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'Sexting' teen gets 23 yr. old two years

A circuit judge on February 19 sentenced a Macclenny man to two years in state prison for sending obscene images to a 15-year-old girl during a period of several days in July of last year.

The state dropped a charge of obscene communication against Buddy Duane Champion Jr. in return for his no contest plea. Judge Mark Moseley



Buddy Champion

also ordered the defendant to serve two years on probation following release and gave him credit for 124 days in county jail.

Mr. Champion, 23, will also be subject to a psycho-sexual evaluation based on his actions during a more than two week period during which he engaged in lewd communication with the girl via text and also transmitted lewd photos of himself.

He has a criminal record that includes theft, burglary and resisting police.

In other cases that court session, Judge Moseley ordered Chester Hadley, 25, of Sanderson to prison for 15 months for failure to register a change of address. Mr. Hadley is a sexual offender with a past offense of lewd conduct with a female under 17 years old, and thus is required to apprise authorities of his place of residence.

The state dropped a companion charge of failure to register in the county as a sex offender.

• Brian Hance, 29, will serve a sentence of one year and one week after pleading no contest to sale of hydromorphine to an undercover buyer at his residence west of Glen St. Mary in May, 2012. The state dropped a drug possession count as part of the plea bargain.

• Marleon Farmer admitted to violating probation from an earlier case by being arrested in December and also drew a one

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County commission affirms its support of gun rights

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County inmate costs driving deficit

New jail sold as 'money-maker' still years away from paying off

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In recent years Baker County's crime rate has dropped but its inmate population in county jail has not. It's been growing and draining the county's once healthy rainy-day fund in the process.

Since the new Baker County Sheriff's Complex opened in June 2009, the annual deficit in the county's fine and forfeiture fund, which covers corrections, law enforcement and other related costs, has steadily grown to \$3.9 million.

In the four years between 2007-08 and 2011-12, the deficit more than doubled.

Part of that jump is due to the higher daily rate the county pays per inmate at the new 500-bed facility — roughly \$85 per day or \$40 more than the rate at the former jail adjacent to the courthouse. But the rising local prisoner population, which has been expanding about 10 percent per year, is also stressing the fine and forfeiture fund.

The fund is fed mostly by property taxes but also fines and proceeds from seizures.



Daily local inmate average: 130

Per day inmate cost: \$85

County's daily cost: \$11,050

County's yearly cost: \$4 million

During one day of county court this month, defendants were ordered to serve 451 days in county jail at a cost of nearly \$38,000 to local taxpayers. A day of circuit court netted six defendants 782 days, which will cost the public roughly \$66,000.

Then there's all the time spent by local residents who land in the jail prior

to sentencing. On any given day, there's about 130 county prisoners, which costs \$11,050 per day or \$4 million per year.

The fine and forfeiture fund's shortfall is offset annually by moving money from the county's general fund at the end of the fiscal year, which contributes greatly to the county's overall budget deficit.

Clerk of Courts Al Fraser said that

budget gap has been sucking about \$1.5 million annually from county savings in recent years. The reserve balance once stood at \$11 million but today has fallen below the \$5 million mark.

The county's current annual budget is \$28.2 million and Mr. Fraser expects

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Investigation • Victim's parents REDUX • seek re-opening of '83 murder case

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Sheriff Joey Dobson recently reopened the nearly three-decades-old murder case of a young man bludgeoned to death and dumped in the woods south of Macclenny.

The victim's mother, Marty Green Wallace of Tennessee and formerly a nursing supervisor at the Fraser emergency room in the 1980s, contacted the sheriff in January and requested the case be reexamined.

Ms. Wallace said she's finally ready to talk publicly about the murder of her 19-year-old son, Arthur Lewis Green, Jr., and revisit perhaps the most tragic event in her life.

Mr. Green moved from his father's home in Albany, GA to live with his sister, Donna Cooper Pullem, on West Ivey Street in Macclenny. He worked at a gas station at South 6th Street and US 90, known as the Direct Oil station.

About a month after he went missing — not returning home or showing up for work — a couple collecting aluminum cans found Mr. Green's remains in a logging road ditch in the woods between SR 121 and CR 125 about 5 miles south of Macclenny the evening of September 30, 1983.

"After a few weeks, there wasn't



Lt. Brad Dougherty with case file on the murder of Arthur L. Green Jr., pictured at right. PHOTOS BY JOEL ADDINGTON

much left," Ms. Wallace, 69, said of the remains. "He was covered by a large truck or heavy equipment tire."

The victim's bones were found among those of a cow carcass as well.

Physical evidence from the scene, including a red hatchet and other items, were in the custody of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement last week.

Sheriff Dobson said his department, specifically Lt. Brad Dougherty, who is assigned to the case, will be reviewing that evidence and the sheriff's office case file in the coming weeks and months.

"We're just beginning to get started," said Lt. Dougherty. The file contains documents related to interviews conducted by the late Archie Roberson, who originally investigated the murder, polygraph test results, the medical examiner's autopsy report and other information.

Lt. Dougherty said he's investigated other murder cases, including those of Aaron Fox and Melanie Jackson, who were handed 50-year and life sentences, respectively in recent years; but never one as old as the Green case.

The victim's parents say they were given very little information during the initial investigation and hope a second look by police and the public will turn up new leads.

"When I went to identify him a month or so later, the medical examiner determined he had multiple skull fractures from a pry bar. That was all we ever knew," said Ms. Wallace. "They always said they were on the verge of an arrest but nothing ever happened. We thought it had to do with buying pot or something. He did smoke pot occasionally, but police said it had nothing to do with drugs, and I don't know why."

Ms. Wallace speculated that her son may have been involved with people in the marijuana trade who were connected with authorities. Her ex-husband and the victim's father, Art Green Sr., also believes local police could have been involved.

"The whole sheriff's office fought me the whole way ...," said Mr. Green, referring to his quest in the years following the murder to obtain records related to the investigation. "I don't think they wanted to solve it."

Nonetheless, the sheriff's office did add \$500 to the \$2000 reward being offered by the family for information that would solve the murder.

Ms. Wallace hopes that enough time has passed since her son's death that someone with information about the case may come forward.

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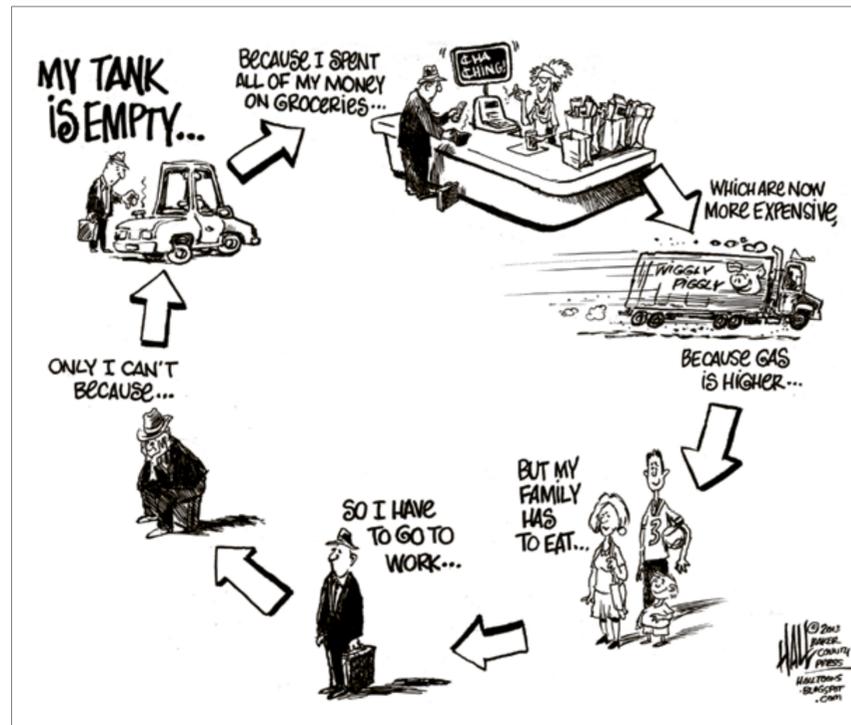
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nelson's non-answer

Dear Editor:

Since the gun control issue resurfaced, I have repeatedly called and written to Sen. Bill Nelson about specific concerns. He keeps sending me, and others in our county, the same e-mail.

"He's a hunter, supports the Second Amendment, assault ban and limit 10 round clip."

He doesn't answer specific questions. First, the Second Amendment has nothing to do with hunting. Hunting is a state issue. Second, people who have sustained home invasions needs more than a 10-round clip, as in the recent case in west Jacksonville.

No answer, no response. Finally, a worker in his Jacksonville office spoke the truth: 'Maam, you're getting the answer that DC has chosen, not answers to your questions.'

So, for all those who voted for Bill Nelson, thanks. When you vote for people like Nelson, you and your children will lose their rights. Don't vote for incumbents just because their names are familiar.

Kate Svagdis
Macclenny

County's 'shining star'

Dear Editor:

We have a "shining star" in Baker County in Macclenny Nursing and Rehab. I was recently sent there after open heart surgery and what a blessing it was! I've never encountered such dedicated and professional employees. The camaraderie of everyone is so

refreshing. Every department had a positive influence on my recovery, and home cooked meals were an added plus.

I am healing wonderfully and it is due to the exceptional care I received there.

Judy Gentile
Glen St. Mary

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Oh, those wild and crazy dentists

I have a toothache. Ouch!

Actually, I have more than a toothache — a whole face ache. My face is swollen from my neck to my eye. Not to the point that I look like a blowfish, but it's enough to make me talk funny, look even funnier than usual and be miserable.

Supposedly, the dentist is going to try and work me in for a root canal on Friday. To give you an idea of how this feels, I'm actually looking forward to a root canal.

So, why am I telling you my troubles? Not because I like to gripe and complain — though my wife claims I do, but because it brings me to this week's column — dental procedures I have known.

That doesn't sound like much of a topic for a humor column, but I always manage to have unusual things happen in the dentist chair.

I'm not one with terrible dental anxiety. I've been known to fall asleep in the chair while they work on my mouth. At one point, a dentist woke me up to see if I was okay. They thought I'd passed out.

