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## Meth lab in shed off Clete Harvey

A tip to police that originated as a complaint to the Department of Children and Families led to the arrest on June 12 of four Baker County men for operating a meth lab off Clete Harvey Rd.



Jason Oralls

Several deputies went to the address about 6:45 and spotted a man later identified as Jason Oralls, 38, running from behind a shed near the residence and tossing a plastic jug onto the top of a grape vine. Investigator Matt Yarborough said Mr. Oralls ran back to the shed, then to a burning fire into which he tossed several other objects.

Meanwhile, Lt. Scotty Rhoden nabbed the remaining suspects as they exited the shed and walked hurriedly toward the residence.

They were identified as Russell Rooker, 35, and Allen Yonn, 33, both of Macclenny, along with Jason Dupree, 34, of Glen St. Mary.

The investigator, at the scene with cohort Mike Hauge, recovered the jug containing a clear liquid and raked out a coffee filter away from the fire. It was suspected of containing meth residue.

A vehicle belonging to Mr. Rooker was searched and yielded a package of pseudoephedrine, an over-the-counter cold relief drug and key ingredient to cooking meth.

Investigator Randy Crews, a member of a multi-county task force, was summoned to inventory the shed, which Investigator Yarborough said emitted a strong chemical odor. Officers seized several items used to manufacture the street drug, including batteries, a cold pack and steel wool.

Mr. Oralls was charged with possession of meth and destroying evidence. He allegedly admitted to cooking the drug several times in recent months, but not on the day of the raid. The others were booked at

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## Father arrested for abandoning asleep child surrounded by bugs

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Macclenny firefighters wheel Robert Dyer into the ambulance following the storm.



The massive pine tree that collapsed into the duplex unit on S. 7th St. last week.

## Violent storm sends man to the hospital

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A Macclenny man was sent to the hospital after a large pine tree fell into his apartment and collapsed the roof during a sudden storm the afternoon of June 13.

Robert Dyer and his wife Minerva were inside the duplex at 420 S. 7th St. when high winds and heavy rainfall started about 4 pm.

Immediately following the incident Mrs. Dyer said her husband was alright, but he was taken by ambulance to Fraser hospital. She said she didn't know where she could stay that night and worried about collecting her belongings after authorities cordoned off the residence.

Two birds in the home were not harmed, she said.

The Macclenny Fire Department, county rescue, county deputies and Florida Power & Light all responded to the scene. The pine tree struck a power line going to the north side of the duplex, which according to property records is owned by Ian Broadbridge of Middleburg.

Neighbors said they heard a large bang before losing power.

A number of trees were downed in the area of 5th and 6th streets during the storm, Sheriff Joey Dobson said in a press release a few hours after the storm hit.

He said no other injuries were reported beyond Mr. Dyer and the Red Cross provided temporary housing to the couple and another family whose residence

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## Oldcastle strikes 50-year deal with city

### Firm to pipe 'grey' water to mine site

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

In its bid to obtain a permit to mine sand in southeastern Baker County where DuPont has been mining for decades, Tampa-based Oldcastle Southern Group picked up a key ally last week: the City of Macclenny.

City commissioners unanimously approved a deal with Old Castle on June 11 that enables the company to use reclaimed water from the city's sewage treatment plant in its operation instead of pumping millions of gallons of water from the aquifer.

"Through much negotiating we've put together a win-win for the city and for Oldcastle," said City Manager Phil Rhoden after he presented the 11-page, 50-year contract to commissioners at the board's monthly meeting.

Mr. Rhoden quickly added

that the proposed partnership would be more helpful to Oldcastle than to the city since the company's plans have drawn opposition from numerous local residents committed to halting any further mining in the county.

Further, he noted, the city has a permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection allowing the discharge of treated wastewater into Turkey Creek and probably would be allowed to continue with that method of disposal for several years to come.

"But they (FDEP) are very much in favor of our entering into this contract if at all possible," he said.

However, city officials clearly did not want the deal with Oldcastle to be perceived as an attempt to influence an upcoming vote by the county commission on the company's request for a special zoning exception to permit mining on lands zoned



The entrance to the property on which Oldcastle Southern Group intends to mine sand in the southeastern county.

agriculture.

"This has nothing to do with sand mining," Mr. Rhoden said. "That's up to the county."

Mayor Gary Dopson added that city officials decided months ago to remain neutral on the issue of mining since it had become so controversial last year.

"Since it's a county decision, we decided not to support or fight the sand mine (proposal)," the mayor said, adding, however, that the city "would be foolish not to enter into this agreement."

For one thing, Mr. Dopson said, the state is allowing the city to discharge the wastewater

into Turkey Creek for now. But eventually, he said, environmental authorities will order the city to "find a different place to send our reclaimed water."

Complying with such a directive, he said, would cost the city, possibly "in the \$1.5 mil-

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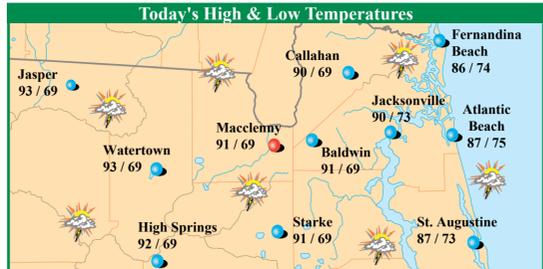


The Baker County Press Weather

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**Seven Day Forecast**

<b>Thursday</b> Scat'd T-storms High: 91 Low: 69
<b>Friday</b> Scat'd T-storms High: 91 Low: 68
<b>Saturday</b> Isolated T-storms High: 92 Low: 68
<b>Sunday</b> Scat'd T-storms High: 91 Low: 69
<b>Monday</b> Scat'd T-storms High: 92 Low: 66
<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 90 Low: 65
<b>Wednesday</b> Isolated T-storms High: 94 Low: 68



**Last Week's Local Almanac**

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tue, 6/11	91	70	91/69	0.00"
Wed, 6/12	93	70	91/69	0.97"
Thu, 6/13	93	75	91/70	0.42"
Fri, 6/14	90	68	91/70	0.01"
Sat, 6/15	84	68	91/70	0.00"
Sun, 6/16	86	66	91/70	0.00"
Mon, 6/17	93	73	91/70	0.00"

*Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport*

**Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon
Thursday	6:27 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	New 7/8
Friday	6:27 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	
Saturday	6:27 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	
Sunday	6:27 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	
Monday	6:28 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	First 7/15
Tuesday	6:28 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	
Wednesday	6:28 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	

**St. Mary's River Levels**

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	4.99 ft.	-0.08 ft.
Macclenny	3.67 ft.	-0.26 ft.

**Hunting/Fishing Times**

Day	AM	PM
Thu	9:02-11:02	8:32-10:32
Fri	10:04-12:04	9:34-11:34
Sat	11:08-1:08	10:38-12:38
Sun	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00
Mon	---	11:41-1:41
Tue	12:41-2:41	1:11-3:11
Wed	1:38-3:38	2:08-4:08

**Weather History**

June 20, 1921 - Circle, Mont. received 11.5 inches of rain in 24 hours, a record for the state. The town of Circle received a total of 16.79 inches of rain that month to establish a rainfall record for any town in Montana for any month of the year.

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# Storm sends man to hospital

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was struck by a tree at 480 N. 5th St. Nobody was home when the tree fell.

