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Campaign opposing mine plans ramps up

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The fight against two proposed sand mines east and south of Macclenny has been heating up lately and could boil over right before the August 14 primary.

Two mining companies with their sights set on extracting course sand from hundreds of acres in Baker County have invested substantial sums of cash toward that endeavor. More recently, a local businessman opposed to the projects has put his money where his mouth is, too.

South county resident Mark Broughton, who owns a payroll company, wrote an \$1800 check to publish a series of advertisements in *The Baker County Press* during a five-week period ending one week before the primary election.

"It's a lot of money," he said of the advertising bill. "And I thought long and hard before writing that check."

Mr. Broughton is married to former Land Planning Agency board member Allison Broughton, who led a grass-roots campaign against the medical waste incinerator facility proposed by Pennsylvania-based Integrated Waste Management Systems.

The Broughtons believe the twin sand mining plans could stifle the area's water supply and compound traffic problems by pouring more semi-trucks onto US 90 in Macclenny.

The sand mining projects have been the subject of two public hearings thus far, both of which have been noticed, as required by law, in the newspaper.

But Mr. Broughton said the small type used in legal advertisements may be overlooked by readers. A much larger advertisement, he reasoned, could not be missed. Mr. Broughton's ad encompasses about half a page and features large type.

"It's a tactic to inform the public," Mr. Broughton said in an interview with *The Press* on July 12. He also criticized the county for not publicizing the projects sooner.

"The reason I put [the ad] in there, is [the county] had almost a year of knowledge about

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Roofer faces 14 counts of fraud Clients who paid thousands left hanging

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A Glen St. Mary roofing contractor paid thousands of dollars for jobs that reportedly never got off the ground or remained unfinished after months and months is facing 14 counts of fraud for his lack of liability insurance.

Darrell G. Perry, Jr., 32, has pulled 14 permits at the county building department since September, 2011 using documents allegedly forged to show he had liability coverage, according to police.



Darrell Perry, Jr.

The latest permit was issued to re-roof a mobile home owned by Donnie Jacobs on Woodrow Raulerson Road and enlarge the roof to accommodate a patio and porch.

Mr. Jacobs, 58, said he paid Mr. Perry \$4,000 in June to start the job on July 1, but it wasn't until July 12 that the contractor sunk 14 posts that have since begun to warp in the sun.

Mr. Jacobs is recovering from a heart transplant in January and takes a host of medications. He said his only income is from disability and his wife's salary at Northeast Florida State Hospital.

"I get up every morning and



The unfinished roof of Mud Lake Road homeowner Richard Overland, one of Mr. Perry's disgruntled clients.

take beaucoup medicines. I've been through quite an ordeal. I might of died at Shands if I hadn't gotten a new heart," he said. "I'm certain I don't need all this stress right now."

He said Mr. Perry has not made any more progress on his new roof, other than to park a trailer at his property.

"It's just been excuses after excuse," he said. "And now he won't return my calls."

Another client of Mr. Perry's, Richard Overland of Mud Lake Road, gave the contractor a \$10,000 deposit last April for a new tile roof on his home. He said the project has not been

completed and he can't reach Mr. Perry.

Mr. Overland's mother, Betty Bonner, signed a contract with Mr. Perry in November, 2011 for work at her home on SR 121 South. She said the roofer hasn't finished her project, either, though the uncompleted portions are minor.

County building department director Bob Hathcox said he recently filed two complaints against Mr. Perry with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, which is investigating the suspect as well. Mr. Perry holds a state contracting license as well

as a county license.

The complaints were for failing to obtain liability insurance and starting a pair of roofing projects in the north county without permits from the building department.

Mr. Hathcox said his office began looking into Mr. Perry's file after reports surfaced last week that he wasn't finishing work in a timely fashion. He said Mr. Perry filed a Certificate of Liability Insurance as proof of coverage from February 2012 to February 2013 through Lake City-based Hunter Insurance Agency.

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'Live signs' ban imperils business Says pawn shop owner

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

When Robert Godwin retired as a guard at Florida State Prison last year he didn't waste any time starting a new career as the owner of a new pawn shop in downtown Macclenny. In December, he and his son opened Pawnderosa in a strip center on South 6th Street.

"I retired from the state prison system after 26 years," Mr. Godwin said this week. "This is my first business endeavor."

He and his son, Robert Godwin Jr., pooled their talents and money to buy the space formerly occupied by Wings Galore. After extensive renovation and remodeling they opened for business the day after Christmas.

Business was slow at first, but grew gradually and real-

ly began to pick up considerably after they hired two young women about two months ago to walk up and down the sidewalk out front holding up signs advertising the business, which is set back about 100 feet from the road.

"People come in here all the time and say, 'We seen your sign girls out there and that's why we came in here,'" Mr. Godwin Sr. said.

Human sign bearers have become a popular method of advertising for a number of businesses, including pawn shops, cell phone companies and restaurants. Their days appear to be numbered, however, as the Macclenny City Commission is moving forward with a plan to ban such advertising next month.

A public hearing has been scheduled for 6 pm on August

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PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Kayla Hancock waves a sign for the Pawnderosa pawn shop on S. 6th St. the morning of July 11.

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'Live signs' ban imperils business

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14 to vote on an amendment to the city's sign code prohibiting "human signs." The measure was given preliminary approval on July 10.

Specifically, the prohibition would extend to persons carrying signs or dressed in costumes designed to attract attention for a commercial advertisement. Currently, signs carried by a person are permitted.

However, city officials have determined that such advertising should be banned because it could create a potential traffic hazard by possibly distracting drivers' attention to such an extent that it creates a traffic hazard.

"It's to keep people from being distracted and causing an accident," Assistant City Manager Roger Yarborough said. "You can really notice the distraction."

He said he has never personally been distracted enough by people holding advertising signs to get into an accident, nor known of any accidents directly caused by such activity. But he said "anything like that could cause a distraction and an accident."

The proposed ordinance would affect "possibly four or five" local businesses that use human signs, Mr. Yarborough said. None have been notified by city hall about the upcoming prohibition, he said, because "that's not normally something we do."

Mr. Godwin Sr. said he heard about the proposed ban from some other business owners. He doesn't like the idea.

"It's really going to hurt my business and could even cause me to close my doors," he said. "I really need those girls out there with my signs. My storefront sign just doesn't get seen from the road."

He said he pays the two young women, both 16-year-old students at Baker County High, minimum wage to work four hours a day several days a week. One works from 9 am to 1 pm and the other from 3 to 7 pm, and he said he gives them a 15-minute break each hour and plenty of time to come inside and drink water on hot days.

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"I'm a regular customer here, now," he said. "They're real good people and they're honest. I really enjoy dealing with them."

Mr. Godwin Sr. said he plans to attend the August 14 hearing to express his concerns and opposi-

tion to the proposed ban.

"Macclenny already has the tightest, most restrictive sign ordinance I've ever seen," he said. "They make it difficult for small businesses. It seems unjust. I think there are some constitutional issues here."

Diana Montgomery, who owns commercial property just outside the city limits on the east side of SR 228 at Interstate 10, said she, too, is opposed to the city's proposed sign code change.

"My concern is if the city passes, will the county follow suit," Mrs. Montgomery said.

She owns the property that housed Phantom Fireworks for years before Phantom built its own store across the street last year. Mrs. Montgomery began her own fireworks business earlier this year and stood outside waving at passing motorists to attract attention for the upcoming July 4th holiday.

"Mostly I was outside waving a noodle, you know those things that kids wear in a swimming pool," she said.

Banning people from standing outside holding advertising signs, she said, "seems like it's pretty unconstitutional."

If the city is all that concerned about reducing distractions to motorists, Mr. Godwin and his son say, what about political candidates and all their supporters who wave campaign signs at passing motorists and weekend car washes featuring girls in shorts?

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Reactions to letter from St. Augustine

Our vote, not yours

Dear Editor:

I do not appreciate the slurs directed by Bob Smith at Mr. (C.J.) Thompson and Mr. (Don) Marshall in his letter last week.

