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## Brown formally resigns as counsel

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The county's long-time attorney Terry Brown quit practicing law late last month, admitting to the Florida Bar that mental impairments brought on by mini-strokes have rendered him incapable of doing so.

The *Press* first reported in early July that the attorney who has represented the county commission for a quarter-century intended to step down.

"My health conditions have required me to make many changes in my daily schedule," Mr. Brown wrote in his July 25 resignation letter to Baker County Commission chairman Mark Hartley. "While I hoped to maintain my government practice (which I find far less stressful than litigation) I now realize that will not be feasible."

Mr. Brown in his resignation letter added that he hoped to give the county more notice — his resignation was effective immediately — but claimed several doctor appointments impeded his ability to properly represent the county.

County Manager C.J. Thompson said the county will borrow Bradford County's full-time counsel, Will Sexton, on an interim basis while a search for the new county attorney takes place.

Mr. Sexton was a partner in Mr. Brown's practice in Starke until recently. He's represented a number of county boards in recent years.

A "request for proposals" was released last week for the county attorney position in hopes of securing Mr. Brown's replacement in four to six weeks, said Mr. Thompson.

"The reason Will [Sexton] is the clear choice is he's familiar and comfortable with Baker County and us with him," he said.

Mr. Brown was also the attorney for the Baker Correctional Development Corporation, the nonprofit that owns the Baker County Sheriff's Complex north of Macclenny, and the New River Solid Waste Association, the three-county partnership which owns the

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## Green's Creek bridge construction ahead of schedule

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## Deficit gap pruned to \$1.2 million Commissioners leaning to 'rollback' millage — a 2% increase

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Although the projected deficit in the upcoming county budget has now been reduced to \$1.2 million, from a high of \$2.5 million last month, county commissioners are moving toward slightly higher taxes to help fund county government in 2013-14.

Expenses have already been cut substantially and additional spending reductions will be sought to narrow the gap even further before the new fiscal year begins October 1, officials say, but a little more tax revenue would help reduce the need to draw heavily on reserve funds to balance the budget.

The reserve fund, which could easily fill the deficit gap, currently contains about \$6.7 million in unallocated funds. But the dwindling revenue source has been used every year for the past few years to fill the gap between revenues and expenditures, and officials say they cannot continue to rely on emergency funds alone to fix budgetary problems.

On a positive note, less reserve money has been needed each year, which indicates the county has been doing a better job of keeping expenditures more closely in line with revenues, officials said during a budget workshop on the after-



From left: County Manager C.J. Thompson, county commissioners James Croft, Jimmy Anderson, Mark Hartley, Adam Giddens and Gordon Crews; plus Clerk of Courts Al Fraser at Monday's budget workshop.

noon of August 5.

"We're making the right decisions and headed the right way," County Manager C.J. Thompson told commissioners as he presented his latest budget proposal reflecting total revenues of \$22,109,527 and expenses totaling \$23,374,942.

The overall budget, which includes funding for all five constitutional offices — sheriff,

clerk of court, property appraiser, tax collector and supervisor of elections — contains \$7,163,486 for basic county government services, 3.86 percent higher than last year's \$6,897,538.

Commissioners agreed that progress has been made and that next year a balanced budget might be possible for the first time in years without any

need for reserve funds. Still, a majority did something that hasn't been done in years: vote for a tax increase.

The board voted 3-2 to increase the property tax rate nearly 2 percent — from the current 7.1495 mills to the so-called "rollback rate" of 7.2916 mills, or from \$7.15 for every \$1,000 of assessed value to \$7.30.

In practical terms, the proposed rate would increase the tax bill on a home valued at \$100,000 from \$715 to \$730. That would take an additional 4 cents per day out of the household budget.

The rollback rate is the one necessary to produce the same amount of revenue as last year,

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## 'Central' classes to hold a reunion

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Children at the all-black Central Elementary School in the late 1960s couldn't get away with much. Even when teachers left the room, and students misbehaved, somehow the teachers knew exactly what transpired in their absence.

"They always knew who was up walking around or whatever," said Central Elementary alum Gail Haygood of Margareta. "I never knew how they knew that."

It took some years to figure it out, but one day it dawned on her. There was no air conditioning in those days so the pull-out windows near the ceiling were often open, reflecting a bird's eye view of what was happening inside the classrooms to those outside.

"That was always cute for me because I tried to figure it out for years," said Ms. Haygood, 54.

Such memories will surely fill the minds of alumni who attend the reunion being planned for those in Central Elementary's first and second grade classes in 1965. It's scheduled for August 17 inside what's left of the old school, located just north of US 90 on CR 229.

Today the building serves as a community center owned by Faith Bible Church. Marva Williams, the wife of church pastor Videll Williams, is organizing the reunion for those in the first grade class led by Clensy Warren and Dorothy Arline's second grade class.

They were among the school's final classes to graduate from the sixth grade before integration.

Other students from that era remember the many plays and parades the school hosted. They helped build their confidence and served as welcome entertainment between lessons.

Sheryl Gaskins Mobley, 53, of Fort Lauderdale, another former student at Central, said one of her favorite memories from her time there was a particular parade and celebration held one day in mid-May. All the girls had to dress in formal attire — white shirt, blue skirt and white shoes.

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Former Central Elementary students (front from left) L.T. Holton, Marva Williams, Beverly Gaskins, Phyllis Williams, (back from left) Rita Paige, Theola McCray and Marvin Givens in front of what remains of the former school, which serves as a community center today.

## Candidate target of dismissed sex case

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Macclenny City Commission candidate and Republican Party of Baker County chairman Kirk Gravelle was the suspect in a child sex battery investigation back in 2004, but the case was dropped when state attorneys here and in Jacksonville declined to prosecute.

Mr. Gravelle, a financial planner for Morgan Stanley in Jacksonville, allegedly had a six-month consensual sexual relationship with an underage girl, who along with her family, was living with the suspect and his family in the Mandarin area before they all moved to Macclenny in 2002.

Mr. Gravelle denied the allegations, calling them, "false and vindictive."

He said he was attempting to help the family through hard times, but conflicts arose

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## Fatal testing flaw: outcomes are never 'equal'

Permit me to add to Joel Addington's comments in last week's edition on the mish-mash that is Florida's school grading and student testing system.

Back in those college years, I recall the second semester of political science course (my major) when I received a D after getting a B in the first section. After the first semester, using the reasoning

powers of a typical 19-year-old, I figured the second phase would be a snap. So I attended class (shall we say?) infrequently.

Where was the Florida Department of Education when I needed it? Had the good Benedictine monks who ran the college adopted DOE logic (fat chance of that), the professor would have been forbidden from dropping my grade more

than one level. I would have come away with a middle-of-the-pack C.

The upside: it would have let me off the hook. The downside would have been a delay in learning one of the most valuable lessons a college student needs to pull down decent grades — attend class and stay awake.

As Mr. Addington pointed out, the state prevented schools from dropping more than a single grade this year (our own Keller Intermediate would have

slipped to an F) because grading standards have stiffened.

Similar to the school grading rules, the individual testing standards in Florida are in a state of flux with constantly moving targets. Ask any teacher in grade levels that are tested.

The use of standardized testing to measure student progress is nothing new, nor is it unreasonable for legislators who get paid by the taxpayers to use public money to fund schools to demand a "yardstick of progress."

The turmoil and confusion likely to continue stigmatizing FCAT testing and school grading are rooted in a fatal flaw — the obsession government has to make all outcomes (as opposed to opportunities) equal. Flowing downhill (as bilge always does) from Washington to all state capitols, this logic dictates that inequities can be erased if we just implement one more government program, revise another set of rules or juggle the way test results are interpreted.

My generation of teachers, people we ran around with in the 1970s and 1980s, long ago retired. With few exceptions, they remark on how public school teaching changed dramatically during their careers. The freedom to design and shift lesson plans to fit fields of study and achievement levels largely vanished.

Creativity is stifled by the smothering blankets of new rules promulgated from federal and state education departments. School district rules have a central root — fear

of lawsuits. What is taught is geared toward standardized testing; concentrate on those things and the results will take care of themselves.

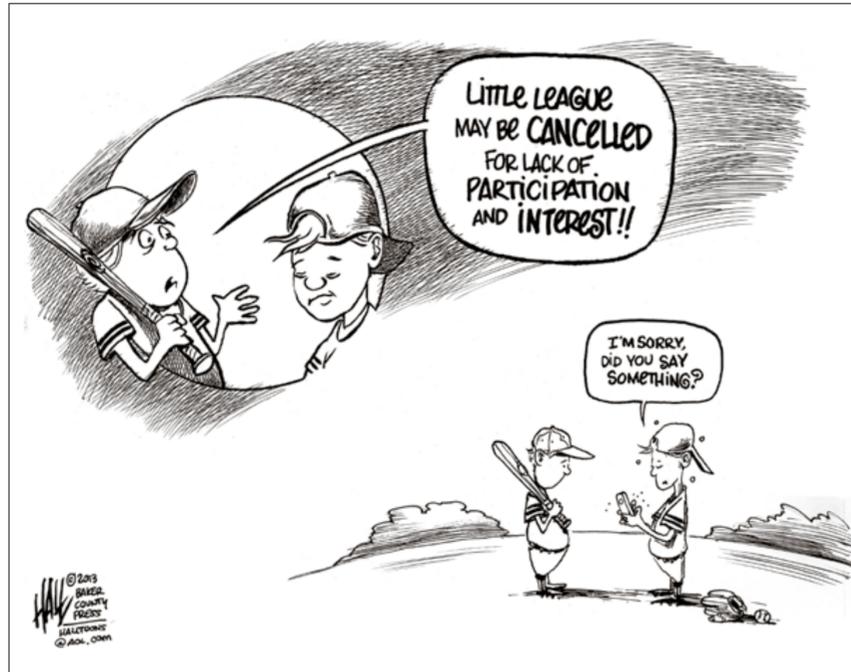
How's that working out? An alarming number of younger teachers (five years or less on the job) are throwing in the towel and moving on to other professions. Some are staying in the classroom for fear that finding something else worthwhile in this slumbering economy will land them on the street or working part time for considerably less.