Early this week Mrs. Dyer was searching for a new place to rent, saying the emergency help from Red Cross and Christian Fellowship Temple would end Friday. She said her husband was sore but suffered no broken bones.

Just before 4 pm the National Weather Service reported a strong thunderstorm was located on Doppler radar centered about 8 miles north of Macclenny and issued a significant weather advisory for the eastern county and other areas in the region. Wind gusts up to 55 mph and hail were expected, stated the NWS advisory.

A large oak tree on the 200 block S. 5th St. fell into a group of trees nearby, and though uprooted, remained leaning against them.

Fire Chief Buddy Dugger said the tree would have to be cut into pieces and removed. It was still cordoned off with caution tape early this week.

# Meth lab in shed ...

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county jail for manufacturing.

DCF investigator Stephen Seaballs called the sheriff's department when his agency was advised the meth lab was regularly in operation while children were present on the property.

The incident report names Trina Harvey as the "person of interest" in that investigation. The sheriff's department on June 3 responded to the address when she reported \$1500 in jewelry stolen.

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# Oldcastle on firm ground, Jahna less so

IMPRESSIONS  
Jim McGauley

The Baker County Commission will now turn its attention back to whether it should approve a special exception to allow sand mining southeast of Macclenny on a 437-acre tract off SR 228.

The proposal to permit Oldcastle Southern Group of Tampa was tabled last year pending issuance of permits by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, a process now complete. The state says it's okay and the question now rebounds back to two local boards: the Land Planning Agency and the commission.

Thanks to some creative problem solving, the matter of drawing out water from the aquifer for the mining process is now mute. Oldcastle and the City of Macclenny last week entered into a half-century pact to pipe treated wastewater to the mining site.

It solves a problem for Macclenny, that of depositing the "gray" water into Turkey Creek from the city's treatment plant, allowed by the state for now but maybe not in the future, and it would appear to remove the main objection to the mining by Baker County citizens alarmed at the potential for adverse effects on the underground water supply.

Oldcastle hasn't been sitting on its haunches during this interim, actively engaging in community-oriented public relations to convince Baker County it will be a good neighbor if allowed to mine the course sand suited for concrete and other uses.

The company's efforts, including its successful bid for state permits, may pay off. The LPA hears the zoning exception request on June 27, then sends its recommendation to the county commission for a hearing on July 16.

If the exception is granted, one wonders if it equates to setting precedent in the case of a second sand mine proposal by E.R. Jahna Industries of Lake Wales.

That company has yet to obtain its DEP permit to mine at Trail-ridge east of Macclenny off US 90. Water is critical to its operation, as is true with Oldcastle, and it needs millions of gallons pumped from the aquifer. Jahna won't have the benefit of a pipeline from Macclenny so it will have to be drawn from underground.

It also differs from the DuPont site off CR 228 because it's closer to residential enclaves off US 90 that understandably don't want mining with the resulting traffic and potential danger to water supplies from private wells.

Trail-ridge inhabitants no doubt still smart from the ill-fated bid to bring a medical waste incinerator to the neighborhood. They're not likely to accept being twice-burned (excuse the pun).

For now, any such discussions are academic since Jahna still has to jump through the environmental hoops. As for the immediate agenda, it appears neither the LPA nor the commission has sufficient cause to reject the zoning request.

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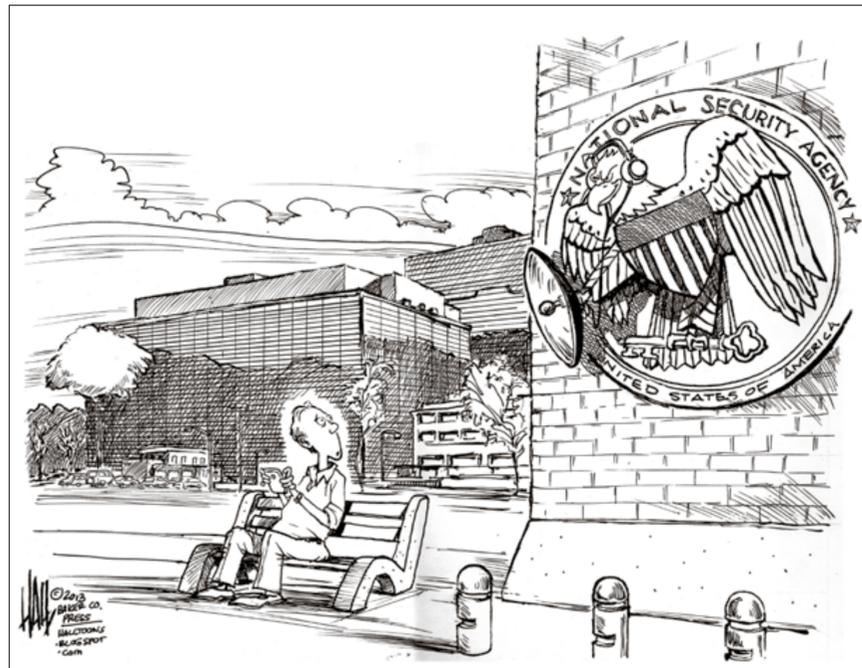
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# New eyeglasses are 'outta sight'

I am staring at life through my new "retro" glasses.

They are new because ... well, they are. They are retro because they look like a throwback to 1959. Which, of course, makes me look like a throwback to 1959.

I'm not so sure about looking like I could have hung around with Marty McFly in *Back to the Future* or sang with Jerry Lee Lewis' backup band. But my wife likes them and I guess that's what counts.

As a matter of fact, she picked out the Ray-Bans last week when I went in to see why everything was a blur out of my right eye. The reason was that I hadn't changed out these Coke bottles in five years.

While I was getting my eyes checked, Kelley was browsing and scheming.

"Hey, Doc, how come I'm having trouble seeing at night?" "Because you're getting older if you haven't noticed."

"Really?" "Really."

"Well what does that matter? My eyes are still healthy aren't they?"

"Perfectly normal. Just old."

"Well, that's nice."

"The fact is, Mr. Gerard, at your age your eyes are only letting in 50% of the light that they were when you were 20."

"Interesting, and depressing. Does that mean you are charging me 50% less for my glasses?"

"Ha! I'm charging you 50% more to bring you up to speed."

"Figures."

"Just out of curiosity," he asked. "When did you start wearing glasses?"

"Interesting story," I responded. "The summer I was 10 years old - back when my eyes let in a lot of light. I was outside playing in the yard and decided to pick a handful of wildflowers for my mother. When I brought them inside to her she thanked me and then said, 'Lift your shirt and turn around.'"

"Measles?"

"Bingo. German measles at that. The measles cleared out in about a week but my eyes never came back from the beating they took from the summer sun while I was 'measled up.' My

mother kept me in a dark room as ordered but it was too late."

That fall I went back to school in my first set of glasses. They look a lot like the ones



The 'new' Bob Gerard

## MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

I'm wearing right now.

I went out from the examination and my wife stuck a pair of glasses

on my face. Ray-Bans. The top half horn-rimmed black and the bottom half clear.

"You're kidding, right?"

"They look great on you."

"They looked great on that kid Ernie on *My Three Sons* back in 1962. But this isn't 1962."

"You're going to love them. Hold still." She took a picture and sent it to my kids. They liked the look.

