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FHP says driver who killed two was drunk

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An Ocala woman who drove into oncoming traffic on Interstate 10 last year and killed two people was drunk at the wheel, according to a complaint filed last week by the Florida Highway Patrol.

Emilie McPherson Whitney, 48, had a blood alcohol level more than three times the legal limit at .288, lab tests showed.

The collision about 2:30 am on October 12, 2012 just east of the SR 121 interchange left two passengers of an eastbound van dead and six other passengers critically injured.

FHP's Cpl. D.R. Bazinet's filing accuses Ms. Whitney of three felony counts — vehicular homicide, DUI resulting in death and DUI resulting in serious bodily injury — plus DUI, a misdemeanor.

Assistant State Attorney Ralph Yazdiya is reviewing the case and formal charges could be forthcoming.

Ms. Whitney was heading westbound in the inside eastbound lane of I-10 in a Red 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee, though the corporal's report doesn't specify how her vehicle got there.

"It is unknown as to how, where or when Ms. Whitney ended up operating her vehicle westbound in the eastbound lanes of I-10," the officer wrote.

The initial crash report from FHP noted she may have turned onto the off-ramp from SR 228 just south of I-10.

The Jeep hit the 2005 Honda Odyssey driven by Nge Thay, 20, of Jacksonville in an off-center head-on collision. While the driver, who was wearing a seat belt, escaped with minor injuries, two of the passengers, Ta Nu, 47, and Kaw Lay, 37, also of Jacksonville, died at the scene.

Ms. Whitney, also wearing her seat belt, was taken to Shands Jacksonville, now UF Health Jacksonville, with critical injuries. She was trapped in the Jeep and had to be extricated by the fire department.

Six surviving passengers in the van, none wearing seat belts and all from Jacksonville, suffered injuries as well.

All were transported from

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4 people charged with \$18K theft from hunt camp

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PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Michael Boone catches the Wildcat's sole touchdown of last week's game against Camden County.

Cats sent packing by Camden County

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The BCHS varsity Wildcats football team was unable to overcome a sloppy first half of football as the team lost its season opener 38-8 in Camden County across the Georgia state line.

Lightning delayed the kickoff by about 90 minutes, but it didn't seem to affect the Wildcats much in the opening minutes of the game.

The team was competitive throughout much of the first quarter and the defense was able to shut down Camden County on its opening drive of the game.

But once the host team took a 6-0 lead on a one-yard quarterback sneak with less than four minutes remaining in the first quarter, mistakes plagued Baker County through the remainder of the first half.

Coach Ryan Sulkowski preached ball security as the key to remaining in the game, but it proved to be the team's undoing.

Two turnovers — an interception thrown by Jacob Carter and a fumble by Blayne Merchant — and two bad snaps on punt attempts directly led to 20 of Camden County's 32 first-half points.

While Baker County's offense struggled to hold onto the ball, the defense could not find the answer to stop Camden's punishing rushing attack.

Camden County dominated the game on the ground and rushed for 329 yards and six touchdowns. Senior Chris Williams led their ground attack with 145 yards and two touchdowns, including a 94-yard explosion for a score in the second quarter.

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Class on 'organic' school lunches

First of 2 sessions

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In the first of two organic cooking classes held at Smart Market the morning of August 24, a handful of attendees learned how to make healthy, convenient and tasty school lunches for children.

Ashley Gonzalez, a former health educator for the health department turned eighth grade history teacher, led the 9:30 class for a grandmother, her two grandchildren and a mother-daughter pair at the store on West Macclenny Avenue.

"I taught health education classes for a long time, but this was trial and error with my own family," said Ms. Gonzalez.

She is a mother of two girls, ages 8 and 6, and raved about frozen smoothies she makes with ice, fruits and vegetables. She said they melt just enough by lunch time to become healthy slushies.

"These are amazing," she said, holding up two plastic blue cylinders with removable caps on one end, which hold the icy mixture. The trick is to find molds that seal tightly to prevent smoothies from leaking.

Another of her favorites meals are homemade lunchables with organic crackers, meat and cheeses. A pizza option uses whole wheat pita bread and organic tomato sauce.

Soups with natural ingredients are another convenient option. Ms. Gonzalez said they can be made in large batches on the weekend, frozen and then heated up for lunch throughout the week.

"When you're eating whole foods, you



Retired Chef Don Rowe (above) gives an organic cooking demonstration. Ashley Gonzalez (left) speaks about making healthy school lunches using whole or minimally processed foods.



fill up easier," Ms. Gonzalez told the group. "We can eat less food and we fill up faster." A quick snack suggestion was home-

made popcorn. She said you can purchase large quantities of organic kernels to parcel out in brown paper bags. Once sealed, the bags can be microwaved to pop the corn.

Boiled eggs also provide a healthy amount of protein to replace processed sandwich meat.

Ms. Gonzalez gave out many other recipes for meals made with alternatives to processed foods with little to no nutritional value, like apple and peanut butter sandwiches. Dipping the apples in lemon juice helps to avoid spoiling, she said.

Parent Kristy Bearden asked for any advice on how to know what's really healthy,

given there's so much conflicting information about what's good and what's bad. A simple rule of thumb, Ms. Gonzalez said, is to check the ingredients list, and if there's more than five ingredients, don't eat it.

"If it's got five ingredients or less, it's most likely not processed," she said.

"This has been very helpful," said Nancy Crews, who came with her grand kids, Logan and Makayla Crews. "We do pretty good, it's just that when the kids are with us, which is most of the time, we're dealing with picky eaters, you know."

Another piece of advice from Ms. Gonzalez was to start with small changes.

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The time a cat morphed into... well... a skunk

It is family story time in my college-level speech class. To prepare students, I have them get their feet wet by telling a simple family story. The parameters are simple — it had to happen to them or they had to witness it.

To lead off the activity, I tell a family story of my own. Usually, it's one of two stories — the

time my aunt fell through the floor or the time my uncle shot a hole in the boat trying to kill a fish that was snapping at him.

Both are good stories I have told in columns in this newspaper. So, it's time for another.

I wasn't the brightest kid. I was forever doing dumb stuff that a normal kid wouldn't do.

When I was 6 years old and still living in Tonawanda, New York, I walked to school, usually with my 11-year-old sister. But like any big sister she did her best to ditch me, and when she managed it goofy stuff happened to me.

I was prone to goofiness even then, but she could keep me in check. One afternoon she and her friends managed to get so far ahead I couldn't catch up. We lived about three-quarters of a mile from school and I was walking along by myself when I noticed a wrought iron fence.

It surrounded a vacant lot with plenty of undergrowth and trees. For some unknown reason — maybe the fact that I was 6 years old and a goofball — I went in through the gate and pretended to be locked in. I held the posts like bars and looked at kids as they walked past. They laughed at my antics, which encouraged me.

So, if that was funny, it would be even funnier if I stuck my head through the rails, which I did. Kids laughed. They also laughed when I couldn't get my head back out.

I was stuck and embarrassed, not a good thing because I was also very shy when it came to real life. I didn't mind doing goofy things for a laugh, but being stuck was real life.

So, when bigger kids asked me if I was stuck and needed help I, of course, said no. Like I said, I wasn't too bright at 6.

Minutes passed and the crowds walking home lessened. More minutes passed and Bob was alone.

Out of the bushes came an animal that looked like a big cat, the size of a small dog and really cute. He was all black

with a long bushy tail.

He smelled a little funny, but I wasn't afraid of him. I talked to him and instead of running away he looked at me with his coal black eyes and wagged his tail back and forth.

"I'm stuck, kitty. I did something stupid and now I'm stuck. I hope my daddy comes along soon and gets me out because I'm getting a little cold. Do you ever do dumb things, kitty?"

The kitty looked at me sympathetically but didn't answer. I was not deterred because I was at that age where I was convinced that animals could talk if they wanted. Kitty didn't want to badly enough.

"Would you go under the fence and help me get out?" My big ears were scraped from trying to pull my head back through the bars. Kitty gave me a look then his head snapped to the side and he ran back into the bushes.

"Don't run away, kitty. Push me out."

"Robbie, what have you done to yourself?" It wasn't the kitty talking, it was my dad.

"You can get yourself into the craziest scrapes. Why didn't you ask for help?"

"I was scared." At that point in life I was scared of almost everything. "I asked the kitty, but he wouldn't help."