My first dentist when I moved to Macclenny was Dick Johnson. He is a friend, but I recall a trip to the dentist's office that Dick probably would rather forget.

I had a particularly bad molar and Dick decided that the best bet was to yank it. Of course dentists like all true professionals don't use words like "yank." He had to "extract" it.

That's what he thought. The truth was he had to yank it.

Ordinarily pulling a tooth doesn't take that long. They numb you and pull it out. Sometimes it breaks and comes out in pieces. This tooth was stubborn with four roots that were all gnarly and wrapped around each other. I'm convinced the roots were wrapped around my spinal column.

Dick pulled, he twisted, he pulled some more. He worked at this tooth and it fought back. He stopped to catch his breath. He went at it again. It was like a

15-round prize fight. By round 12 Dick was sweating.

Finally, he shook his head, put a knee on my lap, grasped the pliers with both hands and yanked. The tooth came out. If it didn't he was going to tie a string to the door handle and slam it like in the old cowboy movies. Either that

or use dynamite. I didn't fall asleep that day.

Dynamite reminds me of my least pleasant dental memory. I was getting a bridge on one of my lower teeth, and it was time to put on the permanent. Or so we all thought.

I was going to a dentist in Jacksonville at the time and I guess when he put the temporary on he used the kind of cement used for driveways and backyard basketball courts. It wouldn't budge.

It looked like a repeat of the Dr. Dick scene, but no. Instead, he looked at his nurse and straight-faced said, "Get the blowtorch."

I had about 12 shots of Novocaine in me so I didn't really care what he did and I chuckled at his funny joke.

Only it wasn't a joke. She brought him a blowtorch.

At which point, I spoke up. "Murph furlaruph graturf mutaloo!" That roughly translates to "Are you out of your mind?"

You'd think he'd understand Novocaine since he was a dentist, but he ignored me and — Swooosh! — fired up the blowtorch. I almost came out of the chair.

The nurse assured me it would be okay. Okay for her maybe, but this guy is six inches from my mouth with a flaming blowtorch.

I was ... concerned. And cornered at the same time.

As it worked out, he heated some kind of metal probe and put it against the temporary tooth to melt the glue. All's well that end's well, as Shakespeare would say.

I hope there are no blowtorches in the picture for Friday.

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

Sequestration: fear mongering and bad theater

IMPRESSIONS
Jim McGauley

It's all political theater — and bad theater at that.

The idea that Washington, both the legislative and executive branches, expect the taxpayer public to take them seriously when they drone on about the necessity of "cutting spending" is absurd on its face.

These are the people who, over the past 100 years (next month) since Woodrow Wilson was elected president, have brought us to where our federal agencies spend at least a trillion dollars more every year than the government takes in.

And now they're out there this week braying about how \$85 billion in spending cuts next fiscal year will be the death of us all. That's \$85 billion in a \$3.8 trillion budget, \$1 trillion of which we'll have to borrow from the Chinese or other sources purchasing our treasury bills backed by money that the federal government is printing and pumping into the market.

Get that? Ever notice that when government spending is targeted — at all levels — they trot out predictions designed to scare you?

"Well okay, if we have to cut more, there will be fewer police and firemen."

Fewer teachers, less money for schools, more pollution, school kids won't eat, senior citizens dining on cat food.

President Obama, he who governs not on substance but on knocking down straw men and staging photo ops and visuals, yacks on in front of a group of uniformed whatever dutifully standing there (likely on taxpayer time and travel) in great fear of losing their jobs and making our lives less safe.

Ever see him, or any President for that matter, stage the same event with, say, etymologists or pizza dough makers in the background? Nope. Nothing scary there.

Getting back to what we now call *sequestration*, do you honestly believe that after March 1 the loss of \$85 billion (about 2.4% of the total projected budget) will send this country down the tubes? Mind you, this is a federal government whose own analysts estimate has \$115 billion in pure waste and double payments built into the system right now.

And consider this, even with sequestration the government will spend more next year than this. What they're cutting back is the rate of increase.

Here's what will send the country down the tubes: continued \$1 trillion annual deficits (even before Obamacare kicks in) and the refusal to reform the biggest cause of them — entitlements. If your governing plan doesn't include those, you're not serious. Better yet, you're not fit for a position of authority in Congress or anywhere else.

Something else to consider this week amid all this pointless fussing. Private business had to *sequester* five years ago, and you didn't hear nary a peep about it. Most of us cut back far in excess of 2.4% and we did it because we had to.

And many of us are still dealing with that collapse in 2007 which, if you must know, was precipitated by the bottom falling out of the housing market and resulting financial collapse of big lenders who peddled derivatives consisting of home mortgages held by people who should never have been given mortgages.

And why were they? Because of mandates from Washington, both Congress and the executive branches. Basically the same players in charge now.

Get it?

Facebook fans
'What you had to say ...'

Renovations to the old Food Lion space on South 6th Street to make way for the arrival of the Tractor Supply Co. location coming to Macclenny recently began. We turned to Facebook last week to break the news and asked readers about their thoughts on the change. Here's a look at what they had to say:

Jason Hooker: Cant wait! Glad to finally get a decent and affordable hardware store.

Dennis Whelan: Can't wait, will save trips to other towns.

Sandy Bryant: I think it will just destroy the existing stores that have always been here, and will do anything for you. Do you think the tractor supply people will care if you have a fire, think they will care if you have a death? I know Benny Joe has helped a lot of people in this county, and people should stay loyal. No, I will continue to go to Bennetts. If I go to tractor supply, it will be to look only!

Sue Haugre: Can't wait, about time.

Marcia L. King: Not sure if Macclenny is ready for progress. Stay tuned.

Walter Kelly Crews: I like to support local business owners and have been a patron of them all in our county, but don't make them a martyr. Bennetts's Feed, Glen Cash Store and more especially Ace Hardware have banked on the fact that people either don't want to or can't get to Jacksonville for supplies and the prices have always exploited that fact. Maybe a little more competition will ultimately help the customers of our town.

Bryce Thomas: I love the free market system. Competition is a great thing.

AshleyandGary Kennedy: I think we need a Publix or Target.

Cindy Clark Rhoden: I agree AshleyandGary Kennedy, I think a Publix or Target would be fantastic. I love shopping at Publix.

Matthew Barfield: I think tractor supply will be open past 6pm?

Melissa Elaine Haines: I would love to see a Publix come to town.

JoAnne Burger: PUBLIX PLEASE!

Charles Jackson Parker Presnell: I think it is wonderful Baker County needs all it can get. Maybe someday a Home Depot.

Lynne Bolen: Tractor Supply has a variety of things Bennetts & Ace don't. I've shopped the stores in Jax and even Ocala. Bennetts's has better prices on a good number of items, feed is better priced too. I think they all have a niche here.

Pam Clark: Any new business helps with new jobs for Macclenny. Bring on new businesses and big name restaurants.

Jerome Reimer Sr.: How long till it opens?

The Baker County Press Weather Feb. 28, 2013

Seven Day Forecast	
Thursday Sunny High: 66 Low: 36	Friday Mostly Sunny High: 59 Low: 35
Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 55 Low: 29	Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 53 Low: 30
Monday Sunny High: 63 Low: 39	Tuesday Sunny High: 66 Low: 42
Wednesday Sunny High: 70 Low: 44	

Today's High & Low Temperatures	
Jasper 65/36	Callahan 66/37
Watertown 66/36	Baldwin 67/37
High Springs 66/38	Starke 67/37
Fernandina Beach 64/43	Jacksonville 66/42
Atlantic Beach 67/45	St. Augustine 67/43

Sun/Moon Chart This Week				
Last 3/4	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	First 3/19
	Thursday	6:55 a.m.	6:27 p.m.	
	Friday	6:54 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	
	Saturday	6:53 a.m.	6:29 p.m.	
	Sunday	6:52 a.m.	6:29 p.m.	
New 3/11	Monday	6:51 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	Full 3/27
	Tuesday	6:50 a.m.	6:31 p.m.	
	Wednesday	6:49 a.m.	6:31 p.m.	

St. Mary's River Levels		Hunting/Fishing Times	
Moniac, GA	Now 7.82 ft. Change +2.23 ft.	Day	Peak Times
Macclenny	8.29 ft. +5.44 ft.	Thu	12:52-2:52 1:22-3:22
		Fri	1:42-3:42 2:12-4:12
		Sat	2:36-4:36 3:06-5:06
		Sun	3:31-5:31 4:01-6:01
		Mon	4:29-6:29 4:59-6:59
		Tue	5:27-7:27 5:57-7:57
		Wed	6:26-8:26 6:56-8:56

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New jail: inmate costs driving deficits

From page 1
The county will once again end the fiscal year on September 30 in the red.

The sales pitch
The former county jail, built in the 1970s, was expanded over the years to a capacity of more than 130 beds, though the structure routinely housed more prisoners. The facility was ailing before the sheriff's office got its new home in 2009 and the condition only worsened after the department's exit.

The old jail sat vacant until the county secured a half-million-dollar grant in 2010 to upgrade its roof, heating and air conditioning, a small cell block to hold court defendants and the front office area once occupied by sheriff's personnel.

Meanwhile, taxpayers shouldered an increasingly larger bill for keeping criminals off the streets. But unlike in years past, the county could no longer reap the budgetary benefits of housing federal prisoners at a publicly-owned facility.

For more than two decades the U.S. Marshals Service housed its prisoners at the old county jail, which helped offset the county's costs for housing its own inmates. But as the local prisoner numbers grew, they began crowding out the so-called "boarders" from other agencies.

Eight years ago Sheriff Joey Dobson was sounding the alarm — space for the boarders was shrinking and with it county revenues.

The sheriff reminded county commissioners in October of 2006 — while lobbying for his plan to build the new jail and sheriff's complex — that his department returned about \$728,000 to county coffers when the fiscal year ended that year.

It wasn't as much money as he anticipated, Sheriff Dobson said, because the department was running out of space at the existing facility and more could be realized if additional space was available.

Enter the sheriff's new plan, one that would construct a much larger facility to house hundreds of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees for about \$45 million.