This isn't Baker County's problem alone. It's everywhere, and begs this question. If public schools continue down this structured, standardized road to even greater mediocrity, how will new, effective teachers be willing to dedicate their lives to the noble profession?

Two things are certain: if the system collapses, none of today's rule makers will be anywhere near the scene of the crime. And no one will admit that the obsession with making outcomes equal was foolhardy.

## IMPRESSIONS Jim McGauley

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Reverse youth's high tobacco use statistics

Dear Editor: We've heard the facts. Every day more than 1,200 people in the U.S. die from smoking. Tobacco use is responsible for 443,000 deaths a year. Nine out of ten smokers start in their teens. Each day in the U.S., more than 3,800 youths under 18 smoke their first cigarette, and more than 1,000 become new daily smokers. In Florida, 21,300 youths become new daily smokers each year. Data suggests that more than 300,000 Florida children, now under age 18, will ultimately die prematurely from smoking. How do Baker County youths weigh in to the tobacco statistics? According to the 2012 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey, they have a higher rate of tobacco use than the overall usage rate than average. Here are those facts:

- 21.5% of Baker youths between the ages of 11-17 used any form of tobacco on one or more of the past 30 days compared to a state rate of 11.2%. (Almost double).
  - 12.9% of Baker youths between the ages of 11-17 used smokeless tobacco on one or more of the past 30 days compared to a state rate of 3.5% (more than triple).
- It's against the law for anyone under age 18 to even possess tobacco. Those who are under 18 do possess or use tobacco and are given a citation that includes a fine or community service, and are required to attend a tobacco education class. Failure to follow through can result in revocation of one's driver's license or postponement of receiving one until all requirements are completed. Locally, underage citations are given by police on campus.
- The Baker County School Board has adopted a 100% tobacco free policy that applies to students, employees and visitors on all school properties and at all school activities. Soon school will start and there will be athletic, social, dramatic and musical events. When tobacco use is not prevalent in school environments and students are not witnessing teachers, coaches, faculty, parents and visitors using — they are less likely to think tobacco use is acceptable.
- For assistance in quitting tobacco, call the Baker County Health Department at 259-6291. Free classes and free nicotine replacement are available.

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Tobacco Prevention Specialist  
Baker County Health Department

## Kinder, gentler during 'Bob' time

"Hey, where are you going?" my wife asked early this morning as I put on my shoes.

"I'm going out to school to work on the *Old Time Gospel Jubilee* set."

"Will you help me set up for the meeting I'm doing in your Media Center for tomorrow?"

"Sure. So long as we do it on Bob Time and not Kelley Time."

"There's Bob Time?"

"Absolutely. We're in Bob Time right now."

"Are we also in Kelley Time?"

"No. I don't think so. There's

a little overlap, but not much."

"So what is Bob Time?"

"Well during summer, Bob Time is early in the morning until around noon. After that, it's just limbo until rehearsals start at 6 pm."

"Limbo? I'm assuming that you're not talking about the game?"

"No, though I was pretty good at that as a kid. Limbo gets a lot smaller then. In summer, limbo might mean me taking a nap or watching a movie or playing a video game on the computer."

"That seems to take up a lot of your time."

"Let's not be snide. Remember, you want me to help you."

"She made a snoring sound. 'But only if it falls within Bob Time.'"

"No. That's not true. If it falls within Bob Time, I will do it happily. Pleasantly. With a smile on my face. Humming. Whistling while I work like Snow White's animals. If it falls outside of Bob Time, I will still do it — just not so happily."

Kelley propped up on her elbow. "I see. So that grouchy curmudgeon that we all see every day is just you outside of Bob Time."

"Hurtful, hurtful, hurtful."

"But true, true, true."

"Maybe a little," I replied. "Outside of Bob Time I do tend to complain more."

"I've seen you grumpy during Bob Time."

"Yeah, but that's usually because some major obstacle has been thrown into the path of my achieving what I want to achieve for that day."

"Like helping me set up for my meeting?"

"Not at all."

"So, 7:30 am until noon? Seems like a pretty small window of opportunity."

"Not really. It opens back up for rehearsal."

"Before slamming shut again."

"Watch out for your fingers when it does."

"And what about me?" she asked. "What about Kelley Time?"

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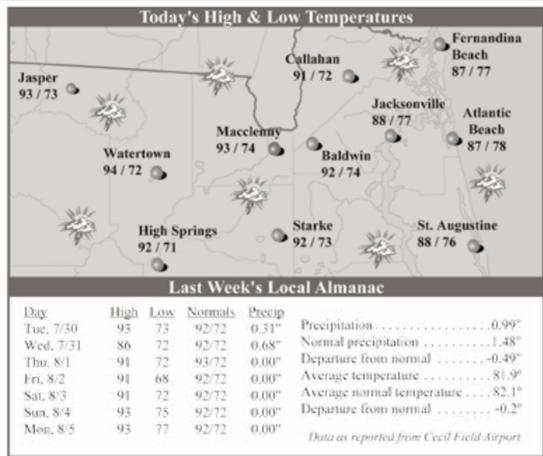
## FACEBOOK FANS 'What you had to say ...'

- Favorite sandwiches ...**
- August is National Sandwich Month, so we turned to Facebook to ask our readers about their favorite ingredients between two slices of bread. Here's what they had to say:
- Ann Crawford-Alford: Fried potatoes with mayonnaise.  
Ronald Dipe: I like tomato sandwich: tomato, mayo and pepper.  
Dana A Shannon: Fresh tomatoes out of the garden with the new Kraft Olive Oil w/ cracked pepper mayonnaise. Yum-yum.  
Marie Richendollar Harris: Bacon and potato sandwich with mayo.  
Chelsea Olivia Moore: Government cheese.  
Clayton Yarbrough: Well, mine will be different because in my mind I created it. I make a fried green tomato and thick sliced bacon sandwich. I use only Miracle Whip salad dressing, and on toasted bread it's even more mouth watering.  
Staci Parsels Webb: Fried potatoes with mustard!  
Richard Clark: Turkey and cheese, spicy mustard, lettuce, tomato, onion on whole wheat. Ummmm.  
Kendall Hurd: Head cheese, roast beef, tomatoes and provolone on wheat. You've got to try it!  
Jay Cannaday: Tuna and Miracle Whip, or peanut butter and Miracle Whip. Seriously.  
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Deficit trimmed to \$1.2M Brown: mental, marital woes

From page 1 although it will actually funnel \$104,767 in additional revenue due mainly to new construction in the past year, Mr. Thompson said.

Commissioner Adam Giddens broke the ice on the tax issue when he called for the modest increase.

"I say we draw the line in the sand and set the millage at the rollback rate," Mr. Giddens said. "We're working as hard as we can on the expenditure side of things."

Commissioner Gordon Crews agreed that a slight tax increase is justified to help the county dig itself out of the budgetary hole created during the Great Recession and resulting declines in property values the past several years.

"We've got to make a move in that direction until we can get caught up," Mr. Crews said.

Commissioners James Croft and Jimmy Anderson, on the other hand, argued against higher taxes. They said the county must do the best it can with existing revenues.

"I'm leaning more toward learning to live within our means," Mr. Anderson said, adding that while he "somewhat agrees with the rollback rate, I firmly believe we should live within our means."

He said the county manager and department heads have done a "tremendous job" trimming expenses to get the budget and deficit down to its present level. He further said he believes some additional cost cutting measures can be taken.

"I think there's some more tweaking that can be done," Mr. Anderson said.

Mr. Croft said he was opposed to raising the tax rate because it would adversely affect some existing property owners, not just those who have built new homes or added on to existing ones. He agreed with Mr. Anderson's concept of making do with existing income.

"My car just rolled over 200,000 miles," Mr. Croft said. "I'd like to go buy a new one, but I just can't."

Likewise, he said, all county funded agencies and departments, including constitutional offices and non-profit organizations that have typically received county donations, "need to accept ownership in the budget and make substantial cuts."

In further support of his contention that a tax increase is unnecessary, Mr. Anderson noted that the county never spends all that it budgets for expenditures, including the amounts set aside in recent years from the reserve fund to offset deficits.

He said when he came into office nearly three years ago the



Teresa Matheny of Episcopal Children's Services addresses commissioners regarding future county funding for her agency.

serve fund balance was about \$8 million and since then the county has budgeted about \$4 million in reserve funds, yet nearly \$7 million still remains in the fund.

"My point is that we have budgeted all that for these three years but we haven't spent it all," he said, adding later, "If we're moving in the right direction why raise the millage rate."

Commissioner Giddens, unmoved by his fellow Republican commissioners' arguments, stuck to his original motion to boost the tax rate, saying: "I don't care if it looks like a tax increase. It's the right thing to do."

After the 3-2 split vote, which was decided by Commission Chairman Mark Hartley siding with Mr. Giddens and Mr. Crews, officials acknowledged that the proposed rate is only tentative and could be reduced before the new budget is adopted next month.

"This is not final," Mr. Thompson said.

