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Protests after sex offender awarded custody

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Protests continued this week against Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier's decision to award custody of 3-year-old Miranda Wilkerson, formerly of Glen St. Mary, to a registered sex offender in St. George, GA last week.

About a dozen people, including family related to Miranda, family friends and their children, gathered in front of the courthouse the afternoon of July 18, three days after the first protest, holding signs that read, "Bring Miranda Home" and "Justice for Miranda."

The children wrote a similar message in pink chalk on the sidewalk.

Becky Graves, the aunt of the young girl who will soon turn 4 years old, said the protests will go on "until Miranda comes home."

Ms. Graves has left her job as a convenience store clerk and taken time away from her four children to participate in the demonstrations.

"This is pretty important," said the Taylor resident.

The custody case first covered by Jacksonville's *First Coast News* station has now garnered national media attention, appearing on *The Huffington Post* and ABC News web sites.

Miranda's mother Trista Coleman died in a car accident August 30, 2007. Her husband and a registered sex offender, Donald Ray Coleman, filed for divorce before the crash and cited her infidelity in court filings, reported the television station.

The couple had three children together before Miranda was born. Miranda's maternal family believes, however, Mr. Coleman is not her biological father. He was given custody of Miranda because he remains her legal parent under Florida law.

The girl's grandmother and Trista Coleman's



Miranda Wilkerson



From left: Sabra Rhue, Jeremy Laumore and Danielle Sanders hold signs in front of the courthouse July 18.

mother, Rita Manning of Glen St. Mary, sought to obtain custody of Miranda, which led to the judge's decision on July 13 to grant Mr. Coleman custody.

Ms. Manning had been caring for the child since she was born.

Mr. Coleman also has custody of his and his late wife's three girls. The oldest is 13 years old.

"We want them all back," said Ms. Graves during Monday's protest, adding later that she would rather see Miranda in foster care than with Mr.

Coleman.

"At least I'll know she's not with a sex offender," she said.

Ms. Manning and Mr. Coleman are both on disability with limited incomes. Both also have criminal histories.

Duval County court records indicate Mr. Coleman, 50, was sentenced to community control and probation for a sexual battery charge in 1997, about the same time his relationship with Trista Coleman, then 14 years old, began with Ms. Manning's consent.

He was sentenced to state prison for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in 1991, the records show.

Ms. Manning, 56, was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor in 1995, though that charge was later dropped, and in 1997 she received probation for child neglect, *First Coast News* reported.

She was also given two days in Duval County jail for a disorderly intoxication charge the same year, according court records.

Baker County court records also indicate that a \$10,533 funeral bill from V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services in Macclenny for Trista Coleman's burial on September 3, 2007 was never paid, despite Ms. Manning and others organizing a benefit on September 10 to pay those expenses.

Ms. Manning claimed in a letter to the presiding judge in her late daughter's probate case that the funds raised were used to buy Trista Coleman's headstone, which she said was later taken by Mr. Coleman and replaced with a new one.

"This lady misled the community and it's bothered me for years that she's gotten away with this," Mr. Ferreira said this week.

Attempts to reach Ms. Manning for comment were not successful.

"They both have records, but there's no comparison on which one's worse," Ms. Graves said.

BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

\$3.4M shortfall in 2011-12 budget

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

County commissioners were given a lot to chew on July 18 at the first 2011-12 budget workshop. The easiest part to swallow was deciding to retain the same property tax rate as last year, but the rest of the meal was not so palatable.

How to reduce a \$3.4 million projected deficit was the main focus of a two-hour session that preceded the regular board meeting. County Manager C.J. Thompson's tentative budget reflected expenditures of \$24 million with revenues totaling only \$20.6 million.

Commission Chairman Michael Crews opened things up with a statement declaring his intent to seek a conservative approach to the budget dilemma.

"I'm just one vote, but I'm hoping to balance the budget on anticipated revenues," he said. "Now, how do we do it? We have to make some tough decisions."

The chairman said millage, more commonly referred to as property taxes, "should always be the last resort to cover deficits."

He said his goal is to adopt a balanced budget that allows a 3 percent pay raise for all 270 county employees, as the county manager recommended, no tax increase and "no cut in services."

His four fellow commissioners agreed that there should be no tax hikes, unanimously voting to leave last year's tax rate of 7.1495 mills unchanged.

"We need to live within our means and lock it (property tax rate) in at the same rate," Commissioner Jimmy Anderson said.

One mill equals \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable property val-

ue. The tax bill on a home with a taxable value of \$125,000, after deducting the \$50,000 homestead exemption, would be about \$536 for county government services, excluding levies by the school district, water management district and any other taxing authorities.

Property taxes are projected

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Teen killed in US 90 crash Friday

A Macclenny teen died when the vehicle she was riding in just east of the Baker-Nassau county line the evening of July 15 spun out of control on a curve. Trinise Surrency, 15, a student at Baker County High School, was in an eastbound 2002 Lexus (not shown) driven by her sister Darkeea Surrency, 22, also of Macclenny. Trooper J. Ford of the Florida Highway Patrol said the Lexus rotated into the westbound lane into the path of the 2000 Hyundai above driven by Sheila Erfilio, 30, of Baldwin. Ms. Surrency was flown from the scene to Shands Jacksonville where she died. Her older sister had minor injuries and was taken to Shands along with Ms. Erfilio and her passenger Catherin Dobbins, 9, also of Baldwin. All occupants of both vehicles were wearing seat belts when the collision occurred about 6:45. Charges pend an investigation.

MACCLENNY CITY COMMISSION



The existing health department retention pond.

City donates land, but for the last time

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Thanks to another land grant from the City of Macclenny, the Baker County Health Department will soon break ground on the first phase of a 20-year expansion plan — a retention pond and a doubling of the size of its dental clinic.

The city commission voted unanimously on July 12 to grant the health department's request for almost a full acre for a new retention pond along the southern end of the property on Lowder Street where the city gave the agency its original five acres 10 years ago.

However, commissioners made it clear that this would be the last bit of dirt the city will give to the agency, which is next door to a YMCA soccer field on land the city also donated a few years ago.

Mayor Gary Dopson told Health Department Administrator Kerry Dunlavey that the city must keep some of its property available for future expansion of the adjacent municipal wastewater treatment plant.

"I'm convinced that some day we're going to need all we've got left for the sewer plant," he said. "We really can't afford to give up any more land. I never say never, but in my opinion we're close to the never point."

The city council donated the land for a new health department facility in 2001 after the original health department property on SR 121 was sold by the county to Walgreen's, which built on the site.

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School board has plans to cut property taxes by about \$183K

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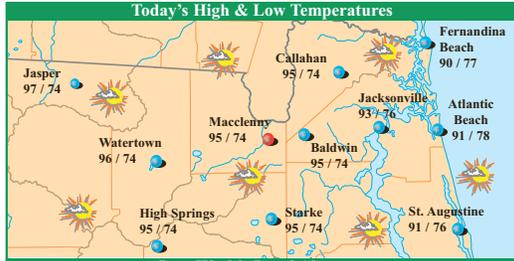
Saturday
 Mostly Sunny
 High: 94 Low: 75

Sunday
 Isolated T-storms
 High: 93 Low: 74

Monday
 Isolated T-storms
 High: 93 Low: 71

Tuesday
 Mostly Sunny
 High: 95 Low: 72

Wednesday
 Isolated T-storms
 High: 92 Low: 74



Last Week's Local Almanac

| Day | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Precipitation |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|---------------|
| Tue, 7/12 | 93 | 73 | 93/72 | 0.00" | 0.00" |
| Wed, 7/13 | 93 | 75 | 93/72 | 0.00" | 1.40" |
| Thu, 7/14 | 95 | 75 | 93/72 | 0.00" | 1.40" |
| Fri, 7/15 | 88 | 73 | 93/72 | 0.00" | 80.7° |
| Sat, 7/16 | 82 | 73 | 93/72 | 0.00" | 82.5° |
| Sun, 7/17 | 86 | 72 | 93/72 | 0.00" | 1.8° |
| Mon, 7/18 | 86 | 66 | 93/72 | 0.00" | |

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Thursday | 6:40 a.m. | 8:30 p.m. |
| Friday | 6:41 a.m. | 8:29 p.m. |
| Saturday | 6:41 a.m. | 8:28 p.m. |
| Sunday | 6:42 a.m. | 8:28 p.m. |
| Monday | 6:42 a.m. | 8:27 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 6:43 a.m. | 8:27 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 6:44 a.m. | 8:26 p.m. |

| St. Mary's River Levels | Now | Change |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Moniac, GA | 4.31 ft. | -0.01 ft. |
| Macleenny | 1.74 ft. | -0.16 ft. |

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July 21, 1975 - Six inches of rain fell across Mercer County, N.J. in just 10 hours, causing the worst flooding in 20 years. Assumpink Creek crested 11 feet above flood stage at Hamilton and Trenton, the highest level of record. Flooding left 1,000 people homeless.

| Day | AM | PM |
|-----|------------|------------|
| Thu | 3:21-5:21 | 3:51-5:51 |
| Fri | 4:03-6:03 | 4:33-6:33 |
| Sat | 4:47-6:47 | 5:17-7:17 |
| Sun | 5:34-7:34 | 6:04-8:04 |
| Mon | 6:22-8:22 | 6:52-8:52 |
| Tue | 7:14-9:14 | 7:44-9:44 |
| Wed | 8:08-10:08 | 8:38-10:38 |

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Board pledges no tax hike despite shortfall ...

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 to generate about \$5.5 million, which would be about \$152,544 less than last year because of declining property values and homes going into foreclosure, Mr. Thompson said. About \$2 million would be earmarked for general government services, \$3.4 million for the sheriff and corrections budget and \$55,299 for the health department.
 Other major revenue sources include \$2,772,277 in sales taxes, \$2,289,427 in gas taxes, about \$1.8 million in various other state funds and \$570,029 in special assessments for fire protection and solid waste disposal.
 Mr. Thompson noted that the county's all-volunteer fire department operates at a deficit, with revenues of only \$196,400 and expenses amounting to \$276,103 this year. The solid waste department is in the same boat, generating revenues of \$661,556 and \$956,857 in expenses, mainly the result of a \$155,000 expenditure for a new truck. Both departments are supplemented with

money from the general fund.
 Commissioners discussed several ideas for dealing with the deficit, including asking Mr. Thompson to seek 15 percent budget cuts from department heads and constitutional officers after he told them that 30 of 46 budgets submitted to his office were either at last year's level or under budget, while only 16 were increased.
 Without additional budget reductions, Michael Crews said, pay raises may have to be eliminated "and the next step could be layoffs."
 At one point commissioners considered eliminating, or greatly reducing, donations to community agencies such as the Council on Aging, YMCA, Boy Scouts, Community Action Agency and others. The general consensus was that requests for donations should be considered on a case-by-case basis rather than routinely appropriated every year.
 Another way to reduce expenditures, commissioners said, would be to stop adding 10 per-

cent to every department's budget for contingencies. One of the reasons the county has a \$8.2 million reserve fund is because contingency appropriations are carried over from one year to the next.
 "We could scale those (contingency funds) back a little bit," Mr. Thompson said.
 Commissioner Gordon Crews suggested a better method of dealing with emergencies might be to "help out with general revenue and have no contingency funds."
 Mr. Thompson argued contingency funds enable department heads to make emergency appropriations without having to come to the county manager or county commission for approval. He said the solid waste department, for example, has a \$40,000 contingency fund.
 "That sounds a little excessive to me if they're just trying to avoid coming to the board to spend some money," Gordon Crews said, adding that reserve

funds could be used instead of contingency funds.
 "I agree with that," said Commissioner Adam Giddens. "I think it's a great idea."
 The county manager reminded commissioners that budget cuts are not the only way to reduce the deficit.
 Exploring ways to "capture revenue that we're not capturing today" would accomplish the same purpose, he said.
 Before they completed the initial budget review process, Mr. Thompson told commissioners what they probably already knew.
 "It's not going to be a fun process," he said.

The next budget workshop is scheduled for August 2 at 3:00 pm in the county commission chambers, 55 N. 3rd St., Macclenny.
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1885 travel guide dramatized

With the celebration of the Baker County Sesquicentennial fast arriving I've decided to feature some interesting tidbits of county history in a few of my columns.

As I've mentioned previously, I'm dramatizing the county's history in a musical stage production called

Baker County, Fla. The show will audition next month and will be performed at BCHS in October. It will be a co-production of the Baker County Community Theatre and the BCHS Drama Department.

I've been working on the script over the summer and it is about 90 percent complete. I'm still looking for family stories and histories so contact me through *The Press* if you have an interesting and entertaining family story. The production will cover the 100 years between the official founding of the county in 1861 and the centennial of 1961. There's music, drama and even some comedy, and we think audiences will find it both instructive and entertaining.