"Club wear," said son Spencer.

"So I look like I'm going clubbing with the gang from Ocean's Eleven."

"Yes and no. Not the George Clooney gang. The original gang, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Peter Lawford."

I thought about it. "I'm all right with being a member of the Rat Pack, I guess."

Kelley could see that I was hesitant about my new retro style so she suggested sunglasses as well.

I don't usually wear sunglasses because my eyes are so bad they require a prescription. Ironically, the pair I chose?

You guessed it. Ray-Ban Wayfarers. Me and the Beach Boys cruising with the top down singing *Help Me, Rhonda*.

Speaking of irony, they came in on Father's Day. When I picked them up and walked in the front door, Dylan and Sara both told me I looked like my Dad. I glanced at the mirror and they were right. He owned a pair of glasses exactly like these - in 1962.

Everything old is new again, including me.

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

### Childhood summers remembered ...

We're in for a long, hot summer this year so we turned to our Facebook peeps to ask, "When you were a child living in Baker County, how did you stay busy during your summers?"

Roslin Jefferson-Dean: Catching tadpoles, minnows and crawfish in the ditches. Building tree houses, playing games like hide and seek, tag and red light. Catching lightning bugs!

Cathy Clark Rhoden: We rode bikes all over, swam at the county pool, skated at the rink, went to the river and went the ED Ray theater every Saturday. We would also go to the scrub (Salt Springs now) and to Kingsley Lake.

Melinda Crews Sorkness: Pool and when it was in town the skating rink, but my summers and the rest of the year as a teenager were spent working at the Midget Burger for my parents. I miss that place.

Marsha Bennett: Roamed the woods in the back of our house, playing without a worry in the world. Once, we got big enough though, we all worked for tobacco farmers in the county to make money for new school clothes. I believe the top pay at that time for girls handing tobacco to their stringing it on sticks was about \$6 a day. Doesn't sound like much, but it added up and we were proud to get it! Besides, it didn't seem too much

like work for the girls. The boys had the harder job of picking it.

Cindy Clark Rhoden: Riding go carts, building tree huts and riding bicycles. Anything outside. We even created our own games like Jug-A-Ball with a bleach jug! We didn't stay inside like the kids do these days!

Michael Sean Batten: Walking the river with a fishing pole equipped with a beetle spin and a pocket full of them too.

Jeannie Edwards: My pre-teen years were spent picking blackberries and selling them to Granny Norman, while they were in season and also playing cowboys and Indians in the pasture behind our house, fishing at the old waterhole that was located where Macclenny II is today and swimming in the old clay hole beside the interstate. Teen years I worked at the nursery and then the Midget Burger. Like Melinda, I miss that place.

Gail Galloway: I remember walking from my grandmother's house to the theatre and seeing movies for ten cents. Also, Grannie, who was a teacher, worked in the school library in the summer.

if any, we would go swimming in the creek and pray for school to start back!

Brenda Davis: I played outside with the kids in our neighborhood. We used our imagination and turned the smallest items into a grand adventure.

Patricia Harris Rebban: Shucked lots and lots of corn, Strickland's if we were lucky and Amelia Island with Aunt Peggy.

Beth Rozier Moore: Fishin in the creek, going swimming at the Boy Scout Camp, hanging with friends walking down old dirt roads barefoot, and of course, working at Rays nursery to make some money. We never stayed inside and we would ride up and down 90 with the radio blaring. I miss the good of days.

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NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE

Dump dividend \$230K Included in landfill's new 13-14 budget

MIKE ANDERSON PRESS STAFF

Baker, Union and Bradford counties will split \$790,000 as their dividends from a profitable New River Landfill when the new fiscal year begins on October 1 — though not equally. Union County will get an extra \$100,000 because the regional landfill is located there.

Each county will receive one third of the remaining \$690,000 — \$230,000 each — in "host fees." The fees were included in a new \$7,012,120 budget approved by the New River Solid Waste Association's governing board on June 13. The new budget represents a slight decrease of \$37,910 from last year.

Some highlights of the budget include projected revenues totaling \$5.2 million in tipping fees from New River's largest refuse-generating customer, Alachua County, an increase of \$46,500 over last year. Alachua County is expected to haul about 155,000 tons of trash to the landfill next year at a rate of \$33.55 per ton.

Other anticipated revenue includes \$1,008,000 from the three host counties, each of which pays a tipping fee of \$24 a ton, and \$610,470 from New River's fifth customer Levy County, which pays \$32.30 a ton.

Tipping fees are projected to drop \$69,600 from the host counties and decrease \$14,810 from Levy County, though no explanation was offered for the change other than a reduction in the volume of trash anticipated.

The volume of trash projected from Alachua County is also down 10,000 tons compared to last year, mainly because "we over-predicted what the tonnage would be," said Darrell O'Neal, the landfill's executive director. Still, revenue from Alachua County will increase because it pays a surcharge of \$2.35 per ton to help pay for the landfill expansion currently underway.

The contract with Alachua County expires near the end of 2017 but Mr. O'Neal said he was scheduled to meet with officials in Gainesville on June 17 to discuss a proposed contract extension of five to 20 years.

Interest income on bonds and certificates of deposit is budgeted at the same amount as last year, \$150,000. But if earnings continue their downward spiral, especially from bond funds, Mr. O'Neal said the reality may be worse than projected.

"If we continue what we're doing we'll be in the hole," he told the governing board during its monthly meeting last week. Later

during the meeting the board voted to change its investment strategy in an effort to boost earnings. Mr. O'Neal said that after research on the subject he will present a proposed investment plan for the board to consider next month. He also suggested hiring a professional money manager to monitor the investment performances and report to the board quarterly.

Employees are in line for a 3 percent pay raise next year, down from last year's 5 percent salary hike. The total budget for salaries and fringe benefits is \$1,390,875, including \$504,107 in base salaries, \$160,000 in project overtime pay and \$35,200 for holiday pay. Retirement and health and life insurance costs were budgeted at \$350,500.

Most landfill expenses, in addition to personnel costs, are re-

No revenue from LES was included in the new budget, however, because Assistant Director Perry Kent said project completion is "16 months out," placing the start-up close to Thanksgiving 2014.

That disappointed Mr. Smith, who said he thought the host counties were going to start reaping rewards in about eight months, using new money that he had hoped the counties could include as anticipated revenue in their respective 2013-14 budgets. Mr. O'Neal said LES officials stated that the company built a plant in as little as eight months but the one at New River will take longer.

"We could all use a little more money," Mr. Smith said, noting that Union County is "looking at probably a \$700,000 deficit that we've got to balance some way." He asked if the landfill could give an extra \$100,000 to the host counties this year.

"It's your money, the board's money, and I serve at your pleasure," Mr. O'Neal said. But he and Mr. Kent urged the board to wait until after they have negotiated a new contract with Alachua County.

Board member Doyle Thomas, a Bradford County commissioner, agreed that more money would help the host counties deal with their budgetary problems, "but on the other hand, I don't want to rob New River."

After approving the new budget, the landfill governing board also:

- Approved the first employment agreement with Mr. O'Neal in his 19 years as New River's chief executive officer. The agreement, which was suggested by Mr. O'Neal, stipulates that he will remain "in the exclusive full time employment" as New River's executive director until October 1, 2018.