By law, three commissioners could have voted for a tax rate of 9.6688 mills, which would generate an additional \$1,857,414. Or, four of the five commissioners could have voted to boost the rate to the maximum allowed by state law, 10 mills, which would pro-

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New River landfall in Raiford. Those agencies are seeking to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Brown as well.

The attorney in June waived his right to a probable cause hearing before a Florida Bar grievance committee on a complaint by former wife Carolyn Kowalski of St. Augustine, with whom he has had a tumultuous relationship based on divorce court records in St. Johns County.

The committee would have decided whether Mr. Brown, 59, was sufficiently impaired to prevent him from practicing law.

In his waiver petition, later approved by the Florida Supreme Court, Mr. Brown in effect admitted to the impairment brought on by the brainstem strokes and rendered his law license "inactive."

He also agreed not to seek reinstatement.

Court documents related to his divorce from Ms. Kowalski and a domestic violence protection order she sought against him bespeak of a turbulent personal life that could well have affected his mental stability and professional performance.

Ms. Kowalski filed for a domestic violence protection order in St. Johns County on April 29 after an altercation with Mr. Brown at her home the previous day.

He was residing there and in Keystone Heights "intermittently," according to Ms. Kowalski's petition.

Mr. Brown filed for divorce in mid-February.

Mr. Brown and Ms. Kowalski married in March, 2012 and separated about four months later, court records show.

Their divorce was granted in late February, but the disposition of assets is still pending.

According to court documents, Mr. Brown is seeking to recoup some \$170,000 he loaned his former wife for a St. Augustine condo and its remodeling. He says their marriage broke up when she refused to put his name on the deed.

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BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Health insurance costs are ballooning

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The cost of health insurance for Baker County employees is going up. Exactly how much, and how it could affect benefits, will be decided in the coming weeks.

The particulars will be determined by the county's insurance committee, which includes the county manager and employees, working with the county's insurance consultant Owen & Associates.

"You give us a target and we'll bring back a plan that meets that target," County Manager C.J. Thompson told county commissioners during a meeting on the evening of August 5. "Let employees figure out what works best."

The issue of health insurance for county employees and their families was discussed at length by county commissioners during a meeting on the evening of August 5. Commissioners had previously been told that insurance costs could jump more than 30 percent when the new insurance coverage begins on November 1.

But it really depends upon the type of coverage and how much more of the expenses employees and the county are willing to bear.

For example, higher deductibles and co-pays would help keep premium rates down but would impose a greater financial burden on some employees and their families.

Tim Owen, owner of Owen & Associates, told the board that the county's insurer, United Healthcare, had managed to keep insurance cost increases down to about 3 percent a year for the past five years. But it is facing greater expenses as a result of increasing claims, he said.

Premium increases of 10 to 20 percent "is what we're seeing an awful lot of with plans similar to ours," Mr. Owen said.

According to documents presented to the board by Mr. Owen, United Healthcare had received premiums totaling \$1,133,868 through April 30 and had paid out \$1,020,050. Since then, the number of claims have increased and the company now has paid out more in claims than has been received in premiums, he said.

A number of catastrophic illnesses struck county employees and their families last year, resulting in ongoing treatment and expenses for brain cancer, breast cancer, thyroid cancer and complications of high blood pressure and heart conditions.

Presently, about 237 county employees are enrolled in the health plan, including 84 and their families.

One way to reduce future claims, Mr. Owen said, is to provide incentives for employees and their families to adopt healthier lifestyles through wellness programs, such as those aimed at helping people stop smoking and exercise more, provided in the insurance plan.

"Healthy people file less (fewer) claims. They just do," Mr. Owen said.

After discussing several options, which offered premium increases ranging from 28.4 percent to a low of 1.5 percent, commissioners voted to accept the plan based on a 18 percent in-

crease. Under this plan, referred to as Option 5, the monthly rate for employees would jump from \$450.85 to \$531.79 and family coverage would increase from \$1,239.84 to \$1,462.43. Deductibles and co-payment requirements also would increase.

However, the insurance committee could select another option with a higher premium increase and less out-of-pocket expenses for employees, who would have to pay the difference. Commissioners also are con-

sidering a suggestion made two weeks ago by Commissioner Adam Giddens to require new employees hired after October 1 to pay more of the cost for family health insurance coverage. The county now pays roughly \$1,000 for family coverage.

In a somewhat related matter concerning health costs borne by taxpayers, commissioners postponed a decision on whether to pay an additional \$119,366 for inmate medical expenses generated by county jail inmates in the past year.

Sheriff Joey Dobson requested the payment in excess of the \$150,000 the county is contractually required to pay the Baker Correctional Development Corporation annually for inmate medical care costs.

Commissioners balked at the request, saying they didn't think it was their responsibility. "We put the money (\$150,000) in there and now you're saying you need more," Commissioner Gordon Crews said, directing his comments to Brian Bishop, the sheriff's administrative chief.

Inmate medical costs have exceeded the \$150,000 the county provided in recent years, but it was always such a small amount that the sheriff's budget covered it, Mr. Bishop said. However, several inmates had serious health problems last year that generated much higher costs.

"I don't know that it's our cost," Commissioner Croft said. Mr. Bishop said BCDC is responsible for in-house medical care, treatment, medications and such. But it doesn't have the money in its budget for doctor and

hospital visits, such as occurred in the past year. "What are you going to do if we say no?" Commissioner Giddens asked Mr. Bishop. "Because

we don't have the money either." "I expect vendors will be knocking on all of our doors, with their attorneys with them I would imagine," Mr. Bishop replied.

The county's new temporary attorney, Will Sexton, will review the county commission's contract with the BCDC and render a legal opinion as to whether the county should pay the excess medical expenses at the next board meeting.

In other action at the board: Received a report from the county manager on the status of seeking a replacement for County Attorney Terry Brown, who announced his resignation last week due to health concerns. Mr. Thompson said requests for proposals had been advertised and were due by August 16.

Commissioners agreed to review the applications with the county manager in a workshop before a decision is made. Mr. Croft suggested the workshop because "this is a professional position that we directly employ ourselves."

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Mr. Croft also suggested that the new attorney agree not to represent any other agency "that we may do business with" to avoid a potential conflict of interest. He was alluding to the fact that Mr. Brown was the legal counsel for the county commission, New River Solid Waste Association and the Baker Correctional Development Corporation, which conceivably could disagree on things that would require legal guidance.

"It's a good time to start with a clean slate," Mr. Croft said. Adopted a resolution seeking a traffic signal to be placed by the Florida Department of Transportation at the scene of several traffic fatalities at two dangerous intersections of Interstate 10 and US 90 in Sanderson, where two people were killed last month and a small child was injured in a collision.

According to the Baker County Sheriff's Office, 120 crashes have occurred at the two intersections in the past 10 years, resulting

in numerous injuries, property damage and five deaths. Adopted a resolution approving \$82,919.90 in federal emergency relief aid to help reimburse the county's costs to repair roads and bridges damaged during Tropical Storm Debby last year. Approved a request to allow the Baker County Shining Star's Special Needs Pageant to be held at the county agriculture center on US 90 free of charge. The board waived all fees. No date was announced for the event, which will be sponsored by the Westside Nursery and Preschool.

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# Bus hub design nearly done Hunt still on for CoA senior center funding

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Plans for the \$2.1 million Council on Aging transportation center are nearly final and the county has applied for an environmental permit from the state due to the presence of wetlands on the proposed project site behind Winn-Dixie in Macclenny.

The grant-funded center has been in the works for more than three years, but County Manager C.J. Thompson says there is no deadline for expending the money.

He said the Florida Department of Transportation, which is administering the grant, will make the funds available as long as the county continues to show progress on the project.

The design and engineering plan prepared by Bentley Architects + Engineers, Inc. of Longwood, FL detail a 15,550-square-foot transportation center on 9.36 acres, of which about half, or 5.16 acres will be used for the project.

The transportation center will become the home of the Council on Aging's (CoA) fleet of buses, used to take seniors, the disabled and low-income residents on

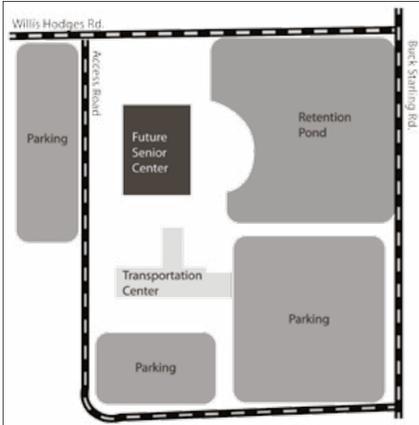
shopping, medical or education-related trips in the region.

Last year, CoA took over management of a shuttle between Macclenny and Jacksonville along US 90 formerly operated by Jacksonville Transportation Authority.

The property at the southwest corner of Buck Starling and Willis Hodges roads was purchased by CoA in 2008 with another grant for about \$500,000 and deeded to the county for development of the transportation center.

The remainder of the site is reserved for a future 15,400-square-foot senior center for CoA, which is now housed across from City Hall on US 90. Funding for that project is still being pursued.

The site plan also shows a large retention pond on the northeast corner of the 9.36 acres and ample parking for riders, employees and buses around the transportation center. The stormwater pond and conveyance system will empty into nearby Turkey Creek, increasing runoff to the water body by about 60 percent. Pollution control measures are also planned for the project.



Map of future development at county-owned property behind Winn-Dixie.

According to the county's environmental permit application, the project will disturb some 2.14 acres of wetlands existing at the site. The county proposes to mitigate that impact by purchasing credits from the Longleaf Mitigation Bank under a yet-to-be-

proved agreement. The transportation center itself will feature two bus bays, a dozen offices, conference room, break room, passenger waiting area, training room and covered drop-off area, the engineering plans show.