Over the next few months I'll be presenting a few snippets from the script in my column to get folks interested. Though I've dramatized the stories, I've tried to be as accurate as possible to the historical records.

Here's an interesting bit of county history I've come across. It's from a travel guidebook of Florida, circa 1885. In the play, we have a character called Mrs. Webb who is doing a talk on "Little Known Florida," complete with a magic lantern show of slides from the 1880s. All the information she presents about Baker County is straight from the guidebook of that period, with just a few added comments.

Mrs. Webb: "Hello and welcome. I am so happy to see so many bright faces at our little talk. My husband Mr. Webb is unable to be here because he is off on another excursion in (holds up book) *Little Known Florida*. As a writer of guidebooks, my husband has been to many places that most people have not, and some that they've never even heard of (smiles broadly). Here's an example from our *1885 Guidebook of Florida*. This charming little place is called Baker County.

"A short train ride from Jacksonville, for a small fare of \$1.40 takes you to the county seat of Darbyville. With a population of 200 it boasts one newspaper, the *Baker County Star* and three churches. The town's only hotel is the Hotel McClenny with nightly rates of \$2. It has a broad veranda and 800 feet of covered promenade. What a lovely way to pass a spring afternoon - sitting on the covered porch sipping a cooling iced drink.

"Passing through the little

hamlet of Glen St. Mary, where about 15 families live, we reach the largest town in Baker County - Sanderson, with a population of 500. There are orange groves

nearby operated by Col. Francis J. Pons and Mr. George Canova. Land prices are excellent with an acre of land in

Baker County selling for \$5 to \$40. If you've ever hankered for your own family farm, there's not a finer place on earth.

"On the western end of the county is the town of Olustee.

Olustee is more populous than Darbyville with 300 people living within about a mile of the railhead. Olustee's largest employer is the Eppinger and Russell Lumber Mill where 40,000 feet of timber is turned out daily, making it one of the largest mills in the United States. The mill employs almost half of all the town's residents. Now, let's move on to Lake City, shall we?"

It's interesting to see how outsiders viewed the county in the late 1800s. Before starting on the project, I had no idea, for example that there were orange groves in the county, or that Sanderson was the most populous town and

county seat.

I certainly didn't know that Olustee was a booming community and that one of the largest timber companies in the United States was headquartered there.

Ironically, not three years later the county would be decimated by the Yellow Fever epidemic. Darbyville, Margareta and several other smaller communities would be wiped off the map and in some spots 90 percent of the population would die from the disease.

Next time I'll focus on the Yellow Fever epidemic of 1888 and how it affected Baker County.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Prop up farmers market

Dear Editor:

What makes a successful farmers market? We need both vendors and customers!

From the vendors' point of view, the day starts well before market opening; preparing goods for sale, figuring out the best pricing, deciding on the proper display and getting to the market by 7:30. A good sale day would include making contact with customers and potential buyers and selling a good part or all of the stock brought for sale.

From the customer's point of view, looking forward to going to the market to buy unique, fair priced, fresh goods that are not

available elsewhere.

In today's economy, we must be committed to buying local, to support the residents of this area. Baker County and the surrounding area are full of crafts people, farmers and nurserymen who produce high quality goods for sale.

We as members of the Farmers Market board are committed to keeping this great market open and are asking you, the community, to make the commitment to the entrepreneurial spirit of the small business owner, by making the market a Saturday morning destination.

Vendors come and sell! Community come and buy!

Helene Guest
Farmers Market board member
Laurey

Hails deeds of manager

Dear Editor:

We all need someone who we can fully count on to be there when needed, and here at Baker Manor Apartments (in Macclenny) that person is Donna Griffiths, the manager and, more importantly, a friend to us all.

The morning of July 11, the apartments erupted with the news of the accident involving Sean and Kristen (Connell) and there wasn't a soul not strongly affected by it.

Donna sprang into action, doing everything in her power to help the family. She stayed at the hospital with Sean all day long, and that night when he was called home to Heaven. Everyone was heartbroken.

At one point she drove all the way back to Macclenny to get Sean's favorite Teddy Bear and, without a second thought, was back at the hospital delivering it to the family.

Donna made the family her first priority, but she never could have known the huge impact it had on all of the other residents who she kept informed on the situation. She probably didn't realize how much her being there for the family touched everyone here at Baker Manor.

I speak for everyone here saying "thank you" to Donna for being so devoted to this family through this tragic time. We could not ask for anything better in a manager and, for most of all, a true friend!

Please keep the Connell family in your hearts and prayers during this time of grief and recovery.

Lindsey Griffiths
For all tenants at Baker Manor
Macclenny

Where's the coverage?

Dear Editor:

Where was, or is, the Baker County [Press] news coverage of Miranda Wilkerson when Judge Phyllis Rosier turned over this 3-year-old baby to a registered sex offender, who has declared, under oath in divorce filings, that this little girl was fathered by another man?

Is this little girl not newsworthy?

Come on, if you are going to overlook anything negative about your elected official, [then] sell your newspaper to someone who is impartial and not afraid of printing certain news.

This baby needs to be placed in a safe home and Judge Rosier let her down. I am sure you will not print my comments because this little girl in your opinion is not newsworthy. Shame, shame.

Myra Morgan
Keystone Heights

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Facebook fans

'What you had to say ...'

The Florida legislature recently passed the "Pull Your Pants Up" law [see story on Page 9] that will introduce more stringent disciplinary action for students who wear clothing that exposes undergarments or indecently exposing body parts while at school. We asked our Facebook fans, "What you think about this 'fashion' and attempts to regulate it?" Here's what they had to say ...

Joshua Forth: "About time! Make them buy a belt too!"

Anna Bell: "Uniforms a great idea. It would help kids not pick on other kids for what they're wearing. As far as pulling up their pants, what's wrong with that rule? If it were OK to walk around exposing your underwear, pants wouldn't even be required."

Melissa Elaine Haines: "It is about time. I personally do not want to see our people's underwear garments."

Amanda Cox: "That's right, I don't wanna see anybody's underwear. Have respect for yourself and others and pull them up!"

Charleen Smith: "Their moms and dads, or whoever is over them, shouldn't let them out the door looking like that."

Cam Hayes: "Freedom of expression? Who needs that?"

Joshua Forth: "Walmart sells lots of belts so stock up and keep them pants up around your waist, not at your knees."

Susan Papp Miller: "I love it and hope that it will be enforced. It's amazing that when kids are held to a higher standard and take pride in the way they look, they actually feel better about themselves and perform better!"

Janette Barnes Murphy: "I am very glad. It's very hard to maintain discipline and teach when kids are teasing/giggling because someone's underwear is screaming 'look at me.'"

Doug Wilds: "Yeah ... We should make everyone buy a belt and a GM car too. I am willing to bet some of the same people trumpeting the goodness of this law are the same that are against more government regulation. Maybe we should make everyone look the same. You women need to get a hairstyle that is more in line with the taste and values of the legislature."

Pat Cobb: "Certainly this style is not attractive to me, but the government regulating fashion is even more unattractive. I am sure my mother was appalled at my hip-huggers and tie-dyed T-shirts in the 70s."

Marsha Bennett: "Well, I'm sorry if I step on anybody's toes, but I'm sick to death of seeing people's backsides hanging out of their pants. They wear the waist of their jeans under their buttocks, which exposes the entire backside. Whether they have boxes on or not, I don't want to see it. It's the same as exposing themselves to me."

Patricia Barnes: "Everyone is saying the government is going too far and regulating too much but it's already a school rule, they are just increasing the punishment for breaking the rule. It is completely different than saying everyone outside of school needs to be the same or regulate their dress code, but that is just the way I see it."

Michael Davis: "I believe that everyone is entitled to their own opinion. If people out there are comfortable with their own kids dressing like that and showing their goods to everyone, that's fine. But don't be upset when others are treating them like leech trash, or maybe they should be working in a strip club! I still believe in strong southern morals and beliefs."

Clayton Yarborough: "I think it should also apply to anybody on the street! It's pathetic that people think their underwear, that everybody can see their underwear. I think it's like not knowing that the bill on a baseball cap was designed to be worn in the front of the head."

Andrew L. Harrell It is a distraction at school and should have been passed 6-8 years ago.

Jason Randall: "I thought Florida was big on small government? No? We actually need the fashion police?"

Dennie Dee Ledford: "The schools should enforce and be strict about their dress code as it pertains to anything showing butts, breasts and the like. But a new law so the school will be tough on a dress code already in place? I just can't agree with that."

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BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

'It's unfair to dentists'

Commissioner says of BCHD plans

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

The Baker County Health Department's expansion plans will move forward with help from the county, but not with the blessings of the county commission's chairman.

At the board's meeting July 18 Commissioner Michael Crews cast the only vote against the department's plan to double the size of its dental clinic next year, explaining that he did so because he believes the tax-supported agency unfairly competes with dentists in private practice.

He said local doctors and dentists spend a lot of money establishing and running their own businesses, while the health department is a public agency that accepts not only indigent patients but also those with private insurance.

"I don't have dental insurance," Mr. Crews said. "I pay for it out of pocket."

The problem for people who seek dental care at the clinic, said health department Administrator Kerry Dunlavey, is that they are Medicaid recipients and doctors and dentists in private practice don't accept Medicaid.

"The health department is the only Medicaid provider in the county," she said. "We provide basic dental care. No root canals, caps or dentures. There are plenty of people who need dental care who cannot afford it."

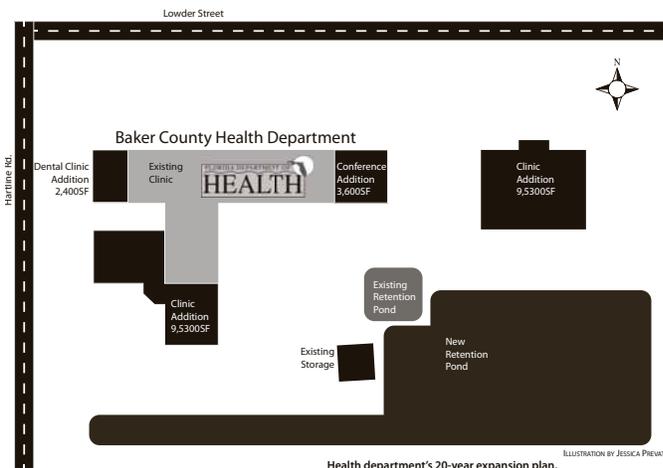
She said the clinic needs to be enlarged from four chairs to eight to meet the growing demand for services. The clinic provides care for indigent residents in Baker and some adjacent counties, she said.

Commissioner Gordon Crews took exception to the chairman's contention that the health department interferes with free enterprise.

"I don't think any local dentists feel the health department is impeding on their ability to make a profit," Gordon Crews said.

"Well, there is," said Michael Crews. "I've talked to them."

When Gordon Crews asked why none of them appeared at the commission meeting to voice concern or opposition to the health department's expansion plans, Michael Crews said they probably didn't want to put them-



selves in the public spotlight.

At that point, Commissioner Jimmy Anderson sided with Gordon Crews and told Ms. Dunlavey how much the health department and its dental clinic meant to him.

"I thank God for you because when I was a kid we couldn't afford a private dentist. We had to go to the clinic," Mr. Anderson said.

Michael Crews was not moved from his position, telling Ms. Dunlavey that the health department does compete with local doctors because many of its patients have private insurance.

Gordon Crews, an emergency room nurse at Fraser Hospital, said there was good reason for that. Most physicians, he said, are "booked solid for a month" and it's difficult for patients to get an appointment right away.

Michael Crews said if it weren't for competition from the health department, it wouldn't be so hard to get more timely appointments because there would likely be more doctors in Baker County.

Having heard enough, Gordon Crews then made a motion to approve the health department's plans, which passed 4-1. The plans included a request for the county to dig a new retention pond on land the City of Macclenny

donated and pump the water into it from an existing pond, then fill in the old pond for use as a parking lot.

In other business, commissioners:

- Repealed a ban that was enacted on May 9 prohibiting all outdoor burning, including fireworks and yard trash, to slow the spread of wildfires ravaging Florida and Georgia woodlands.

"Due to the recall of the State of Emergency all outdoor burning is hereby allowed including the use of fireworks, sparklers and other incendiary devices in accordance with the Baker County Emergency Management Plan," states a resolution lifting the ban.

County Manager C.J. Thompson said the extremely dry conditions and numerous wildfires that led to the burn ban have been significantly reduced as a result of recent rainfall.

- Voted to extend for another year a moratorium on transportation impact fees on new homes. The moratorium originally was imposed to help spur new housing developments in the county.