It appears he is the one practicing "dirty and good ole boy politics" in his advocacy of Mr. (Danny) Norton. He alone was responsible for filing the correct papers and even though he's been notified he doesn't qualify (to run for Republican committeeman), he continues to campaign.

There are two GOP candidates running for sheriff. As to who we should vote for, it is none of Mr. Smith's business. I have the right to vote as I choose, as does Mr. Thompson.

If Mr. Smith wants to practice dirty politics and manipulate people, he should go to Washington. Baker County doesn't need him.

Eva Redmon Macclenny

More than just politics

Dear Editor:

I take issue with the letter published in the July 19 edition of *The Press* in which Bob Smith of St. Augustine questions who C.J. Thompson, our county manager, is going to vote for in the sheriff's election.

Most intelligent people don't vote for a person because they have a "D" or an "R" after their name, but rather on their record, qualifications, experience and reputation.

I assume Mr. Thompson, or anybody else for that matter, will vote for whoever he feels is the most qualified candidate, regardless of party affiliation.

John Bellovich Macclenny

Why help opponents?

Dear Editor:

When did Baker County politics become so interesting to St. Johns County residents? Mr. Smith's accusatory and conspiracy theory-laden letter in last week's edition seemed to place blame on everyone but Mr. Norton for his failure to turn in his paperwork properly. Sounds like sour grapes to me.

To believe that it is Mr. Thompson's responsibility to inform Mr. Norton or anyone else how to run for the position that he currently holds is ridiculous. It doesn't pass the "common sense" test in my opinion, but then common sense isn't so common these days.

As adults, we have to accept responsibility for our actions, regardless of who we want to blame when things don't go our way.

Janet Armentrout Macclenny

Follow the directions

Dear Editor:

The letter written by Bob Smith is full of misrepresentations and is less than honest. First, Republicans stand for self-reliance and individual responsibility. They do not blame someone else for their mistakes.

Second, the procedure for filing for state committeemen (women) is on the Republican Party of Florida website. Clearly, the candidate's party oath had to be in Tallahassee by noon on June 8.

Each candidate from 67 counties has to follow the party's rules. If that person can not follow simple instructions, why would you vote for that person?

Third, FL Statute 112.046 states, "an officer or employee of the state or any political subdivision may also serve as a member of the state executive committee or county executive committee of a political party."

Fourth, we have two Republican candidates running for sheriff in the primary. Bob Smith from St. Augustine is telling Baker County we have only one candidate.

Kate Svangdis Macclenny

Resign from office

Dear Editor:

C.J. Thompson's positions as county manager and state Republican committeeman are in direct conflict.

Florida Statute 125.74 says the county manager works for the board of county commissioners. The oath he swore when he became a committeeman reads, "I swear and/or affirm that during my term of office I will not actively, publicly or financially support the election of any candidate other than the Republican candidate in the unitary, general or special election..."

In two county commission races (Democrats Gordon Crews and Mark Hartley), Mr. Thompson will have to support their opponents. At best, this will cause an uncomfortable atmosphere.

In light of this conflict, Mr. Thompson should resign as committeeman to maintain a working atmosphere with all commissioners.

Sharon Padgett Macclenny

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Are 'live signs' really a hazard?

The City of Macclenny would be well advised to dump the proposed ordinance banning "live signs" and instead concentrate on ridding its streets — most notably busy South 6th — of the hodge-podge of ugly signage that is truly a distraction to motorists and the eyes of anyone driving, riding, walking or in the case of late night bar patrons, stumbling along the thoroughfare.

The city commission believes "live signs" that feature warm bodies waving them for pawn shops, restaurants, cellphone companies, etc. pose a danger to motorists because they are often waved directly at oncoming traffic.

Maybe so, but they're no worse than electronic signs that grace several financial institutions and, more lately, the

health department office on Lowder St. Those are placed in attractive settings and except for one are close to the ground — at eye level — and don't constitute eyesores.

The commission passed the proposed ordinance on first reading on July 10 and it's scheduled for a second hearing and final passage on August 14.

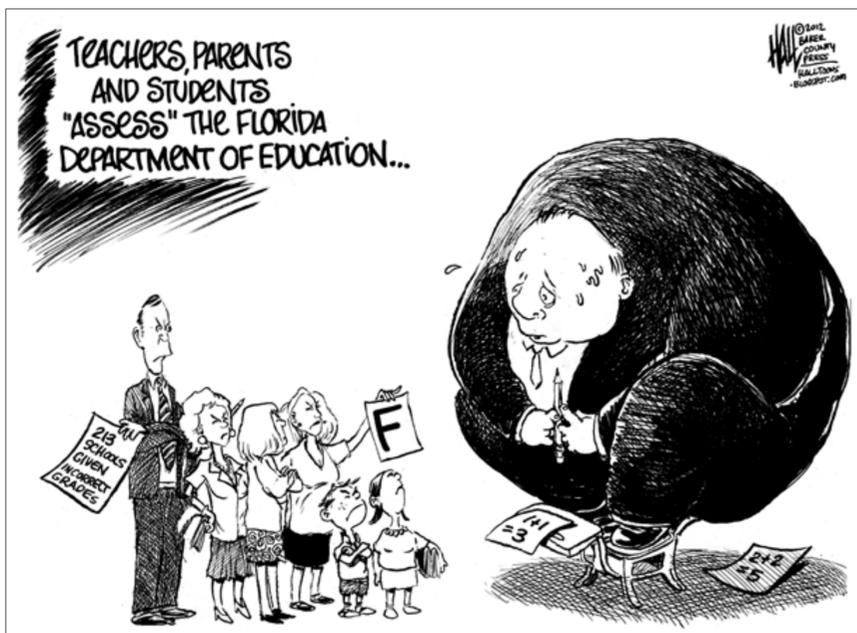
Hopefully, business interests affected by the ban will show up, along with others who see this is a further intrusion by government on private small businesses at just the wrong time.

They won't get far arguing that "live signs" are free speech, because that will be

countered by city fathers insisting they're more focused on the safety of motorists. But they may get somewhere pleading that small businesses need a break in 2012, not more hindrances from Big Brother.

It's a bit of a stretch to say that the types of "live signs" that have popped up in recent months constitute a real hazard. And that includes the guy in the body stocking "Spider Man" garb who for a time danced around the sidewalk for Verizon. He made us laugh.

They might convince board members to allow "live signs" further back from the right-of-way to lessen the distraction danger, if in fact there exists a



A trip down the 'not-so-lazy' river

You know those television commercials about pharmaceuticals for arthritis and weight loss and acne? The ones where they list side effects a mile long including "sudden death?"

As I was sitting on a bench at the Nantahala Outdoor Center waiting to white water raft and listening to the guide discuss the safety pre-

cautions I thought about those commercials.

"If you fall out of the boat, do not try to stand up. You could cut your feet on rocks or get trapped between rocks. You could then fall in the water and drown."

He continued: "Lie flat on the surface of the water and hold up your head to avoid slamming into the boulders

head first. Paddle aggressively and try to reach for the rope that is tossed to you."

The people around me were cutting their glances back and forth at one another as if to say, "who signed me up for this?"

The guide went on with his cheery little talk. "Keep your personal flotation device strapped tightly around your chest so we can pull you into the boat if you fall out. At the end of the trip, we will stretch a rope across the river to stop you from entering the Class 6 rapids that are 100 yards beyond where we dock the rafts. I remind you of these things because a man was killed this week when he did not follow these simple directions."

I looked at my wife sitting next to me. "I don't know if this was a good idea," she says.

"It'll be fine. You'll have fun." I heard those words coming out of my mouth but also in the back of the "worry-wart" part of my brain heard my own personal rafting guide speaking to me.

"If you should fall in the water do not curl up like a ball. Instead stretch out flat on the surface. That makes it harder for the water meocassins to get into your clothing."

Though I mention snakes, they are not your primary worry. Those would be the alligators. The alligators will eat the snakes like a tasty appetizer of calamari before they come after you. If you stretch out straight they might mistake you for a log. That is, if they are near

sighted and can't smell your abject fear.