# Gravelle: claim 'false'

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between him and the victim's father, which caused the family to move to Tennessee.

"The whole situation was a nightmare, all because I tried to help a family that was in need," Mr. Gravelle said.

The case was brought to the attention of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office by an investigator with Tennessee Children's Services in late 2004, according to then-Baker County Sheriff's Office Investigator Mike Combs' report on the matter.

JSO forwarded a report from the Tennessee investigator, Steve Dixon, to police here. Investigator Dixon reportedly conducted an interview with the victim as well and sent a report detailing her statements to authorities here.

The youth indicated in the interview that she and Mr. Gravelle became close friends and had sex about 20 times before the relationship ended when she began dating another male, Investigator Combs' report notes.

An attempt was made to set up a recorded phone call between the victim and Mr. Gravelle speaking about their relationship, but the victim and her family decided not to make the call.

Investigator Combs said this week Mr. Gravelle, 42, was very calm and polite when he confronted the suspect with the allegations. His report states the suspect was already aware of the allegations because the victim's family had confronted him previously about the alleged relationship.

At that time, the suspect said he would contact his attorney and then call the investigator. When Mr. Gravelle did call back, he gave Investigator Combs the contact information for his attorney, who later informed police the suspect would not be speaking to investigators.

"Early on in the investigation, it was realized that at this point it came down to the victim's word against his, and without further evidence it would be difficult to successfully prosecute," wrote Investigator Combs.

He wrote that the state attorney

in Jacksonville declined to prosecute the case there and Mel Bessinger, the former assistant state attorney in Baker County, made the same call.

In a written statement provided to *The Press*, Mr. Gravelle suggested that information about the investigation surfaced now due to his political aspirations.

"I want the people of Macclenny who know me and those who have yet to meet me, to know that I did none of these alleged charges," he wrote.

**Gravelle fined for breaking finance rules**

More recently Mr. Gravelle was disciplined by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, which hears complaints against finance industry professionals.

The authority fined him \$10,000 and suspended him for five days in 2011 for falsely marking investment orders to skirt his company's ban on soliciting customers to buy shares of certain securities.

Mr. Gravelle admitted the violation, which also caused his firm's records to be inaccurate. He was suspended by Morgan Stanley for five days as well, bringing his full suspension to 10 days.

He also had to undergo compliance training and re-test for his title as a Certified Financial Planner.

Mr. Gravelle defended his actions by saying the trades were in the best interest of his clients and he'd received conflicting messages from management on how to handle them appropriately.

"There was no fraud or attempt to harm anybody ... I'm still employed by the same firm," he said.

### The other candidates?

A review of criminal, civil and licensing records by *The Press* this week revealed no evidence of past wrong-doing by the other two candidates in the Macclenny City Commission race, Sam Kitching and Dennis Collins.

Peggy Gatlin of the sheriff's office records department said neither Mr. Kitching, who works for the sheriff's department managing programs inside the jail, nor

Mr. Collins, a Macclenny realtor, have been identified as suspects in criminal investigations arising here.

Searches of local court records and those in neighboring counties showed only traffic infractions for Mr. Gravelle, who has been issued many speeding tickets in Duval County in recent years.

Mr. Collins' real estate license is in good standing with the Florida Department of Business and Regulation, as is Mr. Kitching's real estate license, though his is inactive.

Corporation records show Mr. Kitching serves on the nonprofit Healthy Baker, Inc.'s board of directors. Mr. Collins is an officer of his real estate firm, Collins Realty Group, LLC and Mr. Gravelle is a board member for the Jacksonville nonprofit Frank D. Murphy Charity, Inc., formerly Power 143 Charity, Inc., which was formerly Power FM, Inc.

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Pvt. Dalton Nipper

### Completes basic

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His parents are Wade and Robin Chapman of Macclenny and Scott and Phoebe Nipper of Glen St. Mary. Grandparents are Pete and Betty Peters of Sanderson and Sammy and Marilyn Nipper of Glen.

Pvt. Nipper will soon report to Camp Geiger in Jacksonville, NC for more training.

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## BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

# Votes 4.6% cutback in tax rate Generates \$6M of a \$51M total

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The Baker County School Board took another step toward delivering county homeowners a small tax cut last week by adopting the tentative millage rate and budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

The millage, or property tax, rate passed 4-0 during a 30-minute hearing the evening of July 29 with school principals and other district personnel present. School board member Jesse Davis was absent.

Final approval of the millage and budget will take place in the coming months.

The proposed millage rate, 7.357, is equivalent to about \$7.35 per \$1,000 of taxable value. That means a home valued at \$100,000, for instance, would pay about \$735 in school district levies, in addition to city, county, water management district and hospital authority taxes.

District finance director Marcelle Richardson said county taxpayers will benefit from a slight year-over-year rise in property value statewide, even though Baker County's tax roll shrank this year.

The change in value state-



School board members (from left) Patricia Weeks, Dean Griffis and (far right) Dwight Crews with (center) Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson and the board's attorney during a recent school board hearing.

wide reduced the "required local effort" portion of the tax rate about one-tenth of a mill, or \$10 on a home with a taxable value of \$100,000.

The proposed tax rate is also the lowest in nearly two decades. It's 4.6 percent less than the current rate and 6.2 percent less than the so-called "rolled-back rate," or the rate that would generate the same dollar amount in tax proceeds as the previous year. The school district will raise nearly \$6 million at the proposed rate, but that's about 5.5 percent, or nearly \$360,000, less than the current year's proceeds. Property taxes fund about one-tenth of total spending; the bulk of the remainder coming from state and

federal sources. The board also voted 4-0 to approve the tentative \$50.8-million budget for the coming fiscal year. It's about 8 percent larger than the current budget.

Part of the increase was attributed to higher contributions for employee pensions, which jumped about \$360,000, and raises for teachers, which account for some \$800,000 in additional spending. Both increases were mandated by the state, though the district will see more funding from Tallahassee to cover the raises.

The tentative spending plan also anticipates using some \$4.1 million from reserves to balance total expenditures. There's about

\$10.3 million in reserve today. The school board balanced this year's budget by dipping into reserves as well.

In other business from the meeting last week:

The board approved an agreement with Florida Gulf Coast University to facilitate grant-funded training of personnel to increase graduation and proficiency rates of disabled students while reducing their drop out rate. The training costs about \$35,000.

The board approved the revised list of district personnel issued district cell phones. The list includes 16 people, mostly district-level department heads.

# Inmate count drops in BCDC budget

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After revising down the number of inmates projected at the county jail for revenue budgeting purposes, the Baker Correctional Development Corporation's board of directors on July 17 approved its \$12.5 million budget for the coming fiscal year.

By assuming an average daily population of 390 prisoners at the 500-bed facility north of Macclenny, down from 425 in the current budget, the nonprofit corporation expects to see an 11 percent reduction in revenue, or about \$1.3 million.

For budgeting accuracy, however, the revised average daily population is more in line with the numbers the county jail, which houses both local and federal inmates, has seen in recent months, since federal budget cuts became effective in March.

The year-to-date average daily population through June was 399 prisoners (122 local and 277 federal). The average dropped significantly after March, however, to 327 prisoners.

In presenting the revised budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year, which begins October 1, to the BCDC board, its finance manager Jeffrey Cox said that overall there was a 5 percent decrease, or some \$549,000, in expenses compared to the current budget, minutes from the meeting show.

The decline was mostly in personnel costs from not filling existing vacancies. Still, it helped to move total expenses in the budget to \$12,496,658. That leaves about \$250,000 in net income in the budget.

The board, which includes

Todd Knabb, Alex Robinson, Paula Barton and Larry Payne, approved the budget unanimously. County commissioner Jimmy Anderson attended the meeting as well.

Mr. Cox also reported to the board that bond payments on some \$45 million borrowed for construction and start-up of the facility in 2008 are on schedule

and the corporation continues to put cash aside monthly for reserves, which total 1.7 million.

Mr. Cox has said previously that ideally, BCDC should have more than \$3 million in reserve at all times to satisfy bondholders.

He also reported that through June 30, BCDC experienced a net loss of about \$109,000.

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## CITY OF MACCLENNY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY AND COMPANION AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP

The City Commission of the City of Macclenny, Florida shall consider first reading of Ordinance No. 13-11, "A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM AUDREY M. SNELSON OF A PORTION OF PARCEL 08-35-22-0000-0000-0750; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

SYNOPSIS: The Ordinance involves applications for voluntary annexation into the City of Macclenny. The Subject Property for Ordinance No. 13-11 consists of approximately 1.81 acres located on the east side of State Road 121, south of Interstate 10 interchange and north of Jeff Starling Road (see map). Ordinance No. 13-11 will cause the Subject Property to be classified Commercial Medium Intensity on the City's 2025 Future Land Use Map ("FLUM") and Commercial, General on the City's Zoning Map.

FIRST READING: A public hearing on the first reading of the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. There shall be no vote by the City Commission regarding this Ordinance at this meeting. The City Commission meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the public hearing will be held shortly after the meeting is called to order. Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the adoption of the proposed amendment.

COMMISSION VOTE: A public hearing requiring City Commission action on the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. The City Commission meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the public hearing will be held shortly after the meeting is called to order. Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the adoption of the proposed amendment.