City donates ... for last time

From page 1

The mayor said the city agreed to donate the land so the county would use some of the money from the sale of the land to

manager said. "But where does the line stop? Somehow, somehow, there has got to be some kind of a limit (on the amount of land the city can give away)."

Ms. Dunlavey said she understood their concerns and assured commission members that the health department should have enough land for its expansion plans, which will begin this year with a new retention pond to replace an existing pond that will be filled in later and covered with asphalt for a new parking lot.

The first phase also includes a 2,400 square foot addition to the dental clinic. Upon completion, the clinic will have eight patient chairs compared to just four now, Ms. Dunlavey said.

The need for health care services continues to grow in Baker County, she said, as evidenced by increasing numbers of people seeking care at the health department and recently expanded hours to accommodate the increasing patient load and

make their visits more convenient.

"We see hundreds and hundreds of people a day," she said. "The health department is trying to make people healthier."

Future improvements, which she said will depend on state grants, also include plans for more than 100 additional parking spaces, a 3,600-square-foot conference facility, a 9,530-square-foot addition to the clinic for adult and pediatric medical services, and eventually a 11,000-square-foot administration building.

"I hope this is a good plan that

will serve you for a long time," Mayor Dopsos told her.

Ms. Dunlavey said the site should be adequate to meet the health department's needs for at least the next two decades.

"If we grow beyond that," she told the council, "then we'll have to have a satellite site somewhere else."

In other business, council members:

- Authorized the city manager to apply for up to \$700,000 from the state's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program to rehabilitate low- and moderate-income housing and help fund other municipal services projects.

"These grants have poured millions of dollars in here to rehabilitate not only homes but sewer and water (facilities), too," said City Manager Dopsos.

In addition to housing, the grant funds may be used for neighborhood improvements, commercial revitalization and economic development. At least 70 percent of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

The following individuals were appointed to a Citizens Advisory Task Force, which is required by the state to assist the city in determining how the funds should be spent: David Manning and Steven Jones, both of Macclenny, and Joy Chapman of Glen St. Mary, the city's zoning and code enforcement chief.

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Sought in jewelry theft

The sheriff's department is looking for a Macclenny woman who allegedly stole and pawned an estimated \$1800 worth of jewelry after taking it from an 8th St. address where she was living.

David Pembleton and Angela Flynt told Deputy Matt Sigers on July 14 that they confronted daughter Natalie Flynt, 24, after pawn tickets were found in her purse indicating she sold earrings and a necklace that went missing from their home sometime after October 31 of last year.

The couple said they did not report the theft because they were not aware of any suspects. The report indicates Amy Watson, who also lives at the address, found the pawn tickets.

Ms. Watson reported on July 11 that a ring she valued at \$700 was missing as well and she had located it at Duval Gun and Pawn in Macclenny.

Deputy Sigers noted in his report that the couple was unable to produce the pawn tickets and Ms. Flynt, who apparently left following the accusation, is now out of the area.

In other reported thefts, someone made off with a three-ton central air conditioning unit from outside an unoccupied residence off CR 127 North.

The property in foreclosure belongs to Dana Pulley, who lives out-of-state, and was last inspected by a family member on July 7. He returned to find the unit gone, along with copper tubing and wiring leading to a shed, on July 17.

The loss value was placed at \$2000.

• A Macclenny couple was ar-

rested the afternoon of July 14 after they were seen concealing merchandise in a purse and inside clothing at the Macclenny Walmart.

A store security worker stopped Andrea Mann, 39, and Cody Guernsey, 29, both of the same Glen St. Mary address, as they attempted to leave the store about 4:00.

They had concealed items valued at \$68, including a pair of shoes that Mr. Guernsey was wearing when taken into custody.

Both have lengthy arrest and conviction records dating back to 2000 and including thefts, grand thefts, forgery, child abuse, aggravated battery and felony criminal mischief.

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BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Could cut taxes \$184K Reserves to cover \$5.7M deficit

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The Baker County School Board took the first step the evening of July 18 toward cutting property taxes by about \$184,000 in the coming fiscal year.

The board voted 5-0 in favor of advertising a tentative property tax, or millage, rate of 7.833 mills, which is equal to about \$7.83 per \$1,000 of taxable property value.

At the proposed tax rate, a home valued at \$150,000 deducting the \$25,000 homestead exemption would pay about \$979 in school district taxes.

The additional \$25,000 homestead exemption approved by voters in 2008 is not applicable to school district taxes.

The 7.833 millage rate is slightly higher than the district's current rate of 7.782, but falling property values and foreclosures in recent years eliminated some \$29 million of gross taxable value county wide.

If eventually adopted, the tentative tax rate would result in a 2.6 percent loss in property tax revenues for the district, or \$183,880.

Board members also unanimously approved advertising a tentative budget of \$53,219,942, which is roughly 7 percent less than the district's current year budget of more than \$57 million.

The district is required by state law to advertise in advance its intention to set the tentative budget and millage rate before approving them. Then the school board will hold a pair of public hearings before adopting the final budget and tax rate.

The proposed budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year reflects millions in federal and state funding reductions as well as the much smaller loss in local property tax proceeds. But, the new spending plan also shows a 10.8 percent increase in operating expenses from the 2010-11 fiscal year.

With almost \$41 million expected in local, state and federal revenues and about \$46.5 million in anticipated expenditures — including four more teachers to meet the voter-approved Small Class

Size amendment to the Florida Constitution — the district is planning to make up the shortfall with a portion of its more than \$12.2 million in reserves. The tentative tax rate to be advertised this week, 7.833 mills, is the sum of four millage rates, including the 1.5-mill levy approved by Baker County voters last November by more than 64 percent.

"Thank goodness our county voted for it or we would've lost about \$200,000 plus the \$400,000 the state chips in," commented board member Dean Griffiths.

The school board will convene again July 25 to consider the tentative tax rate and budget at 6:30 pm at the district offices, 270 South Blvd. E.

Also approved by the board that evening and during the board's regular meeting July 5:

- A bid from Vallen-court Construction of Middleburg for repaving the parking lot and driveway area at Keller Intermediate School in the amount of \$74,800.
- A bid from St. Augustine-based Jacksonville Eighteen Construction for drainage improvements in front

- of the Pre-K/Kindergarten Center in the amount of \$42,298.
- A consultant contract with Mary Brandenburg of Gainesville for an amount not to exceed \$3200 in return for training and writing and reading workshops over two days ending July 26.
- A \$500 consultant contract with Gail Brown of Macclenny for one day of new teacher training.

In other recent school district developments:

- Retired administrator Faye Sinclair returns to her former post as an assistant principal at the high school to replace Jennifer Payne, who is returning to the classroom.
- At the middle school, Debbie Fraser has been named the principal to replace LuAnn Williams, who retired at the end of the school year.
- Teacher Tina Roach was presented with a plaque July 18 in honor of her retirement after almost 20 years with the school district.

Ms. Roach said she has plans to travel this summer to Dayton, Ohio for a prayer ministry, to Estonia in September on a mission trip and then to speak at a women's retreat in Philadelphia.



Superintendent Barrett with retiring teacher Tina Roach.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

New dump rules said too harsh

On loitering, assistance, scrap hunting

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Complaints have been pouring into the county administration office in recent weeks after the county's dump site contractor instituted new rules related to site attendants helping residents, loitering by people hunting scrap materials and other circumstances.

County commissioners received a report from County Manager C.J. Thompson on the matter the evening of July 18. He said a notice from the contractor, Southeastern Services Inc., to all site attendants threatened them with immediate dismissal for failure to obey the rules.

"I've been inundated with calls the past two or three weeks from people complaining about changes in the collection site rules," Mr. Thompson told commissioners. "It's pretty harsh."

For example, he said, in the past some attendants would help unload household garbage for elderly or disabled people. However, the rules state that employees must show people where waste is to be unloaded but strictly forbids them from assisting in the unloading.

"This says you can't help anyone," Mr. Thompson said. "There needs to be some common sense."

He told commissioners he wasn't asking for any action on their part. He just wanted to bring the situation to their attention.

Commissioners acknowledged that Southeastern is a private contractor and has the right to implement rules for their employees to follow to minimize risk of liability in the event one of their attendants or a member of the public is injured.

However, Michael Crews said he "would hope that Southeastern would allow some common

sense" and permit attendants to toss a bag of garbage into the dumpster for an elderly or physically disabled person.

Mr. Thompson said he would discuss the issue with Southeastern officials in an attempt to put some "flexibility" into the rules.

Part of the problem, he said, arose from the fact that "scrap-pers" had been going around to the different dump sites removing scrap metal from dumpsters and even harassing people to get them to give junked metal to them instead of throwing it away.

Gordon Crews said the rules have helped bring scrapping under control, adding: "Nothing is allowed to come out of the dumpsters once it goes into the dumpster."

Still, it goes on sporadically, officials said, and some scrap-pers are pretty aggressive.

"They have some rude, crude folks that come up there and threaten them (attendants) too," Michael Crews said.

Scrap metal is allowed to be dropped off in a designated spot and that's the only place where anyone is allowed to retrieve any items.

Also no longer tolerated are toys, clothes and old but still usable household goods being placed on the ground for needy families to take. Some commissioners took a dim view of that rule.

Commissioner Mark Hartley

said he didn't see anything wrong with putting a used toy on the ground so a parent could pick it up for their child.

"That's not supposed to happen but a lot of people don't have a problem with it," Mr. Thompson said.

Michael Crews had a different opinion.

"If you want to be charitable and kind that's up to you to find somebody to donate it to," he said.

A former law enforcement officer, the chairman was especially supportive of the rule that states: "No one loiterers at the site; no visitors; no family; no one."

"A convicted sexual predator was hanging out at one of the sites," he said. "He shouldn't have been there. He should have been in the state penitentiary."

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GLEN ST. MARY TOWN COUNCIL

Opts for lower engineering pact For design phase of modest sewer extension

The Glen St. Mary Town Council voted July 19 to contract with a Jacksonville engineering firm for the design phase of a sewer line extension along a one-block section of Lincoln Street that links 13 residences and apartments to the central artery on US 90.

The unanimous vote during the council's regular session awarded a \$4000 contract to Ava Engineers, Inc., of two bidders.

The other was Mitterauer and Associates of Orange Park, with whom the town has had a lengthy relationship, including the design of two water and one sewer project. Its quote was \$12,000 plus \$60 per hour for a "resident observer."

Ava's fees are \$1500 for a "limited engineering" survey and base map, and \$2500 for the actual gravity system plans.

Mayor Juanice Padgett suggested last month the town seek additional quotes after determining Mitterauer's bid was excessive. Councilman Dickie Foster, a plumbing contractor, agreed and suggested the initial plan for an 8-inch main be downsized to a 6-inch, which he contends will easily handle the load from eight apartments and five residences.

Mr. Ferry this month agreed to act as the "resident observer" free of charge.

The town plans to draw \$50,000 from reserves to finance the sewer extension recommended because of health department

concerns over septic tank density in that neighborhood along Lincoln from US 90 south to Gettys Street.

The town will advertise for bids once the engineering is complete. The process should be shortened because the downsized 6-inch main does not require a state permit.

In other business, the council voted to transfer its accounts to First Federal Bank of Florida on the recommendation of Mayor Padgett, who said she analyzed proposals from it and American Enterprise Bank. Both have branches in Macclenny.

Glen had for years used Mercantile Bank, which until recently had a branch in the town. With its recent acquisition by TD Bank, a Canadian company, the mayor recommended a "more local" institution.

TD closed the Glen office last month and it stands vacant. It is the second financial house on US 90 to close, behind Country Federal in the east town, which now maintains only an ATM there.

Florida Representative Janet Adkins (R-Fernandina Beach) was on hand for her annual post-session report on the 2011 legislative session.

She spoke at length on budgetary matters that took up most of the legislature's time last spring, coming up with ways to cope with a \$4 billion shortfall. The state eventually settled

on a \$69.7 billion spending plan for this fiscal year.

Ms. Adkins also said she believes recent layoffs and other cost cutting at Northeast Florida State Hospital will continue to lower the cost per bed per day to a projected \$270, considerably lower than \$318 at the privately managed South Florida State Hospital.

Rep. Adkins again this year helped stave off a private takeover of NEFSH sought by many fellow lawmakers and newly-sworn Gov. Rick Scott.

She told the council she expects another run at privatization next spring, and earlier this month discussed with the chief of the Department of Children and Families her strategy of adding services at NEFSH like additional "crisis stabilization" beds to enhance its value as a state-run mental hospital.

NEFSH is Baker County's largest single employer.

She said she also urged DCF, which oversees the hospital, to consider phasing in a new hospital on the existing campus off SR 121 south should the state see the need.

The representative is one of many who feel if NEFSH is privately managed, it will be a precursor to an effort to build a new facility elsewhere — probably closer to central Florida.