"What?" My dad took hold of the bars, grunted and pulled them apart. "Pull hard now." I did, and my head popped loose. "Don't do this again, okay."

"Okay. The kitty couldn't have done that." I rubbed my scraped ears.

"What kitty?"
"The one in that bush there. He's all black with a big bushy tail and a pretty white stripe all the way down it."

My dad's eyes got really big. "Move real slowly away from the bush, son. That wasn't a kitty."

"It wasn't?"
"No. It was a skunk." I've always kind of liked the looks of skunks since that.

Send us letters and make sure they are SIGNED with a phone number.



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

Your first job?

In honor of Labor Day this week we asked our Facebook fans what their first job was and what they learned from that experience. Here's some of the responses:

Kelley Lannigan: Stuffing envelopes for the South Carolina Parks and Recreation Commission's tourism packets. I was in a room in a warehouse for hours on end and the monotony was numbing. I knew I certainly needed something more challenging.

Charles Jackson Parker Presnell: I hauled coal for city coal co. in 1955 in Hickory N.C. Ninety cents an hour and I lived better then than I do now. Rent \$35, a month's lights \$1.50, a month's water was 75 cents a month. Hospital room was \$8 a day. Those days are gone forever.

Patricia Harris: NEFSH medical records department.

Walter Kelly Crews: My first job was as a busboy for Pier 6 when it just opened. I was 14 and learned the value of good customer service. On numerous occasions I was given a much larger tip than the waitress for being kind and attentive to the needs of the patrons.

Margie Mann: Gro-Plant Nursery and I learned to appreciate how hard it is to make a dollar and that I admire anyone who can work in that kind of heat.

Amy Luding Williams: Hardee's was my first job but I didn't work there for too long. I went to work at BK in Baldwin because they paid more. My manager, Darlene Clevenger, taught me if you got time to learn, you got time to clean.

Ron Thomas: I worked at Thomas Bros. grocery store. Learned at an early age I had to pay taxes so the elderly people got a check from me working. Boy has that changed.

Kendra Sands Morgan: McDonald's - I learned that I didn't want to ever work in fast food again!

Lorena Walker Norkavage: Winn-Dixie. If you're wasting time, you're wasting money!

Brian Corson: Hardee's in Macclenny as a cook making \$3.40 per hour starting May 15, 1989. (Don't ask me how I remember this stuff). I learned that if I worked hard and showed up on time everyday, I could work as many hours as I needed.

Amy Luding Williams: I think you might have been my boss at one time! LOL. I met Clark at Hardee's for the first time. I miss the big giant chocolate cookies.

Charlotte Wright McIntyre: I weighed watermelons as they came

out of the fields. I worked all summer to buy my first sewing machine. I learned that I could have nice things if I worked hard.

Shelley Swart: Delivering newspapers. I learned diligence.

Cale G. Johnson: Little Caesars. People really want pizza when you want a day off.

Faye Combs: My first job was at the old Sanderson School as a floating aid! I learned there is absolutely nothing you can do, to help a teacher in 30 minutes!

Sheldon Beasley: Picking tobacco. I learned that I never wanted to work that hard again.

Clayton Yarbrough: I pumped gas at the local FINA station on US 90. It was across from where Moody's is now. I was in the 7th grade. I found out that \$3 a day was a lot of money for a kid back then and that with it being a full service gas station that more people filled their cars up when it was pouring down rain than at any other time. Guess they loved seeing me getting wet and I did not even care.

T Dwayne Norman: Stockman/cashier at Family Dollar. Learned to do many things at once and always do it right the first time.

Richard Clark: Pantry Pride as a bag boy. Learned hard work and customer service yielded good tips. Use to make 30 dollars a day in tips. Not bad for 1970-71.

Diana McMahan Haire: A Jewish deli restaurant in California. I learned that there's more to food than burgers and fries, and that kosher foods weren't only lox and bagels.

Erika Jayne Kosier: My first job was at the original Wings Galore. I learned how to be a hard worker and how to clean very well. Haha. The Fordhams taught me how to succeed at anything I did and how to have a great work ethic.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dissed at McDonald's

Dear Editor:

I'm not generally a complainer but events that occurred on my last (and I mean last) visit to the local McDonald's got me wondering why is genuine and sincere customer service gone like the dinosaurs.

My nephew turned three and I thought he would enjoy getting ten one dollar gift certificates for McDonald's. I loved them when I was a kid, and an ice cream cone or burger was sure to bring him smiles. So, I made my way to our local McDonald's and was encompassed by that classic aroma of french fries as soon as I walked in the door.

That's as sweet as this story gets. I took the lifted chin and raised eyebrows from the lady at the register as a sign that it was my turn to order, then stepped up to the counter and asked for the certificates, but she didn't know what I was talking about. So, she proceeded to about-face and yell across the kitchen area filled with fifteen or so employees toward her supervisor.

The supervisor couldn't hear her shouts, so she rolled her eyes, pushed her weight off of the wall she was so steadfastly holding up in the back of the facility, and made her way through the maze of employees to the front counter. After being asked about the certificates the manager turned, fanned her hand two or three times then said to the employee loud enough so I could hear, "We don't have those things cuz they're all gone like the dinosaurs." Then she walked back to her wall.

Now, this could have been the final straw since I eat fast food once in a blue moon, but it curdled my blood. There are currently 13 million people without a job in the United States and a little over 7 percent of Floridians are actively looking for a position. Yet somehow customers can still find themselves being served by the sluggish, shouting, eye rolling, brow raising, attitude adorning, wall holder-uppers that don't really care if you like your food or had a good experience just so long as they get a paycheck and they don't have to stay for a second shift.

We wouldn't want them running late for their next meeting to strike on how low their wages are.

I next spoke with Danielle from the McDonald's corporate office and she was extremely kind (probably because she was being monitored for quality assurance). Danielle said that the Triassic certificates are still used by about half of the facilities in the U.S. and that all I needed to do was go into a local store and ask that manager. What she didn't realize is that she was putting a great deal of trust and stock into a supervisor who had already failed her company.

I know full well this letter and my boycotting won't mean much to a company which, according to their website, serves 69 million customers everyday in 118 countries and grosses billions per annum. Nevertheless, we will not see any changes until we all refuse to be treated by employees of any company as if customers aren't the sole reason they get to clock in everyday in the first place.

Elijah Daniels
Macclenny

Vehicle sped around a school bus

Dear Editor:

This letter is to inform everyone about the danger of our children getting on the bus early in the morning. There are many people who think that getting to work on time is more important than the safety of our children.

It is not!

One week into the new school year, I find myself outraged at what some people carelessly do to get behind a school bus before or after it stops at a bus stop to pick up our children.

On the morning of August 29th, I encountered a scene at my daughter's bus stop that left me breathless. As the school bus arrived at 6:47 a.m. and came to a complete stop, with the stop sign out, a dark colored car sped up and went around the stopped bus as my daughter was getting ready to walk across

the road. She just happened to stop and wave back at me or she would have already been on the road. I hate to think what would have happened if she hadn't done that.

It is not our children's fault that some people are running late and do not think about the safety of others or our children who get on the bus early in the morning.

So, I ask all drivers to stop and think about the safety of our children at their bus stops. This happened on Mudlake Road and I am sure it happens elsewhere too.

A child's life is more important than that, so please slow down and pay attention!

Vicki Prevatt
Glen St. Mary

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High: 89 Low: 71

Saturday
Scat'd T-storms
High: 86 Low: 70

Sunday
Scat'd T-storms
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Monday
Mostly Sunny
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Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 89 Low: 71

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 88 Low: 72

Today's High & Low Temperatures

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Full
Thursday	7:08 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	9/19
Friday	7:08 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	
Saturday	7:09 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	
Sunday	7:09 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	
Monday	7:10 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	
Tuesday	7:10 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	
Wednesday	7:11 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	

St. Mary's River Levels

Location	Now	Change
Momiac, GA	6.89 ft.	-0.47 ft.
Macclenny	9.80 ft.	-0.73 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	AM	PM
Thu	10:54-12:54	11:24-1:24
Fri	11:40-1:40	---
Sat	12:58-2:58	12:28-2:28
Sun	1:47-3:47	1:17-3:17
Mon	2:38-4:38	2:08-4:08
Tue	3:33-5:33	3:03-5:03
Wed	4:29-6:29	3:59-5:59

Weather History

Sept. 5, 1950 - Hurricane Easy produced the greatest 24 hour rainfall in United States weather records. The hurricane deluged Yankeetown, on the upper west coast of Florida, with 38.7 inches of rain.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tue, 8/27	84	70	91/72	0.00"	2.22"
Wed, 8/28	91	66	91/72	0.00"	1.69"
Thu, 8/29	91	68	91/72	0.00"	0.53"
Fri, 8/30	95	72	90/72	2.21"	80.4"
Sat, 8/31	91	72	90/72	0.01"	81.2"
Sun, 9/1	90	72	90/72	0.00"	-0.8"
Mon, 9/2	91	72	90/72	0.00"	

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BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Clay law firm selected board counsel

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Baker County commissioners won't have just one attorney to rely on in the future for legal advice and guidance. They'll have an entire law firm with decades of experience dealing with complex local government issues, including land use, zoning and development.

