honing his woodworking hobby. He was known for his extremely "precise" finishing carpentry work. Mr. Sparkman was preceded in death by his brother Ralph Franklin Sparkman Jr. He was a member of the Ichetucknee River Baptist Church.

Mr. Sparkman is survived by his wife of six years, Jennett Sparkman; sons Larry Wayne Sparkman of Trenton, Wesley Sheffield of Fort White, Jack Sheffield of Keystone Heights, Stephen Sheffield of Bell and Bryan Sheffield of Macclenny; daughters Karen Smith of Trenton, Kim Sheffield of Fort White, Patty Williams of Worthington Springs and Wanda Cason of Lake Butler; sisters Annie Mae Barton of Macclenny and Corine Barton of Sanderson; twenty-two grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for Mr. Sparkman was conducted at 11:00 am on Wednesday, June 29 at his church with Pastor Chris Hall officiating. A private family interment service followed in the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home, Lake City.

**Community day**

The First Baptist Church of Saint George, GA is hosting a day of fun, food and gospel singing on Monday, July 4, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Entertainment for children will be provided.

Local talents from area churches will perform. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. There is no charge and everyone is invited.

**Randall Suggs, 54, of Jacksonville**

Randall "Randy" Dillon Suggs, 54, of Jacksonville, died in his sleep on June 22, 2011. He was born July 22, 1956, the son of Charles "Jack" Dillon Suggs and Jessie Vene Thomas Suggs. He was retired from the water works division of JEA after 25 years.



Randall Suggs

Randy graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1974, where he played varsity baseball for the Generals. He was an avid baseball fan and loved the Tampa Bay Rays and the Florida Gators. He will be dearly missed by many friends and family. He was also a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Jacksonville.

Survivors include his parents; daughters Kristen and Rebecca; brother Charles (Betty); sister Karen Herda; grandchildren Lillian and Hayden; many nephews and nieces.

A graveside funeral service for Mr. Suggs was conducted Saturday, June 25 at 11:00 am at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny, with the Rev. Adam Scott officiating. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.



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**Albert Sweat, 49, dies on June 23rd**

Albert Sweat, 49, of Macclenny died Thursday, June 23, following an extended illness. He was born in Starke, the son of the late Willis and Betty Jean Johns Sweat. He was a farmer and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.



Albert Sweat

Mr. Sweat is survived by his wife Judy; step-daughter Donna Baker; brother David Sweat of Starke; sisters Linda Davis of Sanderson, Mandy Sweat and Betty Ann Tressler, both of Macclenny; two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Sandy Sweat.

A memorial service was held on Monday, June 27 at 11:00 am at Raiford Road Church with Reverend Tim Alford officiating. Arrangements were by Forbes Funeral Home, Macclenny

**Thanks so much**

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and many acts of kindness that were shown and expressed to our family during the passing of our mother. We extend a special thanks to the nurses and staff at Frank Wells Nursing Home for the love that you showed and sincere care that was provided to our mother. We thank God for all of our family and friends and pray that God continue to bless each of you.

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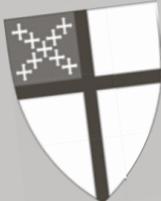
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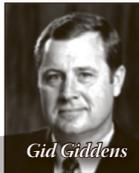
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# Bible school throws wrap party

## Scripture employed for theme

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Calvary Baptist Church in Macclenny wrapped up its 2011 session of vacation Bible school June 20-24 with a noisy, activity-filled carnival.

The light-hearted carnival setting featuring lots of animals reflected on the deeper theme of creation, the subject of the week's classes.

In the church's fellowship hall, which overflowed with helium-filled balloons, lots of games were taking place. There were prizes, good things to eat like popcorn and each child got a brightly colored balloon to take home.

There were apple and egg tosses, feeding the lion, the dog and the octopus games. Other games were treasure chest, duck pond, dolphin toss, putt-putt golf and that mainstay of church and school carnivals — the fishing booth.