Attempt not to, I repeat, not to cut your foot on a rock. The blood could draw the piranhas that have not been eaten by the alligators.

If the alligators have cleared the piranhas from your area, a cut foot could also cause infection from the flesh-eating bacteria that grows rampantly in these waters.

However, should you be eaten by a snake, alligator or piranha, drown in the water or contract flesh-eating bacteria, do not think of suing because all of that is covered in the disclaimer you signed before taking the trip.

"Is everyone ready to white water raft?" The real guide intruded on my reverie. "Then, let's load up."

I loaded into the raft along with my family. I had rafted before, but on a far calmer river. Still, I was anxious to go. As it turned out, it was a wonderful trip. The river was at times rapid and at times calm enough to float and enjoy the beautiful scenery. The Nantahala Outdoor Center has trained 22 Olympians and two gold medal winners, so they know how to do it right.

The end of the 2-hour trip is a series of swift rapids and a drop that is guaranteed to get you wet. It was a lot of fun and very exhilarating. We had a wonderful time and there wasn't an alligator in sight.

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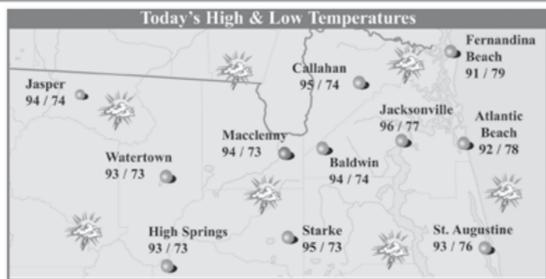
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Sun/Moon Chart This Week table showing sunrise and sunset times for the week of July 26-31.

St. Mary's River Levels and Hunting/Fishing Times tables.

Weather History table for July 26, 1987, detailing thunderstorms, precipitation, and wind speeds.

Rash of business burglaries in city

County deputies responded the past week to a rash of burglaries and criminal mischief at commercial addresses...

A warrant was issued seeking the arrest of Andre Garcia, 19, of Macclenny for twice entering the BP station on US 90 downtown...

Based on a tip from a 17-year-old female who was seen riding a bicycle from the scene the second morning about 12:25 am...

Using the K-9 Cash, the officers tracked him to the trailer and the nearby house of his sister on Melver St. but were not allowed to search it.

Clarifications noted from last week's edition

The Press last week reported that Valerie Ferdon, 56, of Glen St. Mary was charged on July 10 with felony leaving the scene of an accident in January that killed an 18-month-old child.

The BP store has since closed. Investigator Morgan said an investigation is ongoing into the girlfriend's involvement and that Mr. Garcia was still "lying low" as of early this week.

Online - COMMUNITY CALENDAR advertisement with contact information for bakercountypress.com.

Anti-mining campaign ramps up

From page 1 this and yet they're saying they don't have enough information," Mr. Broughton said. "We had less than 30 days to respond to the companies' experts...

The first public hearing on the proposed sand mines took place April 28, when the Land Planning Agency, or LPA, voted 4-1 to recommend that the Baker County Commission approve both projects.

Four commissioners contacted by The Press last week said putting a spotlight on proposed developments, like the sand mines, before public hearings take place would conflict with the economic interests of private companies who may be considering projects here and elsewhere.

"I don't think there's any way to avoid that," Gordon Crews said. Adam Giddens, who believes he first heard about the sand mining projects last March from Chamber of Commerce director Darryl Register...

While they came late to the issue, Mr. Broughton, his wife and others concerned about the mining projects' impacts, have nonetheless been leading an effort to sway public opinion, and in turn, county commissioners to their point of view.

Both mining operations would take place on tracts with agriculture zoning, which does not generally permit such activities. So the mining projects last March from Chamber of Commerce director Darryl Register...

We had less than 30 days to respond to the companies' experts. My passion for this comes from being involved in a contest that I don't think has been fair.



Mark Broughton

At the June public hearing, Commissioner Mark Hartley's motion to deny the zoning exceptions failed by a vote of 1-4. A second motion to delay consideration of the exception passed, however.

The engineer was recommended by Ed Barber of Macclenny, an environmental consultant. Mr. Thompson said he expects the engineer's report by August 10, four days before the primary election.

Mr. Broughton, whose been funding the campaign against the sand mines through his company Paperless Pay of Jacksonville, said he has no financial or political motivation for fighting the projects.

COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION advertisement featuring a truck image and rates as low as 1.75% APR.

14 fraud counts...

From page 1 But when Mr. Hathcox attempted to verify the coverage existed, he found it did not.

The building department director alerted the sheriff's office on July 18, when Deputy Daryl Mobley began his investigation. The officer contacted the Lake City agent, Travis Hunter, as well, who advised that Mr. Perry's policy began in February, 2011, but lapsed about six months later due to nonpayment and a new policy was never secured.

Deputy Mobley went on to say the insurance agent was "100 percent certain" the document was forged because the font and format of the policy number and the effective and expiration dates on Mr. Perry's certificate did not match those used by his office.

Based on the information provided by Mr. Hunter and Mr. Hathcox, Deputy Mobley charged Mr. Perry with 14 counts of filing false, fictitious or fraudulent statements, which is a third-degree felony.

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Today counting. Tomorrow banking. advertisement for CNBB.

What they learn today will shape their tomorrow. advertisement for CNBB.

BB bandit gets 3 years in plea

From page 1 the 120 days he has been in jail for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct.

The judge also ordered him to enroll in anger management class. Benjamin James Davis will do 100 hours community service and be on drug offender probation two years after pleading no contest to grand theft.

Brittany Grimes pleaded no contest to possession of chemicals to produce controlled drugs and will be on drug offender probation one year. She was also ordered to complete 50 hours community service.

Travis Johnston was allowed 63 days credit for time in jail, then ordered onto a year on drug offender probation after pleading to possession of marijuana with intent to sell and misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest and possessing paraphernalia.

Glen audit results

The Town of Glen St. Mary during fiscal 2011 witnessed an increase in net assets due mostly to its purchase of a central water system, and at the same time saw its cash dwindle further for the same reason.

The annual audit presented during the council's regular meeting July 17 represented a snapshot of the town's fiscal position nearly a year ago when the fiscal period ended on September 30, 2011.

Glen saw a dip of \$51,000 in its government activities account, the bulk of it cash expended on the water project north of US 90.

In a mirror of the previous year, Glen's cash in general revenue fell \$36,710 to \$221,023 due to a transfer to finance a sewer line extension on Lincoln Ave. Some \$215,000 is held in certificates of deposit.

Clay Lyons of the Lyons and Lyons CPA firm in Macclenny who were commissioned to conduct the audit, noted that the town overspent its budget by \$874. He included that fact as one of three adverse findings. The others include the oft-cited fact that Glen does not have separate employees with access to assets and accounting records, or "all phases of a transaction." It is an audit criticism common to entities with small staffs.

A similar situation exists with the lack of someone to prepare financial statements. Those instead are done by the CPA firm. In other matters during the regular monthly meeting, the council passed on first reading an ordinance upping the commercial square footage triggering a single parking space from 200 to 300.

RE-ELECT CJ THOMPSON FOR STATE COMMITTEEMAN advertisement with family photo and contact information.

IMPLANTS ARE A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO MISSING TEETH! advertisement for Dentistry for All Ages.

ATTENTION VOTERS advertisement for Cameron Coward, True Conservative Republican Candidate for Sheriff.

RITA'S CLASSEE CUTS SALON advertisement featuring staff photos and service menu.

VOTE FOR MY DAD MICHAEL RAY CREWS advertisement for District 1 Commissioner.

BCMS keeps its A-rating

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Baker County Middle School was among more than 200 schools across the state to have their grade boosted last week after the Florida Department of Education discovered an error in its annual grading calculation.

The state initially reported July 11 that BCMS received a B-rating, falling just two points short of the threshold for an A-rating. Nine days later Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson received the good news — that the middle school remained an A-school for the sixth consecutive year in 2012.