After reviewing two proposals and interviewing applicants on the afternoon of September 3, commissioners voted to hire an Orange Park law firm headed by state Sen. Rob Bradley to serve as the new county attorney.

Commissioners all agreed that both applicants, including Union County attorney Russell A. Wade III, were qualified to serve the county. However, most said they would prefer to have the team services of Kopelousos, Bradley & Garrison as the county moves ahead with its revision of land development regulations and other complex issues.

"They have the expertise to get that done right," said Commissioner Gordon Crews, whose motion to hire the Clay County group of lawyers was approved 3-2. "With the team approach, I do see that as an advantage."

Kopelousos, Bradley & Garrison put forward a junior member of the firm, Rich Komando, to serve as Baker County's primary legal counsel. He'll attend meetings of the county commission, as well as the county's land planning agency and code enforcement board.

But senior members of the firm will fill in for Mr. Komando from time to time and will be able to lend their expertise in specific areas, including John Kopelousos, who has garnered a reputation as an expert in complex land use issues, zoning, real property disputes, land development matters, community development districts and environmental law.

Commissioners were particularly impressed with Mr. Kopelousos, who helped write Clay County's land development regulations and comprehensive plans as counsel to the county's planning and zoning commission from 1971 to 1983, a time when Clay County was experiencing tremendous growth from a tiny, rural community to a modern, bustling bedroom community of Jacksonville.

"You'll have me, Sam Garrison and Rob Bradley," Mr. Kopelousos, who at 78 described himself as "the old man of the law firm," told the board.

Commissioner Jimmy Anderson said with his background Mr. Kopelousos would be able to help guide Baker County through the inevitable growth the county will face eventually.

"John's been through the old school of hard knocks and knows what to do and what not to do," Mr. Anderson said.

Mr. Kopelousos said he could help Baker County avoid some of the problems Clay County faced many years ago as it began dealing with fast-changing land use and development issues.

"Baker County is poised to receive that type of growth in the future," he said, adding that with Interstate 10, a CSX rail line along US 90 and "a lot of vacant land" in the county, developers

will come knocking on the door. Commissioner James Croft agreed that the county is growing and will continue to face complicated legal issues surrounding land use and zoning that could best be handled by an experienced law firm such as Kopelousos, Bradley & Garrison.

"I think we're at a turning point in this county," Commissioner Croft said. "Issues are getting more complex. The team approach is a good one."

Mr. Garrison is board certified by the Florida Bar as an expert in criminal trial law and served as a prosecutor in the fourth judicial circuit before becoming Orange Park city attorney two years ago. Rob Bradley is board certified

by the Florida Bar as an expert in city, county and local government law. A former prosecutor, he has focused most of his career on representing municipalities and political subdivisions and served on the Clay County Commission before he was elected to the Florida Senate representing Clay, Alachua and Bradford counties.

Mr. Komando, also a former prosecutor, is presently serving as legal counsel to the City of Keystone Heights and has experience in government administration, employment, labor, risk management and policy drafting.

The firm also will be representing the county in an upcoming legal process to determine whether commissioners acted lawfully when they recently denied Oldcastle Southern Group's request for a special zoning exception for sand mining.

Oldcastle has hired one of the largest law firms in Florida to seek mediation before a special magistrate in an effort to overturn the county commission's denial in July. Both sides have agreed to accept the appointment of Fort Lauderdale attorney Sam-

uel S. Goren as special magistrate to hear the dispute, which is expected to begin within the next couple of months.

Kopelousos, Bradley & Garrison offered to represent the county for a flat fee of \$4,500 a month or \$200 per hour, plus \$25 per round trip to Baker County. The board chose to go with the flat fee arrangement, which would not include legal fees for bond work, litigation, specialized tax work or other extraordinary legal work.

Former county attorney Terry Brown, who had represented the county commission for about 25 years, closed his law practice in late July shortly after notifying the county that he was stepping down due to health reasons.

Mr. Wade had proposed a salary of \$40,000 a year, and Commissioners Mark Hartley and Adam Giddens favored him.

FHP: Driver drunk

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the scene to UF Health. They were Ehsaypaw Thwe, 27; Sai-lai Saw Saw Tun, 27; Pau Khua Mang, 42; and Yaw Hla, 41, the initial crash report noted.

The accident closed down the interstate in both directions until shortly after 6 a.m.

Cindy Norman of the state attorney's office said prosecutor Yazdiya would be contacting FHP and the victims before deciding whether to file an information against Ms. Whitney.

"Those [relationships] always carry weight, but probably bigger was the lack of infrastructure here. They were shovel ready... That was the biggie."

-Darryl Register Baker County Development Commission Director

identify 1500-acre so-called mega-sites for development.

Mr. Register said a Nassau County tract owned by Rayonier would "probably get it" given the timber company paid some \$100,000 to have the property certified as a mega-site.

In other business at the Development Commission's annual meeting, the board was presented with its 2011-12 fiscal year audit by Macclenny accountant Clay Lyons, financial statements for the current year and a proposed budget for the coming year. All were approved 4-0 by board members Polly Gore, Gloria D'Amé, Joyce Davis and Ronald Mann.

The documents show how cash strapped the commission is until it sells land holdings near the Walmart Distribution Center, some 125 acres known as Enterprise East. There's also about 18 acres available in Enterprise West near Sanderson, according to the Chamber's website, and two parcels totaling 140 acres near Olustee.

With annual income of \$19,368 from the state, paramunicipal taxes and cell tower leases, and expenditures totaling nearly \$43,000, the commission is expected to end the current fiscal year with a loss topping \$23,000.

Mr. Register said the biggest expense, listed as "special proj-

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BAKER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Land flush, cash poor Director claims prospects out there

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The Baker County Development Commission, the area's economic development body, remains land rich but cash poor. The good news, however, is that eight business proposals have been floated here, totaling \$480 million in potential economic investments.

Darryl Register, the commission's director who also heads up the Chamber of Commerce, said two of the eight projects have generated "quite a bit" of information exchange between him and the companies.

Both were manufacturing proposals. One code named "Project Blossom" targeted 140-plus acres, \$35 million in investment and 30 to 40 jobs. The other, "Project Harvest," needed 100 acres for \$150 million in investment with 40 jobs.

Mr. Register delivered a report on the new business proposals, made since October 1, 2012, to the development commission's governing board the evening of August 26 at the Chamber's downtown office. The group was gathered for its annual meeting, the only one mandated by law, to approve a budget and elect officers.

Mr. Register said he couldn't publicly divulge the identity of the companies behind the industrial proposals because he signed confidentiality agreements with them. Still, he did offer to supply additional details to commission members individually.

Other projects he did speak about included: • A FedEx distribution center that went to Cecil Commerce Center on Jacksonville's west side. "We were in the top three (potential sites)," said Mr. Register, adding the other site was in Alachua County near I-75.

When asked why FedEx passed over Baker County, Mr. Register said an Atlanta-based consultant working on the project, Jones Lang LaSalle, had a previous relationship with another firm, Hillwood Development Co., which the City of Jacksonville hired to develop the city-owned commerce center.

"Those [relationships] always carry weight, but probably bigger was the lack of infrastructure here," said Mr. Register, referring to the lack of roads and utilities for hundreds of acres owned by the Development Commission. "They were shovel ready... That was the biggie."

"Project VF012," a sheet metal fabrication business slated for 100 acres, \$50 million in investments and 400 jobs.

"Project Lead" by an Asian solar energy company, which sought 50 acres for a manufacturing facility for a \$130-million investment and 435 jobs. Mr. Register said he responded to a request for proposals from the company three months ago and hasn't heard anything back.