The county commission, and by extension taxpayers, would not have to borrow or assume any liability for the financing, should the county help create an independent non-profit corporation to sell tax-free bonds to fund

the project and oversee repayment through 2030.

There was already a small South Florida community of about 11,000 people — Glades County — employing the same strategy.

"We have the opportunity to be on the ground floor of an excellent program that we could build our facility, have ICE inmates for it ... and pay for it," Sheriff Dobson told county commissioners, minutes from an October 3, 2006 workshop show.

County officials, including the sheriff, former county manager Joe Cone and commissioners, began meeting with ICE representatives and a New Jersey-based investment firm's manager, Jim Swan, who would sell the bonds.

Once the bonds were paid off, the county would own the facility free and clear. Plus, the sheriff told commissioners, any money left over each year could be returned to the county.

According to minutes from another October, 2006 commission meeting, when Sheriff Dobson was asking the board to adopt a resolution in support of creating the nonprofit, he said the county would have to pay the same daily rate for its inmates as ICE, but it would also receive any profit or excess revenue generated by the project on an annual basis.

The following is an excerpt from those minutes showing a conversation between Sheriff Dobson, county attorney Terry Brown, who was later hired by the nonprofit, and former county commissioner Alex Robinson, who now serves on the nonprofit's board of directors:

Mr. Brown: The Glades County facility is not receiving any profit on an annual basis?
Sheriff Dobson: Yes they will, once the buckets are full and they are up and running. Then they can write a check back to the county for whatever.

Mr. Brown: We can set it up so that the corporate profits each year get paid back to either the department of law enforcement or whatever.
Mr. Robinson: But you do not have to wait until all the bonds are paid?

Sheriff Dobson: No and that is the same question I asked and Mr. Swan [bond salesman] said that is what it is all about, making money for the commissioners.

That was the plan at least.

No excess revenue

In December, 2006 county commissioners adopted the resolution and agreed to supply a \$200,000 loan to create the Baker Correctional Development Corporation (BCDC) the following year.

The bonds were sold in early 2008 and the corporation purchased 92 acres north of Macclenny on which to build the project.

Six acres of the tract were deeded to the county as repayment for the seed money. The jail and sheriff's complex occupies about 20 acres of the tract.

BCDC, which needed more money than anticipated for utility infrastructure, later approached the county for another loan of about \$195,000.

An agreement with the county commission was drawn up to outline the terms of repayment but also to address what would happen with any excess revenue BCDC might have at the end of each fiscal year.

That contract, approved by commissioners in 2009, allows the county to either accept the surplus funds — which are whatever remains after all operational expenses, bond-related costs and reserve thresholds are met — or apply the money to early retirement of the bonds.

Once completed in 2009, however, the new jail was slow to fill up.

ICE inmates were coming, but not as many as originally projected. It took a few years before their numbers rose enough to meet BCDC's initial expectations. In the meantime, the nonprofit was cutting expenses, deferring principle payments on the bonds and struggling to keep the project afloat.

Today BCDC is more financially secure with the facility about 80 percent full. But even though it's now making full bond payments on schedule and has nearly wiped away other debts incurred during the first years of operation, BCDC finance manager Jeffrey Cox pointed to other obligations it's been neglecting.

The nonprofit's bond reserve fund is supposed to have \$3.7 million, but it stands below \$2 million today.

BCDC is also supposed to keep about \$3 million, or three months of operating expenses, in "cash on hand." But Mr. Cox said BCDC has been carrying just \$20,000 in its checking account from month to month.

Then there's the annual property insurance premium, about

\$170,000, that BCDC has been financing over 10 months because it lacked enough money to pay it all at once. Doing so and boosting BCDC's repair and maintenance spending as the facility ages will both shrink any excess revenues in the future, Mr. Cox said.

His boss, Brian Bishop, the sheriff's office administrative chief, said it will likely be "several years" before the BCDC can remit any surpluses to the county.

He declined to estimate when that may occur, fearing he would be held accountable if his projection didn't pan out.

The model: Glades County

Glades County in south Florida formed the Glades Correctional Development Corporation a few years ahead of Baker County's nonprofit by the same name. It served as the model for the new jail project.

Both projects used Mr. Swan of Bergen Capital to sell the tax free bonds. The Bank of Oklahoma served as trustee for the bond money on both projects. ICE officials, who said they needed more beds for immigration detainees but couldn't guarantee delivery of detainees in writing, encouraged both projects. They even used the same Tallahassee architect, Clemons Rutherford & Associates, to design the jails.

But there have been some differences in how the projects played out.

Glades County's population is less than half of Baker County's, so the local inmate pool there is much smaller. Officials in Glades estimated they house only 30 locals per day versus about 130 per day here.

As such, Glades County has not needed to transfer money from elsewhere in its budget to cover local inmate housing costs, despite the daily rate jumping 33 percent after the new facility opened, according to Glades County Manager Larry Hilton.

There's also been no pressure for the Glades nonprofit to pay out money to the county, said the nonprofit's registered agent Robert Demann, a chief with the sheriff's office there.

Mr. Hilton said he didn't expect any revenue from the project either, until the bonds are retired.

"We haven't heard any talk of that so far," he said. "What they're doing now is paying off the bonds and we're getting equity in the building."

The daily rate and associated costs to Baker and Glades coun-

ties are expected to rise in the future, however.

Mr. Demann said ICE currently pays about \$80 per day but negotiations in the near future may push it above \$100. He said that ICE could start requiring more amenities for its detainees at the same time. The most recent amenity mandated was a barber shop on the premises.

Mr. Bishop, the sheriff's administrative chief here, also expects ICE to renegotiate its rate with BCDC upwards, as the federal agency has done in other county's in Florida.

Those negotiations will take place this year.

A rate increase would also increase the county's bill for housing locals, because the rates for a single facility cannot differ based on where the inmates originate.

Mr. Demann said a court case in New Jersey made that very clear.

He said several towns were sharing a jail and boarding ICE prisoners at a higher rate than locals, but the court ruled the towns could no longer charge a premium for immigration detainees.

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Swerving motorist charged with DUI

A Glen St. Mary man was arrested for drunk driving the evening of February 19 after a county deputy followed his Ford Ranger swerving in and out of its traffic lane in north Macclenny.

Deputy Koty Crews said Jeffrey Doss, 24, appeared to be disoriented and unsteady on his feet when he exited the vehicle shortly after 10 p.m. He failed several field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol level later at county jail measured .133. The state considers anything above .08 as intoxicated.

In another case involving alcohol, Ryan Giordano, 27, of Macclenny was arrested outside the Sixth St. Steakhouse the afternoon of February 22 for disorderly intoxication.

The suspect's mother called police about 1:30 after her son, who is listed as a cook at the restaurant, refused to leave and persisted in asking her for money that she believed he would use to purchase drugs.

Mr. Giordano was arrested in Macclenny for possession of crack cocaine on February 17 and was released on bond two days before the latest arrest.

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BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Vote affirms 2nd Amendment 'Sense of the board' pushed by Giddens

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

County Commissioner Adam Giddens wasn't exactly going out on a shaky political limb when he introduced a resolution at the recent board meeting to publicly express support for the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

After all, the commissioner reasoned, a great number of people in rural Baker County are probably patriotic hunters, like himself, and don't want the federal government imposing further restrictions on the right passed to them by the nation's forefathers.

"In Baker County, I would pretty much guarantee you that 99 percent of the people support the Second Amendment," Mr. Giddens said in an interview on the afternoon of February 26.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by commissioners during the board meeting on February 18 following a nationwide movement calling for stricter firearms controls after the mass murders at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT.

Mr. Giddens first mentioned the resolution proposal two weeks earlier when he asked whether other commissioners would support it. All agreed that they would, including Commissioner Jimmy Anderson who said last week that it was a sad day when the commission has to feel the need to make an expression of support for the Constitution.

"Not only do a lot of folks in Baker County use guns for hunting, but they also use them to protect our homes," Mr. Giddens said, adding that he believes the resolution "is representative of our community."

He said nobody had directly asked him to sponsor such a resolution, but he had received several e-mails from constituents containing links to other local governing bodies across the nation that had already adopted similar measures.

"Since the shooting in Connecticut and other mass shootings around the country, there's been a lot of anti-gun argument," Mr. Giddens said, acknowledging that the resolution isn't likely to have any impact in Washington.

"I know it's not going to reach the President's desk," he said. "There's really nothing we can do but create more awareness. We (in Baker County) still believe in the Constitu-

tion."

He noted that numerous officials recently have come out publicly in support of the Constitutional right of citizens to own firearms, including Jacksonville Sheriff John Rutherford.

"I just thought our board could put out a resolution of support, too," said Mr. Giddens, an avid hunter who said he does not own any assault-style weapons, but does own about 20

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-Adam Giddens

County commissioner on his pro-gun resolution

hunting rifles, shotguns and handguns.

As an afterthought, he said if the number of guns he owns was going to be included in this news article that he wanted people to know his weapons were kept in a "gigantic, tank safe."

Also during the February 18 board meeting commissioners:

- Tentatively agreed to seek a hazard mitigation grant from the federal government to help local governments with expenses related to damage caused last year by Tropical Storm Debby. The federal government has allocated \$284,505 to Baker County, but the county would have to put up a 25 percent match, or \$71,126.

County officials said the money could be used to help dig ditches and install culverts along CR 250, which would allow emergency responders quicker access to the Northwestern portion of the county and help prevent bridges from being flooded or damaged by rising floodwaters.

Lt. Adam Faircloth of the Baker County Sheriff's Office told commissioners that grant applications, including one for the City of Macclenny, had already been submitted and "now we just have to wait to see if the grant is funded."

Court: 2 years for 'sexting' Correction

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year, seven day term. He pleaded no contest to possession of controlled drugs, the violation of fence.

• Jessie Gibson Jr. pleaded no contest to driving with a revoked license, giving a fake name to police and fraudulent use of a credit card and will serve eight months in county jail, less 59 days. The state dropped a count of felony theft.

• Marvin Williams Jr. pleaded no contest to felony fleeing, drunk driving on a suspended license and resisting arrest, and will serve a year in jail less 108 days. Judge Moseley ordered him onto an 18-month probation following release, fined him \$1000 and ordered Mr. Williams to attend DUI school.