"We're really excited about that," Ms. Raulerson said about

10 minutes after getting a call from a state education official. The miscalculation occurred because 213 of the nearly 2600 schools graded in Florida were not given credit for improvements made by some low-performing students, according to the Associated Press.

The revised grades released last week show that 116 schools changed from a 'B' to an 'A,' 55 went from a 'C' to a 'B,' 35 went from a 'D' to a 'C' and seven moved up from an 'F' to a 'D.'

The changes affected schools in 40 of the state's 67 school districts, but only nine saw their district grade shift upward. Baker County, which was labeled a 'C' school district, was not among them.

Mrs. Raulerson welcomed the

upgrade at the middle school, but said the roller-coaster of emotions for students and teachers there has been "very frustrating." "School grades are important to students, parents, teachers, principals, administrators and the community," Commissioner of Education Gerard Robinson stated in a press release regarding the revisions.

"And, while I am pleased that the continuous review process has resulted in better grades, we will continue to look for ways to improve the grade calculation process," he said.

Keller Intermediate School became a C-rated school this year and the high school's grade is not expected for release until the fall. Other local schools do not receive letter grades from the state.

Mosquito illnesses spiking

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Though delayed one day to July 22, aerial mosquito spraying by the state occurred as expected last weekend blanketing more than 130,000 acres in Baker County with an insecticide.

The Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services reports that the spray is a safe, organophosphate insecticide approved by state and federal environmental regulators known as Naled, which is released at very low volumes into the air, making it harmless to people, pets or wildlife.

What health officials warn is dangerous, however, are mosquito-borne illnesses like the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus, or EEE, which presumably killed a horse off Orebrey Rhoden Road in Glen St. Mary last month and three others more recently.

Terry Graham, an environmental specialist with the county health department, said the Glen horse was not vaccinated for the virus, tested positive for it on June 21 and later died.

It has been the only confirmed case of mosquito-borne viruses detected in Baker County this year, though evidence that such viruses are active across the state is widespread.

Since the start of 2012, EEE has been detected in horses in Putnam and Union counties, in January and May, respectively. Sentinel chickens used as an early-detection system have shown evidence of EEE, West Nile Virus or other contagions in nearby counties, including in Alachua County on July 9, Nassau County in mid-June, St. Johns County in late-April and May, and Volusia County as recently as June 25.

"These diseases are out there," said Mr. Graham.

Only one human case of mosquito-borne illness was reported — EEE in Holmes County in June. There is no vaccine for humans, but they're widely available for horses to protect against the virus.

"We're mostly in a monitoring phase right now because human activity has been very limited," Mr. Graham said.

Horse vaccinations are avail-

able at most local feed stores and from licensed veterinarians like Dr. Joe Harrison in Macclenny. He said the vast majority of horse owners vaccinate, "but some people get a little lax when we don't have as bad of a season as we've had."

Dr. Harrison said on July 24 he's aware of three horses dead within the last two weeks from encephalitis, and more than likely the EEE strain. He said the owners declined to spend the roughly \$100 fee for testing to verify the cause of death, however.

The veterinarian said all horse owners should vaccinate regularly, because treatment for the disease is not very successful.

Residents should also take precautions to avoid mosquitoes, particularly in summer months when the population balloons and the public spends more time outside.

"We already know, and have known for several years, that mosquito-borne diseases, including West Nile Virus, are present everywhere in Florida, and most, if not all, of the country," said Mr. Graham.

That's why public health officials are urging citizens to follow these four rules: Dress appropriately when outdoors by covering

your body, arms and legs; use an insect repellent with DEET, avoid being outdoors before dawn and after dusk when mosquitoes are most active and drain standing water sources like birdbaths, pet bowls and tubs frequently.

Symptoms of mosquito-borne illnesses may include headache, fever, fatigue, dizziness or weakness; and can take up to two weeks after a bite to show up. Anyone suspecting they are sick should contact a physician immediately.

Additional mosquito spraying by the state could be on the way if the first round didn't work, said Lt. Adam Faircloth, the sheriff's office emergency management director, by e-mail early this week.

He said mosquito traps were set out on July 23 to gauge the effectiveness of last weekend's spraying.

"I have not received word yet on if there will be additional spraying," he continued. "I am pretty certain that another round would only be done if the trap data does not show marked improvement ... It will likely be a few days until we know if another spray application will be needed."

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ATTENTION Baker County Residents

21 DAYS LEFT

Until you have no say about your water rights!

The first two, of what will become many, mining companies will take 5.88 million gallons per day of your fresh water from our aquifer and the county gets relatively nothing! Over 3.5 BILLION gallons in the first 2 years! Letting the first one in will open the flood gates for more to follow. There are only two today, but what about tomorrow?

They will increase dump truck traffic on both SR 228 and US 90 by as much as 400 trips per day. That's a new entry onto or exit from a 55 MPH roadway every 1.2 minutes. Hope you're not the one going home or to work or worse...to the hospital when they pull out in front of you and take "forever" to get up to speed. This is not safe for anyone. Furthermore, most of the trucks will never buy anything from a Baker County business.

Only MARK HARTLEY, District 5 Commissioner, has taken a public stand against these sand mines. He wanted to say no on June 16, but was not supported by the other commissioners who yielded, in many people's opinions, to a threat made by the sand mines lawyer. There was a second on his motion to deny, but 4 commissioners voted against the motion.

Let the other four commissioners know who elected them and where you stand! We have a representative government and our elected officials are supposed to vote what the people who elected them want and not be influenced by big business, even when their attorney threatens us, telling our commissioners we have to vote for this, which is public record!

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Chronic license violator nabbed

A Sanderson man with a record of prior license suspensions was arrested early on July 21 after a county deputy spotted him driving on US 90 west of Glen St. Mary.

Deputy Rodney Driggers said he was aware that Joshua Davis, 30, was a chronic license violator when he stopped him just after midnight near Arnold Rhoden Rd.

A computer data base confirmed ten prior suspensions and an habitual offender status, and the deputy also learned Mr. Davis was out on bond for the same offense.

He was also charged with the bond violation and ticketed for speeding and having only one headlight on his 2002 Nissan SUV.

In other arrests, Max Chitty, 35, of Jacksonville was jailed early on July 21 for drunk driving, carrying a concealed weapon and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Deputy Brad Dougherty said he stopped a 1998 Toyota pickup driven by the suspect after clocking it speeding on US 90 in east Macclenny. During a vehicle search, he found a .380 pistol between the seats and a small baggie of marijuana near the driver's seat.

Mr. Chitty failed field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol level measured .126 at county jail. The legal limit is .08.

He was also ticketed for speeding and not wearing a seat belt.

Gary Markham, 53, of Macclenny was arrested for disorderly intoxication after he was found lying shirtless and incoherent in front of the BP station in down-

town Macclenny the afternoon of July 17.

Deputy Robert Aberly said he was called to the scene because Mr. Markham was harassing customers at the US 90 location. The suspect claimed he had struck his head on the pavement, and was cleared at the emergency room of Fraser Hospital before being booked at county jail.

Three Macclenny men were named in complaints for possession of alcohol underage after beer cans were found in a pickup truck and trailered boat at the Boy Scout Camp landing on the St. Mary's River.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said he checked the area about midnight on July 19 after reports of shots being fired in the river, and the trio was pulling a boat from the ramp when he arrived.

They admitted to firing a shotgun that was found in the toolbox of a pickup, and told the officer they had been drinking and were attempting to scare off a bat.

The misdemeanor complaint names Eric Crews and Christopher McMahan II, both 18, and Joseph Kirkland, 19; all are from Macclenny.

Willis Hudson, 36, of Sanderson was arrested early on July 17 for disorderly conduct after creating a disturbance at the residence of his sister Deandra Harmon on Clayton Ave.

Deputy Jacob Satterwhite said Mr. Hudson had a strong odor of alcohol on his person, was cursing loudly, threatening his sister and refused to calm himself during the 12:45 am incident. He was living in a camper trailer behind the residence.