"Project Bang" from an ammunition manufacturing firm

based in the Northeast was proposed on 50 acres with \$5 million to be invested and 80 jobs.

"Project Harvest" and an associated "Project Harvest II" were targeted by two manufacturing companies. Mr. Register said one firm would use the by-product from the other company's manufacturing process, which he described as "high-tech."

Together they would encompass 100 acres, but bring \$150 million and \$30 million in investments, respectively. The larger project boasted 40 jobs and the other 10 jobs.

"Project Mega-Site" was an effort by the State of Florida to

BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Only half of cuts 'tangible'

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During its recent deliberations on the county budget and the million-dollar deficits the county's been running in recent years, the Baker County Commission cut about \$1.2 million in projected spending for the coming fiscal year.

Both tracts were rezoned from agriculture to industrial earlier this year.

The commission's land was bought from Plum Creek in 2008 for \$490,000. The commission carries no debt, however, as loans for such land purchases have been repaid using proceeds from other land sales.

Still, board members were dismayed that the county did not waive the commission's land use change application fee of about \$7000.

Macclenny realtor Dennis Collins, who was not on the board but present that evening because he would soon be appointed to the body, said the county appeared to be working at cross purposes with the Development Commission by not waiving the fee.

County planning director Ed Preston said it's not customary for application fees to be waived, but that the land use change application was a joint one with both the Development Commission and Plum Creek as the applicants.

The commission's balance sheet shows almost \$42,000 in cash and savings and property worth more than \$1 million, which combine for \$1,107,906 in total assets.

"We need to sell some property. We're close on our cash flow," Mr. Lyons, the commission's accountant, told the group while reviewing his audit report.

Following the meeting last week, three new members were appointed to the Development Commission by the governor's office.

They were Mr. Collins, real estate developer Chris Gazes of Glen St. Mary and Daniel Masterson of Macclenny, an intake specialist for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority.

They join long-time members Ms. Gore, Ms. D'Amé, Ms. Davis and Mr. Mann.

The latter four board members must be reappointed as well, though they hadn't submitted the required paperwork prior to last week's annual meeting.

Their terms have been expired for a number of years, but board members can continue to serve until they're replaced, regardless of their term dates.

cuts: • \$70,000 from the road department's equipment budget. • \$60,000 from improvements to the solid waste (garbage) department. • \$60,000 from matching funds for emergency medical services (EMS) equipment grants. • \$54,744 from the judicial services budget at the courthouse. • \$53,600 from the equipment budget for the solid waste department.

• \$52,933 from eliminating the grants department altogether, which included one staff person. • \$35,000 from matching funds for fire department equipment grants. • \$10,000 from books and library materials at Emily Taber library. • \$10,000 from the library's maintenance budget.

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Other departments to be affected by smaller budget reductions were planning and zoning, extension services (Ag Center), veteran services and the sheriff's office.

Those cuts were mostly to supplies, postage, advertising and similar costs.

Despite the cuts, the county expects to need some \$1.3 million from its \$6.7 million in reserves to balance anticipated spending with revenue for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

The deficit is slightly higher than the current fiscal year's gap, which county finance director Debbie Perryman estimated at \$1 million.

That's less than the last two fiscal years, however. She said the deficit was \$1.25 million for 2011-12 and \$2.35 million the year before.

They cost the county \$85 per day per inmate, a bill that has been close to \$4 million in recent years. After some discussion at their last budget workshop, commissioners settled on assuming an average daily inmate population of 115 local prisoners, even though counts in recent months have surpassed 120.

Additional budget savings came from selecting a health insurance plan that was slightly less expensive than original estimates.

The more tangible budget cuts were to things like equipment, operating supplies and matching grant monies.

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Abuse charge possible Uncle queried about bruised child

A criminal complaint for felony child abuse is expected against a Macclenny man for striking his 3-year-old nephew with sufficient force to cause a large bruise on his leg that was detected by a day care owner who assisted the child in a bathroom.

Tabitha Gray of the Tiny Tots Day Care on Michigan St. in Macclenny called police that afternoon when she noticed the bruise and the child said his "Uncle Mike whips him when he's bad."

The suspect was identified as Michael E. Davis, 31, who reportedly had temporary custody of the toddler at the Blair St. address.

Ms. Gray told Deputy Clements Leo the boy evidenced a marked behavior change as the week progressed, and on one occasion began to "shake and cry" when the uncle picked him up in the afternoon. Another day care worker told the officer she saw Mr. Davis "strike [the boy] on the behind" while returning to his vehicle the previous day.

The Department of Children and Families was notified and an investigator told Deputy Leo the child was placed in another home. Charges pend further investigation by the agency.

In other incidents the past week, one member of a Macclenny family was arrested and complaints were filed against two others following an attack the afternoon of August 31 on a woman with whom they have been feuding.

Deputy Leo said he answered a call on MLK Dr. and Rock Ct. about 3:20 to find a bleeding and weeping Ramona Roberson, 25, who claimed she was beaten by Mikeya Washington, 18, and Alyua Washington, 19, both of Macclenny after they drove to the location with Tara Washington, 41, also of Macclenny.

The trio apparently attacked her because Ms.

Roberson earlier called Alyua Washington's baby "retarded."

Mikeya Washington was arrested for battery and complaints for the same offense were filed against the other two alleged assailants.

A similar complaint was filed on September 1 naming Jason Combs, 33, of Macclenny for punching Lenier Martin, 37, on the side of the head while both were at the Country Club Lounge on South 6th St.

Mr. Lenier called police after both men were ejected from the bar, and told Deputy John Minkel he believes Mr. Combs struck him just after midnight in retaliation for being fired from a job several years ago.

He claimed before the incident his assailant appeared friendly and they had a beer together.

Deputy Chris Walker questioned Mr. Combs at Gator Patrick's bar in east Macclenny, and the suspect claimed Mr. Lenier was "talking trash" about his father. He claimed he swung at him but did not think the punch landed.

Both parties to a shoving match that took place at the Glen St. Mary fire station the afternoon of August 29 were named in complaints for battery.

A 16-year-old female told Deputy Jeremiah Johnson she was struck in the chest by Cheyenne Murray, 21, about 4:30 after he questioned her about the whereabouts of her vehicle.

Questioned later, Mr. Murray claimed the teen threw an object at him, then followed him and grabbed his right shirt sleeve, and he jerked his arm back. He then claimed he was slapped in the face.

Mr. Murray is a member of the Glen volunteer department, and according to Deputy Johnson, was friends with the girl until recently.

DUI arrest on interstate

An Orange Park motorist found sleeping in his vehicle on Interstate 10 in the early morning hours of August 30 was arrested for drunk driving after failing field sobriety tests and registering a blood alcohol level above the state limit.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said he drove up on a 2013 Lincoln stopped on the left shoulder and partially in the roadway east of Macclenny about 3:30 am and found Thomas Haehnel, 68, unresponsive behind the wheel with a beer between his legs.

The driver awoke after several attempts by the deputy to rouse him, and said he believed he was near Ocala on I-75 en route to Leesburg to visit a family member. Mr. Haehnel admitted to drinking six beers at a lounge in Orange Park.

After failing the sobriety tests, his breathalyzer result was .106,

above the .08 considered intoxicated.

In other arrests: Deputy Clements Leo stopped a vehicle driven by Ernest Smith, 28, of Baldwin for running a stop sign at South Boulevard and MLK in Macclenny in the late morning of August 26 and arrested him for having five prior license suspensions.

Deputy Chris Walker stopped a 1998 Chevrolet driven by Arnold Batten, 30, of Macclenny on South 7th St. late on August 27 and learned he was wanted for burglary in Duval County.

The officer said he stopped Mr. Batten due to suspicious activity behind CVS Pharmacy downtown.

Deputy Jeremiah Combs arrested Philip Pendleton, 25, at his residence on Marvin's Lane near Sanderson the afternoon of August 29 on a warrant for violating probation for burglary and fraud.

He also charged Mr. Pendleton with having a small amount of marijuana in a baggy stored in a pants pocket.

Glen woman is accused of stealing rare coin collection

A Glen St. Mary woman was arrested on August 28 and charged with stealing a rare coin collection from a Macclenny man after spending the night at his West Minnesota Ave. address.