The complete legal description by metes and bounds and the proposed Ordinance may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk at City Hall on Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Should any person decide to appeal any decision made as a result of this hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of these proceedings is made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Manager at (904) 259-0972 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

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## CR 229 bridge project ahead of schedule

With a large crane in place, workers from Superior Construction Company of Jacksonville were busy this week with a large auger setting pilings for the new Green's Creek bridge on CR 229 south of Sanderson. The \$1.9 million project funded by emergency federal dollars is 18 percent completed as of July 31, according to Gina Busscher, spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Transportation's Lake City office. If favorable weather and other factors persist, that puts it ahead of the 240-day contract for completion, possibly by year's end. A graded surface two-lane bypass is located beside the new structure, allowing north-south access that was blocked since the old bridge closed after Tropical Storm Debby in June, 2012. Another Debby-damaged bridge over Cedar Creek on CR 127 is scheduled for replacement starting in September or early October. Anderson Columbia Company of Lake City won the \$1.6 million contract and has until early January to complete the bridge, which has been closed to traffic since the wash-out.

## Sanderson Central: classes re-unite

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"The whole community came together and put up a colored flag to represent freedom from slavery," said Mrs. Mobley. "A couple of families were responsible for bringing the lemonade, our family cooked the food ... We were just together and sang old songs and paraded up and down Sanderson and Jonesville. It was a beautiful thing. It's so sacred to me."

School alumni also remember the more routine moments, like reciting prayers and the pledge to begin the day, memorizing the preamble of the Constitution, or huddling around the heater in the winter to stay warm. Central alum Beverly Gaskins can still recite the preamble by heart.

Mrs. Williams and her classmates describe Central with a familial sense of pride, joy and reverence. It was a place of their own and supported by the communities it served. "I had one of the sweetest second grade teachers in the world," Theola McCray Parker said of Mrs. Arline. "She was very strict, but very motivating. She was like our second parent when we left home."

In fact, former students said, it was not uncommon for parents to give consent for corporal punishment, that if doled out at school, would be repeated once children returned home.

"Lord we should have kept them teachers," said Mrs. McCray, 55, of Sanderson. "Our kids wouldn't be the way they are today."

Though teachers were strict — Mrs. McCray still remembers the green paddle her fourth grade teacher kept handy — they were also caring.

The same teacher, Mrs. Ruise, kept soap, rags, toothpaste, mouthwash and other toiletries at the school to clean up children as needed.

"Mrs. Arline was much sweeter. She was calmer. We had to do something real bad in order for her to spank us. I mean real bad, like bust one of the kids in the eye. She was one of the most patient teachers we had," recalled Mrs. McCray. "Mrs. Ruise, not so much."

### School after integration

A number of the alumni were thankful for the foundation that was laid for them at Central, academically, spiritually and socially. They spoke of the values they learned, like respect, pride and hard work.

"I'm so glad that was my foundation," said Mrs. Haygood. "It's still sustaining me right now. It played a very big part of my academic past, present and future. The things I was taught there I'm still building on."

"They helped us grow up learning not only our ABCs, your basic learning, but life skills as well," added Rita Paige Givens,

54, of Sanderson. "How to respect one another, how to be responsible. I'm where I'm at today because of my early childhood and my foundation at Central."

But things were different after segregation ended in 1970. Mrs. Haygood said she felt lost in the crowd. She was accustomed to standing out in school — being selected to sing in plays and shining academically.

[Central] kind of spoiled us in that way," she said. "For me, the change was a little hard because there was so much attention put on me before. I felt lost and a little jealous because I didn't get picked out for things that I was used to being chosen for."

The transition was rocky for Mrs. McCray at first, too. "I talk about this all the time," she said before describing the individual attention paid to students at Central.

"When I was in second grade, we had kids, maybe two or three, that were slow in their learning. They would be taken aside, they would never fail them, but they would spend more time with the slower kids to get them caught up in their math and reading ... That ended after sixth grade."

Mrs. McCray also recalled a white teacher she had in seventh or eighth grade, Mr. Lucas.

"I was bad," she said. "People talked about how I was mad going to the white school. I didn't want to go, so I would fail my classes."

One day Mr. Lucas took her aside and asked her squarely why her parents continued sending her to school. She responded "to learn" and he said asked another question: "Why aren't you learning?"

"From that day to this one, I went back and studied my lessons and never made a D or C on my report card," said Mrs. McCray. "I graduated with all As and Bs."

Mrs. Givens said she gained

## Arrest for striking teen

County deputies arrested a south Macclenny woman the evening of August 1 just hours after she was accused of striking a young female, then refused to come out of her residence on South 9th St.

Police have been called to the address numerous times in recent weeks to calm disturbances involving Ramona Robertson, 25, who neighbors allege often exhibits aggressive and bizarre behavior.

The incident involving the 14-year-old girl took place about 8:30 when witnesses told Deputy Trey McCullough the accused confronted a group that had congregated near the residence. Ms. Robertson allegedly targeted the girl and struck her in the face, then retreated into her house when officers arrived.

They were unable to coax her outside and left the scene, only to return on another disturbance call shortly after to find her outside where they arrested her for battery.

The previous afternoon, Ms. Robertson accused Mikeya Washington, 18, of Macclenny of threatening her and Brooke Lee, 19, of Sanderson while armed with a knife.

Police filed criminal complaints for assault and aggravated assault in that incident.

In other incidents resulting in complaints: • Steven Stewart, 31, and Michael Crews, 32, both of Sanderson, along with Jamie Lynn Crews, 30, of Glen St. Mary were named in complaints for battery following a melee at the Fastway convenience store in Olustee the evening of August 3.

Donald Rosier Jr., 20, of Sanderson was named in a complaint for damaging a 2012 Chevrolet pickup belonging to Neil Stewart of Glen St. Mary during the same disturbance that Deputy John Minkel indicated grew out of a long-standing dispute.

• Julia Crews, 44, of Macclenny called police to the Citgo station on CR 125 south of Glen St. Mary the evening of August 2 to file a complaint against Jack Hodges Jr. for biting her on the arm and mouth.

Ms. Crews told Deputy Chris Walker that Mr. Hodges, 44, of Hampton, FL attacked her dur-

ing an argument over him having a beer in her vehicle that could trigger an alcohol monitoring device.

• Dana Thomas, 32, was named in a complaint for attacking Tessa Lombardi, 30, at the latter's residence on Woodlawn Park Rd. the evening of July 31.

Ms. Lombardi told Deputy Johnny Hodges the accused claimed she had taken money, an allegation she denied. The officer later interviewed Ms. Thomas in Macclenny and described her as "extremely intoxicated."

Ms. Thomas insisted the confrontation was verbal.

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### CITY OF MACCLENNY

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY AND COMPANION AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP

The City Commission of the City of Macclenny, Florida shall consider **Ordinance No. 13-09**, "A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK OF PARCEL 04-3S-22-0000-0000-0176; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

**SYNOPSIS:** The Ordinance involves applications for voluntary annexation into the City of Macclenny. The Subject Property for **Ordinance No. 13-09** consists of approximately 1.05 acres located on the west side of State Road 228, north of Interstate 10 interchange (see map). **Ordinance No. 13-09** will cause the Subject Property to be classified Commercial Medium Intensity on the City's 2025 Future Land Use Map ("FLUM") and Commercial, General on the City's Zoning Map.



**COMMISSION VOTE:** A public hearing requiring City Commission action on the proposed Ordinance will be held on **Tuesday, August 13, 2013** in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. The City Commission meeting will begin at **6:00 p.m.** and the public hearing will be held shortly after the meeting is called to order. Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the adoption of the proposed annexation.

The complete legal description by metes and bounds and the proposed Ordinance may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk at City Hall on Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Should any person decide to appeal any decision made as a result of this hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of these proceedings is made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Manager at (904) 259-0972 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

## Harboring boyfriend Lied to police about his presence

A Macclenny woman was arrested the evening of August 1 for attempting to thwart the arrest of her boyfriend on an outstanding warrant at a residence off SR 121 south.

Sandra Canaday, 30, repeatedly told Deputy Robert Simpkins that Justin Gray, 30, was not at the address and gave conflicting locations of his whereabouts. Mr. Gray was wanted for failure to appear in court.

The deputy said he suspected the fugitive was present due to the girlfriend's suspicious behavior, and Ms. Canaday after several delays gave him permission to search the house. He found Mr. Gray hiding in a bedroom where an infant child was present in a play pen, and he was taken into custody without incident.

Ms. Canaday, who said she was on pre-trial release for grand theft and feared getting into more trouble by harboring her boyfriend, was charged with resisting police without violence.

The child was placed into custody of a relative and the owner of the residence was not charged.

In other arrests, Dakota Canaday, 18, was charged with disorderly intoxication after he was found staggering on Lowder St. near US 90 in Macclenny with his pants around his knees.

Deputy Matt Riegel said he was called the evening of August 3 to the Clinton Ave. address of Mr. Canaday's mother in Glen St. Mary where the suspect was arguing with her about food stamps.

The officer drove the intoxicated Mr. Canaday to his uncle's residence in Macclenny in lieu of arrest,

but warned him to remain there to avoid going to jail. A short time later, the suspect was spotted on Lowder.

Deputy Riegel noted that Mr. Canaday became unruly when told he was being arrested.

• Shawn Thomas, 39, of Sanderson was arrested for disorderly conduct when he refused to calm himself outside The Shop bar on CR 229 north early on August 3.

Deputy Chris Walker said he spotted the suspect attempting to fight another bar patron as they left at closing time just after 2 a.m.

• Deputy Jacob Satterwhite arrested Zacharia Jordan, 28, of Macclenny for driving on a license with ten suspensions.

The officer stopped Mr. Jordan in a 2013 Chevrolet pickup near Ohio and North 8th St. about 2:30 a.m. on August 4 based on a tip from Deputy Johnny Hodges that the vehicle left Frasier Hospital.