He also must refrain from alcohol use during probation and his license was suspended for five years.

• Michael Collingwood entered a no contest plea to a reduced charge of aggravated assault and drew a 58-day jail sentence fol-

lowed by an eight-month house arrest and 30 months on probation.

The judge also ordered him to complete 100 hours community service and withheld adjudication. Mr. Collingwood was originally charged with lewd assault on a child less than 16 years old.

• Karen Barron admitted to violating probation on a half dozen offenses dating back to 2010, including multiple counts of battery on police. She was placed on house arrest for two years and ordered to submit to a mental health evaluation.

• Tiffany Canaday pleaded no contest to a reduced charge of petty theft and was placed on probation one year. The plea agreement also requires 30 hours of community service.

• The judge imposed 18 months of probation on Nathaniel Carter after he pleaded no contest to felony driving with a revoked license as an habitual offender.

• Charles Ruise will be on drug offender probation for one year after pleading no contest to sale and possession of controlled drugs.

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Re-opens probe into 1983 killing

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The sheriff at the time of the murder, Joe Newmans, and Mr. Roberson have both died. She said that could make it easier for new information to emerge.

Though there's no new evidence in the case at this point, Lt. Dougherty said he intends to use "new technology" to evaluate the old evidence and perhaps bring about some conclusion.

For Sheriff Dobson, there's a personal connection to the case. "Years ago I worked the case, traveling all over the south," he recalled. "We thought we knew who did it, but we couldn't prove it ... I worked it myself and was never able to solve it, so it's personal to me."

Lt. Dougherty said one individual targeted in the first investigation, the victim's sister's ex-husband, Walter Robert Pullen, also known as Buddy, remains "a person of interest."

The investigator has not determined the man's whereabouts as yet.

A polygraph exam in November of 1983 implicated Mr. Pullen in the murder, but that wasn't enough to charge him

with the crime.

James Randall Davis was reportedly the last person to see the victim alive, Ms. Wallace said. She said Mr. Davis returned from Jacksonville with her son, dropping him off near the old Macclenny post office.

That story doesn't sound plausible to her, however. "Art was too lazy to walk unless he had to," said Ms. Wallace.

Another potential suspect, perhaps with the last name Harvey, lived close to the victim's place of employment.

Sheriff Dobson said a "wonder bar" found at the man's residence may have been the murder weapon. He said an anthropologist at the University of Florida indicated it matched injuries to the victim's skull, but there was no evidence linking the bar to the crime scene.

Anyone with information regarding the case is urged to contact Lt. Dougherty at the sheriff's office, 259-0237.

"It's not very big," Sheriff Dobson said of the case file. "They didn't do a lot of report writing back then."

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BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Accolades for the top teachers Teacher Cadet program also gets praise

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PRESS STAFF

The best teachers in the Baker County school district and several students destined to join the ranks of classroom instructors in the future took center stage at the recent school board meeting.

Six recipients of teacher of the year awards, including the district's top teacher, and five student members of the Teacher Cadet program at Baker High, were applauded for their achievements in recognition ceremonies at the board meeting on February 19.

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson said she welcomes all new teachers to the district no matter where they come from. But she has a special place in her heart for those who, like herself, grew up in Baker County and choose to stay here and teach after college.

"We want to grow our own teachers. We are very proud of our Teacher Cadet program," she said, smiling at the five student cadets whom she had invited to stand in front of the audience and share a little about their aspirations.

The young women, who were joined by their teachers and mentors Kathy Adams and Patty Sands, said their career choice had been inspired by teachers in their past and they hoped to one day have a similar impact on students of their own. Afterward, they presented Mrs. Raulerson a photograph of this year's Teacher Cadet group.

Next, Mrs. Raulerson turned her attention to the 2012-13 Teacher of the Year (TOY) award winners in a program that began in 1971 to honor those deemed to be the best of the best among their peers.

Mrs. Raulerson first read off a list of names of previous winners of the highest honor — District Teacher of the Year — some of whom went on to become principals, including Baker High's Tom Hill (1997-98 winner) and Bonnie Jones (2005-06) at the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Center.

After asking all previous winners in the audience to stand, Mrs. Raulerson said she was proud of them all and said they represent the very best in the teaching profession.

"To know that we have the caliber of teachers and adminis-



Teachers of the year (from left) Lisa Brookins, Keller; Scott Wendel, Westside elementary; Jennifer Richardson, middle school; Leigh Ann Hays, high school; Jennifer Mitchell, Macclenny elementary; and Daphne Hand, Pre-K/Kindergarten.

trators we have it is a privilege to have you in our school district," she said. "I would put you up against any teacher in the United States."

At that point the superintendent introduced this year's winner of the Ruth I. Shuler award, named in honor of a former Baker County teacher who was instrumental in getting the award program started over four decades ago to recognize the district's most outstanding teacher.

Jennifer Richardson, an eighth grade science teacher, was selected as the middle school's nominee by her fellow teachers. She and the winners from other district schools were then evaluated by an outside team of educators based on questionnaires, classroom observations and other criteria.

The 2000 Baker County High graduate who later earned a bachelor's degree in middle school math and science education from the University of North Florida was chosen district TOY at an awards dinner on February 5. During last week's board meeting the superintendent gave each recipient an award check.

Mrs. Raulerson read laudatory comments the observation team made about each award winner, starting with Mrs. Richardson, whom the superintendent said "brings a positive, exciting attitude about learning to her eighth grade classroom."

"She uses a very hands-on approach to learning by having her students participate in experiments and activities that make

science real and relevant to their lives," Mrs. Raulerson said. "Her creative ability to implement different learning styles in her teaching enables all students to be successful learners. She had all the elements of a great lesson in a 30 minute time frame."

The superintendent also praised the other five school teachers of the year and read some of the comments made by their observation teams:

- Jennifer Mitchell, Macclenny Elementary, "creates a pleasant and nurturing environment for her young students. Her classroom is organized and challenging and her students are fully engaged in a stimulating learning environment. She uses technology to enhance all aspects of student learning and integrates it seamlessly."

- Leigh Ann Hays, Baker County High, "does an amazing job of creating a learning environment that is challenging, yet engaging for all. Students look forward to coming to her class because of the positive atmosphere that she creates as they take ownership of their own learning. Her enthusiasm energizes her students as they interact in a cooperative learning environment."

- Scott Wendel, Westside Elementary, "brings a positive attitude to his classroom of third grade students. He creates an environment where every student feels capable of learning and safe to express their ideas and answers to his questions. They are always encouraged to try to do their best. His energetic demeanor is conta-

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- Lisa Brookins, Keller Intermediate, "does an amazing job of utilizing technology to enhance instruction. She teaches multiple strategies for students to problem solve and then allows them the opportunity to choose the strategy that works best for them. She clarifies questions which allow students to participate and take responsibility for their own learning."

All the TOYs will be invited to attend the Teacher of the Year Roundtable and Gala Awards Ceremony in July.

- In other business, the board:
 - Approved a request to amend the district's contract with the Baker County Health Department by reflecting a \$8,705 reduction in state funding this year. Instead of \$87,053, as the health department had anticipated from the state, the agency received \$78,348.

- They have gotten decreased funding for school health services and they're having to ask for some funding back," said Marcheta Crews, who heads up the district's health services including school nurses. "We won't have to give it back. We just won't receive it."

The good news, said budget

and finance officer Marcelle Richardson, is that the budget cut "is not going to jeopardize our nurses." Instead, she explained, a little less money will be available for supplies through the remainder of the current school year.

- Received grants totaling about \$8,000 from ExxonMobil stemming from applications submitted by R.H. Davis Oil Co. in Macclenny in the 2012 Educational Alliance program. The money will be distributed to all Baker County schools, including \$500 for alternative education programs at the middle and high schools.

- Approved a request for teacher Nancy Thornton to travel to Chicago three times to participate in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Educational Leader Cadre. The ELC group is comprised of 24 Florida educators nominated by their superintendents to serve for three years to help develop assessments for the Common Core State Standards.

- "It is an honor to be selected as a PARCC ELC member and I am confident that Ms. Thornton will represent our district and state wonderfully throughout this three year process," said David Davis, executive director of teaching and learning. "We're very proud of her being picked."

Wanted in Duval for felonies

A Sanderson man arrested on a Duval County warrant on February 19 was wanted for trafficking in opium derivative drugs and money laundering in excess of \$100,000.

Ronald Taylor, 26, was already in county jail that evening when he was served with the warrant.

Several other Baker County residents were served with criminal warrants the past week, including Damon Pendleton, 35, of Macclenny. He was in jail on February 18 and was wanted in Duval and Columbia counties for failure to pay child support.

- Thomas Carfile, 43, of Macclenny was in jail the same day when served with Columbia County warrant for violating probation on a worthless check charge.

- Jail personnel served a Palm Beach County warrant on David Dougherty, 42, of Baldwin on February 19 for failure to pay child support.

- Inmate Scott Winfield, 42, of Macclenny was wanted in Holmes County for larceny and possession of a controlled drug.

Tagged for recent burglaries

The driver of a Honda scooter was arrested the afternoon of February 23 for not having a license due to a past drunk driving case and several other unspecified traffic violations.

Jarett Newcomer, 34, of Jacksonville was then charged early this week with three recent burglaries and thefts in the Macclenny area.

Deputy Michael Clark said he first spotted the suspect riding the scooter on Lowder about 2:40 then followed him to both Burger King and Winn-Dixie, where he was confronted and admitted he did not have a license.

The deputy noted the vehicle matched one seen in the areas of the burglaries. Mr. Newcomer was due to appear in court for a first appearance on Tuesday.

In other arrests, Larry Brooks Jr., 19, of Sanderson was taken to jail when Deputy Daryl Mobley confirmed he had seven prior license suspensions.

Mr. Brooks was at the wheel of a 1993 Cadillac stopped in north Macclenny in the early afternoon of February 21 for not wearing a seat belt and speeding. The suspensions were for failure to pay fines.

Deputy Johnny Hodges stopped a 2001 Nissan the evening of February 23 after spotting it eastbound on US 90 without an license tag.