The majority of booths included a scriptural display reflecting its individual theme and also creation. For example: The egg drop booth included a live chicken in a cage and a scripture from Genesis: "... and God created... every winged fowl after its kind."

The children especially enjoyed the candy walk — a cake walk game with candy instead of cake.

The following Sunday's VBS confirmation service featured singing from all age groups of creation-inspired melodies such as "If I Were a Butterfly" to "I'm So Wonderfully Made" to a song that challenges evolution called, "I'm No Kin to the Monkey."

Church member Cheryl Rhoden is closely involved with planning the theme and curriculum for Calvary's VBS classes.

She's been doing it for the past 15 years.

Calvary's Bible school program grew out of the church's summer Backyard Bible Clubs which met at private homes.

Teen members of the church worked during the week as assistants to the VBS classes and were monitors of the different booths and games.

"They got to pick the game they wanted which meant they were responsible for decorating it and running it," said Ms. Rhoden.



PHOTOS BY KELLEY LANNIGAN  
Greta Elledge, above center, directs the candy walk. At left, Andrae Glover swings his golf club.

"Last year we did a holiday theme with each day devoted to a different holiday such as birthdays, 4th of July and Easter. We even did a 'Lord coming back' holiday with a wedding theme.

Ms. Rhoden says she loves children and loves teaching about Jesus and that teaching is actually entertaining, especially when kids are involved.

"I get so much out of watching them learn. They certainly teach you too," she said.

The use of pre-designed, commercially marketed curriculums have become popular in most church VBS programs. However, at Calvary, Ms. Rhoden, a teacher at Westside Elementary, believes in creating custom programs, which she and a team of church volunteers design and implement each summer. A main motivation behind this is keeping the Biblical message standard.

Commercial VBS curriculums often draw from many versions

of the Bible," said Ms. Rhoden. At Calvary, we use the King James Bible, so in keeping with that, I've found it easier to write the lessons and design the activities myself."

Ms. Rhoden says Calvary's VBS is a wonderful creative outlet for her during the summer. Inspiration for each year's theme comes from different sources. Her experience working in an elementary school certainly helps. So does prayer, which she says she does a lot of.

"I don't know exactly where the ideas come from, but I do pray a lot about it," she said.

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# Anderson on his new job

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The 2010 mid-term election swept many Republicans into office, giving the Grand Ole Party control of the US House and host of governorships including Florida's. National commentators framed the election as one in which voters "sent a message" to Washington about out-of-control spending and the need for more fiscal responsibility from our political leaders. Locally, Republicans performed well too. Now, more than six months later, The Press is checking in with the newest members of the county commission and the school board, plus the new county manager, all of whom entered highly-visible posts late last year, to find out how the mostly conservative public officials are adjusting to life "on the hot seat."

County Commissioner Jimmy Anderson is the second official to be featured in this ongoing series. Mr. Anderson's full interview with The Press' Joel Addington is available at [www.bakercountypress.com](http://www.bakercountypress.com) in the video section.

Jimmy Anderson views his elected office as an extension of the role he's played for many years — that of a servant.

During a half-hour interview with The Press recently, the 46-year-old building contractor called himself a life-long servant and spoke about the joy he gets from helping people, whether it's lending his expertise on a church mission trip abroad or trying to get a constituent's road graded.

"Through life we all look for things that will make us happy and feel good about ourselves," he said. "Anytime I believe I'm helping somebody or helping the community or the county, it makes me feel good about myself. As long as you feel good about what you're doing and you can live with yourself, it makes you a better man or woman. If I did everything for myself, I don't believe I'd feel that same sense of satisfaction."

Since being elected last November, Mr. Anderson's learned much about public office. Some of it has surprised him.

"We're learning about what we can and can't do as a commissioner," he said, referencing leadership training for new commissioners by the Florida Association of Counties. "The things we're limited to is amazing — who we can talk to and who we can't. We're restricted in a lot of ways a normal person, even me, wouldn't think about."

After more than six months in the new post, the husband and father to six children has found his legs, so to speak.