Second visit by deputy ends in arrest

A deputy sheriff arrested a Macclenny man the evening of July 11 after returning to his residence a second time on a domestic disturbance call.

When he went back to the address on Tom Wilkerson Rd. about 10:00, Deputy Johnny Hodges said Randall Barton, 21, was bleeding from a self-inflicted cut on the wrist that he later claimed was the result of an accident.

His estranged girlfriend Britany Grimes, 18, of Glen St. Mary countered that Mr. Barton cut himself with a kitchen knife during an argument that began with her threats to leave him.

A one point, Ms. Grimes said the boyfriend grabbed their infant child and tossed it onto a couch, and witness Danyelle Grimes, 19, told the officer that Mr. Barton threatened to kill her

sister. The victim said she and the boyfriend have a history of domestic violence in Georgia, and Mr. Barton was re-arrested at county jail later on a warrant for domestic battery and disorderly intoxication.

In another domestic case, Deputy Brandon Kiser filed criminal complaints against Christina Kinard, 22, Michael Kinard, 25, and Daryl Tyson, 23, of Glen St. Mary following a disturbance at a residence on Rustic Pine Rd.

The officer responded to a call shortly after 7:00 am on July 12 and Ms. Kinard said her husband returned under the influence of an unspecified substance after being out all night.

Mr. Kinard disputed his wife's contention that she was restrained physically from leaving him and Mr. Tyson. The husband insisted he was defending himself.

Due to the conflicting ver-

sions of events, Deputy Kiser filed domestic battery complaints against the couple and simple battery against Mr. Tyson.

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Police are seeking a disgruntled ex-boyfriend who allegedly backed his vehicle into another one in a yard off Doyle Williams Rd. north of Sanderson on July 11.

Nathan Morris, 28, of Glen St. Mary reportedly went to the address about 5:00 to return property belonging to his estranged girlfriend Ashley Harvey.

"I know how I can really make you hate me. I'm gonna run into that truck at the end of the driveway," Ms. Harvey quoted him as saying before he got into his Honda and backed it into the passenger side of a 1995 Nissan pickup.

The damaged vehicle belongs to Christine Harvey.

Deputy Jason Bryan was unable to contact Mr. Morris after the incident and filed a complaint for felony criminal mischief. There was no immediate damage estimate.

In other reports involving vehicles or parts, a complaint was filed against Christopher Parish, 27, of Macclenny for allegedly arranging for a third party to purchase a transmission belonging to his brother Jason.

The person he gave it to determined the transmission was damaged and brought it back, explaining to Deputy Earl Lord that he believed he had Mr. Parish's permission to purchase it.

Jason Parish told the officer he did not give his brother that authority.

A 2002 Dodge pickup belonging to Justin Miller of Glen St. Mary was damaged the afternoon of July 13 when parked near the Macedonia Church on CR 23C while he was swimming nearby.

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The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to Florida Department of Corrections (DOC), 301 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (PA File No. FLA01132-006-DW2P) for the construction of modifications to increase the permitted treatment and effluent reuse capacity of the Baker Correctional Institution (BCI) wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) from 0.250 MGD AADT to 0.320 MGD AADT to accommodate the increase in inmate populations from the construction of a new Re-Entry Center at BCI. A 0.125 MGD AADT permitted capacity public access reuse system is constructed to replace loss of effluent reuse capacity from the construction of the Re-Entry Center on the site of the existing 0.125 MGD AADT permitted capacity restricted access sprayfield. WWTF modifications include upgrades to the existing influent pump station and the existing chlorination system, the replacement of the existing flow splitter box, the construction of new biosolids dewatering beds, the installation of new polyester disc filtration and a dual compartment high-level disinfection basin, the construction of a reclaimed water/reject water transfer pump station, a combined reject and system ground storage tank, and a high speed reclaimed water pump station to supply reclaimed water meeting public access reuse requirements to BCI and the Re-Entry Center for non-potable applications including toilet/urinal flushing and laundry facilities and for plant reuse for gas chlorination at the BCI WWTF. The facility is located at latitude 30° 12' 41.38" N, longitude 82° 22' 21.23" W on 20706 U.S. 90 West, Sanderson, Florida 32897 in Baker County.

The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 7525 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7577, at phone number (904) 256-1700.

The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) by the Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, a person may request an extension of the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. The request must be filed (received) by the Clerk in the Office of General Counsel before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing.

Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice or within fourteen days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, however, also allows that any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition or request for an extension of time within fourteen days of receipt of notice shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention in a proceeding initiated by another party will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 29-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information, as indicated in Rule 29-106.201, Florida Administrative Code:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding, and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the determination;
(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department's decision;
(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact; if there are none, the petitioner MUST SO indicate;
(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action;
(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action; and
(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Department's proposed action.

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

In addition to requesting an administrative hearing, any petitioner may elect to pursue mediation. The election may be accomplished by filing with the Department a mediation agreement with all parties to the proceeding (i.e., the applicant, the Department, and any person who has filed a timely and sufficient petition for a hearing). The agreement must contain all the information required by Rule 29-106.404, Florida Administrative Code. The agreement must be received by the Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, within ten days after the deadline for filing a petition, as set forth above. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect the right to a hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement.

As provided in Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, the timely agreement of all parties to mediate will toll the time limitations imposed by Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, for holding an administrative hearing and issuing a final order. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediation must be concluded within sixty days of the execution of the agreement. If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the Department must enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. Persons seeking to protect their substantial interests that would be affected by such a modified final decision must file their petitions within fourteen days of receipt of this notice, or they shall be deemed to have waived their right to a proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the Department shall notify all parties in writing that the administrative hearing process under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, remain available for disposition of the dispute, and the notice will specify the deadlines that then will apply for challenging the agency action and electing remedies under those two statutes.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), will be held by the Executive Director of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission (the "EDC"), on July 21, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the offices of the Issuer, Baker County, Clay County, Nassau County and St. Johns County, Florida, on Monday, August 15, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the offices of the Issuer, 1 West Adams Street, Suite 200, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. The public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering the following:

The proposed issuance by the Issuer of its Industrial Development Revenue Refunding Bonds (YMCA of Florida the "YMCAs") for the purpose of financing an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$21,000,000 (the "Bonds"), to obtain funds for a loan by the Issuer to the Young Men's Christian Association of Florida's First Coast, Inc. (the "YMCA"), and its subsidiary, Young Men's Christian Association, each a Florida nonprofit corporation and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and in the original amount equal to the principal amount of the Bonds, for the purpose of refunding the Issuer's outstanding Variable Rate Demand Revenue Refunding Bonds (YMCA of Florida's First Coast Project, Series 2003, issued in the original principal amount of \$20,500,000, and its Variable Rate Demand Revenue Refunding Bonds (YMCA of Florida's First Coast Project, Series 2006, issued in the original principal amount of \$5,000,000), approximately \$20,415,000 of which are currently outstanding and the proceeds of which were used to finance and service the acquisition, construction, renovation, expansion, improvement and equipping of certain social service centers throughout the State of Florida, located at the sites hereinafter described (collectively, the "Project"); Arlington Family YMCA, 8301 Fort Caroline Road, Jacksonville Family YMCA, 7373 Old Kings Road, James Wilson Johnson Family YMCA, 5700 Cleveland Road, Charles J. Williams Family YMCA, 10415 San Jose Boulevard, and Oakland, Inc. Family YMCA, 221 Riverside Avenue, in Jacksonville, Florida; Baker County Family YMCA, 98 W. Lowder Street, Macclenny, Baker County, Florida; Camp Immoakalee, 6765 Immoakalee Road, Keystone Heights, and Oye Day Family YMCA, 3320 Sandy Avenue, Orange Park, and Barco-Newton Family YMCA, 2075 Town Center Boulevard, Orange Park, in Clay County, Florida; McArthur Family YMCA, 1733 Old Citrona Drive, Fernandina Beach, Nassau County, Florida; St. Augustine Family YMCA, 1000 Duval Street, St. Augustine, and Winston Family YMCA, 1700 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, in St. Johns County, Florida. The Project will continue to be owned and operated by the YMCA.

The public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Code. Any person interested in the plan of finance, in the proposed issuance of the Bonds, or the location or nature of the Project may appear and be heard. Subsequent to the public hearing, the Council of the City of Jacksonville (the "Council"), the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County (collectively, the "Boards") will consider whether to approve the Bonds, as required by section 147(f) of the Code.

The public hearing will be conducted in a manner that provides a reasonable opportunity to a holder for persons with differing views to be heard on the location and nature of the Project and the issuance of the Bonds. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing is requested to attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments may be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County (collectively, the "Boards") at the following address: Jacksonville, Florida 32202, Attention: Executive Director.

Further information relating to this matter is available for inspection by reviewing the project files on the hours at the office of the Executive Director of the Issuer at the above address.

Comments made at the hearing are for the consideration of the Issuer, the Council and the Boards and will not bind any legal action to be taken by the Issuer, the Council or the Boards in connection with the issuance and approval of the financing and the issuance of the Bonds.

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In accordance with the American Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this hearing should contact the Issuer no later than seven days prior to the hearing at the address given above.

Dated: July 14, 2011 JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION By: Ron Barton Executive Director

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBTA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The NFBTA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.011, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The special meeting will be held at 6:00 am on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Suwannee River, 8225 County Road 40, Live Oak, Florida 32066. The meeting agenda will be posted to the NFBTA website www.nfbta-fl.org at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. The NFBTA will address general operating issues of the NFBTA. If a person desires to appeal any decision made by the NFBTA with respect to their contract considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding or if you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the NFBTA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least two business days prior to the date of the meeting. 7/21

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'Friendly tussle' arrest

Drunk man attacks couple at home

Police arrested a Winter Haven, FL man on several charges after he allegedly attacked a couple at a north Macclenny trailer park the evening of July 11. Deputy Patrick McGauley said he arrived at the Ivy St. location about 10:00 to find Todd Perkins, 47, bleeding from lacerations to the face and chest.

Inside a nearby residence, the officer said he confronted William Hand, 38, who was intoxicated and unsteady on his feet. The suspect admitted to being in a "friendly tussle" with Mr. Perkins, and was bleeding from his mouth and an earlobe.

The officer said he forced Mr. Hand to the floor and into handcuffs after he approached him in a threatening manner.

Mr. Perkins said he was accosted by the suspect, who had been drinking heavily and was making advances at his wife. At one point, Mr. Hand also struck Mrs. Perkins in the chest when she attempted to intervene.

He was booked at county jail for battery, disturbing the peace and resisting an officer. Mr. Perkins declined to press charges.

In other incidents:

- Jerry Davis, 29, of Sanderson was battered about the face and head when jumped by an unknown assailant as he left Mac's Liquors in downtown Macclenny about midnight on July 17.

Deputy Johnny Hodges said he arrived at the US 90 location to find Mr. Davis bleeding with a swollen face. He refused treatment by a rescue team at the scene, and he was to be shown a photo lineup of possible suspects.

- Two employees at Northeast Florida State Hospital filed battery complaints against a female patient, age 38, who allegedly attacked them the morning of July 13.

Laura Gaskins, 33, and Jerika Lovingood, 23, both of Glen, told Deputy Jeremiah Combs the patient refused to calm herself after starting a disturbance in the commons area of Building 57, then scratched and kicked them when ordered into a nearby room.

Ms. Lovingood said the incident was not reported for two days because it is hospital policy to contact a social worker before police.

- Due to differing versions of events and lack of witnesses, complaints for battery were filed against Kelsy Atkins, 18, her mother Willie McGrogan, 40, and Brandy Manning, 28, following a confrontation at a Quail Lane address in Macclenny just after midnight on July 16.

Ms. Manning told Deputy Brandon Kiser she had her infant daughter in her arms when attacked, a claim denied by the mother and daughter.

Arrested after hit and run

A Baldwin man faces multiple criminal and traffic charges for driving away from the scene of an accident in south Macclenny the afternoon of July 14.

A witness at the accident scene at South 6th and Lowder St. identified Justin Thomas, 25, as the person at the wheel of a 1990 blue and white Chevrolet pickup that struck another vehicle at the stop light, then backed up into one behind it before speeding off southbound toward Interstate 10.

The accident occurred about 4:50.

A witness who followed the pickup guided responding Deputy Daniel Nichols west on Woodlawn Rd., then south on Glenn Williamson Rd. to a residence where the pickup was parked. It bore evidence of a recent collision and had been abandoned.

Mr. Thomas and passenger Joshua Jarrell, 20, of Macclenny, were located about 100 yards away at a residence and, according to Deputy Nichols, were sweating profusely and admitted being in the pickup.

They claimed a third person they knew only as "Justin" had been at the wheel, but fled the area on foot. A subsequent search of the area yielded no such suspect, and the two were taken back to the accident scene.