Lori Royal, 41, was taken into custody after Deputy Robert Simpkins located the wrapped coins stored in a cloth bag at the home of her aunt Willine Jewell on Doyle Williams Rd. near Taylor. Ms. Royal earlier told Deputy Chad Montean that her aunt picked her up from the residence of victim Ben Hill, and Ms. Jewell confirmed via telephone that her niece brought the bag with her.

The aunt earlier phoned Mr. Hill confirming that Ms. Royal had the bag when she picked her up. The collection was valued at \$2000.

Deputy Montean first questioned Ms. Royal after stopping a vehicle she was riding in on McIver St. in Macclenny that afternoon. He then searched a room the suspect rented at the American Inn on South 6th looking for the coins.

Mr. Hill later told the officer that "a large portion" of the col-

lection was missing from the bag when it was returned.

In other thefts, Andrea Brooks, 23, of Bryceville was named in a complaint for taking a four-month-old bulldog from the residence of Johnny Richendollar on Beech St. near Sanderson during daylight hours on August 30.

The victim told Deputy Earl Lord the animal was valued at \$300.

Ms. Brooks, an ex-girlfriend of Robert Youtst, 25, who was staying at Mr. Richendollar's residence, initially told him she took the dog to the county pound because it was malnourished.

The victim's sister said she overheard Ms. Brooks say she took the dog and dropped it off at a truck stop in Baldwin.

A front window is believed to be the point of entry at the home of Rhonda Long on Circle G. Lane near Sanderson, where two televisions, a camcorder, electronic tablet and X-box game were taken during daylight hours on August 28.

Ms. Long told Deputy Brandon Kiser she was away between

8:30 am-1 pm and placed the loss value at \$1550. She gave the officer the name of a possible suspect.

Dillon Hartsfield called police when he returned to his residence on E. Ohio Ave. in Macclenny at midday on August 26 and found that two power saws, a drill and four DVD movies were missing.

He told Deputy Clements Leo entry was via a rear bedroom window and valued the property at \$160. He was away from the residence since 7 am.

Tarrez Seabrooks of Sanderson reported the evening of August 31 that a 9 mm pistol was missing from his US90 residence and gave Deputy Jacob Satterwhite the name of a girlfriend who moved out that day as a possible suspect.

The pistol was valued at \$500.

In a case of vandalism, someone slashed three tires on a truck and trailer parked at the maintenance shop near Baker County High School overnight on August 28. The damage estimate was \$250.

Boyfriend made death threats

An estranged boyfriend was arrested the evening of August 28 for making death threats against a north Macclenny woman and their 5-year-old daughter.

Geffery Church, 27, also of Macclenny, initially denied when questioned by Deputy Johnny Hodges then admitted to making threats via Facebook and a telephone message against Kathryn Fuller, 29, and their daughter.

Ms. Fuller called police after she listened to the voice mail message about 7:15 pm in which Mr. Church made a death threat. She told Deputy Hodges she then looked outside her apartment on E. Ohio and saw the ex-boyfriend standing outside near her vehicle.

Mr. Church was gone when police arrived, then later questioned at a North 4th St. address

striking Jeremy Carter, 33, while attempting to enter his residence to collect her children.

Mr. Carter is an acquaintance of Ms. Smyth's ex-boyfriend Ronnie Nipper, 30, who is accused of striking her after she argued with other witnesses at the scene. The estranged couple have three children together.

Witnesses told Deputy Minkel that Ms. Smyth was intoxicated when she was driven to the address about 9 pm by a friend.

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28 months for stealing Apartment manager sentenced

After rejecting a more lenient plea agreement back in late May, Circuit Judge Mark Moseley last week agreed to a revised pact and ordered Donna Lynn Griffis to serve 28 months in prison for stealing utility assistance payments intended for low income residents of the Macclenny apartment complex she managed.

In addition, Ms. Griffis, who will turn 48 next week, will be on probation for 10 years following release. A hearing is set for late October on a restitution plan for the estimated \$13,000 she funneled into a personal account between March, 2010 and August, 2011. Most of it went to feed a gambling addiction.

She managed the Baker Manor Apartments on South 6th St. in Macclenny at the time.

Ms. Griffis pleaded no contest to 26 counts of an original 29-count information, mostly acts of forgery. Others were for exploitation of the elderly and grand theft. She gets credit for ten months she was in jail following her arrest.

Judge Moseley would not sign off on the previous plea deal negotiated between Assistant State Attorney Ralph Yazdiya and Ms. Griffis' publicly funded counsel George Nelson. That would have placed her on house arrest two years, followed by ten years on probation.

She was one of four persons sent off to prison during the regular docket day on August 27. The others:

Genaro Harris, 27, of Middleburg will serve 30 months less 139 days time served after he admitted to violating drug offender probation from a drug trafficking charge. Court records indicated he failed to report to a probation officer and changed residences without notification.

Judge Moseley ordered a 30-month sentence in the case of Joshua Spires, 26, of Glen St. Mary for sexual battery and lewd acts on a 14-year-old female.

He will be on probation 30 months following release and gets credit for 231 days in jail since his arrest in December of last year.

Another probation violator, Frederick Tyson, 31, of Lawtey drew a 21-month sentence to run concurrently with one he is already serving in prison. He admitted to violating probation from drug possession and theft cases by testing positive for cocaine and failing to report to his probation officer.

Christopher Methvin, 35, will serve a six-month jail sentence followed by four years on probation after pleading no contest to aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony. Judge Moseley also ordered a mental health evaluation.

Allen Yonn has already served most of the 180-day jail sentence handed down for violating probation from burglary and grand theft charges in 2012.

A similar term in county jail was ordered for Casey Jo Hand, 32, for probation violation stemming from a 2009 grand theft case.



Donna Griffis

Four charged in theft, sale of property from hunt camp

Four Sanderson residents, including two convicted felons, are facing multiple criminal charges in the theft of nearly \$18,000 worth of property stored in a hunt camp garage and workshop off Wiregrass Place between August 8-14.

A tip received by one of the victims, Richard Jenkins of Glen St. Mary, led police and investigators to John Paul Mann Jr., who reportedly boasted to others about the amount of tools and equipment taken from the location.

The investigation then turned to area pawn shops, and Deputy Matt Yarborough said Baker Gun, Gold and Pawn had records indicating that Mr. Mann had sold tools and a tree stand that were later identified by Mr. Jenkins.

Also charged were Mr. Mann's son John Adam Mann, 23, who had been living with a third suspect, Michael Seth Hodges, 23, at an address on Clete Harvey Rd. in the same neighborhood as the senior Mr. Mann, who resided on Boyce Rd.

The younger Mr. Mann's girlfriend, Amanda Weichman, 26, who also was living at the Harvey Rd. address, was charged with dealing in stolen property for selling pots and pans taken in the burglary to a Macclenny woman.

The victim tallied up \$9250 in property, mostly tools, that were taken and only a portion were recovered from the pawn



John Paul Mann Jr.



John Adam Mann



Michael Hodges



Amanda Weichman

shop. Others were found at the residence of Mr. Hodges, who also led investigators to a 2004 Honda ATV that was hidden in a wooded area off Clete Harvey.

The ATV belonged to Robert Lesley of Jacksonville, and Mr. Hodges claimed the Manns had made arrangements to sell it there to a third party.

A jon boat and trailer belonging to L.D. Bradley Surveyors of Jacksonville were also taken, and the boat was cut up for scrap and sold at American Recycling off Woodlawn Rd. along with other items like tools and an air compressor.

The boat, trailer and ATV had

a combined value of \$7100, and a rifle the suspects attempted to sell to a third party was worth \$1250.

Both the elder Mann and Mr. Hodges were charged with possession of a weapon by convicted felons, and all three face counts of grand theft, armed burglary and dealing in stolen property. The father and son face counts of resisting police because they hid in and near the residence of Mr. Mann's father when officers showed up there to arrest them on August 19.

Mr. Hodges is also charged with violation of felony probation.

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Competed for forestry crowns

JOEL ADDINGTON
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Three girls from Sanderson competed for National Forestry Pageant crowns on August 31 in Tifton, GA with Mallory Mobley, 14, finishing among the top five in the Teen Miss division.

While the other two contestants, Whitley Mobley, Mallory's younger sister, and Katie Register, did not place in the national pageant, they won state forestry pageant titles on July 13 at Baker County High School.

The 2011 Junior Miss National Forestry Queen Jillian Hodges was from Baker County as well.

Whitley Mobley, 7, competed in the Little Miss division after winning the state Little Miss title. Ms. Register, 12, vied for the national Junior Miss crown after winning that division in July.