Driver Lynwood Kirk, 36, of Macclenny had six prior suspensions, two of them for drunk driving, and is considered an habitual offender.

The same deputy stopped Anderson Holley, 28, of Sander-

son driving a 2000 Ford northbound on CR 229 the evening of February 19 and stopped him for lack of tail lights.

A computer check revealed Mr. Holley had three suspensions for failure to pay child support and traffic fines.

- Donald Herndon, 29, of Glen St. Mary was jailed for reckless driving and nearly causing two collisions on SR 121 south early on February 24.

Officer Scott Johns, a Starke policeman who lives in Baker

County, initially reported he was following a vehicle driven by Mr. Herndon about 3 am and it was swerving in and out of its traffic lane.

Deputy Koty Crews said the suspect drifted into his travel lane as he approached the vehicle near Southern States Nursery Rd.

Passenger Rebecca Geiger, 27, of Starke told the deputy "she felt her life was put in jeopardy" riding with Mr. Herndon.

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Motorcycle struck on 121 bridge

Joseph W. Smith, 57, a Baker County motorcyclist, was injured when his vehicle was struck from behind at the westbound off-ramp of Interstate 10 at SR 121 the afternoon of February 20. Mr. Smith was yielding to southbound traffic at the stop sign when a vehicle driven by Joel S. Larkin, 33, no address available, slammed into him and threw him to the pavement. The impact left a portion of the car's front bumper (see photo) embedded under the rear fender of the motorcycle. Mr. Smith was flown to Shands Jacksonville with non-life threatening injuries.

Purse theft at rest area

The sheriff's department has a copy of a surveillance video showing three persons who used a credit card belonging to a Tennessee woman whose purse was stolen while her vehicle was parked at the eastbound rest area on Interstate 10 in west Baker County.

Patsy Hughes of Erwin, TN told Deputy Michael Clark she returned to her locked 2007 Honda about 3:15 the afternoon of February 24 to find the driver's side window smashed and the purse taken from the front seat. It contained three credit cards.

When she reported the theft to the car companies, she learned one of them had already been used at Winn-Dixie in Macclenny. Deputy Clark said the video caught the image of two black males and a black female making purchases of an undetermined amount. They then left the parking lot, possibly in a black vehicle.

In other reports, a criminal complaint was filed against Amy Nicole Johns, 29, of Glen St. Mary alleging she stole then pawned a window air conditioner belonging to Leo Fish, also of Glen.

The victim's son on February 20 reported the theft of the \$200 unit and an impact wrench worth \$100 from a barn off Reid Stafford Rd. He estimated the property was taken sometime after late January.

Deputy Marc Heath said he received a tip from a relative of the suspect that she pawned the air conditioner at Pawduseta in Macclenny, and an employee confirmed on February 22 that Ms. Johns did so on November 15.

Warrant for beating wife

A warrant was issued last week for the arrest of a Macclenny man for domestic battery on his estranged wife while she was visiting him at their residence on Julie Rd. in the south city.

Joey Morefield, 44, allegedly became enraged the evening of February 21 when he learned that Rhonda Morefield, 45, had contact with another male during their separation. The victim told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite her husband head-butted her in the face when she attempted to leave their bedroom, then dragged her back by the hair and began choking her.

Mr. Morefield also allegedly threatened to kill her and their children. The wife said she went to the residence that evening to talk with her husband and let their children play. The accused is the father of two of her three children; all were present that evening.

The wife ran to her brother's residence nearby and called police, who soon learned that Mr. Morefield left his house in his wife's Chevrolet Blazer. An alert was dispatched with his description but yielded no results.

Mrs. Morefield was treated at Fraser Hospital for a laceration to her nose. The warrant charges her husband with both felony and misdemeanor domestic battery and false imprisonment.

In other recent cases:

- Stacy Smith, 44, was arrested

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Pickups' occupants arrested for drugs

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Two of three occupants of a pickup truck stopped in Macclenny the evening of February 20 for running a stop sign were charged with both felony and misdemeanor drug offenses.

Sheriff's investigator Mike Hauge said the 2009 Dodge driven by Brandon Powell, 23, of Macclenny failed to stop at US 90 and grd St. about 7:20 and he stopped the vehicle at South 6th and Minnesota.

The officer said he noted a small amount of what appeared to be marijuana residue on the driver's side window seal and Mr. Powell brushed it aside saying it was dirt. Investigators Hauge and Matt Yarborough then did a security search on the occupants, and Mr. Powell and passenger Jonathan Brown, 25, of Macclenny produced baggies of marijuana from inside their pants.

Mr. Brown also had a smoking pipe in the vehicle, along with a prescription pill. Investigator Hauge charged him with two counts of felony possession for the pill and 30 grams of pot. The pipe possession is a misdemeanor.

Mr. Powell was booked for misdemeanor marijuana possession, felony possession of two hydrocodone pills and misdemeanor possession of smoking pipes he produced from a pants pocket and a boot.

A second passenger in the truck was not charged. In a second drug-related case, John Perry, 18, of Macclenny was arrested for possession of a crushed aluminum can with marijuana residue.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson confronted Mr. Perry at Macclenny Park the afternoon of February 22 after a complaint that he was behaving strangely and threatening others with a baseball bat.

The suspect was located about 2 am lying on a bench next to the bat and a bag that contained the can. He was charged also with resisting police because he became belligerent while being questioned.

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Reserved tickets in the first four rows are available by calling 259-6286. General admission tickets are available at the door. The show runs a second weekend February 28-March 3.

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This program has helped many clients quit smoking or tobacco use successfully. Early registration is required. If you are ready, call to register at (877) 784-8486.

Renovations start for Tractor Supply

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Renovations to the former Food Lion space at 1338 S. 6th St. in Macclenny to accommodate a new Tractor Supply Co. location are getting underway.

The contractor, Buffalo Construction, Inc. of Louisville, Kentucky, filed a notice of commencement February 19 on the retrofit. The property is owned by Yormaco-Cornerstone, LLC of Jacksonville. The new tenant, Tractor Supply, is based in Brentwood, TN.

The project includes upgrades to the store, sidewalk and parking areas as well as new signage and a equipment display area near the roadside.

A contractor from St. Johns, FL is repairing the former Little Caesar's Pizza space at 698-B W. Macclenny Ave, according to a notice of commencement filed February 20.

Lance Trantham Certified, Inc. will be undoing the damage done late last year when a pickup truck drove through the front of the store one morning.

The driver was injured, and restaurant employees working in the rear of the store escaped unscathed. No customers were in the lobby at the time of the crash.

The commercial property is owned by Raynor's Pharmacy, Inc., a company registered to Valerie and Richard Hickman.

American Enterprise Bank is building a new branch building at 893 S. 5th St., where its current manufacturing structure stands today. Sauer, Inc. of Jacksonville is doing the work.

Court records also show that Baker County Medical Services, the nonprofit which owns and manages Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital, is building a 5000-square-foot medical office building on their campus in north Macclenny at 159 N. 3rd St.

Jacksonville construction firm Dana B. Kenyon Company is working on the project.

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GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 02-2011-CA 202

TO BANK, N.A., a national banking association.
Plaintiff,
vs.
HIGGINBOTHAM BROTHERS HEATING & AIR, INC., a Florida corporation, JOHN DAVID HIGGINBOTHAM, III and BRIAN L. HIGGINBOTHAM and UNKNOWN TENANTS (IN POSSESSION),
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 7, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 02-2011-CA 202 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Room 113, Macclenny, FL 32063 at 11:00 a.m. on the 30th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure to-wit:
Lots 1 and 4, Block 45, TOWN OF MACCLEN- NY, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Deed Book 0, Page(s) 799, Public Records of Baker County, Florida.

Lots 5 and 8, Block 45, TOWN OF MACCLEN- NY, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Deed Book 0, Page(s) 799, Public Records of Baker County, Florida.

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

Dated this 15th day of February, 2013.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE BAKER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

The Baker County Land Planning Agency will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny Florida, to consider for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners a proposed amendment, by ordinance to the Baker County Land Development Regulations, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3202. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioners office, address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance which is titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BAKER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; AMENDING AND REVISING ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, AND XI OF THE BAKER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND ARTICLES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING 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 a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she 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.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-3613 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

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

Standard General and Standard ERP Permit Applicants Baker County Medical Services, 159 N 3rd St, Macclenny, FL 32063, application #00-003-31762-3. The project is located in Baker County, Section: 32, Township: 2 South, Range: 22 East, and includes 8.72 acres. The Environmental Resource Permit application is for construction of a surface water detention pond system to serve the a commercial development known as Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital-W Frank Wells Nursing Home The receiving waterbody is Turkey Creek.

The file(s) containing the permit application(s) are available for inspection Monday through Friday, except for District holidays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the District's Headquarters, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529. You may also view files at one of the District's Service Centers, you should call Service Center staff in advance to make sure that the files are at a specific Service Center. Service Center contact information is available online at fordwater.com/contact-us/locations.html. Additionally, most permit application file documents can be viewed online at fordwater.com/permits/index.html. To obtain information on how to find and view permit application file documents, go to the HELP tab on E-Permitting and click on Support and FAQs and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents." The decision on Standard General and Standard permit applications will be made at the District's Service Center where the application is processed, unless the application is upgraded to an individual permit as explained below. A substantial objection to a Standard General or Standard permit application will be processed and filed with (received by) the Director, Bureau of Regulatory Support, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429, or by e-mail application file documents, within 14 days of notification of the application. Please include either the Permit Application number or the Project Name in the subject line of the email. If the objection is either the fifth day after the date on which the written notice is deposited in the U.S. mail those persons who receive actual notice by U.S. mail, the day the notice is emailed, or the date the notice is published in the newspaper (if actual notice is not provided by U.S. mail or email). A "substantial objection" means a written statement directed to the District that identifies the objection, concerns hydrologic or environmental impacts of the proposed activity, and relates to applicable rule criteria. Timely substantial objection will cause the Standard General or Standard permit application to be considered an application for an individual permit. If the District receives a timely substantial objection from you, then you will receive written notice of the District's intended decision on the permit application.