Also at his suggestion, Mr. O'Neal's annual \$96,439 salary will remain unchanged throughout the duration of the agreement. Unless he is terminated prior to the expiration date, at which time he said he would be eligible to seek Social Security benefits, he and the board may opt to renew the agreement on an annual basis.

The agreement further states that the board of directors may terminate and discipline Mr. O'Neal "only with a finding of just cause," which would include gross misconduct or conviction of a felony.

"If I screw up there's reason to do that (fire him)," he told the board. However, early termination without cause would subject New River to additional costs to include a lump sum cash payment equal to the amount that otherwise would have been paid through the expiration date.

Oldcastle intends to mine course sands for use in build-

Water deal inked with city

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The county's Land Planning Agency is scheduled to consider Oldcastle's application for a special zoning exception on June 27 at 7 pm in the county commission chambers at 55 N. 3rd St. in Macclenny. The county commission has scheduled a hearing to consider granting the exception on July 16 at 6 pm.

If Oldcastle does not obtain the permit within 12 months the contract with the city will terminate and neither party will have any further obligation to each other.

But if it wins approval, the company agrees to finance the design and construction of an underground pipeline to carry the wastewater stream from the city's Honeywell Road water plant to the east side of CR 228 and onto the Oldcastle site about five miles south of Interstate 10.

Although initially the pipeline would convey roughly 700,000 to 1.3 million gallons daily, which is the currently permitted maximum volume allowed into Turkey Creek, the discharge pipe will be designed to carry a maximum 3.2 million gallons per day as the city grows.

"This will save city taxpayers a huge amount of money and decrease the chances of (Oldcastle) having to drill into the aquifer," the mayor said.

Following the city's approval of the reclaimed water deal, Oldcastle withdrew its application with the St. Johns River Water Management District to pump more than 2 million gallons per day from the aquifer, said the company's Macclenny attorney Hugh Fish. He said the company also amended its special exception application with the county to include the city contract and its letter to the water management district.

Commissioner Vernon Bennett, who has been on the city commission for more than two decades, agreed that the contract with Oldcastle could save the city "millions of dollars over time." He then issued a subtle plea for critics to back off to avoid squelching the deal for the city.

"I would urge people not to get involved too much with the county over this," Mr. Bennett said. Under terms of the contract, the city manager said, the proposed pipeline easement on public right-of-way would be built large enough to accommodate future water and sewer lines for commercial development along CR 228 south of I-10. The city would be responsible for installing the additional utility pipes.

Commissioner Mark Bryant, who joined the board last month, agreed with the mayor and Commissioner Bennett that Oldcastle's offer was too good to pass up. They approved the contract 3-0. Commissioners Tommy Johns and Richard Johnson were absent.

Oldcastle intends to mine course sands for use in building materials by using a hydraulic dredging technique similar to that used by DuPont to extract minerals in the same area. The city's reclaimed water will form the lakes on which the dredge floats. The company has said it plans to install a septic system to handle wastewater and will use bottled water for potable use.

Once the pipeline is completed it will become the city's property and responsibility for maintenance purposes. When Oldcastle's mining operation ceases, the company will need about fenced 375 acres to the city.

Oldcastle will be responsible for complying with all government regulations pertaining to the reclamation of mined lands.

DuPont, which has been mining minerals in the area for many years, was granted a mining exception by the county for the same tract of land four years ago. However, since Oldcastle will be operating the new sand mine the county requires it to seek an exception also.

Mr. Fish, told city commissioners before they voted that if they approved the contract his client had agreed to withdraw its application for a permit to drill a deep well for the project. About halfway through the discussion, Mayor Dopson disclosed to the audience that he and Mr. Fish are brothers-in-law and that he wanted to assure those present that the relationship would have "no influence" on his decision.

"Anybody who thinks I have had any influence on you doesn't know you very well," Mr. Fish said. "Using reclaimed water is the right thing. Let's do the right thing."

Dennis Collins, a real estate broker and a member of the city's zoning board of adjustment, said he viewed the Oldcastle proposal as being good for the future economic development of the city and county.

"I'm pleased they're coming out here," Mr. Collins said. "It will be a shot in the arm to the city and the county for commercial development in that area."

However, at least one person in the audience was a little skeptical. Marcus Rhoden asked Mr. Fish how long Oldcastle would continue to hold off on its well permit application, to which Mr. Fish responded that there were no guarantees that the company would never resubmit the request.

"They will operate as long as they can with reclaimed water," Mr. Fish said, meaning as long as the quantity and quality of reclaimed water provided by the city remains adequate to meet Oldcastle's needs.

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11.5% insurance hike less than expected

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New health insurance rates will be higher for school district employees in 2013-14, but not nearly as high as teachers feared last month when they asked for pay raises to absorb most of the shock.

Instead of a 30 percent or higher premium hike, which was the dreaded projection in a rumor that had spread like wildfire throughout the district, rates for a dual-option package would rise from 1.49 percent to a Health Savings Account plan to 11.5 percent for traditional medical coverage.

The rates were part of the district's new health insurance deal offered by United Healthcare and approved by the school board on the evening of June 17. The new insurance coverage, which includes life insurance and vision care plans, will be effective October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

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Tenth grade reading scores jump

Joel Addington News Editor reporter@bakercountypress.com

Baker County's tenth grade reading scores shot up this year with nearly two-thirds of the high school's sophomores passing the FCAT reading test last spring.

The latest round of testing results released by the Florida Department of Education in early June also show that ninth graders made modest gains, middle schoolers saw only minor shifts in the percentage of students passing the FCAT reading and math exams, and students at Keller Intermediate School lost some ground compared to the previous year in reading and fifth grade math.

"Baker County School District plans to use these assessments as a point of conversation to determine the next steps in helping all of our students achieve their academic goals," said Susan Voorhes, the district's director of accountability and testing, in a written statement regarding the results.

"We are committed to continuous academic growth and equipping students as lifelong learners," she said.

Improving the reading scores among tenth graders has been among Baker County High School Principal Tom Hill's top priorities in recent years, specifically helping struggling readers improve.

The share of tenth graders scoring a Level 3 or higher, the passing threshold, jumped from 43 percent in 2012 to 60 percent in 2013. That's also 6 percent higher than the percentage statewide.

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for families and the maximum out-of-pocket expense for employees, including deductibles and co-payments, is \$4,000 a year, or \$8,000 for families.

Option 9 provides conventional health care coverage ranging from \$609.08 monthly for individuals to \$1,448.51 for employees and their families. The annual deductible is \$6,350 per employee or family and the maximum out-of-pocket expense is the same amount.