Deputy Nichols learned that Mr. Thomas was driving on a license suspended five times as an habitual offender. He was also charged with leaving the scene, resisting without violence for telling police about the third suspect and careless driving.

The suspension charge is a felony, as is an added one for resisting with violence because Mr. Thomas positioned his body to prevent being placed in a patrol car.

The truck was registered to Mr. Jarrell, who was not charged.

- Deputy Cody Crews arrested Shuan Harrell, 38, of Glen St. Mary for driving on a suspended license after he stopped his Chevrolet SUV for speeding northbound on CR 125 near Odys Yarbrough Rd.

The officer said he clocked the vehicle at 73 mph in a 45 zone about 12:17 that morning.

The driver revealed he has a court date this week on a similar charge.

- Warrants were served for three defendants who either turned themselves in at county jail or were already there: Brian Williamson, 23, of Lake City for no vehicle registration, Crystal Taylor, 30, of Gulfport, MS on a Clay County warrant for theft,

and Tyrone Reed, 34, of Macclenny for sale and possession of marijuana.

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Passenger arrested for drugs

A passenger in a vehicle stopped late on July 11 because the driver was not wearing a seat belt ended up jailed for felony possession of drugs and paraphernalia.

Deputy Patrick McGauley said he found residue from the prescription drug Oxycodone in the bottom of a soda can in a purse belonging to Kayla Blackburn, 22, of Macclenny.

Also found in the purse during a consent search were syringes, needles and a spoon with residue.

Ms. Blackburn and another female were in a Ford pickup that abruptly turned off South 6th in Macclenny about 11:20 into the parking lot of the Kangaroo convenience store.

The deputy said he followed the vehicle after noting driver James Stavely, 42, of Macclenny was not wearing a seat belt. He was ticketed for the violation.

In other drug-related arrests:

- Mark Stoddard, 20, of Glen St. Mary was arrested for felony possession of marijuana with intent to sell after the vehicle he was riding in the evening of July 15 was stopped on CR 127.

Deputy Koty Crews said he observed a Chevrolet SUV had no tail lights a it headed south about 9:20, and during a consent search he found 66 small plastic baggies on the suspect and two more elsewhere in the vehicle.

Mr. Stoddard also had a small amount of marijuana in another baggie, and Deputy Crews learned the driver was wanted in Santa Rosa County for a probation violation. He also charged the suspect with resisting arrest for initially giving a false name.

Driver Preston Burns, 20, of Glen was given a warning about the tail lights.

- Deputy McGauley stopped an eastbound 1998 Chevrolet on

US 90 near Lowder in Macclenny the evening of July 11 and arrested Brian Brown, 33, of Macclenny for misdemeanor possession.

The officer said he stopped the car because Mr. Brown was not wearing a seat belt, and saw him toss a partially smoked marijuana cigarette onto the ground. He also found a baggie with a small amount of the drug in the suspect's pants pocket.

Mr. Brown was also charged with unknowingly driving on a suspended license and having an open can of beer in the vehicle.

- Deputy Crews filed a complaint for misdemeanor possession against Zachary Holder, 22, of Glen the evening of July 17 after stopping his westbound Pontiac on US 90 for lack of a tag light.

Mr. Holder consented to a search, and Deputy Crews found two baggies of marijuana on the suspect.

Rent-a-scout

Boy Scout Troop 150 is renting out scouts to do odd jobs around the house.

The Macclenny-based troop decided to embark on the project as a fund raiser, and has made its members available for tasks ranging from yard work to hauling trash and pressure washing.

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Weeds taking over in subdivision

Elderly widow pleads with county for help

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More than 200 new homes with two-car garages, underground utilities and sidewalks along manicured streets. Long-lasting vinyl fencing, a clubhouse and a pool for residents in a new subdivision between Macclenny and Glen St. Mary.

It sounded like a good idea at the time. The housing bubble was still intact and the economy hadn't tanked yet.

But not long after the Greystone subdivision plans were approved by the county in 2005, the housing market began imploding and the worst recession since the 1930s hit the county like a tsunami.

Greystone, located off US 90 near Baker County High School, is like so many other housing developments today that began during the boom times but were abandoned long before completion when the money supply dried up.

Instead of the original 231 home sites, three houses make up the entire neighborhood, which is largely vacant lots with tall grass and weeds up to 7 feet high and littered with numerous storm water drainage pipes that never got put in the ground.

One of the residents, 81-year-old widow Catherine Leighton, recently appeared before the Baker County Commission seeking help to keep overgrown lots mowed next door to her property on Greystone Drive.

She said she had talked to the real estate agent who sold her the house in December, 2009 and the contractor who built it, and both told her there was nothing they could do to help her.

"Somebody's got to be able to do something," she told commissioners on July 5. "I've put \$150,000 into that house and I'm ashamed for any of my friends to come in there."

Ms. Leighton said she's gone to the doctor for treatment of two eye infections that she believes was caused by windblown seeds from tall bahia grass on the adjacent lots. She's also concerned about snakes, rodents and other pests that can easily hide in the tall weeds.

She said she wants the legally responsible individual to take



PHOTOS BY MIKE ANDERSON
Pictured are the overgrown retention pond and vacant lots of the Greystone subdivision.

"If I can just get someone to mow it I will live there till I die," she said.

As for the grass and weeds along the road, the county owns the right-of-way, which extends "a bit wider than the asphalt and concrete curb," said Ed Preston, the county's planning and zoning director.

Problem is, the developer originally planned to charge residents a \$250 annual homeowner association fee for maintenance of the common grounds, including grass and the clubhouse and swimming pool which never came to be.

Mr. Preston said it's possible that another developer could end up buying the property from the bank that now or soon will own it and pick up where the original developer left off. But there's no telling when that could happen.

Meanwhile, the neighborhood's few residents aren't the only ones left in the lurch by the failure of the developer to complete the project.

The City of Macclenny extended water and sewer lines to the first 50 lots expecting to be serving all of them by now. But it has only three customers, including a widow who hates to see the grass and weeds encroaching on her mowed lawn.

care of the vacant properties and keep the grass mowed along the road through the neighborhood.

Unfortunately, that individual is the developer, Florida Land Company LLC, "and they're in bankruptcy," County Manager C.J. Thompson told the widow.

Under normal conditions, the county has the power to levy fines on people who let their properties grow wild. But the county attorney noted that "if the owner is bankrupt they're probably not going to pay a fine."

Ms. Leighton said weeds and high grass are not her only complaint. Though it's supposed to be an enclosed neighborhood, she said she has seen pickup trucks coming from the high school across the road through her neighborhood as a short cut to US 90.

"One day I counted 23 big trucks come through my neighborhood from the high school," she told commissioners, adding that some of them speed.

To help discourage cut-through traffic, Mr. Thompson

said the county had a "No Outlet" sign erected at the entrance to the subdivision.

Ms. Leighton said Greystone could be a really nice subdivision, "but it's just going to pot."

"I've lived all over the United States, in California, Atlanta ... and I've never lived in a place like this," she said.

Commissioners expressed sympathy for her predicament, but said the county has no legal obligation or responsibility to do anything about it.

"It's not the government's responsibility to go mow those lots," Commission Chairman Michael Crews told her. "But I will mow those lots for you with my mower on my time and I won't charge you a dime."

Three days later, Mr. Crews said, he was over there mowing the lots. And, he said, he's willing to continue to mow them through the summer growing season, which he estimates could be another half a dozen mowings.

Ms. Leighton expressed appreciation for the offer.

BCHS pranksters will pay damages, do community service

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The state attorney's office has opted to defer prosecution of former Baker High students who face criminal mischief and other misdemeanor charges for an apparent senior prank at the high school on May 20, one week before graduation.

In return the youths, ages 17-18, have agreed to pay restitution for damage done to the football practice field on the Glen St. Mary campus and serve 30-40 community service hours, said assistant state attorney Josh Kuhlmann.

Mr. Kuhlmann said after a meeting with school district officials including Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson, his office decided that the graduating seniors were adequately punished for pouring salt on the field to form the numbers "2011" and hanging fishing line ankle-high between two support posts under a covered concrete walkway on the west side of the campus.

The students were barred from the May 27 graduation ceremony and court records now reflect they were charged with criminal activity.

"We both felt that was ample punishment," said Mr. Kuhlmann.

It remains unclear, however, how much restitution the students will have to pay to avoid prosecution.

The prosecutor has consulted the high school's grounds keeper regarding the money spent to repair the fields.

"We have a memo from the grounds keeper on how much it took to repair the field, but we're not prepared to release that yet," he said late last week.

"The parents have not agreed to those amounts yet," Mr. Kuhlmann added. "And it doesn't necessarily have to be agreed to by the parents, but I'd like to do this as amicably as possible for everyone involved."

The attorney is a longtime soccer player as well, and praised the field's current condition.

"The field looks pretty amazing," he said. "It looks better than

any practice field I've played on. I can understand why they're proud of that field and want to be reimbursed for it."

On the night of the vandalism, Deputy Matt Riegel spotted six male students during a routine sweep of the campus about 12:30 a.m.

Two of them were apprehended immediately, two more were located hiding near the tennis courts after other officers had been summoned, another was caught in the nearby Greystone subdivision to the east and the sixth later that morning.

All were charged with criminal mischief and trespass, one with possession of alcohol under the age of 21 and the ones who ran with resisting police.

Deputy Riegel confiscated fishing line and bags of salt in a plastic bag when he took Dustin Peterson, 18, and a 17-year-old male into custody. Both are from the Glen St. Mary area.

The youths admitted to pouring salt on the field, Deputy Riegel's report indicates.

Two other students, Joshua Corbitt, 18, of Glen St. Mary and a 17-year-old, no address indicated, were located by Cpl. Ben Anderson in the Ford pickup being driven by Mr. Corbitt in the nearby subdivision. Both were arrested.

The same deputy soon located another vehicle in Greystone, this one containing four BCHS students. One of them, Ryan Gilroy, 18, of Sanderson, admitted to running from police away from the campus. He was also charged with possession of alcohol under 21 years of age.

Alexander McKenzie, 18, no address indicated, managed to evade the officers and was named in a criminal complaint after he was identified by the others.

Assistant state attorney Kuhlmann called the deferred prosecution, "the most lenient thing we can do."

He said the teens will have four to six months to complete their community service and pay the restitution.

"If that's completed, the charges will be dropped," said Mr. Kuhlmann.

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Early registration instrumental For PreK-Kindergarten center students, staff

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Registration for children attending kindergarten this fall began last April and according to the Baker County PreK/Kindergarten Center, close to 400 children are now signed up, enough to comprise 22 classes.

Bonnie Jones, newly-appointed principal at the center, and assistant principal Kelly Horne are urging parents who have not registered their children to do so as soon as possible.

"The new school year begins August 22 and registration is the key component to the school, teachers, staff, children and parents being fully prepared," said Ms. Jones. "It also sets the tone in a child's attitude toward starting school. Since children typically accompany parents to register, it conveys a message that school is important, that it's a very big deal, that the children themselves are important."

According to the two administrators, the significance of registration, particularly early registration, has far-reaching benefits on a number of levels.

"Most people, because they don't work in the system are unaware of the big picture and the critical role registration plays," said Ms. Jones.

"It impacts everything," said Ms. Horne.

From scheduling bus routes to ordering supplies for the cafeteria to making sure each classroom has the right number of desks and textbooks to ensuring the school is staffed with an adequate number of teachers and support personnel — all school



Tammy Brownlee, left, helps her nephew Seth Harvey accept his kindergarten registration packet from principal Bonnie Jones.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

functions are predicated on information provided by parents registering their children.

Foremost, the number of children on record dictates the number of teachers and staff a school can hire. If a large group of children show up at the last moment, there may not be a teacher available or even a classroom available. Children are divided up among existing classrooms temporarily until a teacher, and hopefully space to accommodate them, can be found.

"That causes unnecessary stress and anxiety which can be easily avoided by early registration," said Ms. Jones.

"Registering ahead of time

also ensures children and parents have opportunities to participate in orientation events which include getting acquainted with teachers, classrooms, school policy, school supplies needed by each child and when to attend open house events," said Ms. Horne.

Registration records provide teachers with vital information on each child, like how to contact and communicate with parents and any special medical needs a child may have. That information helps teachers prepare their classrooms to accommodate their students, down to personalizing each child's desk and cubby storage space with their names.

Children not registered until the last minute may not have a desk or cubby space when they arrive.

"It takes time to enter all a child's necessary information into the school's database so early registration greatly facilitates the process," said Ms. Jones. "Having those records allows a teacher to send personalized correspondence to parents before the school year begins, informing them of pertinent information such as dates of school events, daily classroom and cafeteria schedules, curriculum schedules and more."