Drunk boyfriend arrested for battery

A Glen St. Mary man was arrested early on July 21 for domestic battery following an alleged attack on his live-in girlfriend at their residence on Kathy Jo Rd.

Judy Nelson, 43, told Deputy Randy Davis she and Don Worley, 46, began arguing the previous evening about his excessive drinking, and he entered their bedroom about 1 am after she went to bed and attacked her. Ms. Nelson said he held her head down and pushed her neck into a pillow with his fist.

She also told the officer Mr. Worley threatened to kill her if she contacted police.

The boyfriend was unsteady on his feet and had slurred speech when questioned, and Deputy Davis said he admitted to the attack. He claimed he was tired of her complaints about his drinking.

Both Ms. Nelson and a daughter who resides there said similar incidents have occurred in the past.

In another domestic battery arrest, Jesse Guy, 31, was charged the evening of July 18 with attacking his brother Raymond at a residence on Sandra St. in north Macclenny.

Several witnesses including the suspect's parents corroborated on events about 10:45 when an intoxicated Mr. Guy went into a bedroom and argued with his father Raymond about the theft of an ATV.

The son was booked at county jail for additional counts of disorderly intoxication and assault for threatening Deputy Robert Simpkins following the arrest. The officer said he had to threaten pepper spraying the suspect when he became combative after the arrest.

A complaint for simple battery was filed against Lyndsey Carver, 19, of Macclenny for allegedly kicking Deborah Smith, 48, of Glen in the stomach.

The incident occurred at the Macclenny City Park about 6:45 the evening of July 16. Deputy Rodney Driggers was told an argument was sparked by disagreements between the assailant and the family of her child's father.

Both parties fighting at Mac's Liquors in downtown Macclenny early on July 18 were arrested after they and witnesses gave conflicting versions of events.

Deputy Jacob Satterwhite said he answered a disturbance call about 1:50 am and found Jesse Lewallen, 25, and Sherdon Morris, 41, squaring off.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Baker County School District will soon consider a budget for 2012-2013.

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

**JULY 30, 2012
6:30 PM**

**AT
THE BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING ROOM
301 SOUTH BOULEVARD EAST
MACCLENLY, FLORIDA**

Boat and trailer are taken

A Glen St. Mary man reported to police that a 14-foot jon boat, trailer and motor were taken from his property on Burnsed-Crawford Rd. between July 15-17. William Burnsed said the property was valued at \$5800, and told Deputy Chad Montean he last saw them the evening of July 15.

In other recent thefts, a 19-year-old female who had been staying at a residence on Miltondale Rd. since March was named as a suspect in the theft of \$1100 in rolled coins.

A neighbor reported the theft to the sheriff's department on July 18 after inventorying the contents on behalf of owner Edward Oventrop, who has been out-of-state caring for a relative. He allowed the suspect to reside there, and recently told her to leave because she had not been maintaining the property, according to statements made by Deputy Jeremiah Coombs.

A white male wearing an orange shirt walked out of the Exxo Store on South Sixth in Macclenny the afternoon of July 21 with an 18-pack of beer valued at \$17.

The clerk told Deputy Robert Aberly the shoplifter then drove off in a small black SUV. A surveillance tape was to be reviewed.

Deputies made several warrant-based arrests the past week, among them John Vermillion, 31, of Jacksonville, wanted in Nassau County for domestic battery and improper display of a firearm.

Deputy Randy Davis learned of the outstanding warrant on July 17 after Mr. Vermillion summoned police to accompany him to the residence of his estranged wife to retrieve property. The arrest took place at the EZ Stop store north of Glen St. Mary after Cpl. Davis ran an identity check through the crime computer data base.

Travis Johnston, 23, of Macclenny was already in county jail on July 17 when police learned he was wanted in Charlton County, GA for driving on a suspended license and other traffic offenses.

**ADVERTISING DEADLINE IS
Monday at 5:00 pm**

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 6.214 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The Capital Outlay tax will generate approximately \$1,199,172 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 and HVAC 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 30, 2012, 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 8.2 PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.						
FISCAL YEAR 2012 - 2013						
PROPOSED MILLAGE	LEVIES SUBJECT TO 10-MILL CAP:					
Required Local Effort	5.216					
Basic Discretionary Capital Outlay	1.500					
Basic Discretionary Operating	0.748					
Discretionary Critical Needs Operating	0.250					
Total Millage	7.714					
ESTIMATED REVENUES:		GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Federal sources	335,000	4,385,575				4,720,575
State sources	27,421,496	27,800	113,600	50,000		27,612,896
Local sources	5,981,767	619,000	22,000	1,254,172		7,876,939
TOTAL SOURCES	\$33,738,263	\$5,032,175	\$135,600	\$1,304,172		\$40,210,210
Transfers In	165,000		164,411			329,411
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	8,064,798	706,491	1,085,517	1,093,373		10,950,179
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$41,968,061	\$5,738,666	\$1,385,528	\$2,397,545	</	

New menu, decor for school lunches

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Some students want Asian food, others sub sandwiches, and all of them want more pizza options. But the Baker County school district wants students to eat healthier foods, and it's Cathy Golon's job to see that both groups are happy.

Beginning August 20, when students return from summer break and experience the district's revamped meals program, she'll know if she succeeded.

Ms. Golon, the district's nutrition services director, has been working with a Winter Springs, FL consultant, Sue Tatum of Vinca Marketing & Communications, to implement changes to the program, many of which are mandated by the federal agency responsible for funding about 70 percent of it.

"They've revised school menus, but also how the food is presented to students, in hopes of making district-provided meals more appetizing and more nutritious. That way, Ms. Golon said, more students will participate in meal plans, which helps "keep them on campus and keep their safe."

The effort started last spring when Ms. Tatum conducted focus groups and surveys with students at the middle and high schools to uncover their preferences. She was paid with a \$4,000 grant from the USDA (Department of Agriculture), the same agency that funds most of the district's food services budget.

"We wanted them to share what they wanted for the upcoming school year and we explained how the meal patterns would be changing and how best to combine those," Ms. Golon explained this week.

For instance, she said, students on school meal plans will be required to have a specified amount of a "red-orange" vegetables, like carrots or sweet potatoes, but they prefer them as is, rather than made into something else, like sweet potato fries or carrot cake.

"We're taking what they said to heart as we're making the changes," Ms. Golon said.

The consultant was also behind a dramatic increase in salad consumption at the high school. She recommended relocating the pre-made salads to the front of the lunch line and it apparently worked wonders.

Prior to moving the salads, the cafeteria only made seven salads per

day for a student body totaling roughly 1200, which "always concerned us," noted BCHS Principal Tom Hill during the school board's last meeting on July 16.

After the move, he said, they began selling dozens of salads. BCHS art teacher Tiffany Armoreda has joined the makeover, too, by sprucing up the walls of the high school and middle school cafeterias with murals and other designs.

Ms. Armoreda finished a mural at BCHS featuring a hungry Wildcat groping a pizza. She said the project took about a week to complete with help from student volunteers.

The teacher began another mural at the middle school early this week. Improving the aesthetics in which students dine may help, but the food still needs to taste good.

To that end, Ms. Tatum is dispatching a chef in the Memphis, TN school system to train cooks here in preparing items to be featured on the new school menus.

The school board approved an \$1800 contract with Vinca Marketing & Communications last week to pay for the chef, plus travel and per diem expenses incurred by the company.

The new meals will comply with a number of USDA requirements that take effect this year, though more are planned in the future, Ms. Golon said.

Students on district eating plans will have to take a fruit and vegetable with their meals, or pay higher "a la carte" prices for the individual items they take minus the fruit and vegetable.

"It's in their interest, plus it's good for them," she said, adding that while students do not have to take the healthier food, the district must offer it to continue receiving federal funding.

In addition to mandates for more fruit, vegetable and protein consumption, at least half of all grains served with school meals must be whole grains and all milk must be fat free.