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

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

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a Formal Determination of the Landward Extent of Wetlands and Other Surface Waters of the State (FDEW) for the address indicated. E.R. Johns Industries, Inc. c/o Kevin Shelton for AMEC Environment and Infrastructure, 2000 East Edgewood Ave, Suite 215, Jacksonville, FL 32203, for a 960-800-acre tract located in Section 23, 24, 25, 26, Township 2 South, Range 22 East, Baker County. The property is bounded by US-90 E and E. Enterprise Rd. The west part of the project on this matter is 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 of Environmental Protection, Office of Submerged Lands and Territorial Waters, 2000 East Edgewood Avenue, Room 330, Bob Martinez Center, 2600 BlairStone Road, Environmental Services, Florida 32209-2400.

Persons who have substantial interests are affected by the above proposed agency action have a right pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, to petition for an administrative determination of the merits of their proposed action. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, within 21 days of publication of this notice. A copy of the petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the formal determination petitioner at the address indicated. Failure to file a petition within the 21 days constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to an administrative determination (hearing) pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S.

The petition shall contain the following information: (a) The name and address, and telephone number of each petitioner; the petitioner's name and address, the Department's File Number and the county in which the project is proposed; (b) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the Department's action or proposed action; (c) A statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department's action or proposed action; (d) A statement of material facts disputed by petitioner; if any; (e) A statement of facts which petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; (f) A statement of which rules and/or statutes petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by petitioner, stating, presently the action petitioner wants the Department to take with respect to the Department's action or proposed action.

If a petition is filed, the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate agency action. Accordingly, 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 decision of the Department with respect to the formal determination have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding. The petition must conform to the requirements specified above and be filed (received) within 21 days of publication of this Notice in the Office of General Counsel at the above address of the Department. Failure to petition within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to request a hearing under Section 120.57, F.S., and to participate as a party to this proceeding. Any subsequent intervention will only be at the approval of the presiding officer upon motion filed pursuant to Rule 29-5.037, F.A.C.

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New brand for shuttle COA assumes service March 4

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The Council on Aging recently took over management of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority's Macclenny to downtown Jacksonville commuter shuttle and will begin operating the service March 4 under a new name: the Wildcat Shuttle.

Regular fares are \$2 per trip but cheaper for seniors, the disabled or those on Medicaid. The shuttle accepts cash or prepaid monthly passes, which cost \$25.

The shuttle starts at the Macclenny WorkSource office on S. 6th St. at 6 am before stopping at the sheriff's office and then the Council on Aging headquarters in downtown Macclenny. The route runs along US 90 and pick ups are available by request within three-quarters of a mile off the route.

Stop locations to the east include the IGA grocery store in Baldwin, the Publix Distribution Center, St. Vincent's main entrance, the convention center and Shands Hospital pavilion, both in downtown Jacksonville. The last three stops in Jacksonville connect to JTA's larger transportation network.

Depending on the pick-up and drop off points, each commute can range between 30 minutes to an hour and 50 minutes.

"This is going to open it up to public transportation," said Debra Bowen, who heads the Council on Aging's transportation program. "We can fill the shuttle up with medical appointments but if we can fill it up with public transportation that would be even better, because we don't have that here in Baker, and we need to have that."

The shuttle is supported with funding from JTA and the Florida Department of Transportation. For more information about the Wildcat Shuttle, please call the Council on Aging at 259-9315 or visit www.bakercoa.org.

The following are the out-bound and inbound shuttle stops and schedules:

• Outbound: **Macclenny WorkSource**, 6 am, 10:29 am and 2:58 pm; **sheriff's office**, 6:11 am and 3:16 pm; **Walmart DC**, 6:28 am, 10:57 am and 3:26 pm; **Baldwin IGA**, 6:40 am, 11:09 am and 3:57 pm; **Publix DC**, 6:59 am, 11:28 am and 3:57 pm; **St. Vincent's entrance**, 7:29 am, 11:58 am and 4:27 pm; **convention center downtown**, 7:40 am, 12:00 pm and 4:38 pm; **VA clinic downtown**, 7:47 am, 12:16 pm and 4:45 pm; and **Shands downtown** 7:49 am, 12:18 pm and 4:47 pm.

• Inbound: **Shands** 8:19 am, 12:48 pm and 5:07 pm; **VA clinic downtown**, 8:21 am, 12:50 pm and 5:09 pm; **convention center downtown**, 8:28 am, 12:57 pm and 5:16 pm; **St. Vincent's entrance**, 8:39 am, 1:08 pm and 5:16 pm; **Publix DC**, 9:09 am, 1:38 pm and 5:57 pm; **Baldwin IGA**, 9:28 am, 1:57 pm and 6:16 pm; **Walmart DC**, 9:40 am, 2:09 pm and 6:28 pm; **Council on Aging**, 9:51 am, 2:20 pm and 6:39 pm; **sheriff's office**, 9:58 am, 2:27 pm and 6:46 pm; and **WorkSource Macclenny** 10:09 am, 2:38 pm and 6:57 pm.



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Martinez employee of year

Nine school employees, joined by their guests and supervisors, were honored at a School Related Employee of the Year dinner on January 24.

Honorees were as follows: Penny Combs, paraprofessional at PK-Kindergarten Center, Margie Hill; paraprofessional at Macclenny Elementary; Kimberly Williams, paraprofessional at Westside Elementary; Katie Kennedy, bookkeeper at Keller Intermediate; Barbara Belleville, paraprofessional at Baker County Middle School; Jeri Harvey, nutrition services manager at Baker County High School; Cindy Odom, bus driver at Transportation Department; Johnny Givens, landscape technician and Joe Martinez, network specialist at the district office.

Joe Martinez was selected to represent the district at the state level. Mr. Martinez will receive a monetary award from the district and will be submitted to the Department of Education to com-



Left to right, back row: Cindy Odom, Barbara Belleville, Kim Williams, Joe Martinez, Johnny Givens; front row: Penny Combs, Margie Hill, Katie Kennedy, and Jeri Harvey.

pete for the State School-Related Employee of the Year.

The Commissioner of Education will announce the 2013 Florida School-Related Employee of the Year and four finalists in March or April.

All nine employees were recognized at the School Board

5th 'geocache' Moonshine Run

Local "geocaching" enthusiast Keith Lane of Taylor has organized the 5th Annual Baker County Moonshine Run, an historical treasure hunt of sorts with prizes and an "animal on the grill" barbecue on Saturday, March 9 beginning at 9 am.

Geocaching is a recreational activity in which GPS devices and coordinates are used to hide and find caches with just about anything from coins to messages to other items inside. Mr. Lane estimates there are some 2000 caches in Baker County today.

The moonshine run begins and ends at Mr. Lane's Taylor residence on CR 125 just north

of O.C. Horne Rd. Anyone with a digital camera, GPS device and vehicle can participate, he said.

Teams of cachers will be tasked with finding nine caches in and around Baker County that correspond to historical moonshining locales.

Each cache will contain coordinates that together will lead to the final run point, "the Master Still," where some "shine" will be located. The team to return the shine to the starting point in the least amount of time and miles driven will be named Moonshine Runner Kings (or Queens). Coordinates and their historical information will be supplied the day of the run.

"I researched the moonshine spots, the people, even the law enforcement officers involved," said Mr. Lane. "People really enjoy the stories."

The event drew 170-plus participants last year and 20 teams from as far away as South Carolina and Alabama have already signed up.

Mr. Lane expects the event to be the biggest geocaching get together ever in the region. For more information about geocaching and the moonshine run, visit www.geocaching.com and search for "Baker County moonshine." You can also reach Mr. Lane, aka horseshoehamp, at klrane@nefcom.net.

Miss Relay pageant set

The 2013 Miss Relay For Life of Baker County Pageant is set for March 23 at the middle school at 6 pm.

The event will benefit the American Cancer Society's upcoming Relay For Life this spring.

Five ladies will be crowned in various age divisions. Registration and information sheets are available at the front offices of the middle school and high schools. They must be returned to the offices by March 10.

Admission to the pageant is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. For more information or to obtain registration sheets by e-mail, please contact Maree Knight at (904) 200-6707 or marcynight@gmail.com, or Kristie Fletcher at (904) 708-9013 or gumpfire@yahoo.com.

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YMCA in search of volunteer nominations

The Baker County Family YMCA seeks nominations from the community for the 2nd Annual Volunteer Playmaker Awards.

The awards recognize volunteers in Baker County for exceptional service to others in the categories of healthy living, youth development and social responsibility.

Awards will be given to both businesses and individuals who have demonstrated leadership and support for the betterment of others and the community.

Nomination forms can be obtained at the YMCA on West Lowder Street and the Baker County Chamber of Commerce on US 90 downtown, or by email to blackshear@bakercamberfl.com.

The nominations must be completed and submitted by Thursday, March 21. All nominees and award winners will be honored at the Playmakers dinner on April 11.

Claims OREMC negligent

A lawsuit was recently filed in circuit court here against Okefenokee REMC alleging negligence that resulted in a fire that destroyed an unoccupied north Baker County residence in January, 2009.

Plaintiff George Brown alleges the electrical co-op that supplies power to the neighborhood on CR 120 just west of the St. Mary's River was negligent in failing to trim vegetation from its power lines, resulting in a fire that started during high winds the evening of January 31.

The blaze destroyed a nearby structure, and according to a report by the Baker County Fire Department, did \$10,000 damage to the building and \$6000 to contents.

Several Baker County units and one from Charlton County, GA responded to the alarm.

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Betty Barbee, 63, of Sanderson dies

Betty Jane Allen Barbee, 63, of Sanderson died peacefully at her home on Wednesday February 13, 2013. She was born in Jacksonville to the late James and Mary Blackburn Allen and lived in Sanderson the past seven years. Betty and her husband Tom were self-employed in the sports memorabilia business. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and will be dearly missed.