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PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to an application submitted by Hugh Fish, as agent for Oldcastle Southern Group, Inc., to be granted a Special Exception on property located south of Interstate 10, and east of CR 228 South in Sections 11, 12, 13, & 14, Township 3S, Range 22, utilizing approximately 437 acres of property owned by E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc. in Baker County, FL. The Baker County Land Planning Agency (LPA) will consider the request at a public hearing scheduled for Thursday June 27, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the County Administration Building, 55 North Third St., Macclenny, FL. All interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the Special Exception request. The request is to be granted a Special Exception in accordance to the Baker County Land Development Regulations Ordinance 2004-23 Section 2.04.54.01 Mining in Agricultural Zoning District for the purpose of a proposed commercial sand mining operation. Written comments for or against the Special Exception may be sent to Baker County Planning Department, 360 E. Shuey Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063. Faxed comments may be sent to (904)259-5057. Copies of the Special Exception application may be inspected by any member of the public in the Planning Department, address stated above. 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) 259-5123 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

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The Baker County Land Planning Agency will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday,





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## Two pedestrians hit in separate accidents

Two female pedestrians were struck by vehicles in separate accidents during the last week. The first occurred in the Macclenny Walmart parking lot about 3:30 pm on June 13. The 83-year-old victim, Waneta L. Bass of Macclenny (pictured at right being treated by rescue) was struck by a 2005 Chevy SUV backing out of a parking space. The SUV was driven by Alice D. Lauramore, 59, of Glen St. Mary, who told police she did not see Ms. Bass. After knocking down the victim, the vehicle's right rear wheel rode over Ms. Bass' leg. She was taken to Fraser Hospital by ambulance with a leg injury. Then on June 17, a female bicyclist (pictured above) was struck by a car on US 90 East near the Gator Patrick's bar about 1 pm. Florida Highway Patrol spokesman Sgt. Dylan Bryan said the victim was not seriously injured. He did not have any further information on the crash.



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## Family shows off Baxter farm ...

Over the last two years Joe and Jennifer Asbury of Baxter have been slowly turning their 18-acre tract on CR 127 into an organic farm with vegetable and melon gardens, chickens, rabbits, geese and ducks. Last weekend they opened their homestead, Sunrise Jubilee Farms, to the public and hosted a number of craft and food vendors, a mix of Christian bands and a potluck dinner with cake. Visitors walked the garden as children played with the chickens or splashed down an inflatable water slide. An organic gardening author, Ginny Stibolt (pictured above), shared her expertise and signed books as well. Pictured with her are Hilary and George Simcox. Below, visitors head to the chicken house. To see video from the event, please visit [www.bakercountypress.com](http://www.bakercountypress.com).



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# New website launched Unlimited access until July 1

You may have noticed *The Baker County Press* website received a makeover last week. But in addition to the new look and feel there's some new features, more inter-activity and a new mobile version of the site for easier navigation on smart phones and other mobile devices.

But first things first. To see most the new bells and whistles, you need to register with a user name and password at [www.bakercountypress.com](http://www.bakercountypress.com), even if you've registered with our website previously.

Perhaps the first thing you'll see after accessing the new site is the abundance of articles.

In the past we've only published select articles and photos online. But through the end of the month, we'll be posting all the content from the print edition of the newspaper online to give readers a chance to experience *The Baker County Press* in full on the web.

This free preview won't last for long, however. Beginning July 1, the free trial will end and the full website will only be accessible to subscribers.

There will still be some content available to non-subscribers, including our new photo galleries, where readers can view and order high-resolution digital images that we gather in the community, including those not published in the print edition, for just \$5 per image.

We've also added legal notices to the website and they'll be available for all to view permanently. Our revamped calendar of events, which is more

user-friendly than the previous version, will also be accessible to non-subscribers as will videos posted to the site and obituaries.

Everything else — the government, crime, sports, schools and feature articles; news briefs, classifieds, opinion columns, letters to the editor and editorial cartoons — will require a subscription starting July 1.

Using PayPal, readers may purchase a recurring monthly subscription for \$5 per month or a recurring annual subscription at \$25 per year.

The subscriptions include access to the E-editions of the newspaper, which are PDF versions of the print edition that can be viewed online. Advertising inserts, like the Walmart circulars, will only be available through the print edition of the time being.

Recurring subscription payments may be terminated at any time.

Thanks to our redesigned submittal forms, readers can also now easily submit photos with their wedding, anniversary and birth announcements via the website.

Photos can also accompany news tips, articles or other text submittals from readers through the site.

Please visit [www.bakercountypress.com](http://www.bakercountypress.com) and look around to get acquainted with all the new features. We also want your feedback. Feel free to send your suggestions or concerns to Joel Addington at [reporter@bakercountypress.com](mailto:reporter@bakercountypress.com).

## Dedication Saturday for late WWII vet Barnes

The Baker County Historical Society will dedicate a tree in honor of World War II veteran Elgin Barnes, who died in 2011.

The dedication will take place at the society headquarters on Melver Street at 5 pm on June 22. The public is invited to attend and beverages and dessert will be served.

## City water report

The City of Macclenny will mail the annual drinking water report to residents by request only. This includes customers in the Enterprise East and Macclenny II areas.

Another option is to visit the city's web site at [www.cityofmacclenny.com](http://www.cityofmacclenny.com) or watch for it in the June 26 edition of *The Press*.

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(From left) State Secretary Matthew Cantrell of Baker County, Clayton Lyons, his parents Patty Lyons and Clay Lyons, Greg Johnson, and Katie Hutchenson, Area 5 vice-president.

## FFA shines at convention

Once again Baker County FFA chapters at both the high school and middle school were a force to be reckoned with at the state convention last week in Orlando, capturing two big awards.

Shelby King won the state middle school extemporaneous speaking contest and Clayton Lyons took the State Star Farmer award.

Lyons was given the prestigious award for his work in SAE (supervised agricultural experience) with his beef, swine and row crop production enterprises. He was also a state finalist in the diversified livestock proficiency area. Lyons won the job interview contest and will be competing at the national convention in October.

Twenty-one members from the high school and middle school chapters attended the week-long convention. Over 4000 FFA members were in attendance from around the state. Both Baker County programs were recognized at the convention.

The state winning Food Science team and the state winning BCMS Nursery and Landscape team were honored. The high school Ornamental Horticulture teams were also state winners. The Forestry team took a third

place, and the fifth place middle school Poultry teams were all recognized.

In other middle school awards, King placed third in artistic arrangement. Sarah Hilliard and Cheyanne Waldren finished fifth in ornamental horticulture.

Chase Brannan won the feeder steer proficiency award, receiving a plaque and award money for his accomplishments and skills learned throughout his steer SAE.

The food science team from Baker County was honored, as was the nursery and landscape teams for their third and fifth place finishes. The ornamental horticulture teams placed fourth in the state. The forestry team took a third place, and the fifth place middle school poultry teams were all rec-



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At the convention FFA teams added more trophies to this already packed shelf at the high school.

ognized. Greg Johnson and Cacece Ford are the high school FFA advisors and Ashton Norman is the middle school advisor.

## Drama camp will run next week also

Is your child an undiscovered star? Does he or she sing and dance and make up plays at the drop of a hat?

If so, the BCHS FutureStars Drama Camp is probably for you. The camp that runs again next week at BCHS is a fun and exciting way to get kids 5-13 interested in performance.

Counselors from BCHS drama and the Baker County Community Theatre are on hand to teach kids all the basics of singing, dancing, stage movement and acting. At the end of each session they will show off their skills in a FutureStars Extravaganza musical performance.

Campers will be divided into three groups by age.

Superstars are 5-7 years of age. They learn stage movement, simple choreography, music and creating a role on stage. FutureStars are 8-10 years of age. They learn more complicated choreography, scene work, creating a role, music and stage combat. Triple Threats are 11-13 years of age. They learn choreography, stagecraft, musical theatre, creating a role and have opportunities for solos and duos during the FutureStars Extravaganza.