Seventy-five contestants from across Florida competed for crowns in eight divisions at the state pageant, which was directed by Sydney Ferreira and presided over by six judges evaluat-

ing contestants for poise, beauty, personality, gown and overall appearance, in addition to optional categories that included best dress and most photogenic, among others.

State pageant winners in the teen and miss divisions received scholarship money in addition to the Swarovski jeweled crowns and embroidered sashes given to all the division winners, who were eligible to compete for the national titles in Tifton last weekend at the Tift County High School Performing Arts Center.

A formal ball for contestants took place there as well.

Katie Register is the daughter of Scott and Kelly Register while Whitley and Mallory Mobley are the daughters of Shannon and Brandy Mobley. The older sister won the 2012 Miss Baker County Middle School crown.

State forestry pageant queens represent the State of Florida throughout the year at multiple events, including the Florida Forestry Festival in Perry, FL in late October.

The festival features a parade,



From left Katie Register, Whitley Mobley and Mallory Mobley, all of Sanderson.

autograph signings and other fun events related to the forestry field. The state forestry pageant system provides scholarships to

young ladies while promoting Florida's forestry industry.



Photo by Joel Addington

Plaques presented to retired school district employees Sept. 3

Superintendent of Schools Sherrie Raulerson presented plaques commemorating the service of five retired school district employees prior to the school board's regular meeting September 3. They are (pictured from left to right) Gall Fowler, retired from the high school's business academy; Debra Holton, who worked in many roles including on cafeteria and custodial staffs; Cathy Bennett, a former physical education teacher and cafeteria employee among other jobs; Belinda Dale Bennett, a retired bus driver; and Joyce Gideons, also a retired bus driver. They spent a combined 159 years with the district.

Poker run benefit on September 7th

Gator Patrick's Tavern is hosting a benefit poker run September 7 for 6-year-old Jaiden Skye-Leah Champion, who has Mawat Wilson Syndrome, a genetic disorder, and other medical conditions.

The poker run leaves the bar on East Macclenny Avenue (US 90) at 11 am and will make four stops at Timbuktu, The Slab, Full House and 121 Country Club Lounge before returning to Gator Patrick's. Biker entry is \$15 and riders \$10. The entry fee includes a chicken dinner.

The Macclenny youth has an account at Wells Fargo Bank for donations as well. For more information, please call Jaiden's mother, Jessica Champion-Manning, at (904) 209-8917.

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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.



COMMISSION VOTE: A public hearing requiring City Commission action on the proposed Ordinance will be held on Monday, September 9, 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.



Above and at right are former students at Central Elementary who attended the school's Class of 1965 reunion last month.

Central Elementary '65 class reunion

MARVA WILLIAMS
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

As the doors opened, there was a breath of fresh air. All the love, chatter, smiles and tears were so real. It has been 48 years since we were in the first grade at Central Elementary.

The Class of 1965's reunion at 5:30 pm on Saturday, August 17 was held at the old Central Elementary cafeteria, which is all that is left of the old school.

The cafeteria was set up banquet style with all the works, the round tables covered with real white linen table cloths, center pieces, pictures of all of the teachers on each table, which was given to the former students at the end for door prizes.

More than 75 people showed up for this reunion, which was the first of its kind.

In 1965 we were segregated so only black teachers and students were at Central. We thank God for the changes that have been made since then, but we also thank God for what he blessed us with back during those segregated years.

He blessed us with real genuine principals and teachers that really had our best interest at heart, and their presence at our reunion showed us that they still feel the same way about us today.

All of our principals and teachers and administrators that are still alive from 1965 were present. One came in a wheel chair, two on canes and others walked in alone, but they were there to show us students they loved us then, and they still love us now.

The walls were decorated with the same kind of adornments teachers used in 1965. We also had all the walls covered with pictures of the students from their early years to the present. We had a wall for classmates that served in the armed services and our deceased classmates.

At the end there was a toast to Central. Both classes did fun presentations to their teachers. One was a *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* because there was some troubled waters after leaving Central but our teachers were our bridge, and another, *Come Back to Central*.

There were also lots of sing-

ing of old songs that we sang at Central like *Central Will Shine Tonight*. Our third grade teacher Esther Fennel composed the song and we would sing it at our evening programs and plays.

Ms. Clemmyte Daniels was our principal. We still have the same respect for her that we had 48 years ago. She spoke some words of wisdom to us, and we listened to her just as we did 48 years ago.

Also present was our fifth grade teacher Ms. Almetta Mason, fourth grade teacher Ms. Louise Ruise, and second grade teacher, Ms. Dorothy Arline, who also greeted us.

Our first grade teacher was Ms. Clensy Warren, who is deceased, but her two only daughters both from Jacksonville were there in attendance. Our only substitute teacher, Mr. Daniel Gibbs, and our teachers aid, Ms. Vivian Green Nealy from Tampa, was present.

We had students that came from as far away as Texas. Freddie Ruise and his wife arrived from North Carolina and Evelyn Stoutamire and Sheryl Ray Giv-

ens traveled from Ft. Lauderdale. I coordinated the reunion and was very pleased with everything. I said there was no way this could have happened without God and my husband Videll Williams, who supported me through it all.

All of the students left with an engraved linen napkin with Central Elementary on it, a T-shirt with all of the administrators and students names on the back and a lot of love.

The event was recorded on video and group class pictures were taken.

There will be a viewing of the video with light refreshments on September 6 at 6 pm at the school. For more information on the reunion or video viewing, please call Mrs. Williams at (904) 275-2770.

Vendors sought for Senior Expo

Exhibitors are sought for the upcoming annual Senior Expo to be held this year at Heritage Park in west Macclenny.

The event is sponsored by the Baker County Council on Aging and the theme this fall is "Kickin' It Up." Area senior citizens will be invited between 9 am-1 pm to visit exhibits and booths for valuable information.

The date is October 29. The council is asking vendors and exhibitors to sign up now by contacting Belinda Fletcher at 259-2223, ext. 233 as soon as possible for details including fees.

All proceeds from table rentals will go to the Home Delivered Meals program in Baker County that currently serves 15,000 meals annually.

Donations sought

The Baker County Friends of the Instrumental Arts group seeks tax deductible donations for its annual fall yard sale.

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Paid by Dennis G. Collins for Macclenny City Commissioner, Group 4



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It used to be that the general practitioner took care of all our medical needs. That was more than 50 years ago. Since then, the revolution in cardiovascular medicine and technology has made it impossible for one cardiologist to handle all patients' needs. Increasingly, doctors have had to further subspecialize in cardiovascular medicine.

Although cardiology is a relatively narrow field, advancements have swiftly progressed, furthering subspecialties in order for physicians to keep pace with medical innovation. Dr. Ali, Vice President at FOCI, summarizes the secrets for a successful practice in "the rule of 3 T's": Talent, Tenacity, and Tools. "We seek doctors with talent and tenacity to fight for the patients, and provide them with the best in cutting edge tools. This has worked extremely well for us and our patients for the past 10 years; it defines who we are."

First Coast Cardiovascular Institute® (FCCI) recognized early on the importance of this continuous transition and progress. In fact, the senior partners, Drs. Yazan Khatib, Vagor Ali, Sumant Lamba and Youssef Al-Sagheer, introduced many of those subspecialties to the larger in-county area, Duval, Clay, St. Johns and Baker counties, even before they were acknowledged as additional subspecialties. "We were the first to introduce high-end endovascular medicine to the area, indeed we dedicated a division for it and I was assigned by the group the task of spearheading it," says Dr. Khatib, the Institute's President. Five years later, vascular medicine and endovascular medicine became recognized as separate branches of medicine, for which a specialty board examination was introduced. "I am proud that our doctors were among the first to credential for that prestigious board certification," says Jazar Lakhandwala, M.D., Director of FCCI Operations in St. Johns County.

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Prospective members can learn about 4-H and join a club. There will be games, face painting and an appearance by Sparky the Fire Dog.

You can also come out to meet your county agriculture and horticulture agents, along with master gardeners who can help answer your gardening questions.

Master gardeners will have ornamental plants available for purchase and free fall vegetable seeds while supplies last.

Growing microgreens workshops will begin at 9 am and will repeat every half hour. If you have questions, please contact the Baker County Extension Service at 904-259-3520.