The second officer had earlier conducted an ID check on Mr. Jordan and another man at the hospital's emergency room, and learned they both had license suspensions.

• Rebecca Graves, 31, of Sanderson was jailed the evening of July 31 for driving on a license with five suspensions after her 2003 Chevrolet pickup was stopped on CR 23-B for having an expired tag.

The suspensions were for failure to pay fines and child support.

Deputy Hodges also arrested passenger Jessica Barnwell, 24, of Glen when he learned she was wanted on a Duval County warrant.

## Flees store; is captured

Police arrested a Jacksonville man less than an hour after he fled on foot from Walmart on SR 228 after a store manager hailed him to stop on suspicion that he was in a rest room unpacking stolen items.

The manager told Deputy John Minkel he heard suspicious noises in the bathroom about 9 pm on August 2 and found packaging from a cell phone and charger after suspect Stanley Lince, 38, of Jacksonville left a stall.

He followed the suspect

through the garden center entrance and directed deputies to a wooded area across 228, where a canine search turned up nothing. Deputy Minkel said a suspect matching Mr. Lince's description showed up a half hour later near the Sprint Store east of Walmart, and he surrendered without incident. He was charged with petty theft and resisting a store employee.

Value of the merchandise was placed at \$99.

• A St. George, GA woman was

booked at county jail for felony shoplifting after she was caught attempting to leave the store the afternoon of July 29 with \$337 worth of merchandise.

A store security worker watched as Jessica Spurlock, 24, stashed school-related items into a shopping bag and on her person.

An acquaintance, 26-year-old David Lindsay, also of St. George, appeared to be assisting her in the activity. He was named in a complaint for the same offense.

## Out \$1160 applying for 'loan'

A Macclenny woman was apparently bilked out of \$1160 in a phony loan application process over the telephone with an entity in California.

The woman, 46, called police on July 30 after the loan company that she had been in contact with over a \$4800 loan application reneged on three promises to transfer the money after she sent funds out via a pre-paid card.

She told Deputy Chris Walker a person who identified himself as Michael with First Financial Group initially on July 29 demanded \$500 for an application fee, promising to transfer funds in one hour.

When the money did not materialize in her account, she re-contacted him and was told the company needed an additional \$160 for an "insurance fee." Still the funds were not transferred.

On her third call, she spoke with a person who identified herself as Anne Jones, who sought an additional \$500. She called police, and told Deputy Walker subsequent calls resulted in more money demands.

The officer noted in his report

that he telephoned the number alleged to be that of the loan company, and when he identified himself as police Michael replied, "You know where I am. Come and get me." He then hung up.

In a second fraud case reported the past week, a 40-year-old

Macclenny woman said her account was debited for \$500 for a phone she did not order. When she went to Enterprise Bank in Macclenny to report the incident, she learned that a second attempt to hack her account was thwarted.



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## \$7K pearl set is stolen

A pearl set said to be worth \$7000 was among valuables stolen from a residence off Steel Bridge Rd. during the time the owner was hospitalized for a snake bite.

Tammy Pitts said she returned to the address to find other jewelry valued at \$530, along with a camera, air compressor, a chain saw and game computer missing.

She gave Deputy Chris Walker the name of a Macclenny man who had been staying there helping her clean the property, and who denied involvement when she inquired about the missing property. Ms. Pitts also alleged that she identified property at a local pawn shop.

The deputy was unable to contact the possible suspect, and turned the case over to investigators to determine the origin of pawned items.

Police were called to the scene of several other thefts from homes and sheds the past week:

• Joey Smith told Deputy Earl Lord an estimated \$4500 worth of hunting gear was taken from the open garage at his residence on Copper Ct. in Macclenny. He said the theft occurred during a three-week span ending July 29.

The most valuable items were a \$1835 pair of binoculars and a \$800 range finder. The equipment was in a backpack.

• Rita Manning named a suspect who had earlier helped her move to a residence on CR 122 north of Sanderson as the likely person who took a \$1600 lawn mower from a shed.

She told Deputy Earl Lord the mower went missing between August 1-3. Initial attempts to contact the possible suspect were not fruitful.

• In another shed burglary, Mandy Sweat reported a lawn mower, tools and an outboard boat motor taken from her property on Woodlawn Rd. overnight on August 2.

A truck pulled up to the property about 3:30 and returned shortly after. Ms. Sweat valued the loss at \$440.

• Latoya Lee returned to her Quail Lane residence in Macclenny the morning of August 2 after a two-day absence to find a rear door had been forced open and several rooms ransacked.

She told Deputy Marc Heath a jar containing \$48 in change, along with a ring and necklace

valued at \$600, were missing.

• Thomas Ackridge called police when he discovered a newly purchased push mower was taken from a shed on his property off Ben Rowe Circle.

He gave Deputy Tony Norman the names of two likely suspects. He valued the mower at \$100.

## Benefit fly-in on August 17th

The public is invited to a model airplane fly-in on Saturday, August 17 at the hay field off CR 125 north of Glen St. Mary.

The event sponsored by the Shadetree Miniature Aircraft Assoc. coincides with National Model Aviation Day and all proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Sponsors have arranged for free watermelon (while it lasts), pizza, cold drinks, a candy drop and raffle. Full size aircraft will be on display.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File Number 02-2013-CP-34**  
**Division PR-A**

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 Mark Anthony Spengler  
 Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Mark Anthony Spengler, deceased, whose date of death was May 10, 2013, is pending in File Number 02-2013-CP-24, in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including, but not limited to, unmaturing, contingent, or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 1, 2013.

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 BOYER, SULLIVAN & SISKIENSKI, P.A.  
 By: Herbert T. Sussman  
 Attorney  
 Florida Bar No. 306320  
 210 East Forsyth Street  
 Jacksonville Florida 32202  
 Telephone: (904) 359-3030

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**Case No.: 2013-CA-00102**  
**Division: Civil**

TRUDY ANN ALLEN, Petitioner,  
 v.  
 JOHN DERRICK THARP, Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION TO JOHN DERRICK THARP TO DECLARE FRAUDULENT MARRIAGE CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE**

TO: John Derrick Tharp  
 UPS Customer Center c/o Human Resources  
 4255 James E. Casey Drive  
 Jacksonville, FL 32219

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition to Declare Fraudulent Marriage License has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written response to Anthony Perrone, Attorney for Petitioner, whose address is APPLE LAW FIRM, PLLC, 3733 University Blvd., W. Ste. 2109, Jacksonville, FL 32217 and file the original with the clerk of the above styled court. Otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the Petition.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of said court at Macclenny, Florida on this 2nd day of August, 2013.

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

8/8-29c

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 10-00999  
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2010

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: PARCEL 434 Commence at the SE corner of the NE1/4 of SW1/4, Section 7 Township 3 South, Range 22 East, and run thence N 0 degrees 40' 0" W along the east line of said NE1/4 of SW1/4, 365.00 feet, to the south RW line of Tall Road, thence N 87 degrees 56' W, along said south RW line 125.00 feet to the P.O.B. and run thence S 0 degrees 46' 03' E, 305.00 feet, thence N 87 degrees 56' 03' W, 125.00 feet, thence N 0 degrees 46' 03' W, 305.00 feet to the Point of Intersection of Tall Road, thence S 87 degrees 56' E, 125.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: MOLLY RHODEN O'NEILL ET AL

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2013 at 11:00 am.

Dated this 30TH DAY OF JULY, 2013

Al Fraser  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Julie B. Combs, Deputy Clerk

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 07-00023  
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2007

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A lot beginning on the north line of SW1/4 of NW1/4 of Section 28 Township 3 South of Range 19 East 614 feet west of the northeast corner of said SW1/4 or NW1/4 of said Section 28, then run west 1/4 mile to Williams Tract, then run NW to the right of way of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, then run easterly along the north line of said Railroad Right of Way 150 feet, and then run north to place of beginning.

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

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: HIRAM SMITH

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on THURSDAY OCTOBER 17, 2013 at 11:00 am.

Dated this 29TH DAY OF JULY, 2013

Al Fraser  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Julie B. Combs, Deputy Clerk

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The date of first publication of this notice is August 5, 2013.

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The date of first publication of this notice is August 5, 2013.

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 ROBERT FISH, Personal Representative  
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 Glen St. Mary, FL 32040

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 FLORENCE BAR NO. 02-42861  
 P.O. BOX 531  
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# OBITUARIES

**CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION**  
Obituaries must be submitted in a timely fashion and have a local connection. Pictures are printed with obituaries free of charge. The newspaper reserves the right to publish photos based on quality. It is requested that all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

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By phone at 904.259.2400 or by fax at 904.259.6502. You can stop by our office located at 104 S. Fifth Street, Macclenny, FL or mail your submission to PO Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063. We are available online at www.bakercountypress.com

## Joe Anne Donley, 50, of Glen St. Mary

Joe Anne Donley, 50, of Glen St. Mary died on Wednesday, July 24, 2013. Ms. Donley enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by sons John (Jessica) Lindsey of Ponce de Leon, Matthew Donley of Glen St. Mary and Michael Donley, currently enlisted in the US Army; daughters Megan and Michelle Donley, both of Glen St. Mary; brother Eugene (Bonnie) Lindsey of Glen St. Mary; sister Frances Womack of Lafayette, LA; two grandchildren.