"I think I'm more comfortable now, with the nerves part of it. I'm more comfortable with my decisions now. Are there things that will come up that will make me uncomfortable? I'm sure there are. Anytime you have to make a difficult decision that affects people, it's going to be hard. But I think I can do it. As long as I can live with it myself, I'll be alright."

Like his fellow newly-elected county commissioner Adam Giddens, Mr. Anderson pointed to his vote to end county-subsidized health insurance for retired employees 65 or older as the hardest choice he's faced.

"Something had to be changed," he said. "What I tried to do was be reasonable and listen to county employees, but also know the county cannot afford to continue to keep paying for healthcare. My goal was to reduce the cost to the county, so we could get a better budget and get a fixed number for what we pay for healthcare and eventually phase it out completely ... In the future, for my kids and your kids, not to have that burden to be paying healthcare."

The board stopped the subsidy for Medicare-eligible retirees, and established a cap on the subsidy for those under 65 years old. Mr. Anderson hopes to end the insurance subsidy to retirees altogether.

"We just can't afford it," The county board convenes in regular session twice monthly, but those aren't the only meetings board members attend. Mr. Anderson also serves on regional land planning and transportation boards.

And those are just the official meetings. There's also meetings about meetings, he said.

"One thing I didn't expect was the amount of meetings and places you have

to be at certain times, which can be challenging when you own your own company ... What helps me a lot is my brother. He can pretty well run it when I'm not around. So that's really beneficial to me," explained Mr. Anderson. "If I had a full time job where I was working for somebody else, I could see where it would be very stressing. But, I'm the type of person if I'm into something, I'm in it all

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-Jimmy Anderson

out.

"Then issues come up in Tallahassee like the state hospital. It took some time and effort, but it was worth every minute we spent over there, every phone call and e-mail. There's a lot of things you do behind the scenes through e-mail or phones. I've never gotten so many e-mails in my life as I get now."

A helpful bit of advice for would-be commissioners: get a smart phone. At the urging of his wife, he bought an iPhone.

"It helps me tremendously to keep up with what's going on and I can take care of things right then, instead of going till nine or ten o'clock at night," he said.

Mr. Anderson credits his wife for keeping things at home in order. Two of their teens graduated this year, which he said has been time consuming.

"But I have a good wife. She's understanding and very supportive of anything I do. I'm a missionary traveling a lot, building churches. She supports that and supports me in this as well. She takes care of the house and I don't have to worry about that. That takes a lot off a man," he said. "A lot off."

Without the support of his family, Jimmy Anderson doesn't believe he or

# Commissioner values his service, family and iPhone

anyone else could be a successful county commissioner.

"I don't see how, working a full time job for somebody else and not having the support like I do at home," he said. "And my kids are older so that makes it easier than with younger kids."

Other than less time for family and functions at Christian Fellowship Temple, where Mr. Anderson has worshipped the last three decades, his life hasn't changed all that much since being elected.

People have always asked him for tips about installing windows or doors, now they're asking about county business, too.

"At church I can't get there as many times as I'd like," he said. "I don't miss a service, don't get me wrong. But there's a lot of activities that go on that I'd like to be apart of ... But it really hasn't affected my church, except more people coming up to me ... I enjoy the people and doing what I do."

Commissioner Anderson's faith is a large part of everything he does. He says it's helped him with difficult decisions as an elected official.

"Physically I feel fine," said Mr. Anderson. "Emotionally I feel fine. The stress level is a little more. You want to make the right decision and you want to do the right thing and that's where I depend a lot on God. When I have a real heavy decision that's

really going to affect people, I trust Him to help me. It seems to work out."