Campers receive a camp shirt with their enrollment. Camp operates Monday through Friday from 9 am till 1 pm. Snacks will be available but not lunch.

If you have not already registered please register on the first day of each session at BCHS or pick up a registration form from the BCHS front office. For more information including pricing, go to the Camp page at [www.bcdrama.com](http://www.bcdrama.com).

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Elizabeth Revelle, public relations consultant for Oldcastle, looks for litter along US 90 during the cleanup sponsored by the mining company and the county at Little St. Mary's Park on June 15. Pictured below are trash bags filled by volunteers, including Austin Edwards and his mother Jennifer Edwards (bottom), an business analyst for the company.

## Mining firm helps tidy up local park

JOEL ADDINGTON  
NEWS EDITOR  
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Volunteers at last Saturday's cleanup of Little St. Mary's River Park on the north side of US 90 just west of Macclenny collected about a dozen trash bags of litter and another useful item — a vehicle seat found in the woods that surround the park.

The seat and a large tire were hauled off to the dump by Douglas Moore, a local landowner and proponent of Oldcastle Southern Group's mining plans in the southeastern county.

The mining company sponsored the lunch that followed the morning cleanup on June 15. It was held in partnership with the county's recently launched anti-litter program dubbed "Keep Baker Beautiful."

The program offers cleanup supplies like vests and garbage bags to volunteers who wish to help keep areas of the county free of garbage and debris.

It's an effort pushed by the Baker County Commission and Commissioner Jimmy Anderson in particular. He helped at last weekend's cleanup at the public park.

The park also includes docks and a large fishing pond where youths dropped their lines while lunch was cooking.

Many of the two dozen or so volunteers were employees or consultants working for Oldcastle, like Macclenny real estate attorney Hugh Fish, who brought along his wife and grandson for the cleanup.

There were other local residents, too, like Kevin Shell and Greg Sheppard. Both men are active in environmental causes and represent Baker County on the St. Mary's River Management Committee.

The committee recently endorsed Oldcastle's plan to pipe the City of Macclenny's treated wastewater to its proposed mining site, rather than siphon water from the aquifer.

Mr. Sheppard said the vehicle seat recovered from the woods appeared to part of a campsite there, possibly frequented by the homeless.



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## William Cotter, 68, of Glen dies June 4

William Fred Cotter, 68, of Glen St. Mary died on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. He was born on November 5, 1944 in Chattanooga, TN and lived in Jacksonville until he joined the United States Air Force. Following that, he joined the Charleston County Police Dept. where he made detective and began raising a family. He thrived in the great outdoors, traveled often and loved camping with his daughters in the mountains. He enjoyed a good NASCAR race and a great football game.



William Cotter

Mr. Cotter was preceded in death by his parents Fannie Ruth Edwards of Jacksonville and R.L. Cotter of Mustang, OK. He survived by daughters Lisa Anne Curl of Hodgen, OK, Rebecca Sue Foster of Diboll, TX and Elizabeth Marie Cernik of Black River Falls, WI; sisters Wanda Eckersley of Friendswood, TX, Christine Stricklin of Marlow, OK, C.J. Monahan of Mustang, OK and Linda Cotter Milam of Duncan, OK; brother Jesse Edwards of Jacksonville. His humor and tenacity live on in his seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Funeral for Sharon Fagan Saturday

Sharon Fagan, 57, of Jacksonville died on June 15, 2013. She is survived by her loving son Jermaine Fagan (Yolanda); grandchildren Jermaine L. Fagan and Jermaine Fagan Jr.; sisters Deldra Scott (Clemson) and Mary Ann Washington; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends. Ms. Fagan was born and raised in Macclenny.



Sharon Fagan

The funeral service will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday, June 22, at St. James Baptist Church in Macclenny, and the viewing will be held at the church starting at 10 am until the hour of service. Please send flowers to the church. The cortege will assemble at 517 Grisholm St. at 10:30 am. Interment will be in Mt. Herman Cemetery in Macclenny. Harry Brown Funeral Directors and Cremation Service of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

## Teacher Wilda Heppner dies June 17

Wilda Rae Heppner, 51, of Glen St. Mary died June 17, 2013 at St. Vincent's Medical Center. She was born in Jacksonville on October 24, 1961 to the late Berry Alvin Lampp and Ethel Jeanette Mays Lampp.



Wilda Heppner

She has been a resident of Baker County since 1971 after moving from Jacksonville. Mrs. Heppner graduated from Baker County High School in 1979 and then married the love of her life, Walter William Heppner, II on December 15, 1979. She had a passion for education and teaching. She taught at J. Franklin Keller Intermediate School for the past 11 years, most recently teaching art. Mrs. Heppner loved drawing and gardening, but most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Walt Heppner, II of Glen St. Mary; her sons, Walter Heppner, III and Matthew Heppner, both of Glen St. Mary; her brothers David (Debbie) Lampp of Los Angeles, CA, Franklin Lampp of Gainesville, Richard Lampp of Chicago, IL and Kenneth (Julie) Lampp of Lawtewy, FL; her sister Terry Moshier of Glen St. Mary; her grandchildren Willow and Gabriel Heppner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 10 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel. Interment will follow at South Prong Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 from 6-8 pm at the funeral home. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

## Daisy Stringer dies Tuesday

Daisy Jean Stringer, 78, a lifelong resident of North Florida, died on June 11, 2013. Survivors include numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A graveside service was held on Monday, June 17, at 11 am at Mantown Cemetery south of Glen St. Mary. Fraser Funeral Home of Jacksonville was in charge of arrangements.

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## Joe Lee Jr., 66, former resident

Joe Lee Jr., 66, of Hilliard died on June 15, 2013 at his residence. He was born in Branford, FL on May 26, 1947 to the late Joe Lee Sr. and Thelma Bryant Lee Bryan.



Joe Lee Jr.

Mr. Lee was a resident of Hilliard for the past 27 years after moving from Macclenny. He was raised in Baker County and spent many years as a plant nursery employee. Mr. Lee enjoyed fishing and watching documentaries, westerns and the History Channel. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Virgil Lee.

Mr. Lee is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Brenda Lee of Hilliard; son Charlie Lee of Jacksonville; brother Edward Lee of Lake Butler; sisters Myrtle Lee of Mandarin and Gennie (Bobby) Broughton of Gainesville; granddaughters Cameron and Madison Lee.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 28 at 2 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel in Macclenny with Brother Dale Holton officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund, 8130 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 201, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

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Children's Church 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## Funeral Thursday for Ms. McKinney

Shirley Norman McKinney, 75, of Macclenny died on June 17, 2013 at Acosta-Rua Center for Caring with family by her side. She was born in Sanderson on September 30, 1937 to the late Thomas Samuel Norman and Edna Bell Prevatt Norman. Shirley was a lifelong resident of Baker County and a longtime member of Raiford Road Church. She enjoyed her career as a supervisor for Independent Life Insurance Company, but most of all she enjoyed being a homemaker and raising her children. She loved singing Gospel music, playing the piano, sewing and teaching her home Bible study. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 39 years, Jack G. McKinney; and brother David Lee Norman.