"Registering ahead of time also helps parents with things like staggered start, which is re-

ally important to a kindergarten child making a smooth transition from being at home to being at school," said Ms. Horne.

Again, early registration is key. Staggered start takes place the first week of school and by having a child registered, parents get information about the schedule.

Only a handful of children from each classroom attend on prescribed days during the first week of class. Teachers can have one-on-one time to get acquainted and children learn where their classrooms and desks are, school rules and have time to memorize ID numbers they need to get lunch and check out books.

"The children must memorize the number and be able to punch it into a keypad in the cafeteria," said Ms. Horne. "If they aren't registered enough time in advance, they might miss staggered start and have a harder time making the transition."

"Registration impacts absolutely everything," said Ms. Jones. "Even who is included in the class enrollment list published by *The Baker County Press* which parents reference to find out which homeroom their child is assigned to. If not registered in time, a child's name may be left out."

Children may be registered for kindergarten at age 5 if they will be 6 years old by September 1.

To register a child, a parent or guardian will need a driver's license, proof of residency, a copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of custody if they are not the birth parent. Documentation of a recent physical examination and a current shot record are also required.

The PreK/Kindergarten Center is located at 362 South Blvd. E. in Macclenny. For more information on registering your child please call the center at 259-0405.



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Maloney named Small Firms Chair

Macclenny attorney Frank Maloney has been named Chair of the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the Florida Bar Association. He is the first attorney from Baker County as well as the first from the 8th Judicial Circuit to serve in the position, which he will hold until May, 2012. The Florida Bar is one of the largest legal associations in the country with the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section comprising 60 percent. Mr. Maloney will be involved in helping develop continuing education seminars for members and generating the group's quarterly newsletter. He will also be spearheading a joint symposium between all sections of the Florida Bar to take place in London next year. "It's a great honor to be chair," he said. "The presence of The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section tends to be disenfranchised compared to the bigger, more high profile legal firms, but it's actually the backbone of the bar. My goal is to make sure it has a big voice in the organization."

New law gives dress code 'teeth'

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A new state law prohibiting low-hanging pants in public schools will change how the Baker County School District enforces its dress code, particularly rules barring pants so low that undergarments are exposed.

"Those changes will put some teeth in disciplinary measures," said Baker County High School principal Tom Hill, speaking last week about the impact of Senate Bill 228, officially known as the "Pull Your Pants Up" bill recently signed by Governor Rick Scott.

The bill became effective July 1, making Florida one of the first states in the nation to prohibit students from wearing clothing that "exposes their undergarments" or "indecently exposes their body parts" while at school. Other states and some towns have also taken similar actions.

The school district has had dress codes in place for some time. They're predominately enforced at the middle and high school levels.

Specifics of the dress code are stated in the 2010-11 Student Code of Conduct, which is undergoing revision to reflect stipulations of the new law and changes in others areas as well. The code already states that pants, jeans or shorts are not to be worn below the belt line.

According to Mr. Hill, the main changes mandated by the bill on the current dress code policy will be in disciplinary action, especially for repeat offenders.

A first offense will result in a verbal warning to the student and parents or guardians informed about the incident.

The second offense will render a student ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities for a period up to five days and require parents to meet with the principal.

A third offense will involve in-school suspension for up to three days, ineligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities and a letter informing parents of the situation.

The high school previously dealt with first time offenders by giving them verbal warnings and "pink slips," which help the district track such events in the school's database. A second offense, depending on the severity of the violation and at the discretion of administrators, carried the possibility of in-school suspension.

Mr. Hill said a student could also be required to wear a school-issued garment, typically "scrubs," over the inappropriate clothing for the duration of the school day.

Mr. Hill stated that dress code violations happen "more than I would like" and expressed optimism that the new legislation will help curb those incidents even further.

The mission of the current code states, "The dress code of the Baker County School District is an attempt to work in concert with the goals and philosophy of our schools and to create a wholesome environment for the educating of our youth."

State Senator Gary Spiln of Orlando, who sponsored SB 228, has said, "This bill is pro-family, pro-education, pro-jobs legislation and is necessary to put the focus in the classroom back on learning ... It's designed to teach our children discipline and re-

spect for others and themselves."

The high school's current Student Code of Conduct, which is in the midst of revision, defines inappropriate dress as:

- Slacks, jeans, shorts or dresses that reveal body imprints due to excessive tightness, including spandex-type clothing.
- Shorts or dresses that are deemed too short by individual school administration, shorts or dresses having splits or shorts worn for physical education.
- Bare midriff, see-through clothing without appropriate under garments, sun dresses without straps, halters, backless dresses, tube tops, half shirts, open-sided shirts, T-back tops and tank tops or camis (unless covered by an appropriate outer garment).
- Clothing with words, phrases, symbols, pictures, patches or insignias, which are obscene, profane, offensive, or drug, alcohol or gang related.
- Hats, caps, visors, bandanas or headbands in school buildings (except for special occasions as approved by the administration).
- Hair rollers or curlers in hair during school hours.
- Any clothing improperly fastened.
- Pants, jeans or shorts worn below belt line.
- Clothing and styles considered hazardous to health or safety and not allowed are:
 - Bare feet, bedroom slippers and shoes with wheels.
 - Sunglasses inside buildings, unless a medical permit is on file.
 - Choque collars, chains, jewelry, clothing or adornment that may be considered dangerous or disruptive to the learning environment.

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Sean Connell, 11, an accident victim

Sean Douglas Connell, 11, of Macclenny died after a tragic accident on July 11, 2011. Sean was born in Jacksonville to James Connell and Angel Price Connell on May 1, 2000. He was a Baker County resident for two years after moving from Jacksonville and a member of First Assembly of God in Macclenny. Sean loved skateboarding, video games, talking, watching TV and fishing. He was predeceased by grandfather Robert "Bob" Price; great-grandfather Ed DeVevo; cousin Trudy Taylor Sarman.



Sean Connell

Survivors include his parents of Macclenny; maternal grandparents John and Vivian Smith; paternal grandparents Bob and Donna Connell; great-grandmother Frances DeVevo; brother James Derrick Connell Jr.; sisters Christian Nichole Connell, Breanna Danielle Finton and Jaylee O'Neal; four aunts; three uncles.

The funeral service was held July 16 at 2:00 pm at his church with Pastor Joshua Potts officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Helms, 81, of Macclenny

Margaret Jean Thomas Voorhees Helms, 81, of Macclenny died at her home on July 12, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. She was born January 20, 1930 in Clearwater to Raymond Alison Thomas and Martha Holmes Dykes Thomas. She was a fun-loving, devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who enjoyed life to the fullest. She loved being involved with all family activities and lived for her family.

Her life's work was devoted to the education of children. In 1960, she and Willa Jean Walker opened the first public kindergarten in Macclenny, Busy Beaver Kindergarten. Then she worked with the Baker County School System from 1968 until her retirement in 1988.

Margaret was an active Christian and a life-long member of First Baptist Church of Macclenny. In recent years she attended First Assembly of God of Macclenny.

She was predeceased by her first husband Donald E. Voorhees; brother John Ray Thomas; sister Dorothy Cook.

Survivors include devoted husband of 19 years Theron Helms; sister Elizabeth Sutherland; son Richard W. (Susan) Voorhees; daughter Martha Anne (Darrell) Giddens; stepsons Troy (Joy) Helms and Steven (Lauren) Helms; grandchildren Ashley Giddens (Joshua) Potts, Adam D. (Sarah) Giddens, Alison Rae Voorhees, R.J. (Casey) Voorhees, Callihan Helms, Ellie Helms, Jackson Helms, Rosie Helms, Hudson Helms and Ruby Helms; three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was July 15 at First Assembly of God in Macclenny with Pastor Joshua Potts and Dr. Edsel Bone officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were R.J. Voorhees, Adam Giddens, Callihan Helms, Justin Wignall, Jonathan Wignall and Clifton Wignall.

Giddens-Reed Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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'Randy' Johnson, an avid sportsman

Doyle "Randy" Randall Johnson, 57, of Macclenny died July 13, 2011. Randy was born in Jacksonville to Betty Louise Riley Johnson and the late Doyle Alderman Johnson on November 12, 1953. He was a resident of Baker County for the last three years after moving from Whitehouse.



Randy Johnson

Mr. Johnson was a 1971 graduate of Paxon Senior High School, worked as a supervisor for Atlantic Builders, a volunteer for the Nielson Transplant Foundation, and was vice-president of the Baldwin High School Booster Club. He coached in the Police Athletic League, winning a national championship in 1977 and hosted the show *North Florida Sportsman with Randy Johnson*. He loved hunting, fishing and was an avid Gator fan.

Survivors include his mother Betty Louise Riley Johnson of Jacksonville; loving wife of 27 years, Sandra Dee Johnson of Macclenny; children Kasey Elizabeth Johnson of Macclenny and Devin Benton of Dallas, TX; brothers Richard A. (Debbie) Johnson of Jacksonville and Ronald J. (Nina) Johnson of Whitehouse; one niece; and granddaughter Kinsley Duval.

The funeral service was held July 16 at 11:00 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel in Macclenny with Pastor Richard Fish officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny.

Night worship

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Idella Lee, 59, of Macclenny dies

Idella Mae Lee, 59, of Macclenny died July 8, 2011 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. Mrs. Lee was born in Macclenny and resided there all of her life.



Idella Lee

Survivors include her loving and devoted husband of 43 years, Alto Jerome Lee; children Dorothy Church (Ambi), Gerzell Barringer and Schella Lee, all of Macclenny; Wanda Robertson, of Clarksville, TN, Favian Alto Lee, Favian Jeremy Lee, Dale Jerome Lee, Wilbur Lee Johnson and Rushad Lee, all of Macclenny; 25 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters Mary Louise (Tommy) Burton of Lake City and Nellie Mae Johnson of Macclenny; a number of other loving relatives and friends.

The funeral service for Mrs. Lee was held at 11:00 am on July 16 at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Macclenny with Elder Joe Nathan Ruise officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Herman Cemetery in Macclenny. Harry Brown Funeral Directors and Cremation Service of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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Patricia Moistner dies in Tennessee

Patricia Pringle Harden Moistner, 57, of Soddy-Daisy, TN died Monday, July 18, 2011 at her home. She was a Protestant and loved her flowers and gardening, and had a big heart of gold. She was preceded in death by her parents Cleveland Henry and Debbie Gladys Pringle.



Patricia Moistner

She is survived by her loving husband of 17 years, Phillip Moistner, daughters Mary (Stephen) Higgins, Robin (Junior) Parker; brothers Larry Joe (Gayle) Pringle, Luther (Mary) Pringle, Cleveland (Karen) Pringle; grandchildren Breanna Chancey, Tommy Chancey and C.J. Parker; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 21 in the chapel of Williamson and Sons Funeral Home in Soddy-Daisy with the Rev. Aaron Simmons officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.



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Reverend Paxton, 75, of St. George

Rev. Bernard E. "Bud" Paxton, 75, of St. George, GA died peacefully July 14, 2011 at Hospice of the Golden Isles in Brunswick. Rev. Paxton was born on December 1, 1935 in Gallion, Ohio. He was an ordained minister of the Congregation of Holiness Churches, and a member at Woodstock Park Congregation of Holiness Church in Jacksonville. His greatest joy in life was serving God and reading the Bible, with a special interest in Biblical prophecy.

Rev. Paxton was a longtime resident of Baker County before residing in St. George. He retired from JEA after more than 30 years. After his retirement he worked for Advanced Auto Parts of Macclenny for 10 years. Rev. Paxton served in the Navy from 1952-1956 and served several more years in the reserves.

He was preceded in death by parents Mary Frances Smith and James Duane Paxton; and brother James Duane Paxton, Jr.

Survivors include wife Rev. Virginia (Ginger) Paxton of St. George; sons Johnny Duane (Pat) Paxton of Glen St. Mary, Robin Eugene (Karen) Paxton of Palatka, Robert Donald Paxton of Jacksonville; daughter Barbara Paxton of Daytona; sister Minerva June Paxton of Orange Park; and a devoted sister-in-law and caregiver Vickie D. Champion of Macclenny; several stepchildren and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was July 19 at 2:00 pm and officiated by Pastor George Dugger and Rev. Justin Griffis. He was laid to rest at Oak Grove Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Mike Bennett, Daryl Dugger, Steven Dugger, Larry Duncan, Rev. Joseph Hutton, David Nutt, Lamar Parks and Rev. Bill Stearns. Bud will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him. Giddens-Reed Funeral Home of Baldwin was in charge of arrangements.

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David Thompson, 63, a truck driver

David Thompson, 63, of Glen St. Mary died Sunday, July 17, 2011 at the Acosta-Rua Center for Caring in Jacksonville. He was born in Jacksonville on November 13, 1947, the son of the late Ruth (Strickland) and Jesse Guy Thompson. He lived the past 14 years in Baker County.