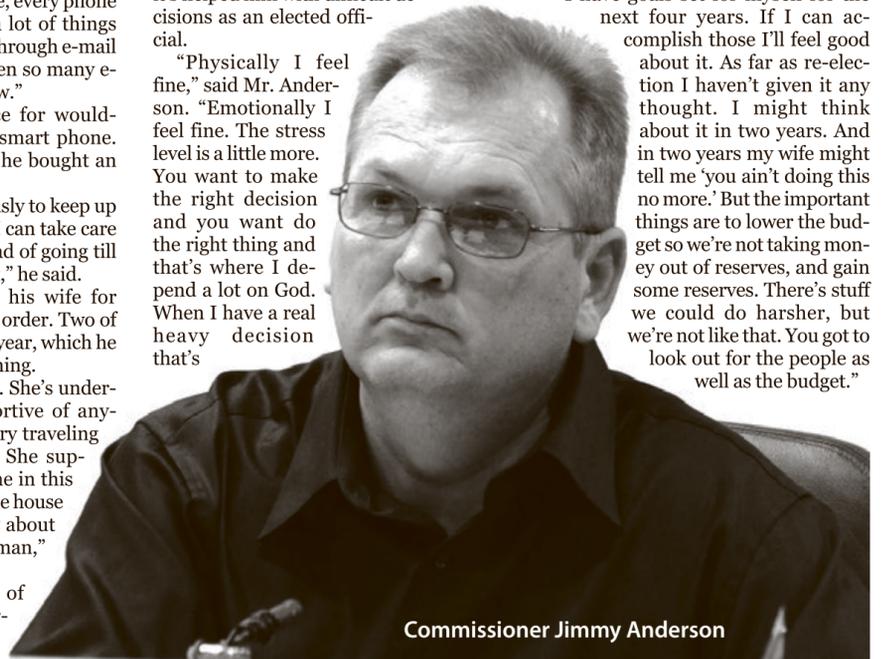
With more than three years left in his term, Mr. Anderson is looking to get a county transportation center off the ground by expanding the services offered today by the Council on Aging. He wants to keep Northeast Florida State Hospital publicly run and find new activities for the county's youth.

"I love the athletic programs we have here. I support them wholeheartedly," he said. "But there's some kids that don't play athletics and they don't want to do that. We need to focus on something for these kids to do, and I'm not quite sure what it is yet, but something."

"I've heard people say kids will do what they're going to do anyway, but if there's no opportunity, if they're going to do drugs and run, it's for us to step in to lead and guide them away from that stuff. I would like to see the whole community coming together to support our kids."

And Mr. Anderson hasn't been thinking about re-election.

"I have goals set for myself for the next four years. If I can accomplish those I'll feel good about it. As far as re-election I haven't given it any thought. I might think about it in two years. And in two years my wife might tell me 'you ain't doing this no more.' But the important things are to lower the budget so we're not taking money out of reserves, and gain some reserves. There's stuff we could do harsher, but we're not like that. You got to look out for the people as well as the budget."



Commissioner Jimmy Anderson

# Girls basketball team improving after summer league, coach says

The BCHS Lady Wildcats have been hitting the court this summer working on fundamentals and team unity. Coach Aaron Summers is very encouraged with what he has seen so far from the girls, even though the results in summer league play has been spotty.

"We are better now after playing summer league than they were at the end of last season," said Summers. "They have really come together personally and on the court."

The teams competed at the Florida State College tournament and the JU tournament. They didn't win a lot of games, but learned a lot.

"The girls had lots of fun," said Summers. "We learned what we need to work on as a team and as individuals."

They also learned a lot about the competition they will face in their new district this coming season. Summers thinks that

Bishop Kenny will be the team to beat.

"They are a rock. They are a machine that turns on at the beginning of the game and keeps going until the end of the game," he said.

Summers is particularly impressed with the progress made by Chelsea Ruise, Shanice Paige and Caitlin Smith.

"Chelsea brings everybody up to the next level," said Summers. "She is the one who makes the cuts and thrashes to the basket."

Paige has demonstrated poise and confidence as the team's point guard. She is able to slow the team up and get it in position to start each play. Caitlin Smith has made the biggest improvement.

"She is always the first down the court," said Summers. "She's a hustle machine." Smith, who didn't contribute a lot offensively last season, has upped her offensive game and is the team's

leading scorer in summer league play.

With summer league over, the team begins drills on post play, rebounding and offensive set plays in the remaining practices.

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# Sub shop mural adds local flavor

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"We designed the store with the community in mind," said Jeremy Cain, the owner of Firehouse Subs, Macclenny's newest restaurant that opened this past May.