"We know that nutrition services play a big role in a student's educational success and all of our changes are based on student input as well as a focus on healthy eating," said Ms. Golon.

The marketing consultant will return in the fall to evaluate the program's changes. That work will be funded through another \$4,000 grant from the USDA, Ms. Golon said.

For more information about the coming changes, please contact Nutrition Services at 259-4330.



High school art teacher Tiffany Armoreda paints a mural inside the BCMS cafeteria July 25.

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Clyde Johns feted for reaching 101 years old

Macclenny Nursing and Rehab resident Clyde Johns (center) celebrated his 101st birthday the afternoon of July 18. "We've seen a number of parties at the century mark but never one beyond that," nursing home administrator John Simmons said the following day by e-mail. Mr. Simmons is pictured above next to Mr. Johns with the nursing staff from west wing where Mr. Johns calls home. Mr. Simmons said the nurses "went out of their way to organize and prepare the event for 'papa.'" They enjoyed cake and ice cream and Mr. Johns agreed to have another party next year, Mr. Simmons said.

New Spider-Man picture's un-amazing, but still good

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

As many of you know I am a comic book fan and have watched most of the movies based on comic book characters. Some have been wonderful like *Iron Man* and *The Avengers*, others awful like *The Hulk* and *Superman III*.

Some have been re-branded to make up for earlier movies that were ... well ... less than good. Some didn't help such as *Superman Returns*. Others were terrific like the new Batman films with Christian Bale as the Dark Knight.

The Amazing Spiderman falls somewhere in the middle.

When I first heard they were making it, I didn't understand why. After all, though the original trilogy of films starring Tobey Maguire had their faults, they weren't bad movies. In fact, *Spiderman 2* was very good and featured a riveting performance from Rosemary Harris as Aunt May.

You can tell that in the new film starring Andrew Garfield. Maguire's Peter Parker was a good but troubled kid who is accidentally bitten by a radioactive spider, who becomes a reluctant super hero. What Garfield's portrayal of Peter Parker brings to the screen is a little edgier. Garfield looks younger, more like the teen he is supposed to be portraying and brings impressive acting chops to the screen.

Garfield was a Tony Award nominee this year for his portrayal of Biff in *Death of a Salesman* on Broadway. He knows his way around a script and it shows on

camera. He was also impressive in *Social Network* as the Facebook partner who saw his share in the media giant disappear.

The story is easily recognized. Parker's parents are dead and he is raised by his Aunt May and Uncle Ben. Aunt May is played by Sally Field and Uncle Ben by Martin Sheen. They pale a little in comparison with Harris and Cliff Robertson, but are still solid — particularly Sheen.

What we find out this time around is that Parker's parents were scientists and his dad was working on a way of transferring genes from animals and insects to human to regrow organs or cure diseases like Parkinson's. The work is being carried on by Dr. Curt Connors (Rhys Ifans).

Parker is mooning over a girl — no, not Mary Jane but Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone), the science geek daughter of police captain George Stacy (Denis Leary). She works for Connors and Parker cons his way into an internship to meet his father's old partner.

While in the lab, Parker enters a secured area (obviously not terribly secure) and is bitten. Soon after he begins to manifest changes. Things stick to his skin and his skin to things like walls and doors. His agility and strength increase. Though he can't spit spider webs, he devises a way to do so using some of Connors' corporation's inventions.

The most enjoyable part of the film is Parker learning to use his powers through trial and error. There is a fun scene in which he takes on the school jock in a game of basketball.

The film is quick, stylish and director Marc Webb handles the action scenes well. But that quickness leaves a lot of holes and the film isn't as satisfying as the first *Spiderman*. Stone suffers the same weakness as Kirsten Dunst's Mary Jane — she looks way older than 17. While Garfield is completely convincing as a gawky high school kid, she is not. In all, *The Amazing Spiderman* is enjoyable but can't come close to matching the dark enmity of the new Batman movies. But then again, neither did the comic, so comparing the two is like apples and oranges — or rather, spiders and bats.

I give it a weak 3 out of 4 stars. The movie is rated PG 13.

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VOTE August 14, 2012

GET THE FACTS

As a duly elected county commissioner, it is my responsibility and duty to ensure that you have the most accurate information available to you. I have reviewed the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2013 and I am pleased to report that it is a balanced budget that will ensure the continued growth and development of Baker County. I will continue to work with you to ensure that we have the best possible future for our county.

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In the Business of School Safety and New and Improved Facilities:

- The new Macclenny Elementary was funded and constructed at no cost to local taxpayers.
- The support of Governor Bush was obtained for a red light at SR121/SR228, which insures the safety of all who travel to the new Macclenny Elementary.
- Property security is maintained by local deputies living on school property.
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In the Business of District Finances:

- Administrative costs have been reduced through retirement or relocation.
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LEGAL NOTICES



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012-CA-79
 AURORA BANK FSB, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ANTHONY MAGAZU A/K/A ANTHONY J. MAGAZU et al.
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: NATALIE LANE PAUL A/K/A NATALIE PAUL Last Known Address: 14300 ANJIC LANE, MACCLENNY, FL 32063
 Also Attempted At: 1517 HUNTERS DRIVE, MC KINNEY, TX 75070
 Current Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
 THE NORTH 25.400 FEET OF THE NORTH 565.33 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NE 1/4 SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT THE EAST 231.15 FEET OF SAID NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4, CONTAINS 2.51 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OF OVER AND ACROSS THE WESTERLY 50 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, 8 LESS AND EXCEPT THE EAST 231.15 FEET OF SAID NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4.

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshal C. Watson, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 67TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 on or before August 23, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice in the BAKER COUNTY PRESS and the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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Witness my hand and the seal of this Court this 13th day of July, 2012.

AL FRASER
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Tabitha Wilson
 As Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 02-2012-CF-0015
 IN RE: The Estate of:
 ELLIS M. FRANKS, SR.; a/k/a ELLIS MARVIN FRANKS,
 Plaintiff.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of ELLIS M. FRANKS, SR., deceased, File Number 02-2012-CF-0015, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is July 19, 2012.

ESTER C. STARLING Personal Representative

FRANK E. MALONEY, JR., Esquire
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 445 East Macclenny Avenue
 Macclenny, FL 32063
 Florida Bar No.: 142990
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
 The Baker County District School Board will hold the following PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, August 20, 2012, at the Baker County School Board meeting room located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of the following School Board Policies:
 3.200 Guidelines and Procedures Concerning HIV or other Communicable Diseases (Students and Employees)
 5.020 Non-Discriminatory Admission
 9.040 Use of Facilities

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

The documents will be available for preview at the Superintendent's Office located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida beginning Wednesday, July 18, 2012 (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) on Mondays through Thursdays only due to summer schedule.

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CASE NO. 02-2012-CF-0015
 IN RE: The Estate of:
 ELLIS M. FRANKS, SR.; a/k/a ELLIS MARVIN FRANKS,
 Plaintiff.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of ELLIS M. FRANKS, SR., deceased, File Number 02-2012-CF-0015, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 02-2011-CA-000150
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATHOLDERS, CWABS, INC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-10, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 COLLINGWOOD, CATHERINE, et al.,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 02-2011-CA-000150 of the Circuit Court of the Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATHOLDERS, CWABS, INC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-10, Plaintiff, and COLLINGWOOD, CATHERINE, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House Courthouse, on August 16, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Dated this 10 day of July, 2012.

Al Fraser
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Tabitha Wilson
 As Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 08-000010-CA
 U.S. BANK, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 WILLIAM R. JONES; RACHEL L. JONES; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Judgment dated, 2012, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida, described as:
 LOT 7, BLOCK 3, JERRY W. THOMAS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 42 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 LISTED AS:
 IN RE: ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN CENTRALL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Gloria Jean Centrail, deceased, whose date of death was October 19, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 East Macclenny Avenue #113, Macclenny, FL 32063. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 26, 2012.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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 Florida Bar No. 480339
 Matthew H. Nilsson
 Florida Bar No. 94017
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 02-2011-CA-000194
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVING, LP, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MONALISA MICHELLE BRAY , et al,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 16, 2012, and entered in 2012-CA-000068 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVING, LP is the Plaintiff and BENNY H. LEONARD A/K/A BENNY H. LEONARD, JR.; CONNIE S. LEONARD; BANK OF AMERICA N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT # 1 are the Defendants.