No funeral service is planned. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

## Wednesday funeral for Bernice Farkas

Bernice Kersey Smith Farkas, 78, of Macclenny died on Monday, August 5, 2013. A member of Taylor Church, Ms. Farkas was a resident of Macclenny for 44 years. She was a retired seamstress who enjoyed camping and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by husband William "Bill" Farkas of Macclenny; sons Leroy (Diane) Smith of Glen St. Mary, Randy (Diane) Smith, James (Sandy) Smith, and Ed Smith, all of Macclenny; daughter LouAnn (Marcus) Mann of Macclenny; step-son Christopher Farkas; step-daughters Amelia (Steven) Collins and Rebecca Jackson of Jacksonville; brothers Walter Kersey and Earnest Kersey Jr.; sisters Hazel Partin, Virginia Tanner, Christine Yawn, and Lourene Edwards, all of Georgia; 16 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Farkas was preceded in death by brothers Eddie Kersey and Albert Kersey. A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on Wednesday, August 7 at the Christian Fellowship Temple in Macclenny with Pastor David Thomas and Rev. James Nickles officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service at the church. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.



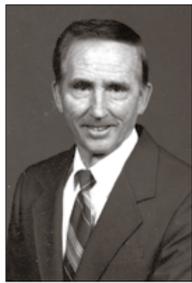
Bernice Farkas

## Baby Boy Seth Harris dies July 31st

Baby Boy Seth Alexander Harris, 3 months and 24 days, died on July 31, 2013 at Wolfson's Children's Hospital. He was born in Jacksonville on April 7 to Charles Alex Wisneski and Angela Michelle Harris. Seth was a fighter from birth and he will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by maternal grandmother Patricia Sheffield and paternal grandfather Frank Rockwell.

Seth is survived by his parents of Macclenny; brother Cody Clark; sister Brianna Cordeiro; maternal Papa Truby Lee Harris; paternal grandmother Theresa Rockwell; and many aunts and uncles.

The funeral service was held Monday, August 5 at 11 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel in Macclenny with Pastor Tommy Anderson officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Cemetery.



In loving memory of John Wesley Lyons

## Gospel sing

The monthly gospel sing at the Sanderson Christian Revival Center will be held on Friday, August 9 at 7:30 pm. The church is located at CR 229 and Sapp Rd.

**Advertising Deadline**  
Monday  
5:00 pm  
NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church**  
CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Evening Prayer Serv. 7:30 pm  
Pastor: Oral E. Lyons

## The Road to Calvary

Corner of Madison & Stoddard  
Glen St. Mary  
Rev. Tommy & Doris Anderson  
Youth Director Rebecca Lauramore  
Phone: 904-259-2213  
Sunday School: 10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Service: 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night: 7:30 pm

## Ester Stansel, 65, funeral set for August 12th

Ester Mae Stansel, 65, of Glen St. Mary died on August 6, 2013 at Acosta-Rua Center for Caring with family by her side. She was born in Macclenny on October 8, 1947 to the late Emery Otis McDaniel Sr. and Ruby Raulerson McDaniel. Ester was raised in Macclenny and moved back in

1995 after living in Jacksonville for many years. She enjoyed taking care of her children and husband as a homemaker, enjoyed farm animals and spending time with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Emery Otis McDaniel Jr.

Ms. Stansel is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Ralph Wayne Stansel of Glen St. Mary; daughters Geny Stansel of Glen St. Mary, Stephanie (Michael) Jordan of Orange Park and Rachel (Todd) Hower of Jacksonville; brother Clarence McDaniel and sister Shirley McDaniel of Glen St. Mary; grandchildren Jamie, Jason, Bradley, Damien, Kiersten and Jared.

The funeral service for Mrs. Stansel will be held on Monday, August 12 at 6 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel with Pastor Burt Jordan officiating. Interment will be on Saturday, August 17 at 11 am at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery in Wellborn, FL. The family will receive friends on Monday, August 12 from 4-6 pm at the funeral home.

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First Baptist Church of Sanderson  
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Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 am  
Sun. Morning Worship . 11:00 am  
Sun. Evening Worship . 6:00 pm  
Wed. Eve. Bible Study . 7:00 pm  
Everyone welcome!

**Jungle Jaunt**  
KIDS SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
SUNDAYS FROM 10A.M. - 12P.M.,  
JULY 21 & 28, AUGUST 4 & 11  
AT Emmanuel Baptist Church  
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DON'T MISS THE EXCITING JUNGLE ADVENTURES!

**HOMECOMING**  
Hammontree Family  
Sunday, August 18 at 11 am  
Mt. Zion NCM Church  
Lunch following morning service  
14670 N SR 121 | Macclenny

## In loving memory of Mamie Higginbotham

June 9, 1929-August 5, 2012

God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and He whispered, "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you; we watched you fade away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He chose to take the best. It's lonesome here without you; we miss you more each day. Life doesn't seem the same since you have gone away. When days are sad and lonely, and everything goes wrong, we seem to hear you whisper, "Cheer up and carry on." Each time we see your picture, you seem to smile and say, "Don't cry; I'm in God's hands. We'll meet again someday!"

J.D., SHERILYN, J.D. JR. and RICKY

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121 North + 259-4461  
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Pastor Tim Chesbire  
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**New Hope Church, Inc.**  
23-A to Lauramore Rd. & Fairgrounds Rd.  
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**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Pastor Donnie E. Williams, Sr.  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Preaching Service 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Service 7:00 pm  
523 North Boulevard W. I a few blocks north of Hwy. 90 in Macclenny  
www.calvarybaptistmacclenny.com •• 259-4529

## Fall baseball is cancelled

Baker County Little League cancelled this year's fall baseball season due to a lack of players signing up.

"Unfortunately, after totaling the numbers we don't have enough players in any age group to run fall ball this season," said league official Melissa Burned. "We will be calling parents this week about check shredding and refunds."

## Harvey reunion

The 45th annual Harvey family reunion will be held on Saturday, August 17 at the Baker County Fairgrounds off Lauramore Rd. north of Macclenny.

Activities, including those for children, begin at 11 am.

**SHARE YOUR JOY & RECORD YOUR FAMILY HISTORY!**  
Submit births, weddings & 50th+ anniversaries via email to editor@bakercountypress.com or at 104 S. 5th St., Macclenny a week deadline on all submissions.

**Hebrew Messianic Assembly**  
Baker County's only Synagogue of any kind  
Yes, we believe in and love Jesus-Yahshua.  
Meeting Saturday-Shabbat 12 PM  
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12664 Mud Lake Rd.  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
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Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Tuesday Evening 7:30 pm  
Pastor Tommy Richardson | 904-275-2949

**First United Methodist Church**  
Loving God  
Loving People  
Serving Our Community  
Come Join Us  
93 N. 5th St. (SR228) Macclenny, FL ~ Sunday Worship 11am

**THE LORD'S CHURCH**  
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**DINKINS NEW CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH**  
CR 127 N. of Sanderson  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm  
Wed. Night Service 7:30 pm  
Pastor Allen Crews  
Assistant Pastor Timothy Allford

**MACCLENNY CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
573 S. 5th St. 259-6059  
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am  
Fellowship 10:30 am - 11:00 am  
Worship Services 11:00 am  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm  
Minister Sam F. Kitching

**Saint Peter's in the Glen**  
ANGELICAN CHURCH  
9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
10:00 am Sunday Worship/Holy Communion  
7:00 pm Wednesday Study/Holy Communion  
Glen St. Mary, Florida  
1/2 mile South of I-10 on CR 125, right on Nursery Road the historic Budder Mathis House

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# SOCIAL & SCHOOL

**SOCIAL NOTICE SUBMISSION INFORMATION**  
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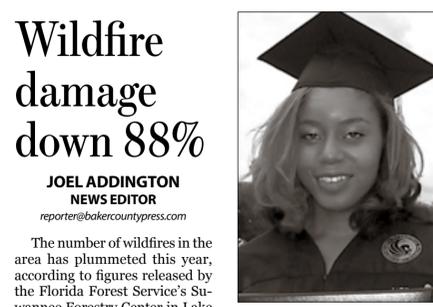


The Harveys—then and now

## Harveys celebrating 62nd anniversary!

Floyd and Faye (Tootsie) Harvey of Bryceville will celebrate 62 years of marriage on August 14. They were married on that day in 1951 in Folkston, GA.

The couple's children include Kathy White and Lisa Comber of Bryceville, and Patti Clark of Macclenny. They have six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



Ms. Williams

## UCF graduate

Megan McKenna Williams graduated from the University of Central Florida in Orlando on August 3 with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies (biomedical science and psychology).

Megan graduated from Baker County High School in 2008. She is the daughter of Vern and LuAnne Williams. Vern is employed by Baker County Sheriff's Office and LuAnne is a retired principal with the Baker County Schools.

The number of wildfires in the area has plummeted this year, according to figures released by the Florida Forest Service at the Suwannee Forestry Center in Lake City.

The year-to-date tally of acreage burned by wildfires through June 30 was down 3550 acres compared to the previous year, or about 88 percent. Here in Baker County 27 fires burned some 170 acres versus 31 fires and about 350 acres for the same period in 2012.

The drop in fires in the result of regular heavy rainfall in recent months.

"We have been extremely fortunate that those things which usually ignite and burn easily, are wet, and continue to stay wet," said the forestry center's public information officer Doc Bloodworth.

Though lightning from thunderstorms can spark fires this time of year "regardless of how wet it is," Mr. Bloodworth says the moisture helps to reduce the intensity and mobility of fires, making them easier to combat.

The real threat comes from man-made fires, namely debris and yard waste burns not properly monitored that get out of control.

In the forestry center's six-county region, which includes Baker, Bradford, Union, Suwannee, Columbia and Hamilton counties, 40 percent of wildfires this year have been caused by debris burns.

"You can see the human causes are the ones that need attention," said Mr. Bloodworth.