"It was important to us that this location's mural represent and reflect the community as much as possible."

He's referring to the eye-catching painting that adorns the wall in the restaurant's main dining area.

There are over 400 Firehouse Subs restaurants across the United States and a signature mural depicting a fire fighting theme is part of each location's decor. The murals are painted by the company's house artist, Joe Puskas, who collaborates with new restaurant owners to personalize the designs.

Designed specifically with elements that represent Baker County and rendered in brilliant colors, the locally inspired scene is a visual delight.

Baker County residents will be familiar with the rural setting, the animals, vehicles and even the house of worship depicted in the mural. A closer inspection reveals details which are very personal to the Cain family.

Mr. Cain, who can be found working most days behind the counter with his employees, explained the significance of the elements in the mural's design after the lunch rush was over.

"My wife Gabrielle and I wanted the restaurant we opened to be just the right match for our community and a lot of thought and research went into our decision," he said. "We wanted the mural to reflect the area and its people as much as possible."

The mural portrays one of the fire trucks used by the City of Macclenny Fire Department. Adjacent to it is a Baker County Sheriff's Office patrol car. These elements are a tribute to the fire-



Jeremy Cain in front of his store's community mural.

fighters and law enforcement personnel who work daily to protect the county's residents.

The church in the background is inspired by the non-denominational chapel located at Heritage Park and symbolizes the core role that spiritual values play in the community.

The importance of family is portrayed as well and one of the mural's most delightful surprises is four of the people depicted are the Cain's very own children, Garrett, Julia, Hannah and Emma. The couple provided Mr. Puskas with photos of each child.

Surrounding the scene is a rural backdrop showing stands of oak and pine trees and open fields. A deer is seen peeking through the underbrush and a squirrel is making a fast getaway from a bobcat, which has escaped from the children. The bobcat symbolizes the mascot of Baker County High School's Wildcat football team.

In the background, trees are ablaze and two fire fighters are battling to extinguish them.

If the viewer looks closely, other small details surface.

The bobcat is wearing a collar and on the tag are the initials B. C. for Baker County High School. Above the patrol car's star em-

blem is "J. Jones," the name of Mrs. Cain's great, great, grandfather Joe Jones, a local sheriff. On the back of one fire fighter's protective clothing, the owners name "Cain" appears.

According to Mr. Puskas, who used to travel to the restaurants to paint, all murals are now produced at Firehouse Subs' headquarters in Mandarin.

There's actually a mural room at the headquarters where he and his assistants paint the murals on canvas. The completed canvas is then shipped to its new home when a restaurant is near completion. Since 1994, he has produced hundreds of the company's murals.

To see more Firehouse Subs murals painted by Joe Puskas, Google "Firehouse Subs and meet the artist." Then click on the link to view images.

Each Firehouse Subs restaurant also typically features authentic uniforms, equipment, photo images and other memorabilia, reflecting the history of local and regional fire stations.

At the Macclenny location, historical items from the City of Macclenny Fire Department, such as fire extinguishers from the 1960s and the original pipe pole, are on display throughout

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## All star teams span the region

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The Baker County Little League All Stars are hard at it at locations around Northeast Florida. The largest little league program in this part of the state with over 700 participants, Baker County has a lot of all star squads in the mix.

"We have nine teams competing in the 9-16 age groups," said Little League coordinator Melissa Burnsed. "We're in the district level right now. We have sectionals coming up. Last year we took teams all the way to the state finals and we hope we can keep playing long enough to repeat that."

The teams are playing in Baker County, Yulee, San Mateo and St. Augustine. Many of the weekend games were played, but the Monday night games June 27 were rained out.

Three days before at the little league fields in Macclenny, Baker County all stars team 1 lost to Mill Creek 6-5 in the 9- and 10-year-old division. Then June 28, the squad rebounded to beat NOL 5-1.

Baker County all stars team 2 lost 12-2 to Callahan, however.