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COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN THENCE N 0° 15' 00" E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 1336.06 FEET; THENCE N 89° 42' 21" W, A DISTANCE OF 1336.06 FEET; THENCE N 0° 15' 00" E ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 413.37 FEET TO 5/8" IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 0° 15' 00" E ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 122.27 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT TO SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE S 89° 42' 21" E STILL ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 262.99 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY MARKED BY A 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE N 0° 15' 00" E STILL ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 262.99 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY MARKED BY A 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE N 89° 42' 21" W, A DISTANCE OF 1056.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

Witness my hand and the seal of this Court on this 10 day of July, 2012.

Al Fraser
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Tabitha Wilson
 As Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-000068
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVING, LP, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MONALISA MICHELLE BRAY , et al,
 Defendants.

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Witness my hand and the seal of this Court on this 10 day of July, 2012.

Al Fraser
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Tabitha Wilson
 As Deputy Clerk

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CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-000068
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVING, LP, Plaintiff,
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Mr. and Mrs. Smith

Celebrating their 65th anniversary!

Elver (Gene) and Catherine Smith of Macclenny celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a luncheon July 21 in their honor hosted by their children and grandchildren at their home.

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NAME: Marilyn Turk
 EXTENT OF INTEREST: 100%
 Signature: Marilyn Turk
 STATE OF FLORIDA
 COUNTY OF BAKER
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of July, 2012.

Al Fraser
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Sherry Dugger
 As Deputy Clerk

My opponent has not done anything to promote the Baker County Republican party. That's the reason I have decided to run. I have the time and the desire to grow our party.

My opponent has told you that your vote will not count and that the race is over. Truth is, it's not over!

My opponent ran an ad last week stating that one of his duties as state committeeman is to act as a liaison between the state executive committee and the county executive committee.

My opponent received written instruction from the RPOF outlining the procedure to run for state committeeman.

My opponent made a political decision not to share this information.

Together we can make a difference - but I need your vote.
On August 14 vote for Danny Norton, State committeeman
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Registration for adult ed, GED prep

Adult basic education and GED preparation classes resume on Monday, August 20 at the Career and Adult Education Center on West Minnesota Ave. in Macclenny.

Daytime classes are Monday through Friday, 9 am-1 pm; evening classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m.

Pre-registration is required between Monday-Friday 8 am-3:30 pm and the fee for adult ed classes is \$30 for in-state.

Several forms can be used to prove residence, among them a current driver's license, Florida ID card, vehicle registration at least a year old, utility bills and others.

Call Wanda Conner, 259-0403 with questions.

'02 class reunion

The 10-year reunion for the BCHS Class of 2002 is set August 18 at 7 pm at Calendars in Macclenny. The cost is \$25 per graduate, \$25 per guest. You must preregister by August 3 to attend.

For more information, please call (904) 334-5777 or visit the reunion's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/2002reunion.

'72 class reunion

The Baker County High School Class of 1972 plans a 40th reunion the evening of September 8 at the BCHS cafeteria.

Please respond to organizers by August 15 so the caterer can plan. Telephone Regina Berger at 259-3259 or Phil Rhoden, 509-4658. Cost is \$20.

Registration for August GED tests

Registration for the August GED testing will be at 6:30 pm on August 7 at the school district's Career and Education Building on West Minnesota in Macclenny.

It is limited to the first 30 registrants and there is a testing fee of \$70, though discounted fees are available for students currently enrolled in the GED prep program with a minimum of 12 hours class time.

The tests will be given Aug. 27, 28 and 29, and the next scheduled ones are in October. Call Wanda Conner, 259-0403 with questions.

Candidate forum is set for July 28 at high school

The Press will hold the first of two election-year candidate forums on Saturday, July 28 in the BCHS auditorium beginning at 3:15 pm with a meet-and-greet between the candidates and the public.

We ask that readers submit questions for the candidates in advance by e-mail to reporter@bakercountypress.com. You can also call 259-2400 or submit your question in writing at our office, 104 S. 5th St. in Macclenny. Questions will remain anonymous and confidential until the forum.

Candidates for school board, county commission and sheriff will be invited to attend and make introductory statements promptly at 4 pm.

The statements will be followed by the question-and-answer session with each group of candidates. Each candidate in the group will have one minute to answer questions in rotating order.

The primary election will be August 14, about two weeks after the first candidate forum. A second forum is planned before the general election in October as well.

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Registration at PreK school

Registration for children attending kindergarten this fall began last April and school officials this week issued a call for parents who have yet to do so to get their children's names on the roll.

Principal Bonnie Jones says they should contact the PreK/K Center as soon as possible at 259-0405.

Ms. Jones stressed that accurate registration roles affect many aspects of planning before the start of a school year. They include bus scheduling, supplies, food service and classroom furnishings.

Registration gives teachers vital information 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 desks and cubby storage spaces with their names.

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

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Woodlawn, Macclenny; one three, a little of everything.

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Friday & Saturday, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, inside, follow signs to
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Powders behind the high school; moving sale-everything must
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Saturday, 8:00 am-noon, 573 Pine Crest Ct., Macclenny.

Saturday, 7:00 am, three-families, 576 Timberlane Dr.; misc.
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Braeden Knight dives into the pool at the First Coast YMCA, Division B swimming championship meet in Jacksonville on July 22. Photos by Chris Knight



Pierce Kirkland during a freestyle race.



Bullets swimmer Jordyn Knight.

Bullets named First Coast champs Swim team wins its division by 340 points

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Baker Bullets swim team sank the opposition on Sunday, July 22 to win the First Coast YMCA B Division championships at the DuPont YMCA.

The Bullets scored 2617 points, outpacing Williams White Sharks by 340 points. They competed in the B Division for smaller Y's, defeating Williams, Johnson, Arlington and St. Augustine teams.

The Bullets took 42 swimmers to the competition, including five who will swim for the high school's Wildcats in their inaugural season with a swim team.

"We are excited for this fall and the first ever team at our high school," said coach Andy Johnston. Jonathan Mobley, Ashton Ray, Andrea Clark, Kelsey Crain and Logan Todd competed in the 13-14 and senior divisions and will move on to the Wildcat swim team.

"They came out with a strong desire to win this championship," coach Trevor Nelson said of the Bullets. "I had emphasized this since the beginning of the season."

The Bullets fielded 16 swimmers in the 11-12 age division with Ethan Knight, Karlee Nelson, Kyrie Holman, Lorian Bliss, Danielle Hardin, Kali Faulk and Alaina Crawford teaching the podium with first, second or

third place medals.

The 9-10 year olds were led by Braeden Knight, Landon Prevatt and Alexandria Hill; while Hannah Peterson, Carson Shedd, Jack Putney, Jesse Harter and Jordyn Knight were among the winners in the younger divisions.

Nelson was thrilled by the improvement the team made over the course of the season leading up to an outstanding showing in the championship when it counted most.

"All swimmers showed marked improvement throughout the year," he said following the meet. He said Tyler Hardin knocked 30 seconds off his 50-yard butterfly time and Kelsey Crain trimmed 7 seconds from her 100-yard individual medley time.

Nelson's comments were echoed by Coach Ann Hardin, who complimented the players on their sportsmanship. "They take pride in their abilities by winning races but throughout the season our swimmers were recognized for going out of their way to congratulate and shake hands with their opponents," she said.