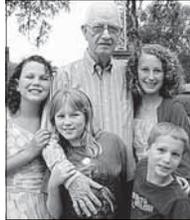


David Thompson

David was a truck driver, a member of the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Jacksonville and attended Taylor Church. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include daughter Tonya Thompson of Glen St. Mary; sons David Lee (Timothy) Thompson of Springfield, MO and Timothy Blanchard of Macclenny; brothers Wayne Thompson of Seattle, WA, Frank Thompson of Jacksonville, Billy Thompson of Tennessee; sister Jancine DeMaggio of Jacksonville; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and other family and friends.

A graveside service will be held 10:00 am on July 22 at the Riverside Memorial Park in Jacksonville with Rev. Jim Cox officiating. The family will receive friends from 6-8:00 pm July 21 at Forbes Funeral Home in Macclenny.



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7/17/39-3/26/10

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First, a big thank you to pall-bearers Bryan (Bubba) Bennett, Kemp Davis, Robert Benton, William (Bubba) Gainey, Victor Crow and William Rhoden. We love you and God bless each of you.

Thank you to Karen and Jessie Griffis, Joan, Mike Midyette and Amy Flanders for sparing us even more heartbreak than we could bear. You act of love will be with us forever.

Thanks to James (Kodiak) Huffstler, Scrapy Pappy's, Ray Bell, Danny Peters and Tony Fish for the beautiful songs; to Sheriff Joey Dobson, BCSO, Steve Harvey, Chris Volz, Dan Nichols, Rodney Driggers and officers whose names we don't know; Mrs. Lois Adcock, Taylor Church, Rev. Carl Taylor (Uncle Carl) - thank you for speaking from your heart about your sister-in-law, even though you were recovering from surgery. We will always remember your loving words.

Another big thank you to Leonard, Lorraine, Lester, Pat, Noah, Ernestine, Russell, Patricia, Walter, Carla (Davis), Sammy, Marilyn, Scott Nipper, Edith Young, Ila Taylor, Betty Joe Taylor, Buck, Phyllis Hutchinson for food lovingly prepared; Brian and everyone at Guerry Funeral Home, Dr. Anna Gajda and staff, BCHS staff, Baptist Cancer Center, San Marco for being so kind to Mama. You are truly angels among us and we'll never forget you.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to the many people who loved Shirley like a mother, and the many friends she had. We know you love her, too.

Mama's greatest love was family, friends and always helping others. She also loved to listen to bluegrass and country music and to make people laugh. God bless and comfort all of you, now and always.

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Your helping hand was always first to render any aid you could. Your voice was always raised in praise, your words were wise and good. Dear Daddy, since you've gone away, the ones you loved so true try hard to carry on the way we knew you'd want us to.

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In precious memory of my precious husband Bill Williams

7/23/1945-2/6/2010

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7/24/2008-5/12/2010

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

Final film in Potter saga a bit rushed, but still good ending

BOB GERARD | PRESS STAFF

Okay, I admit it, I am a huge Harry Potter fan who has been anxiously awaiting the release of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*. Though I am not fanatical to the point that I dressed up in costume and bought a ticket days in advance like some of my drama students, it is something of a family tradition that we all get together and go see the latest Potter release.

So, 10 family and friends trooped off to Orange Park on the first day of *Deathly Hallows Part 2*. We were all excited to see the ending chapter in the series.

I wasn't disappointed. Though it is nearly impossible to satisfy a dedicated "Potter Head," as the book fans call themselves, this film came close. Granted it didn't have the texture and complexity of the novel, and it minimized some of the more minor characters to focus on Harry Potter's struggles with Voldemort, but in the end, most of the audience thought it lived up to their expectations.

Deathly Hallows 1 and 2 are very dark. But while Part 1 focused on getting Harry, Ron and Hermione to the climactic battle scenes at Hogwarts' school, Part 2 was all about the war between the forces of good and the forces of evil.

Lord Voldemort and his Death Eaters, giants, spiders and trolls attack the school defended by students and professors loyal to Potter. It is exciting stuff.

Potter is attempting to find all seven of the horcruxes, the seven parts of Voldemort's (Ralph Fiennes) soul he has hidden in special objects. In Part 1, Harry found and destroyed some, but now he must find the rest. Only then can Voldemort be destroyed.

It is the final battle that drives the movie. It is also the final battle that attracts the most of the criticism from the die-hard Potter fans.

Many of the richest and most exciting moments are only touched upon or left completely out of the final film. Director David Yates also reworks the ending to make Potter and Voldemort's final confrontation more intense.

It doesn't exactly work. In an attempt to keep the running time to just over two hours Yates has taken away much of the back story that has made the chemistry between the Hogwarts characters work over the series of films. Much is left unsaid and unexplained that really needs to be in the film.

There have been comparisons to Part 2 and Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings*, but Jackson was much freer with time. He wasn't as worried about letting the films run long, and as a result they are able to do more.

That is not to say that this is a bad movie. Far from it, it's a very good movie. But it is not as fulfilling to the legion of Potter fans as it might be if some I's were dotted and T's crossed.

There are touching moments as one would expect. Alan Rickman continues to excel as Professor Snape. I believe it is only the commercial success of the series that has kept him from receiving a well-deserved Best Supporting Actor nomination.

Daniel Radcliffe has grown considerably as an actor in the decade since the making of the first film. The chemistry between him, Emma Watson (Hermione) and Rupert Grint (Ron) continues to drive the film.

Yates has directed the last four films and he continues the dark style he started in *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. It's as if the sun has stopped shining in England and won't until Voldemort is destroyed.

The special effects are good, but perhaps not quite as spectacular as fans might have expected. It is a film that fans will want to see more than once. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2* broke the single day attendance record of *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns*, amassing \$169 million in ticket sales.

Deathly Hallows Part 2 is rated PG 13. I give it 3 1/2 out of 4 stars.

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Mr. Beasley and Ms. Stevens

Vows in January

Mark and Debbie Stevens of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of daughter Kaitlin to Jesse Beasley. Jesse is the son of Jane Beasley of West Frankfort, Illinois.

The couple will be wed at 3:00 pm on January 7, 2012 at Raiford Road Church in Macclenny, family and friends are invited.

Following a honeymoon to Italy, the couple will reside in Macclenny.



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Kids make 'joyful noise' at music camp

Above Jordan Defee, Montana McGinley and Olivia McGinley use their chairs for desks as they learn how to read line and space notes. The class was just one of a variety of instruction provided at The Music Camp held June 20-24 at the First Baptist Church in Glen St. Mary. The camp was organized and taught by music instructor Kerri Redding and was open to children in the Baker County area between ages 4-12. Most of the music instruction was beginning level and incorporated basic musical concepts, learning about instruments, sight reading and playing music, as well as some dancing and singing. The children learned musical material ranging from classical to folk songs and even had opportunities to dramatize such compositions as *The Nutcracker Suite*. The Music Camp concluded with a performance for family and friends.

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Five generations of Coles

The above photo was taken at a family cookout July 2 at the home of Jimmy Cole introducing the newest member of the family, Gabriella Wray, who was born May 4 in Temple, Texas. Pictured from left is Mamie Cole, Lorayne McCormick Johns, Jimmy Cole, all of Macclenny, Gabriella Wray and Amber Wray of Texas.

Wardy, Wardy, look who's 40!



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Summer reading 'Safari' at Starbucks

Heavy rain the evening of July 7 didn't keep these adventuresome girls from attending Summer Safari, one of the summer reading activities sponsored by Starbucks, which were being held twice daily. The reading sessions, conducted by volunteers Stephanie Starling and Donna Ruise, include fun snacks, creative crafts and an activity pad to take home to continue the fun. Each of the reading sessions will have a different theme. Books enjoyed by attendees at the Starbucks reading session included *Animal Strike at the Zoo* and *Curious George Feeds the Animals*. The Macclenny Starbucks has sponsored the reading activities for kids since its opening in 2008. Above from left: Sara Tidwell, Ms. Starling in her funky monkey hat, Sara Starling, Savannah Tidwell and Keirstan Blackshear.

Learning to breathe, relax

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"Alright, pay attention to your breathing ... breathe in, breathe out deeply, slowly ... Focus on tense areas of the body and let go of any tension you feel ... Listen to the sound of my voice ... Relax ... Relax ... Relax ..."

That was the message during a breathing relaxation workshop July 14 taught by Jo Mamula, an employee at Northeast Florida State Hospital who has been using relaxation techniques to promote health and healing since the mid-1970s.

She has also taught the relaxation response to children at pediatric clinics and in hospitals to patients suffering from hypertension.

Ms. Mamula led a small group of participants in learning breathing techniques that have been used since ancient times. She also related how a personal health crisis during her early years as a social worker led her to explore relaxation techniques and to ultimately incorporate them into her work with other people.

She began by explaining the "fight or flight" response.

"This was something that could save your life long ago when we encountered danger and needed to run quickly, but that hasn't been the case in modern society," she said. "Now when we experience stress, all those biological chemicals that pour into the bloodstream like adrenaline and cortisol don't get used and don't fall back to normal levels. You can store up tension and stress and if you don't do something to relieve the body, it can affect your immune system and make you physically sick."

She explained how deep breathing coupled with repeating a focus word can alter the body's chemistry, helping dispel



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Jo Mamula, right, explains the relaxation response to Beverly Himmelhaver and Tanya Green.

the tension and promote balance and healing.

The breathing exercises began with what Ms. Mamula called a "simple body scan," which consisted of participants sitting comfortably, closing their eyes and paying attention to each part of their body, noting areas of tension. Practicing the techniques for a short time twice daily can bring wonderful results, she said.

Ms. Mamula acknowledged that learning to relax is a challenge in this busy, overstimulated age. Her workshops help teach people to activate the relaxation response. It has two basic components: the focus word and letting go of intrusive thoughts.

A focus word can be anything a person chooses. It works as a device to concentrate and help reach a stage of deep relaxation. "Most of us have what I call a 'monkey mind,'" she said. "Our minds jump from thought to thought almost chaotically. It's this 'mental noise' that using a focus word can help to bring under control."

A focus word can be anything. Many people use words like "peace" or "relax" or something that suggests beauty and tranquility like "cloud" or "ocean." It can carry a religious connota-

tion to reflect someone's faith if desired.

Most people just beginning to use relaxation techniques have a hard time keeping random thoughts from entering their minds.

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NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Baker County School District will soon consider a measure to impose a 1.50 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

The tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 6.333 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The Capital Outlay tax will generate approximately \$1,258,299 to be used for the following projects:

- CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING**
 - New Classroom Construction – County Wide
 - Remodeling Physical Facilities
 - County Wide Covered Walkways and Paving
- MAINTENANCE RENOVATION AND REPAIRS**
 - Roof Repairs County Wide
 - County Wide Carpet and Floor Covering Replacement
- MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES**
 - Purchase of Three (3) School Buses, Vans and Maintenance Vehicles
- NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE**
 - Furniture and Equipment – County Wide
 - Telephone/Intercom System/Wireless Communication System
 - Fire/Security System
 - Enterprise Technology
- PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND SITES DUE UNDER A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT**
 - Pre-K Kindergarten Center
- PAYMENT OF LOANS APPROVED PURSUANT TO SS. 1011.14 AND 1011.15, F.S.**
 - Repayment of Qualified Zone Academy Bond
- PAYMENT OF COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**
 - Removal of Hazardous Waste
- PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**
- PAYMENT OF COSTS OF LEASING RELOCATABLE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**
 - Rental of Portables - County Wide

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on July 25, 2011, 6:30 PM at the School Board meeting room, 301 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida.