In San Mateo, the Baker County all stars softball team 1 lost 2-1 in a close game to Yulee June 25. The Baker County all stars softball team 2 won 10-8 over St. Augustine. They had a tougher time June 27, losing 14-1 to hosts San Mateo.

Also on Saturday, June 25, but in St. Augustine, the Baker County 10- and 11-year-old all stars



PHOTOS BY JUD JOHNSON AND JOEL ADDINGTON  
Above, Kelton Knabb is tagged out at home plate June 29, and at left, the 9-10 year old all star team 1 at the rained out game June 28.



lost to Highlands 13-6.

The Baker County junior league all stars shut out Arlington 12-0 the same day in Yulee. They had a rougher outing June 28, losing 18-6 to San Mateo.

The Baker County major league all stars playing in San Mateo won 13-0 over St. Augustine last Saturday.

The Baker County major league softball all stars beat Yu-

## Youth football camp

Coach Sulkowski is in the planning stages for his summer football camp in July. The Baker County Junior Wildcat Football Camp will take place July 25-28, open to all athletes entering first through eighth grade 200s in the fall of 2011. It runs daily from 7:30 to noon.

Cost of the camp is \$100, but a discounted rate of \$85 is available for those who pre-register prior to Friday July 1. Multi-family discounts are also available. Interested campers should email Coach Sulkowski for camp registration and payment information at [ryan.sulkowski@baker.k12.fl.us](mailto:ryan.sulkowski@baker.k12.fl.us) or by phone at (904) 259-6286

**Men's Softball League**  
begins in August

For more info.  
call Riley Rhoden @ 904.553.7299 or Jason Combs @ 904.219.8859

### Baker County Junior Youth Football Camp



Featuring BCHS Wildcat Football Coaches

July 25 - 28, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- at BCHS practice field
- Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> for Fall 2011
- Multi-sibling discount
- Pre-registration \$85 before July 8, \$100 after

For more information contact Coach Sulkowski at: [ryan.sulkowski@baker.k12.fl.us](mailto:ryan.sulkowski@baker.k12.fl.us) or 904 - 748 - 3002



PHOTOS BY JIM MCGAULEY AND JESSICA PREVATT  
Swimmers and others on hand for Saturday's swim at the YMCA.

## Bullets finish 21 in first place at Y

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

The Baker Bullets swim team hosted the First Coast champion McArthur Sailfish of the Amelia Island YMCA at the Baker County Y pool June 25. It was a large and competitive event with McArthur bringing more than 100 swimmers to town, including a nationally-ranked high school swimmer.

"It was great for our swimmers to see high school star Aly Kaywork and how well and fast each stroke can be swam," said Coach Andy Johnston.

The Bullets represented themselves well, winning many races and consistently placing in the top three individually. Kyrie Holman, Braeden Knight, Corey Campbell, Landon Prevatt, Matt Voytko, Kim Nelson, Grayson Wagstaff, Emily Ossmann, Dillon Ray, Danielle Hardin, Ethan Knight, Carson Shedd, Hannah Peterson, Lorian Bliss, Tyler Hardin, Chase Reynolds, Mark Ray, Landen Hickman, Elizabeth Reagan, Karlee Nelson and Abby Rice all placed first in their individual events.



Braedan Knight

Lily Stockton, Brianna Thornton, Hannah Johnston, Taiven Rhoden, Kyler Wilkerson, Josh Ossman, Dalton Ray, McKenzie Hickman, Lauren Steinmeyer, Andrea Clark, Ashton Ray and Kyle Voytko finished first in relays.

Thirty-two of 38 Bullet swimmers have already notched a first place finishes this season. The remaining swimmers have at least finished in second place.

The Whopper Dropper of the week given out by Coach Trevor Nelson for the biggest drop in time went to Kyle Voytko for shaving 10.71 seconds off his 50-yard backstroke.

### Baker County Wildcat Football



would like to thank...

Mike Rogers, CVS, Sheriff's Department, the Wildcat Booster Club, and the residents of Baker County for the successful car wash fund-raiser last Saturday. Your support is always appreciated.

-Ryan Sulkowski and the Wildcat Football Players & Staff

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