Winners included Braeden Knight (9-10, 100-yard freestyle, 50 butterfly, 100 intermediate medley), Ashton Ray (13-14, 100 freestyle, 100 butterfly), Ethan Knight (11-12, 100 freestyle, 50 breast stroke, 100 intermediate

medley, or IM), Alexandria Hill (9-10, 100 freestyle, 50 breaststroke), Tyler Wilkerson (7-8, 50 freestyle), Jonathan Mobley (senior, 100 breaststroke, 50 freestyle, 100 yard IM), Logan Todd (13-14, 100 breaststroke), Karlee Nelson (11-12, 50 breaststroke, 100 IM), Carson Shedd (7-8, 25 breaststroke, 25 backstroke), Jack Putney (6 & under, 25 breaststroke, 25 backstroke), Andrea Clark (senior, 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly, 50 freestyle), Lorian Bliss (11-12, 50 backstroke, 50 freestyle), Kyrie Holman (11-12, 50 butterfly), Hannah Peterson (9-10, 50 butterfly, 50 freestyle), Jesse Harter (7-8, 25 butterfly), Jordyn Knight (6 & under, 25 butterfly).

Second place finishes included Logan Todd, Landon Prevatt, Jesse Harter, Kelsea Crain, Karlee Nelson, Amanda Cruz, Danielle Hardin, Tyler Hardin, Tyler Wilkerson, Kaelin Kuester, Kyrie Holman, Hannah Peterson and Ashton Ray.

Third place medals went to Jordyn Knight, Jesse Harter, Kali Faulk, Danielle Hardin, Landon Prevatt, Hannah Peterson, Caroline Cooper, Will Wiggins, Samantha Dillard, Tyler Hardin, Hannah Johnston, Brianna Thornton, Alexandria Hill and Kelsea Crain.

Relay winners included Ethan Knight, Kyrie Holman, Karlee

Nelson and Danielle Hardin in the mixed 11-12 year old, 200-yard medley; Braeden Knight, Ashton Ray, Jonathan Mobley and Andrea Clark in the mixed 200 medley; Lorian Bliss, Dillon Ray, Kali Faulk and Alaina Crawford in the mixed 11-12, 200 medley; Amanda Cruz, Hannah Peterson, Brianna Thornton and Alexandria Hill in the girls 9-10, 200 medley; Kylie Voytko, Pierce Kirkland, Tyler Hardin and Will Wiggins in the boys 9-10, 200 medley; Ethan and Braeden Knight, Ashton Ray and Jonathan Mobley in the mixed 200 freestyle; Kali Faulk, Alaina Crawford, Matt Voytko and Karlee Nelson in the mixed 11-12 freestyle; Alexandria Hill, Amanda Cruz, Emily Ossmann and Hannah Peterson in the 9-10 200 freestyle; Will Wiggins, Pierce Kirkland, Kyle Voytko and Tyler Hardin in the 9-10 200 freestyle; Tyler Wilkerson, Jack Putney, Jesse Harter and Carson Shedd in the 8 & under 100 freestyle.

"We have come a long way since our first season with only 13 swimmers," said Coach Alice Oswald. "They make such tremendous progress over the course of the summer season. Many arrive with just a hint of a real swimming stroke or convinced that underwater swimming is all there is to know. I am so proud of the Baker Bullets."



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55 lbs. of flathead cat

James Box of Macclenny (right) hauled in this 55-pound catfish near New Madrid, MO on July 17 using a baited line attached to a tree on the bank of a slough not far from the Mississippi River. Mr. Box, a longtime fishing enthusiast and ex-resident of Southeast Missouri, is pictured with Donnie Wolford of Sikeston, MO at a bait store where they weighed the monster cat. Flatheads are said to have the tastiest meat of all catfish, and can weigh up to 120 pounds. They normally live to about 20 years.

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Church league blooming

Church volleyball has been keeping local athletes busy all summer long with good competition and fellowship. The league started play in early June and has been going strong despite having to dodge around adverse weather conditions.

There are two important tournaments coming up in the next couple of weeks that will help determine the winners for the summer league.

The youth will compete on Aug. 2 and 3 and the adults will tip off on Aug 6-10.

The league is split into two divisions, leisure and competitive with teams for youth and adults.

This season there are 11 competitive teams. First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary fields three teams and Raiford Road also has three teams. First Baptist of Macclenny has two teams and there are teams from Christian Fellowship Temple, Destiny's People and Sanderson Christian Revival Center.

The leisure division is larger with from churches around the entire county.

"The adult leisure is so large we had to split it in two this year," said Missy Whitehead who organizes the league. "We roughly estimate that we've got around 580 people playing in the different leagues."

Whitehead has been playing since 1995 and has seen it grow and the facilities improve. "When I was starting out we had poles and had to set up the nets before each game. Now we have the sand pits near the baseball fields and play twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays."

There is a natural difference between the leisure and competitive leagues. Whitehead describe the leisure leagues as "like playing with your family," while the competitive league is just that - competitive, with spiking allowed. But both leagues stress the fellowship



Blake Rowan spikes the ball.



Canaan Combs and Jordan Craven watch Sarah Gibson hit.

and ministry as much as the play.

The game opens and closes with a prayer and the players and coaches try to maintain their faith throughout the games. Sometimes there are speakers or a band will perform.

"We try to witness through our actions on and off the field," said Lew Boyette, the coach of CFT. "If a player makes a mistake or hits a bad shot we try to be encouraging rather than sitting them down."

This is Boyette's first year with the league and it has been a learning experience.

"We're 7-5, which is a lot better than I thought we'd be doing since this is our first year playing together."

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Youths win minor league all-stars

The minor league all star team shown above defeated another group of minor league all-stars last month to win the minor league title. The all-star players were selected from six Baker County Little League teams. The final game was the two all-star squads ended 20-3 in the fourth inning. Pictured in the photo above (not in order) are Tyce Moore, Kyle Holton, Colton Avera, Javen Nicholas, Timmy Seymour, Colby Sutton, Tyler Hardin, Wyatt Crockett, Brock Walker, Will Canaday, Bryer Walker and Easton Johnson. Coaches pictured in the rear (from left) are Billy Crockett, Thurman Walker and Mitch Canaday.

Sport's dark side shown in PA, UK

Sports can be a force for good or bad, and we saw a lot of that this week. The NCAA hit Penn State with unprecedented sanctions, Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos reached out to their community and the Israelis stared history in the face.

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The NCAA hit Penn State with a series of stiff penalties for their covering up the Jerry Sandusky sexual abuse. The NCAA imposed a \$60 million fine and removed 20 scholarships for the next four years. PSU will not be allowed to play in bowl games for four years and all their games were invalidated since the 1998 season. The university removed the statue of iconic coach Joe Paterno for his involvement in the cover-up.

It was the most punitive measure taken by college sports' governing body since 1987 when Southern Methodist University was hit with the so-called "death penalty" for a decade of recruiting violations and other abuses. The penalties will impact PSU for years to come. SMU is only now beginning to climb its way back into prominence.

My friend Denny Courson, host of Gators and More on WJXL 1010 AM, had an insightful comment about the penalties.

"The death penalty would have been less severe," said Courson. "Penn State's football program may never recover from this. Good for the NCAA for making this statement."

Whether the Lions recover depends on the will of the university to continue its football program. What I hope is that most of that \$60 million fine finds its way into the hands of those victimized by Sandusky and not the coffers of the NCAA.

Quarterback Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos have been calling and visiting the victims of the theater shoot-

ing in Aurora, Colorado. Though the NFL players can't bring back those killed or comfort the wounded and traumatized, it does show that NFL teams are a big part of the community.

It reminds me of the Auburn football team rallying around their traditional opponents from Alabama after the terrible tornado in Tuscaloosa. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if former Bronco Tim Tebow hadn't made some calls of his own. Seems like the sort of thing he would do.

Sports is supposed to be apolitical but we all know that it is not the case. From the boycotts of the 1980 and 1984 Olympics to the terrorist killings of Israeli athletes in 1972, the Olympics seems to be a place where politics and sports unfortunately mix.

There have been three terrorist arrests near the Olympic Village in London over the last three weeks and the Israelis stepped up security around their own team as the opening ceremonies draw closer. It's too bad that we can't just relax and enjoy the best in sports without being reminded of the world's dark side.

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• Benefit •
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(dinners to go will also be served)

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