Program grateful

The Margaretta Community Outreach Program thanks the following groups for their support and donations to our Back to School Bash of book bag and school supplies giveaway: Destiny Infinity and Andre Williams, Joey Dobson and the sheriff's department, GPA and Stephen Williams, the Margaretta Sportsman's Club, Margaretta Community and Sanderson Graveyard Committee.

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Construction commencements

The following are Notice of Commencements filed with the Clerk of Courts in June, July and August of this year. They are listed with the property owner's name (last, first), then date it was filed, then the contractor's name, and the location description.

- August**
 - Clevenger, Patricia, 8/1/13, Howard Construction Llc, Lt 15 Blk A Macclenny II Unit I
 - Larsen, David A, 8/2/13, Gaines Construction Inc, 10-3S-21E
 - Robinson, Elmer A, 8/2/13, Robinson Elmer A
 - Crummey, Gary, 8/2/13, Hy-gema Home Movers Inc, 36-2S-21E Blk 21 L1 Glen St Mary
 - Shedd, Ryan, 8/5/13, All Florida Custom Homes, Lt 25 Copper Creek Hills Unit I
 - Barrington, Timothy, 8/5/13, All Florida Custom Homes, 118 Wolfe Drive
 - Hadaway, Joanna W, 8/5/13, All Florida Custom Homes, Lt 2 Copper Creek Hill Sub
 - Causey, Construction Inc, 8/5/13, Causey Construction Inc, 04-3S-22E
 - Ledford, Jeffery, 8/8/13, Rock Contractors Custom Homes And Roofing Inc, 26-2S-20E
 - Moran, Ronald, 8/8/13, B A R Construction Inc, 33-3S-21E
 - B A R Construction Inc, 8/8/13, B A R Construction Inc, 36-2S-21E
 - DeLoach, Charles, 8/12/13, All Pro Enclosures Inc
 - Smith, Russell Jr, 8/14/13, Ffinal Custom Builders Inc, 17-2S-22E
 - Tyson, William M, 8/15/13, Tyson William M, Lt 9 10 Forest Acres
 - Harvey, Robert, 8/19/13, Advantage Pools, Lt 10 Copper Creek Hills Sub
 - Jones, Robert D, 8/20/13, Eric Raulerson Construction Inc, 30-2S-22E
 - King, Charles, 8/21/13, D & D Enclosures Inc, Lt 60 Fox Ridge Estates Phase 3
 - Piersall, Malcolm, 8/22/13, Eric Raulerson Construction Inc, 04-3S-22E
 - Williams, Richard Jesse, 8/26/13, Williams Richard Jesse, 26-2S-20E
 - Register, Lloyd D, 8/26/13, Chalkler Branch Construction Inc, 35-2S-21E
 - Conklin, Ray Joseph, 8/26/13, Conklin Ray J
 - Fiore, Joseph, 8/26/13, All Florida Custom Homes, Lt 27 Copper Creek Hill S/D
 - Bennett, Fred, 8/26/13, Anderson Quality Roofing LLC, 26-2S-20E
 - Conner, Frank, 8/26/13, Anderson Quality Roofing LLC, 08-1S-21E
 - Morales, Stephanie, 8/27/13, Flagship Contract Services Inc, 132 W Stansell Ave.
- July**
 - Yarborough, Chuck, 7/2/13, Yarborough, Chuck, 30-1S-12E
 - Walker, Chad, 7/3/13, Commercial Fence Contractors, 09-3S-22E
 - Williams, Joshua A, 7/3/13, B A R Construction Inc, 21-1S-21E
 - Cushman, Jack, 7/5/13, Combs Builders Inc, 35-2S-21E
 - Combs, John J, 7/8/13, Chalkler Branch Construction Inc, 04-2S-21E
 - Gore, Polly, 7/9/13, All Florida Custom Homes, Lt 37 Copper Creek Hills
 - Wiggins, James, 7/9/13, All Florida Custom Homes, 04-3S-22E
 - Bryant, Francis, 7/9/13, Reliable Residential Contracting Llc, 981 Red Fox Way
 - Stafford, Steve, 7/10/13, Combs Builders Inc
 - Crabtree, Andrew Edward, 7/11/13, Howard Construction Llc, Lt 7 8 Coppercreek Hills S/D
 - Dubie, Chris, 7/11/13, Hickman Construction Inc, Lt 4 Blk 1
 - Schmidt, Richard, 6/10/13,
- June**
 - Dugger, Herman, 7/12/13, Lowes Home Centers Inc, 5151 Hagen Lane Sanderson
 - Hendrix, Wesley S, 7/15/13, Florida Home Improvement Association
 - Clark, William Kenneth, 7/16/13, All Florida Custom Homes, Lt 39 Copper Creek Hill Sub
 - Moran, Jerry, 7/16/13, All Florida Custom Homes, 04-3S-22E
 - Bennett, James G, 7/17/13, Stanley Pools Inc, Lt 41 Copper Creek Hills
 - Lauren, Ashley Sasser, 7/17/13, Patriot Roofing Services Inc, Lt 2 Blk 78 Macclenny
 - Walstedt, Kermit M, 7/19/13, Combs Builders Inc, 18-2S-22E
 - Combs, Timothy L, 7/19/13, Combs Builders Inc, Lt 53 Fox Ridge Sd
 - Rhoden, James, 7/19/13, Combs Builders Inc, 30-2S-22E
 - Crews, Richard, 7/19/13, Fidus Roofing And Construction, Lt 24 River Oakes Estates
 - Gilliam, Joe, 7/19/13, B A R Construction Inc, 36-2S-21E
 - Monds, Donna, 7/22/13, All Florida Custom Homes, Lt 33 Copper Creek Hills Unit II
 - Sikes, Robert M, 7/23/13, 8:50, Fosters General Contracting Inc, Lt 54 Copper Creek Hills Unit 3
 - Mann, Weston D, 7/23/13, B A R Construction Inc, 26-2S-20E
 - Wilson, Paul M, 7/26/13, Rock Contractors Custom Homes & Roofing Inc, Lt 16 Blk B Macclenny II Unit III
 - Fraser, Thomas A, 7/26/13, Fraser Thomas A, Lt 5 6 Blk 38 Glen Saint Mary
 - First Baptist Church of Glen Saint Mary, 7/26/13, Tecta America Southeast Llc, Blk 20 Glen Saint Mary
 - Yarborough, David, 7/29/13, Carson Rickey Jr., 906 Jacqueline Cir
 - Shell, Kevin, 7/29/13, All Florida Custom Homes, Lt 7 Copper Creek Hills
 - Roberts, Mark, 7/29/13, All Florida Custom Homes, Lt 30 Copper Creek Hills Unit II

Schmidt, Richard, house Tobaco Patch subdivision.

Simmons, Donnie, 6/11/13, Simmons, Donnie, new roof Mud Lake Rd. Macclenny.

Long, Connie, 6/11/13, Combs Builders Inc., reerof Ivy St. Macclenny.

Crews, Claudia, 6/11/13, Crews, Claudia, reerof CR23B Macclenny.

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Morales, Stephanie, 8/27/13, Flagship Contract Services Inc, 132 W Stansell Ave.

Harvey, Clinton D, 6/4/13, Harvey, Clinton D, improvement on Folsom Trail, Sanderson.

Brown, Aaron, 6/4/13, All Florida Custom Homes, dwelling.

Clark, John M., 6/5/13, Anderson Quality Roofing, single-family dwelling CR 127 in Glen.

Johnson, Alfred Sr., garage and shop Wildcat Dr.

Williams, Gary Dr., garage addition and interior renovations CR 229 N. Glen.

Ossman, Michae, 6/7/13, Anderson Quality Roofing, roof 8093 US 90 Glen.

Helms, Theron, 6/10/13, Tillman Building Services Inc., reerof S. College St. Macclenny.

TD Bank, 6/10/13, Golden Sands General Contractors, ATM sidewalk modification. S. 6th St. Macclenny.

Brown, Robert, 6/10/13, Crystal Pools & Spas Of North FL, pool and enclosure Old Nursery Rd. Glen.

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Fiore, Joseph, 8/26/13, All Florida Custom Homes, Lt 27 Copper Creek Hill S/D

Bennett, Fred, 8/26/13, Anderson Quality Roofing LLC, 26-2S-20E

Conner, Frank, 8/26/13, Anderson Quality Roofing LLC, 08-1S-21E

Morales, Stephanie, 8/27/13, Flagship Contract Services Inc, 132 W Stansell Ave.