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAX will be made at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE 10.8 PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES. FISCAL YEAR 2011 - 2012

| PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVIES SUBJECT TO 10-MILL CAP: | |
|---|--------------|
| Required Local Effort | 5.335 |
| Basic Discretionary Capital Outlay | 1.500 |
| Basic Discretionary Operating | 0.748 |
| Discretionary Critical Needs Operating | 0.250 |
| Total Millage | 7.833 |

| ESTIMATED REVENUES: | GENERAL FUND | SPECIAL REVENUE | DEBT SERVICE | CAPITAL PROJECTS | TOTAL ALL FUNDS |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Federal sources | 320,000 | 4,567,901 | | | 4,887,901 |
| State sources | 27,059,333 | 27,600 | 117,000 | 580,000 | 27,783,933 |
| Local sources | 6,012,540 | 701,000 | 16,500 | 1,308,299 | 8,038,339 |
| TOTAL SOURCES | \$33,391,873 | \$5,296,501 | \$133,500 | \$1,888,299 | \$40,710,173 |
| Transfers In | 100,000 | | 164,411 | | 264,411 |
| Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets | 9,028,258 | 550,750 | 714,633 | 1,951,717 | 12,245,358 |
| TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES | \$42,520,131 | \$5,847,251 | \$1,012,544 | \$3,840,016 | \$53,219,942 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| Instruction | 20,780,585 | 1,483,234 | | | 22,263,819 |
| Pupil Personnel Services | 1,647,605 | 506,927 | | | 2,154,532 |
| Instructional Media Services | 572,548 | 4,213 | | | 576,761 |
| Instructional and Curriculum Development Services | 684,216 | 413,174 | | | 1,097,390 |
| Instructional Staff Training Services | 173,538 | 488,870 | | | 662,408 |
| Instruction Related Technology | 316,161 | 48,458 | | | 364,619 |
| School Board | 575,679 | | | | 575,679 |
| General Administration | 310,216 | 125,638 | | | 435,854 |
| School Administration | 2,005,103 | | | | 2,005,103 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 137,300 | | | 3,145,846 | 3,283,146 |
| Fiscal Services | 660,071 | | | | 660,071 |
| Food Services | 11,722 | 2,218,700 | | | 2,230,422 |
| Central Services | 517,274 | 35,977 | | | 553,251 |
| Pupil Transportation Services | 2,466,696 | 75,410 | | 300,000 | 2,842,106 |
| Operation of Plant | 4,082,251 | | | | 4,082,251 |
| Maintenance of Plant | 1,250,194 | | | | 1,250,194 |
| Administrative Technology Services | 506,500 | | | | 506,500 |
| Community Services | 249,848 | | | | 249,848 |
| Debt Services | 551,834 | | 120,000 | | 671,834 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$37,499,341 | \$5,400,601 | \$120,000 | \$3,445,846 | \$46,465,788 |
| Transfers Out | | | | 264,411 | 264,411 |
| Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets | 5,020,790 | 446,650 | 892,544 | 129,759 | 6,489,743 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES | \$42,520,131 | \$5,847,251 | \$1,012,544 | \$3,840,016 | \$53,219,942 |
| TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES | | | | | |

The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above mentioned taxing authority as a public record.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Baker County School District will soon consider a budget for 2011-2012.

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

JULY 25, 2011
6:30 PM

AT
THE BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ROOM
301 SOUTH BOULEVARD EAST
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Lift recliner - burgundy; Merits motorized scooter - new battery, Craftsman twin bed. 259-4274. 7/21p

Office Supplies, printer and fax cartridges, rubber stamps and much more. We specialize in hard to find items. The Office Mart, 110 S. 5th Street, 259-3737. 4/28tc

Lift chair, only used three months, excellent condition, paid over \$1000, will sell for \$600. Call 553-4165. 7/21-8/4p

Yamaha 100 Jet Ski, 2004 FX Cruiser, high output, 82 hours, two hours on new motor and pump, very good condition. \$4500. 904-226-3064, 904-259-5383. 7/14-7/21p

Livingroom table set, medium oak with brown glass inserts on wheels. Storage space underneath with large beige and pastel table lamps. \$125. Call 275-3007, leave message. 5/19tc

2007 Keystone Outback travel trailer, 21' \$10,900. 259-2490. 7/21-7/28c

Oak livingroom table set, 2 end tables, 1 coffee table with two lamps. Great condition with glass inserts and storage. \$115. 275-3007. 6/2tc

Seven 16" trusses, tin and 6" x 6" x12" posts \$325. 259-5970 or 612-3420. 7/21p

Artists. Oils, acrylics, water colors, Canvases, drawing pads and much more. On sale now. The Office Mart, 110 S. Fifth Street, 259-3737. 4/28tc

Landscaping mulch. While supply lasts. 259-2900. 4/28tc

Sands Farms fresh vegetables, peas, corn, okra, 259-6891 or 303-1501. 7/21-7/28c

Camille Beckman hand cream, Root candles, unique gift items. Southern Charm 110 S. 5th Street, 259-4140. 4/28tc

Whirlpool Gold smooth top range - bisque, three year old, model #GR448LXPT \$150; Sealy twin size mattress and box spring with frame \$50. 17" computer monitor free. Please call 259-9164 for further information. 7/21p

2003 Fifthwheel camper, 38', 3 slides, fireplace, washer hookup, new tires, still has warranty until December 2012. \$14,000. call 904-259-3763 or 904-509-7550. 7/21p

Upright piano \$350; wooden twin captain bed w/mattress \$30; GE dryer \$75; treadmill \$40. For more information and/or an appointment please call 904-382-3097. If no answer, please leave message. 7/21p

Automobiles

Motorcycle, 2001 Kawasaki KLR250, excellent condition, 2193 miles, combination street legal/off road, 259-5265, \$1995. 7/21c

1999 Mercury Sable, needs front transmission pump. Will still crank, has not been ran in nearly a year, \$300. 580. 259-5022. 7/21c

Now accepting bids, contact Beth at 653-4453. 1994 Savanna fifth-wheel travel trailer with two slides. 6/23tc

Miscellaneous

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Animals

Dogs, all types from puppies to adults. Animal Control, \$65 adoption fees will apply. 259-6786. 11/20tc

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Medium neutered male, reddish-brown with white on chest and feet, name "Rosco". Missing from Old Nursery Plantation and 125 South. Please call 259-5835. 7/21p

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Club

St. Mary's Cove, 2011 season - a decent place to go. 1909 Steel Bridge Road, Macclenny. 259-9980. 11/13tc

Money to Lend

Pay Day Loan Buster, \$500 no credit check, six months to repay, active checking account required. 904-206-7861. www.mypaydayloantatsays.com 2/10tc

Business Opp.

Beauty shop for lease, formerly Styles by Susie in Glen St. Mary, on Highway 90, 259-2707. 7/21p

Real Estate

Notice to Readers

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

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Five acres on Crews Road, cleared and fenced with pond, \$59,000. 904-913-1255. 7/14-8/4p

FSBO, beautiful brick home, Copper Creek, 3 BR, 2 BA, eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, split floor plan, many extras. Asking \$190,000. Call 904-553-4165 for appointment. 5/26-7/28p

3.46 acres, north Sanderson, set up for mobile home \$42,000. Owner financing. Call 904-813-1580. 2/10tc

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3 BR, 2 BA brick home on 1/2 acre in Glenfield Oaks, a gated community, \$140,000 net. Call 813-1580. 7/14tc

1-10 acres, high and dry, fish pond, creek or river front, homes/mobile homes, set-up. Owner financing. 912-843-8118 or 904-699-8637. www.landyes.net. 6/30tc

FSBO, rustic elegance cypress log cabin on 1.11 wooded acres. 2 BR, 2 BA 1990 SF plus porch, two car garage, great views, gated drive, private, secluded. By appointment only \$250,000. 904-259-9599. 7/14-8/4p

4 BR, 2 BA brick home on 1/2 acre in Glenfield Oaks, a gated community, \$145,000 OBO. Call 813-1580. 7/14tc

For Rent

3 BR, 2 BA home, large garage, two miles inside Georgia line. \$700/month, \$700 deposit. 904-629-1779. 7/21c

3 BR, 1 BA singlewinder in one acre fenced land, Noah Davis Road in Glen St. Mary. Non-smokers only, \$650/month, \$650 deposit. 904-275-2800, 904-945-0520. 7/14-7/21p

Mobile homes, 2 and 3 BR, A/C, service animals only, \$500-\$575 plus deposit, 904-860-4604. 3/17tc

2 BR, 2 BA mobile home in River Heights in River Heights Mobile Home Park, \$400 month. 891-4053. 7/14-7/21p

3 BR, 1 BA brick house, central H/A, washer/dryer/hook, \$850 month, \$850 deposit. 423 Azalea Drive. 259-6488. 7/21p

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Sharks are back home

The Jacksonville Sharks arena football team returns home this week after a pair of losses. They will take on the Spokane Shock at 8:00 pm on Friday, July 22, in the Veterans Coliseum for the last regular season game before kicking off the playoffs next week.

The Sharks dropped an overtime heartbreaker to the Kansas City Command 49-48 recently. The second straight loss came as a result of poor handling of the football.

The fumble-plagued Sharks let the Command back into the game with turnovers. The Sharks were poised to win the game in overtime but missed a two-point conversion attempt.

Quarterback Aaron Garcia continues to be red hot, throwing for 419 yards. He will almost certainly break 50,000 yards for his career during the game against the Shock. Garcia is only 98 yards from the milestone.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The Baker County Board of Baker County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible to consider for adoption the proposed Ordinance whose title hereinafter appears. The public hearing will be held at the County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appeal and be heard with respect to this Ordinance which is titled as follows:

ORDINANCE 2011-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BAKER, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-08 REGARDING REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ROBERTS LAND & TIMBER INVESTMENT CORPORATION, REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL 10 TO INDUSTRIAL, TAX PARCEL 18-3S-20-0000-0000-0010 OF 30 ACRES MORE OR LESS, GENERALLY LOCATED IN THE VERY SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LARGER PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "WOODSTOCK INDUSTRIAL SITE" ON THE COUNTY'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY OMITTED IN ERROR; AS REQUESTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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2 lots in Glen St. Mary has 1980 DW listed as NO VALUE. \$45,000

COMMERCIAL GENERAL
Excellent business location. Four lots total 1.20 acres with approx. 320 ft. Hwy. 121 frontage. \$239,900

Great location for retail business 1404 SF building currently used as a car lot. No sign on property. Zoned commercial general. \$250,000

Corner lot in excellent business location on Hwy. 125 S. in Glen St. Mary. \$49,900

Corner lot zoned commercial neighborhood on Hwy. 121 North. (Adjoining property available if needed) \$79,900

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PHOTO BY JESSICA PRESOTT
From left: Carson Shedd and Tavien Rhoden starting the backstroke.

Bullets down Orange Park

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Baker Bullets had their final home meet of the season July 16 against the Dye-Clay Dolphins from Orange Park. The visiting team performed well and easily stroked to a 488-point victory, 1593 to 1105.

Coach Andy Johnston beamed at the improvement that his swimmers demonstrated in the contest.

"Several Bullets had personal best times," said Johnston. "It was a record fast meet that was over in just over an hour as the volunteers hurried to beat the bad weather."

First place finishers in individual races were Lorian Bliss, Braeden Knight, Abby

Rice, Alaina Crawford, Ethan Knight, Carson Shedd, Hannah Peterson, Mark Ray, Taiven Rhoden, Emily Ossman, Kyle Wilkerson, Elizabeth Reagan, Karlee Nelson, Grayson Wagstaff, McKenzie Hickman, Landon Hickman and Josh Ossman.

Since it was the final home meet of the season, Johnston and Coach Trevor Nelson encouraged a few parents enter into relays so all the kids could swim a relay. Jennifer Knight (a former Baker Bullet) swam in a girls relay, Nelson in the breaststroke and Johnston the butterfly leg of the relay. "Unfortunately we old timers couldn't keep up with the kids and Coach Trevor and I finished dead last!" said Johnston.

Men's Softball League
begins in August

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Expect the unexpected after World Cup, Open

FAT LADY

ROBERT GERARD

The only thing predictable about sports is that it is unpredictable.

All you have to do is look at two of this weekend's major events to see that statement is true. Who would have imagined that the Japanese could beat the USA and win the Women's World Cup, or that a journeyman golfer from Northern Ireland would shoot the match of his life and win the British Open.

Sports. What can you say? The USA was the team of destiny at the World Cup. After all, they had beaten the Brazilians in heroic fashion and came back to beat a French team that looked superior on the day.

They controlled the run of play against the underdog Japanese and led with minutes to go. It was a done deal. Right?

If any team knew that nothing is finished until the final whistle it should have been the USA. Japan equalized at 2-2 behind their superstar Homare Sawa with minutes to go and then the unthinkable happened. The USA missed three straight penalty kicks to hand Japan the win.

The chance of stopping a penalty kick is a mere 20 percent, but the Japanese stopped the first three before USA's Abbie Wambach stepped up to slot one home. Baffling.

The team of destiny turned out to come from the misery-plagued islands of Japan. Finally something for the Japanese to smile about as they try to recover from the earthquake and tsunami.

For Wambach, goal keeper Hope Solo and the rest, it will be another four years before they can hope to win their third World Cup.

Darren Clarke certainly knows about being the underdog. Clarke entered his 20th British Open without much hope of winning or even placing high in the standings. But all the stars aligned for the 42-year-old Northern Ireland golfer. He led most of the way, held off Phil Michelson and Dustin Johnson and shot a final round of 67 to win the claret jug.

He took it all in stride calling himself a "normal bloke." He sat talking to the press and sipping a pint of Guinness. Who'd have imagined in this age of superstars that a couple of impossible underdogs could pull off such improbable wins.

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