Shirley McKinney

Mrs. McKinney is survived by her loving children Renee Jacobs of Louisville, Colorado, Crystal Matthews of Macclenny and Jack W. McKinney of Glen St. Mary; brothers Phillip Norman of Homerville, GA and Sammy Norman of Orange Park; sisters Christine Potter of Macclenny and Tommie Sue Davis of Glen St. Mary; grandchildren, Levi Lewis, Jacklyn Lewis, Larry Franklin Matthews, Anthony McKinney, Jami Sapp, Annabel Jacobs and Abigail Jacobs; six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 20 at 11 am at her church with Pastor Eddie Griffith officiating. Interment will follow at Macedonia Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 19 from 6-8 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services in Macclenny.

## Camp meeting

The St. Mary's River Camp Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 22 starting at 3 pm and includes live music and food.

It will be at the Christian Community Outreach in Georgia off Dave Brown Rd. near the Reynolds Bridge.

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## Terence Ruise, 34, funeral on Saturday

Terence M. Ruise, 34, of Gainesville died on June 14, 2013. He is survived by his loving children Destiny, Justice, Tamara, Debriana, C. J., and Dominique; parents Oral and Pansy Ruise of Margaretta; brothers Lorne and Jarrod Ruise of Margaretta; sisters Barbara (Jarvis) Givens of Ft. Lauderdale and Erica (Myron) Doulet of Mayport; fiancé Angela Moore of Gainesville; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Terence Ruise

The funeral service for Mr. Ruise will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, June 22 at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Macclenny. The viewing will be held at the church Friday, June 21 from 6-8 pm and Saturday from 11 am until the hour of service. Please send flowers to the church. The cortege will assemble at 10156 Oral Ruise Road in Margaretta at noon on Saturday. Interment will be at Quitman Cemetery in Sanderson. Harry Brown Funeral Directors and Cremation Service of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

## 'Shorty' Robinson was nursery owner

Claude Leonard "Shorty" Robinson Sr., 85, a lifelong resident of Macclenny, died on June 13, 2013 at Acosta Rua Center for Caring. He was born in Waldo, FL on July 25, 1927 to the late Frank Robinson and Eva Elizabeth Monds Raulerson. Claude attended the Manntown Congregational Holiness Church for many years and he dedicated his entire life to landscaping. He was the owner and operator of Manntown Nursery and Robinson Landscaping. He was preceded in death by his parents and aunt Rebecca Folsom; and step father Daniel Raulerson.



Claude Robinson

Mr. Robinson is survived by his children, Claude L. (Lynn) Robinson, Jr. of Macclenny, Sandra (Charlie) Bishop of Ohio, Danny Robinson of Sanderson, Tiny (Janet) Robinson of Macclenny and Roger (Sharon) Robinson of Sanderson, Stevie Robinson of Bryceville and Tracey Robinson; lifelong companion Patricia Jones of Macclenny; brother Earl Lester (Sylvia) Robinson of Hilliard; 19 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, June 15 at 11 am at Manntown Congregational Holiness Church with Pastor David Hodges officiating. Interment followed at Manntown Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

## 'Tony' Thourot, 53, of Fernandia Beh.

Charles Antonio "Tony" Thourot, 53, of Fernandina Beach died on June 11, 2013 at Baptist Medical Center Nassau. He was born in Charleston, South Carolina on October 20, 1959 to the late Charles Francis Thourot and Jo Ann Combs Thourot. Mr. Thourot enjoyed eating fried chicken and shrimp, listening to music, stealing your coffee, being with family and talking on the back porch.



Charles Thourot

Mr. Thourot is survived by his brother Harold Clayton (Lona) Thourot of Morgan City, LA; sisters Cynthia Wilkinson of Starke and Tina T. (John) Morgan of Raiford; six nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services was held on Friday, June 14 at 3 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services with Pastor David Ragan officiating. Interment followed at Taylor Cemetery.

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**Hiedi Frame dies June 15**  
Hiedi Frame of Sanderson died on June 15, 2013 at her home. She was born on November 8, 1998. Heidi enjoyed going to the river, car riding, getting a bath and being held like a baby. She also enjoyed rolling in the grass. Heidi was preceded in death by owner's Maryann and Toby Frame. She is survived by a family who loved her. Jacqueline, Mark, Jr., Jacob, Brook, Bailey, Reece, Turk, Tonya, Chris, Kelly, Lee, Kristy, Shelby, Tammy, Tiffany, Vicki and Becky all of Baker County. Heidi will be loved and remembered always.

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## Kiwanis touts final 'terrific' kids of 2012-13 school year

The Kiwanis Club of Baker County recognized Terrific Kids for the fourth quarter of the school year recently.

The motto of Kiwanis International is "Serving the Children of the World," and to that end they sponsor programs for children of all ages. Terrific Kids is a program to promote character development and good citizenship. Each quarter each teacher is asked to select one student from his or her class who exhibits at least one of the Terrific Kids traits: Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable.

Those selected receive goodie bags with items supplied by local businesses, individuals and organizations.

The Kiwanis Club of Baker County meets at noon on the first Thursday on the month at Firehouse Subs, and at 6 pm on the third Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce.

For information on Kiwanis or on donating to the Terrific Kids program, please contact Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson at (904) 259-0401.

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anyah Hudnall, Taylor Strayer, Steven Stewart, Noah Underwood, Sh'Diamond Smith, Jordan Smith, Breanna Johnson and Joshua Owens; third grade: Jade Donaldson, Kaiden Sherman, Zoie Young, Layne Britt, Channing Zellner, Aubrey Fuss, Brea Gentry, Michael Combs, Coby Wilkerson, Jalynn Harvey, Alan Norman.

• Keller Intermediate — Fourth grade: Kayla Tate, Abby Ray, Alexis Ledford, Amber Reneau, Emilee Blanton, Cassie Pringle, Carter Kennedy, Emilie Hodges, Dorothy Brockington, Marius Graham, Dallas Ellis, Anthony Aldridge, Jason Holland, Trever Norman, Dylan Jager, Dallas Gilbert, Amber Mann and David Cook; fifth grade: Chayse Card, Shandria Jones, Cason Melton, Lane Carter, Daeshawn Larry, Mason Davis, Madison Baxter, Derek Brown, Saira Anderson, Kiley Thrift, Breanna Norton, James Phillips, Allyson Crossland, Charlie Siemering, Caramie Crews, Noah Anderson and Emily Jewell.

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## President awards for BCMS' top eighth graders

Thirty-seven eighth graders leaving Baker County Middle School this year received the 2013 President's Education Award, which included a signed letter from President Barack Obama. They represent the top 10 percent of their class according to their cumulative GPAs from sixth, seventh and eighth grade. They were honored at the eighth grade awards assembly. The students, pictured above, are (front row from left) Kaitlyn Walker, Breah Pelfrey, Dalton Vonk, Bailey Aldridge, Tiffany Samaroo and Cory Mills; (second row from left) Mallory Mobley, Erica Flakowicz, Madison Kennedy, Macy Jackson, Chiasse Taylor and Timothy Harrell; (third row from left) Jacob Anderson, Johnnie Sue Williams, Mallory Cain and Jordan Griffin; (fourth row from left) Bryce Donker, Gavin Register, Christy Crews, Logan Combs, Sydney Raulerson, Hayleigh Mulkey, Hope Fly and Karyl Richardson; (back row from left) Austin Hartley, William Lukander, Mason Mosley, Ashley Hall, Amber Thatcher, Shelby King and Rachel Nickles. Not pictured, but receiving the award, were Ariel Keeney Mark Ramono and Courtney Baldwin.