Betty Barbee

Mrs. Barbee was preceded in death by son Todd Reid, and brothers James and Joseph Allen. Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Thomas H. Barbee Sr.; daughter Gwendolyn Allen of Kansas City, KS; sons Jeffery Reid of St. Augustine and Thomas H. Barbee Jr., of Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren Finley Allen, Lindsey Reid, Sadie Bemenderser, Dalton Reid, Katie Barbee, Skye Nelson and Thomas H. Barbee III; many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 2 at 2 pm at Heritage Park in Macclenny, with Rev. Joe Raulerson officiating. Cedar Bay Funeral Home of Jacksonville is in charge of arrangements.

Bulah Burnham, 72, of Glen dies

Bulah Mae Burnham, 72, of Glen St. Mary died on Saturday, February 23, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. A lifelong resident of Baker County, Mrs. Burnham was an avid Florida Gator fan who loved to read, do puzzles, crochet and garden. She was a member of the Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church and loved spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends.



Bulah Burnham

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Horace Burnham Sr.; sons Horace (Lorie) Burnham Jr. and Timmie (Cheryl) Burnham, both of Glen St. Mary; daughters Louise (Robert) Moore of Glen St. Mary, Marline (Jimmy) Walker of Macclenny, Myrtle (Ervin) Taylor and Melissa (Tommy) Richardson, both of Glen St. Mary; sisters Vallie Harris and Rose (Arthur) Belleville, both of Macclenny, Erma (Mitchell) Carter of Jacksonville, Patty (Mike) Combs of Sanderson and Debbie (Paul) McAllister of Raiford; seventeen grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son: Billy Joe Burnham.

The funeral service will be held 11 am on Tuesday, February 26, at the Christian Fellowship Temple in Macclenny, FL with Pastor David Thomas and Rev. Oral Lyons officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Macclenny. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Richard Lyons, 81, of Jacksonville

Richard E. Lyons, 81, died February 24, 2013 in Jacksonville from complications of congestive heart failure. He was a graphic designer and best known for the logo he designed for the Miami Heat. He was also a fine artist.

Mr. Lyons was born in Lochloosa, Florida on October 31, 1931 to Augusta and Ervin Lyons. He graduated from Pierson High School in 1949. He and his twin brother Bill served in the U.S. Navy 1951-1955. Richard lived most of his life in Jacksonville and Atlanta.

He is survived by his brother William (Dixie) and his sister Bonnie Lyons, all of Macclenny; nieces Sharon Y. (Robert) Cobb of Jacksonville, Pat Cobb of St. George, GA and Terri (David) Hair of Glen St. Mary.

A memorial service will be held at 3 pm on March 3, at Heritage-Giddens Funeral Home, 729 S. Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, FL.

Infant Meyer rites Thursday

Infant Liam Jace Meyer of Glen St. Mary died on February 24, 2013 at Shands at the University of Florida with family by his side. He was born in Jacksonville on November 29, 2012 to Jason Meyer and Lindsey Burnham Meyer.



Liam Meyer

The funeral service was conducted at 11 am on Saturday, February 23 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Rev. Chris Drum, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baldwin officiating. Interment was in Long Branch Cemetery in Maxville.

Ella Mosley, 92, funeral Feb. 23rd

Ella Cinda Mosley, 92, of Baldwin died Wednesday, February 20 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville following a long illness. She was a native of Hoboken, GA and resided in Lake Butler before moving to Baldwin 70 years ago. She retired as a claims specialist at Blue Cross-Blue Shield after 25 years of service. Mrs. Mosley attended the Northside Baptist Church of Jacksonville and was an avid reader in her spare time.



Ella Mosley

She was preceded in death by parents Lonnie and Odessa Courson Crews, her late husband Wesley James Mosley Sr. and granddaughter Robin Amanda Mosley Jeffers. She is survived by daughter Margaret Mosley (Charles) Moore of Lafayette, LA; sons Harold Robert (Nancy) Mosley of Sunset, LA and Wesley James (Lora) Mosley Jr. of Baldwin; sisters Vivian (John) Whitehead and Margaret (Marvin) Pritchett, both of Lake Butler; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted at 11 am on Saturday, February 23 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Rev. Chris Drum, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baldwin officiating. Interment was in Long Branch Cemetery in Maxville.

Mitch Givens funeral Saturday

Elder Mitchel "Mitch" Givens died on February 23, 2013 in Macclenny. He was born August 3, 1921 in Baker County.



Givens

The funeral service for Elder Mitchel Givens will be 2 pm on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Faith Bible Church on US 90 west of Sanderson.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 pm on Friday, March 1 at the Church of God By Faith in Sanderson.

Combs Funeral Home of Lake City was in charge of arrangements.

Tommy Ross, 37, dies in Kentucky

Thomas "Tommy" Charles Ross II, 37, of Campbellsville, KY died on February 21, 2013 at his residence. He was born in Charleston, WV on March 5, 1975 to Thomas Charles Ross and Valerie Jo Tilson Markos. Thomas married his high school sweetheart Melissa on December 2, 1995. He enjoyed go karting, fishing with his brothers and father and collecting action movies. Mr. Ross was an avid gamer. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Georgia Tilson; paternal grandfather Horace Ross; brother Adam James Ross.



Tommy Ross

Thomas is survived by his wife and his son Tyler of Campbellsville; his mother, Lela Butler; father Tom (Susan) Ross of Middleburg; brothers Sean and Phillip Ross of Middleburg; maternal grandfather Charles Tilson of Macclenny; paternal grandmother Rose Ross of Rainelle, WV; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A graveside funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 27 at 11 am at Woodlawn Cemetery with Pastor Todd Jones officiating. Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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Zumbathon for charity

Anytime Fitness is hosting a zumbathon charity fundraiser to benefit the family of Corey Craig, 18, a high school student who suffered a spinal injury in vehicle crash last December.

He is currently recovering and receiving therapy in Atlanta. Mr. Craig's condition is improving; he recently regained movement in one of his legs.

The two-hour event is March 2 at the gym, 788 S. 6th St., beginning at 10 am. Tickets are \$5 prior to the event and \$8 the day of the event. All proceeds benefit the Craig family.

The zumbathon will be presented by zumba instructors Kendra Morgan, Cindy Young and Dorinda Conner. For more information, visit www.macclennyfit.blogspot.com or call Anytime Fitness at (904) 937-0370.

Benefit shoot

A benefit turkey shoot will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 5-8 pm to benefit the Christian summer camp at the Moniac Baptist Church.

The shoot is at Conner's Acres on CR 121 (River Road) north of St. George, GA; follow the signs. Prizes include turkeys and hams.



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Dark 30's great, gritty Four stars for Bigelow's latest

BOB GERARD | STAFF

Zero Dark Thirty is disturbing, depressing and brilliant. The film, a chronicle of the decade-long hunt for Osama Bin Ladin after 9/11, is masterfully directed by Katherine Bigelow.

It follows a CIA operative known only as Maya. Simply portrayed by Jessica Chastain, we're given little information about this real-life character and we soon understand why. She is still out there doing her job; still in the field hunting terrorists.

Chastain's Maya has been a CIA operative since her recruitment out of high school. Presumably, she had skills that attracted CIA recruiters but we're not told what they are. The slight, unassuming red head is thrown right into the fire after being sent to the Middle East. She takes part in the waterboarding of a prisoner.

"Lie to me and I'll hurt you," a CIA agent known only as Dan tells the prisoner. "Tell me the truth and I won't."

When one agent questions the woman's presence in the interrogation, Dan (Jason Clarke) tells the other, "She's a killer."

We never see that side of Maya, nor is Chastain given any back story to build her character. Instead we see her bull-headed determination to find Bin Ladin and his operatives as the story develops and we see the toll it takes on her.

The first third of the movie has Maya and her colleagues at "black sites," undisclosed locations around the world where prisoners are held and tortured. It is very disturbing to watch, particularly as the interrogators treat it so matter of factly.

That is the mastery of director Bigelow. She follows the day-to-day activities of people under extreme stress and allows us to watch their development as characters. In her previous film about the Iraq/Afghanistan wars, *The Hurt Locker*, she won the Academy Award for Best Picture. *Zero Dark Thirty* is also nominated, as is Bigelow and Chastain, but the film failed to get the nod at last week-end's awards.

They deserve the nominations. Chastain is plodding, intense, unlikable and driven. When she discovers the name of someone she suspects might be Bin Ladin's top courier, she hunts him relentlessly for five years until a tip leads to his real name.

Charity expanding its reach

The Tom Coughlin Jay Fund, a Jacksonville-based nonprofit founded by former Jacksonville Jaguar head coach and current New York Giants head coach Tom Coughlin, has recently launched a new financial literacy tool to help families tackling

childhood cancer.

The charity is also hoping to reach families outside Jacksonville through the program called the "Financial Game Plan," a four-step approach that helps families understand and manage money challenges that come along with having a child that's battling cancer.

For years the Jay Fund has assisted families with emergency household expenses, funeral costs, gas and food, and they deal with the emotional and physical adversity of childhood cancer.

Mr. Coughlin launched the Jay Fund in honor of former Boston College safety Jay McGillis, who battled leukemia.

"Families faced with childhood cancer are dealing with the unthinkable," said the coach. "In many instances, this stress is compounded by the financial strains that families face as a result of parents missing work to be there with their children or medical expenses not covered by insurance. I am proud that the Jay Fund now has the ability to help not only by providing emergency financial assistance, but also by providing proven short and long-term financial strategies for getting through this difficult time."

The Financial Game Plan includes:

- Jay's Financial Playbook -

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

February 28

BCHS: Tennis @ Fernandina, 3:30 p.m.; Softball vs. B. K., (H) 5:00 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Columbia, (H) 6:00 p.m.; Drama "Broadway in Baker 6", 7:30 p.m. **MES:** Jump Rope for Heart; Spring Pictures **WES:** Good Morning Show Club, 8:00 a.m.

March 1

BCHS: Baseball at Paxon, 6pm; Drama "Broadway in Baker 6", 7:30pm. **KIS:** AR Goal #6 due.

March 2

BCHS: Baseball vs. Am. Heritage (H), 11am; Drama "Broadway in Baker 6", 7:30pm. **KIS:** FCAT Reading Blitz, 8:45am-12pm.

March 3

BCHS: Drama "Broadway in Baker 6", 2:30pm and 4:30pm.