The general rule, he said, is to avoid burning when relative humidity is below 30 percent. "That's not the law, but our recommendation," he said.

While burning yard waste is legal, there are laws for doing so, like meeting the required setbacks and not creating smoke hazards or nuisances.

Other safety tips for burning yard waste:

- Yard waste piles should be no larger than 8 feet in diameter and contained in area cleared down to bare soil.
- Burning should take place 25 feet from forests, 50 feet from paved public roads, 25 feet from your home and 150 feet from other occupied buildings.
- Don't burn on windy days.
- Don't burn household waste.
- Never leave the fire unattended.
- Keep a water hose or shovel handy in case the fire escapes.

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PHOTO BY JOEL ACKONTO

## Return to Pre-K-K Center for 'Party with McLarty'

Whitney Hall (left) and Kelly McLarty, the mastermind behind the third annual "Party with McLarty" at the Baker County Pre-K/Kindergarten Center, were joined by other school teachers and principal Bonnie Jones in the media center the morning of August 2 for a pre-school year preparation lunch. Teachers district wide are due back on campus August 14.

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**Back Yard Bible Camp**  
Friday, August 9 | Starts at 6 pm  
WE WILL...  
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Have singing & ministering  
Play camp games  
Bring your tents, sleeping bags, flashlights and bug repellent!  
Adults that would like to bring a self-contained camper are welcome.  
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**Christian Fellowship Temple**  
"A Place To Belong"  
Independent Pentecostal Church  
This week @ CFT...  
-Wednesday, August 7- 6:20 Mid-Week Family Dinner 7:00 Youth Worship Services 7:00 Adult Worship Services  
-Sunday, August 11- 10:00 Sunday School For All Ages 11:00 Morning Worship Service 11:00 Children's Church 6:00 Evening Worship  
Sunday School: 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship Services: 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Worship: 7:00 PM  
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**43RD HOMECOMING CELEBRATION**  
Community Full Gospel Church  
Sunday, August 11 at 11:00 am  
Speaker: Rev. Ken Richardson  
Dinner in fellowship hall following service  
HOMECOMING REVIVAL AUGUST 12-16  
7:30 PM NIGHTLY  
Speakers:  
Mon. & Tues. Oral Lyons  
Wed. Chris Mann  
Thurs. & Fri. Justin Griffith  
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Notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinances, whose title hereinafter appears, will be presented in a public hearing to the Baker County Board of County Commissioner's for possible adoption on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioner's 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 2013-\_\_\_**  
AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 91-1, AS AMENDED, REGARDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE ADJACENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WITH RESPECT TO ONE PARCEL OF LAND, BEING APPROXIMATELY 7.33 ACRES IN SIZE, RELATING TO SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY ALFRED JOHNSON; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE TO AGRICULTURE B; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
**ORDINANCE 2013-\_\_\_**  
AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING 7.33 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ALFRED JOHNSON FROM RESIDENTIAL CONVENTIONAL / MOBILE HOME 1 UNIT PER ACRE TO AGRICULTURE 1 UNIT PER 7.5 ACRES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
Persons interested in commenting on the proposed changes may appear and shall be given an opportunity to speak at the public hearing or may send written comments to Baker County Planning Department, 360 E. Shiley Avenue, Macclenny, Florida, 32063. Copies of the ordinance are available for public inspection at the Baker County Planning Department. For additional information, please call (9204) 259-3354.  
**NOTE:** Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if any member of the public desires to appeal any decision made at this public hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for that purpose may need to ensure that he/she transcribe a verbatim record of the proceedings, which record would include 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 Baker County Press

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DEADLINES

Placement, correction or cancellation of classified ads may be done by phone, e-mail or in person anytime before Monday at 5 p.m. for publication on the following Thursday.

Classified ads and notices must be paid in advance, and be in our office no later than 4:00 pm the Monday preceding publication, unless otherwise arranged in advance. Ads can be mailed provided they are accompanied by payment and instructions. They should be mailed to: Classified Ads, The Baker County Press, P.O. Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063. We cannot assume responsibility for accuracy of ads or notices given over the telephone. Liability for errors in all advertising will be limited to the first publication only. If after that time, the ad continues to run without notification of error by the person or agency for whom it was published, then that party assumes full payment responsibility. The Baker County Press reserves the right to refuse advertising or any other material which in the opinion of the publisher does not meet standards of publication.

**FOR SALE**

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## Wildcat training camp kicks off

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The BCHS football program opened up its training camp Monday and is holding practices in preparation for the upcoming season.

The JV and varsity teams will practice every afternoon this week after going through walk-throughs in the morning. New FHSAA rules dictate teams cannot hit through the first five days of practice, so the team will run noncontact position drills and focus on the fundamentals until then.

"What we're doing is pretty much review," head coach Ryan Sulkowski said. "We used to be able to hit on the fourth day, so it puts you behind physically, but it's back to the basics mentally. It's good for the freshmen and sophomores because it's a much easier learning curve than throwing them in the fire."

The high school program combined with the middle school program last spring by implementing the same system and schemes throughout the two. By doing so, it gives players additional experience in the offense and defense before reaching the varsity level.

Coach Sulkowski said the transition to a unified program is already paying off as freshmen could challenge for playing time along the offensive line, but it won't be fully determined until the pads go on.

"In the spring, they [underclassmen] can only hit each other," Coach Sulkowski said. "We will really get the chance to see if the young guys can handle varsity action. Time will tell, but there are no guarantees."

While the Wildcats may have to rely on young players to win the trenches, the team will look for older players to fill in at running back. They are eyeing a replacement for Falon Lee, who is in his first year at Miami (OH), and his more than 2,000 yards of production from last season.

Coach Sulkowski said two seniors, Joseph McCray and Dalton Dyal, are the leading candidates to take over the starting running back role. They will split reps with the first team through training camp to hold a fair competition between them, Coach Sulkowski said.

Although the final starting lineups have yet to be finalized, the Wildcats are preparing for August 23rd's Kickoff Classic game when they host Ed White. The game doesn't count toward



Wildcat football players run drills during the first week of camp.

the team's overall record, but it will give the coaches and players a feel for where they stand.

In the past, the Wildcats tried preparing for the first two games

of the year during training camp, but it was too much on the players' plates, Coach Sulkowski said. They are simplifying the game plans this year to focus on

one week at a time. The Wildcats training camp will continue through next week. The team will strap on pads and begin two-a-days on August 11.

## Twirlers garner the gold

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BCHS majorettes following their national championship at Notre Dame.

most 1 a.m. but their performance was moved up to just before midnight. The time change made the event even more hectic than it already was, but it didn't affect the team whatsoever, said Coach Filosi.

"They're always really good," Coach Filosi said. "They put their game face on and let it all go when they hit the floor."

The championship was a culmination of years of hard work from the team. The girls have been performing together for the past five years. It was the final competition for the two captains, Dopson and Jessica Davis, before they join the University of Florida Gatorettes this fall.

"I didn't think it was our division," said team captain Halcy Dopson. "I was shocked. But when the announcer got to the last team, it got us excited."

The performers weren't the only ones caught up in the excitement of being crowned champions.

"I started screaming and did the touchdown pose," said Coach Amanda Filosi. "I about started crying I was so excited."

The majorettes were originally scheduled to compete until al-

They said it was a bitter sweet ending to their high school careers.

"It was pretty exciting winning it in our last time in high school," Davis said.

They are leaving behind a successful legacy at Baker County High School. The majorettes have won four consecutive state titles en route to competing on the national stage. The high school's show twirl team also finished third during the week-long event at Notre Dame as well.

Coaches Filosi, June Stoerber and team sponsor Patti Sands thanked the community and the parents for all the support the twirlers received.



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## Team Baker wins at Georgia tournament

Team Baker, a 12-and-under travel baseball team with youths from southern Georgia as well as here, won the Peach State Diamond Sports Last Chance Tournament in Brunswick on August 3 in four games on the hot Saturday. They defeated the top seeded Brunswick squad in a come-from-behind victory 9-8. On Team Baker, pictured above, are (front from left) Brandon Combs, Caleb Wilkison, Todd Carter, Dominic Crews, Justin Moseley, (middle from left) Gage Bray, Caleb Mathews, Avery Jernigan, Lewton Burnett, Austin Jernigan, Tripp Rawlins, (rear from left) team manager Joel Burnett and coach Vernon Moseley.

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## New 'high-tech' duds for football

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The Baker County Wildcats varsity football team will don new uniforms when it kicks off the season August 23.

The new Adidas togs will have nine possible combinations of red, black and white jerseys along with red, white and black digital camouflage pants.

There are slight design variations among the different jerseys, which include different shoulder designs and number fonts. Coach Ryan Sulkowski said the design process was going through all the possibilities and deciding what the players would want.

It appears they did make the right choices.

"They all look sweet," said offensive lineman Casen Noles.

Although the Wildcats have used Adidas gear such as cleats and attire in the past, this is the first year the program will wear the apparel company's uniforms. Coach Sulkowski said updating the uniforms, which also includes new helmets, was a way to bring attention to the Wildcats.

"It's just something to pro-

mote our program and promote these kids," Coach Sulkowski said. "It will help us move out of the 50s and move into the 21st Century."

The design isn't the only thing that's being updated; the new uniforms will also implement the latest technology.

They are a tighter fit than the previous uniforms, which makes it more difficult for opponents to

grab a hold of their jerseys. The new uniforms are also made of a thinner fabric, which will benefit the players on the field.

"They're going to keep us from getting fatigued," Noles said. "The defensive line definitely won't get a grip on them."

Coach Sulkowski said the school's athletic department paid for the cost of the new uniforms with the money the football team

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