Peyton Alan Moran

### Born May 25th

Jeremy and Tina Moran of Macclenny are pleased to announce the birth of son Peyton Alan on May 25, 2013 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville. He weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Peyton joins brother Pierson Thomas Moran. His grandparents are Tom and Glenda Lewis and Ricky and Robin Moran, all of Macclenny.



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## Inter-league softball tournament finishes

The three youngest divisions in Little League baseball and softball concluded their end-of-season "inter-league" tournaments last weekend. Next up will be tournaments for the older divisions in which the best players from Baker County will compete for district titles against out-of-county teams. The Knabb Sports Complex will host the district softball tournament beginning in the last week of June and continuing for two weeks. The boys baseball teams will travel for their tournament action. Baker County sent two teams to the state finals last year. Pictured above from the inter-league tournament is Kayla Harrington of the 9-10 team leaping onto home plate.

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These funds will only be used to pay the excess costs of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities, ages 3-21 in our schools, and will be used to supplement state, local, and other funds.

Baker County School District will ensure that funds do not reduce the level of expenditures for the education of children with disabilities made from local funds (general revenue) below the expenditures made for the preceding fiscal year.

Your input is requested no later than June 26, 2013.

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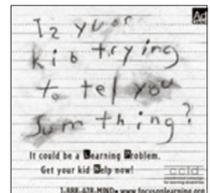
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### 20 year reunion

The Baker County High School Class of 1993 is planning a 20th reunion on August 10 at the University Club in Jacksonville and more details will emerge later. If you have not updated contact information on our Facebook page, send it to [bchsg93reunion@gmail.com](mailto:bchsg93reunion@gmail.com). You can also go to [www.bchsgreunion.com](http://www.bchsgreunion.com) for an additional information.



June 24  
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**Football ages 6-13 | Cheer ages 5-13**

All sign-ups at Memorial Field behind the BP station on Hwy. 90

Fee: \$65 football  
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Copy of birth certificate and proof of insurance a MUST. Child must be present at sign-ups to be fitted for uniform.

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[bakercountytouchdownclub@yahoo.com](mailto:bakercountytouchdownclub@yahoo.com)

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Seth Crawford swimming freestyle in the meet at Fleming Island June 15.

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## Top finishes for many swimmers

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The Baker Bullets started their YMCA swim season with a strong showings June 15 at the Barco-Newton Y in Fleming Island. Both boys and girls swimmers turned in winning times in the meet.

Ashton Ray, Ashley Jennings, Andrea Clark and Abby Rice swept the girls 50 yard freestyle. Elizabeth Reagan and Kyrie Holman were third and fourth in the Girls 13-14 50 free.

Ethan Knight, Danile Boehm and Joseph Boehm were second, third and fourth in the boys 13-14 50 free. Audri Leis was second in the 11-12, 50 free. Daniel Westinghouse was third in the boys 50 free.

Jordan Knight was first in the 6 and under 25 free and Will Nickles was second in the boys event. Andrea Clark was first and Kate Whitehead third in the girls 100 yard backstroke.

Kelsea Crain and Logan Todd were first and second in the girls 13-14 100 backstroke with Molly Walters placing third. Joseph Boehm, Daughton Martin, Ja-



Amaya Figuero swims the freestyle at last Saturday's meet.

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cob Anderson and Mitchell Crain placed second through fifth in the boys 13-14 100 backstroke. Will Nickles was second in the 25 yard backstroke for 6 and under.

The girls 200 yard freestyle relay team of Clark, Jennings, Rice and Ray placed first and Holman, Elizabeth Dillard, Michelle Dukeman and Crain were second.

The Boehm brothers, Matt Voytko and Ethan Knight won the boys 13-14 200 yard free and Hannah Johnston, Samantha

Dillard, Reagan Gipson and Emily Ossmann won the girls 9-10 200 free.

Will Wiggins, Pierce Kirkland, Haydn Finley and Braeden Knight won the boys 9-10 200 free. Jack Putney, Pacey Holtom, Gabe Finley and Will Nickles were second in boys 9-10 100 free.

Jennings and Ray were first and second in the girls 50 fly and Braeden Knight was first in the boys 50 fly. Crain and Holman swept the girls 13-14 50 fly.

Ethan Knight was second in the boys 13-14 50 fly and Brianna Thornton was second in the girls 11-12 50 fly.

Holtom was second in the 7-8 25 fly and Dukeman, Rice and Clark swept the girls 100 yard breaststroke.

Braeden Knight won the boys 100 breast and Ethan Knight and Daniel Boehm were first and second in the boys 13-14 breast.

Landon Prevatt was third in the boys 11-12 50 yard breast and Westinghouse, Grayson Faircloth, Kyler Wilkerson and Finley were second through fifth in the boys 9-10 50 breast.

Holtom was second in the boys 7-8 25 breast and Nickles won the 6 and under 25 breast. Ray and Jennings were first and second in the 100 yard individual medley (IM) while Braeden Knight and Joseph Boehm were first and second in the 100 yard IM.

Holman, Todd and Reagan were second, third and fourth in the girls 13-14 100 IM. Leis was first in the girls 11-12 100 IM and Dukeman third. Westinghouse was first in the boys 9-10 100 IM.



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## JV baseball continues during the summer

The Wildcat junior varsity baseball team is hitting the road this summer for a string of games around the region. First up was Camden County High in Kingsland, GA on June 17. That game was stopped in the fourth inning due to lightning with the Wildcats up 7-0. The squad has seven more away games this summer while their home field is being re-surfaced. Pictured from the Camden County contest are Jeremiah Iverson (above) sliding into home and Cameron Jones (right) on the pitcher's mound.



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Coach Heather Sulkowski gives the volleyball camp's guidelines to younger camp members. Also pictured from the camp (clockwise from top right) are Tristen Lauramore, Rebekah Long and Emily Johnson.

# Volleyball camp at BCHS

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Lady Wildcat volleyball coach Heather Sulkowski's volleyball camp for rising fifth through ninth graders got underway this week.

Sulkowski allowed two younger campers, Hannah Davis and Elizabeth Kennedy who are 7, and a returning camper in fourth grade, Blakely Mallory, to participate as well.

Former BCHS alumni Logan Raulerson and Tori Paulson are helping out Sulkowski and JV coach Vanessa Roberts. Current Wildcat players are also

helping out with the camp.

The camp teaches individual concepts combined with team training designed to focus on all aspects of the game. There's a strong emphasis on passing, serving, setting and hitting fundamentals.

"This is a great camp because it gets girls who don't have the opportunity to play club (volleyball) before or during middle school, the additional training they need to be successful volleyball players," said Sulkowski. "Our efforts are paying off as we're now seeing some

former campers infiltrate our high school program. The camp gets them used to the way we expect things to be done, which allows us to focus on more team training in the fall."

The campers will have a guest appearance by Regina Schantz, head coach at Converse College, an NCAA Division 2 program in South Carolina, on June 20. Sulkowski coached there for a year and Schantz, a former player of Sulkowski's at Peace College and her assistant at Converse, took over the program after she left.



## Hay seminar

Local hay farmers are invited to a seminar on July 10 at the Santa Fe River Ranch near Alachua. It starts at 9 am and registration at 8:30.

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