March 4

District-Wide: School Board Mtg., 6:30pm, Taylor Church. **BCHS:** JV Baseball vs. Episcopal, (H) 6pm; Baseball at W. Nassau, 6pm. **MES:** Journalism Club, 3:15pm.

March 5

BCHS: Tennis District at Bolles; Softball at Hilliard, 6pm; Softball at Lake City, 4pm; Baseball at Lake City, 4pm. **WES:** SAC Mtg., 8am; Cookie Dough Fundraiser money due.

March 6

District-Wide: Early Dismissal. **MES:** Just Say No Club, 8am. **WES:** Merrie Melodies Club, 8am.

March 7

BCHS: Softball vs. Middleburg, (H) 5pm; Baseball vs. Fleming Island, (H) 6:30pm. **WES:** Good Morning Show Club, 8am. **PKK:** SAC Mtg., 8am; Jump Rope for Heart; Circus Program, BCMS Aud., 6pm.

Toxic Roundup at courthouse set for March 2

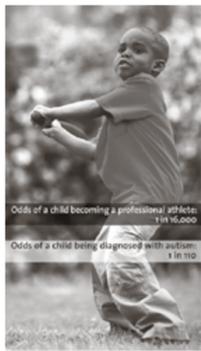
Make safe disposal of hazardous and toxic materials part of your spring cleaning this year by taking advantage of the annual Toxic Roundup set for March 2 behind the county courthouse.

The site will be manned from 9 am-3pm to accept old paint and insecticides, used oil and solvents, fluorescent lamps, used batteries, cleaning chemicals and other materials. The service is free.

Make sure you pack hazardous waste containers in boxes with dividers and watch for leaks. Do not mix different or unknown materials together and make sure all are labeled.

If you cannot identify the contents, label it "unknown."

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Business students compete at district

Future Business Leaders of America members from Baker County High School pictured above competed in the annual District IV FBLA competitive events at FSCJ North Campus on February 15 and won awards in the following areas: banking and financial systems - 1st place Chelsea Sanderson and Hunter Williams; business calculations - 1st place Kaitlyn Corder; business communications - 1st place Allison Wagstaff; business law - 2nd place Danajia Williams; business math - 3rd place Alia Jones; business procedures - 1st place Whitney Moore; economics - 1st place Robert Brannan; entrepreneurship team - 1st place Taylor Dopsom, Alan Hodges and Evan Barrett; global business team - 1st place Tyler Cole, Jessica Padgett and Brianna Graham; health care administration - 3rd place Latesha Robinson; help desk - 1st place Angelica Griggs; introduction to business - 1st place Danielle Wilkerson; management information systems team - 1st place Hannah Mathews, Jesslyn Sands and Danajia Williams; sports management - 2nd place James Johns; word processing I - 3rd place Vormesa Donaldson; word processing II - 3rd place Kasey Alford; public speaking I - 1st place Danajia Williams. Sponsors Tammy Moore and Stephanie Wheeler were pleased with the results but believe there is room for improvement in many areas. The Career Academy of Business Administration's English instructor Richard Moore was also in attendance.



Poultry team members (l-r) Brendan Gibson, Hunter Burnsed, Jesse Lambright, Robert Schmel, Bj Hagan, Hunter Groves, Jessica Harrell, Kayla Long, Cheyenne Walden, Kate Whitehead and FFA sponsor Greg Johnson.

High honors at fair for FFA

BOB GERARD

The BCHS and BCMS FFA teams finished in the high running in the state poultry contest last weekend at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. The high school fielded two teams and placed first and fourth. The BCMS team was the top middle school team and placed eighth overall.

Greg Johnson's high school team of Jessica Harrell, Kayla Long and Kate Whitehead won the competition with Jessie Lambright, Hunter Burnsed and Brendan Gibson placing fourth. Ashton Norman's middle school team of Hunter Groves, Cheyenne Walden, Robert Schmel and BJ Hagan took first.

"We won both the high school and middle school contests last year, so we had to totally rebuild," said Johnson. "They have been working hard." The teams will now compete at the state contest at the University of Florida in April. Thirty-nine teams competed at the State Fair.

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Two youngsters on Wolfson's '55' list

Two Baker County children were among 55 featured in a recent fund raising promotion at Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville. Both were born with life-threatening illnesses and were treated there.

Jaiden Champion and Kaylee Wheaton each represented a "candle" in the "One To Grow On" ultra-marathon held in Jacksonville on February 9 and sponsored by friends of the hospital.

Jaiden, the daughter of Jessica Champion Manning of Macclenny, was born with the genetic condition Mowat-Wilson Syndrome, a heart condition and other illnesses that affected different parts of her body. She continues to receive treatment at Wolfson that included a costly prescription her family could not afford and was not covered by insurance.

One of her physicians paid for the drug out of his own pocket. Another "candle" was named for Kaylee, the daughter of Chris and Maria Wheaton of Macclenny. She and a twin who died were born with Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome, a rare condition that affects prenatal blood flow from the mother.

Kaylee, like her sister Rylee, was not expected to live but slowly improved over the next 47 days before she was well enough to come home. She is now described as a healthy 3 1/2-year-old.

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Fees: None

Meals Provided: None
Required Documents:
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*Current physical
*Photo ID
*Proof of residency (must be physical address)

FULL DAY

Who qualifies: Every 4 year old living in Baker County. (4 on or before Sept. 1, 2013)
Location: Baker County Pre-K/K Center
Transportation: Bus transportation provided to and from school.
Hours: Full school day (8:30-3:00) Our Extended Day Enrichment Program (EDEP) is also available for an additional fee.
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Lady Bobcats' Katherine Rhoden at the plate during the team's 17-0 win in three innings on February 19. PHOTO BY DEBBIE PELHAM

Two shutouts for girls

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The BCMS Lady Bobcats softball team opened conference play on February 19 with an impressive 17-0 rout of Richardson Middle School. The game was called after three innings on the mercy rule.

The girls had a much harder time with Suwannee Middle, beating the team in Live Oak 2-0 on February 21. Macy Jackson led the way for the Bobcats with a strong performance on the mound.

"Everyone on defense played phenomenal," said Coach Jon Mobley. "We were able to muster enough offense against their good defense to score two runs."

The Bobcats were led by Tori Richardson who went 3 for 4

BCMS beat Callahan 8-1 at home on February 21 behind the outstanding offensive play of Hayleigh Mulkey, who hit a three-run homer to break open the game.

The homers just kept coming for the Bobcats with Jackson and Emma Gipson collecting four baggers. The Bobcats are 7-0 overall.

"We just have to keep our focus and intensity high if we want to maintain this level of success," commented Coach Mobley.

The Bobcats host Hilliard on Thursday, February 28, at 4 pm.

Three straight for BCHS

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Wildcat varsity baseball team ran off three straight wins this week to remain undefeated, beating Ridgeview, Fernandina Beach and Cameron County, GA. The Cats out scored opponents 28-10 in the run.

BCHS beat Ridgeview on February 15 at home 12-0 in five innings behind a strong game on the mound from Hunter Hanks, who pitched four innings of scoreless ball before Jordan Ken-



Mikal Flores steals home. PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

nedy came in for the fifth in relief. Ethan Wilkerson led the offense with three hits and Brandon Miller added a pair of hits.

On February 21, BCHS beat Fernandina Beach 3-2 on the home field. Jacob Milton picked up his second win and Jared Crews threw two scoreless innings to pick up his second save of the year. Crews also had a two out, two-run home run in the fourth for the winning edge.

BCHS beat Camden County at home 13-8 the next day. Hanks picked up his second win of the week, throwing five innings and giving up two runs. Offensively, Hanks hit a 3-run homer in the first. Mikal Flores and Dylan Hall added two hits apiece.

BCHS will open district play on Friday, March 1 at Paxon. They return home on Saturday at 11 am to take on American Heritage of Atlanta.



Hunter Hanks pitches. PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Ladies on six-game win steak after opening loss

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Lady Wildcats softball team collected a pair of big wins this past week, demolishing Forrest in a 25-0 shutout and defeating West Nassau in a much closer contest.

Since losing their opener to First Coast, the Lady Cats have rattled off six wins in a row. They've had big games offensively, out scoring opponents 53-8 in the last three outings.

The Lady Cats played three innings against Forrest at home on February 19 before the umpire imposed the mercy rule. BCHS scored 15 runs in the first inning and 10 in the second.

Mackenzie Wingard pitched two innings of one-hit ball and Corley Sweat allowed one hit in relief.

Delicia Washington, Brandie Callaway, Wingard, Branda Jarvis and Genie Taylor collected three runs apiece. Brooke Roberts and Jennifer Hodges had two and Kylie Holton, Sweat and Payton Parker scored one. Washington demonstrated her speed with an inside the park home run to open the game.

The Cats had a tougher time against West Nassau on the road February 22 in Callahan. They ran out to a 6-0 lead over the Lady Warriors and then had to hold on for an 8-4 victory.

Washington scored on a Kylie Holton single in the first and then the Cats blew the game open with five runs in the second in-

Church softball leagues forming

The Baker County church softball league is once again forming up, and a kick-off meeting will be held the evening of Tuesday, March 5 at 7 pm. The location is the Sunday School classroom across from the Christian Fellowship Temple in north Macclenny.

Churches should send a representative for both men's and women's teams to the meeting.

If sufficient numbers of ladies are interested, their league will play on Thursday nights. If not, co-ed games will be organized.

Call David Crews at 904-545-5070 or Mike Carrigg at 904-482-2080 for more information.



Genie Taylor looks to throw to first. PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

ning.

Roberts, Hodges, Ashton Alford, Wingard and Taylor all scored. The Warriors narrowed it to 6-2 with solo runs in the third and fourth innings. The Cats got an insurance run from Washington in the fifth and Taylor cracked a solo homer in the sixth inning.

The defense faltered in the seventh inning, allowing the Warriors a pair of runs, but toughened when they had to and secured the win.

Wingard allowed two hits over three innings and Sweat came on in relief pitching four innings.

The Lady Cats face district foe



Brooke Roberts' catch at the fence. PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Bishop Kenny at home on Thursday, February 28 at 7 pm.

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