Harvey, Clinton D, 6/4/13, Harvey, Clinton D, improvement on Folsom Trail, Sanderson.

Brown, Aaron, 6/4/13, All Florida Custom Homes, dwelling.

Clark, John M., 6/5/13, Anderson Quality Roofing, single-family dwelling CR 127 in Glen.

Johnson, Alfred Sr., garage and shop Wildcat Dr.

Williams, Gary Dr., garage addition and interior renovations CR 229 N. Glen.

Ossman, Michae, 6/7/13, Anderson Quality Roofing, roof 8093 US 90 Glen.

Helms, Theron, 6/10/13, Tillman Building Services Inc., reerof S. College St. Macclenny.

TD Bank, 6/10/13, Golden Sands General Contractors, ATM sidewalk modification. S. 6th St. Macclenny.

Brown, Robert, 6/10/13, Crystal Pools & Spas Of North FL, pool and enclosure Old Nursery Rd. Glen.

Schmidt, Richard, 6/10/13,

Miracle, Kirk, 6/12/13, Miracle, Kirk, new roof Crews Rd. Glen.

Underwood, Emily M., 6/12/13, Wayne Frier Home Center, Blair Circle Glen.

Baker County Press Inc., 6/13/13, G C O Construction Inc., new roof, S. 5th St. Macclenny.

Moore, Richard, 6/14/13, 10:54, All Florida Custom

Homes, reerof Copperfield Circle Macclenny.

Brescin, June, 6/14/13, All Florida Custom Homes, reerof Copper Creek Dr. Macclenny.

Lavigne, Richard, 6/18/13, 8:57, Alta Land & Contract Inc., reerof Quail Ln. Macclenny.

Johnson, Stephen, 6/18/13, Leakbusters, reerof Ellwood Trl. Macclenny.

Ossmann, Michael J., 6/18/13, Ossmann, Michael J., pool and enclosure Old Nursery Rd. Glen.

Bailes, William A., 6/19/13, Pool & Spa Works, pool Hunters Ridge, Glen.

Helms, Theron, 6/24/13, Tillman Building Services Inc., 6th St. Macclenny.

Jones, Steven, /25/13, Alta Land & Contract, reerof MLK Dr. Macclenny.

Cox, Don, 6/25/13, Cox, Don, shed Dupree Rd. Macclenny.

Leggett, Thomas, 6/27/13, Leggett, Thomas, carport Macclenny.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: 02-2010-CA-0117

BAC HOME LOANS SERVING LP, FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVING, LP

Plaintiff,

v.

MELANIE E. ROGERS A/K/A MELANIE ELIZABETH MCKENNEY A/K/A MELANIE ELIZABETH ROGERS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MELANIE E. ROGERS; A/K/A MELANIE ELIZABETH MCKENNEY A/K/A MELANIE ELIZABETH ROGERS N/A PAUL MCKENNEY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS. (Defendants).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated August 13, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 02-2010-CA-0117 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 10th day of December, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., at the east door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny Florida 32063, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF SE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN S 0°20'25" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 141.27 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ARNOLD RHODEN ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 82°20'20" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SW 1/4 A, DISTANCE OF 240 FEET; THENCE N 75°57'20" W, 174 FEET; THENCE N 07°20'20" W, 240 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ARNOLD RHODEN ROAD, THENCE S 75°57'20" E, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ARNOLD RHODEN ROAD 174 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALONG WITH A 1987 MERU DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE ID #FLHMLCP150133684, TITLE #07702420 AND ID #FLHMLCP150133685, TITLE #07702423.

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

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:

Ms. Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator Alachua County Courthouse 201 University Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone: (352) 337-6227

Dated this 14th day of August, 2013.

Al Fraser Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Wilson Deputy Clerk

Morris, Hardwick, Schneider, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 5110 Eisenhower Blvd., Suite 120 Tampa, FL 33634 8/29-9/5c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JANICE BUFFINGTON 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: 10-00943 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2010

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel 1: Lot 10, Barbours Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 96A of the public records of Baker County, Florida. Together with a 1982 AMER DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, ID#MHGA1069261594, Title #S3123786 and ID#HMLCP150211538, Title #S3123787.

Parcel 2: Part of the North Half of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 3 South, Range 22 East, Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the SW corner of the North Half of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4; thence N 01 degree 00'43" E, along the West line of said NE 1/4 a distance of 25.01 feet to its intersection with the West line of way line of Canal Road (a 50 foot wide right of way as presently established); thence N 89 degrees 04'30" E, along the West line 04'30" W, parallel to the aforementioned West line, 208.72 feet; thence S 89degrees 04'30" W, parallel to the aforementioned North right of way line, 208.72 feet to the West line of said NE 1/4; thence S01 degree 00' 43" W along said west line, 208.72 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ROBERT K MUSE AND JENNIFER MUSE

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 31, 2013 at 11:00 am.

Dated this 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2013

Al FRASER CLERK OF COURT BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Julie B. Combs, Deputy Clerk 8/29-9/5c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No: 02-2013-CA-000114

RICHARD INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, LLP A Florida Limited Liability Partnership, Plaintiffs,

vs.

TOWNA STOKES, and all Unknown Tenants and Unknown heirs of Tonya Stokes, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Forfeitures entered in the above styled case, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Baker County, Florida, described as follows:

Parcel ID# 01-18-20-0000-0000-0052

A portion of land lying in part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 1 South, Range 20 East, lying south of the Middle Prong of the St. Mary's River, and part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and part of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 1 South, Range 20 East, all in Baker County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 12; thence S 89 degrees 19' 58" E on the East line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 87°42'11" W on the Northernly line of a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 89 degrees 19' 58" E on the East line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 87°42'11" W on the Northernly line of a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 89 degrees 19' 58" E on the East line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 87°42'11" W on the Northernly line of a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 89 degrees 19' 58" E on the East line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 87°42'11" W on the Northernly line of a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 89 degrees 19' 58" E on the East line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 87°42'11" W on the Northernly line of a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 89 degrees 19' 58" E on the East line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 87°42'11" W on the Northernly line of a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 89 degrees 19' 58" E on the East line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 87°42'11" W on the Northernly line of a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 89 degrees 19' 58" E on the East line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 87°42'11" W on the Northernly line of a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 89 degrees 19' 58" E on the East line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 87°42'11" W on the Northernly line of a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence S 89 degrees 19' 58" E on the East line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 551.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 12; th

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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'Bird' Floyd, 52, funeral this Friday

Herbert Eugene "Bird" Floyd Jr., 52, of Macclenny died on September 2, 2013 at his residence. He was born in Fort Myers, FL on April 1, 1961 to Ila Scott Floyd and the late Herbert Eugene Floyd Sr. Bird was a resident of Macclenny the past three years after moving from Hilliard. He retired from Mayport Shipyard in 2009 after 30 years of service as a pipe fitter foreman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Bird is survived by his loving mother of Macclenny; daughters Jessica Floyd of Macclenny and Jennifer Floyd of St. George, GA; brothers Wayne Floyd of Bryceville, Steven Dale (Wanda) Floyd of Glen St. Mary, Davey Mark Floyd of Taylor and Allen Floyd of Macclenny; grandchildren Raelynn, Paige, Isaac, Chloe, Sophia and Carley Dale.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, September 6 at 3 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services in Macclenny with Sister Corinna Riles officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 2-3 pm at the funeral home.



Herbert Floyd

Thelma Jackson, 62, of Sanderson

Thelma Christine Jackson, 62, of Sanderson died on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. Ms. Jackson enjoyed watching TV and movies and spending time with family and friends and her dog Missy.

She is survived by husband Johnie Jackson of Jacksonville; daughter Paula Jackson of Sanderson; brother Phil (Linda) Duval of Tallahassee; sister Faye Thornhill of Georgia; four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

'Johnny' Moseberth dies August 27th

John "Johnny" Franklin Moseberth, 72, of Taylor died on August 27, 2013 at Orange Park Medical Center. He was born in Jacksonville on February 5, 1941 to the late William E. Moseberth and Geraldine Roberson Head. Johnny was a resident of Taylor since 1974 after moving from Jacksonville. He attended Andrew Jackson High School in the 1960's and retired in 1988 from the City of Jacksonville as a welder after 32 years of dedicated service.

Johnny was a longtime member of Taylor Church where he was known as the "Candy Man." He loved attending church and serving the Lord. One of his favorite sayings was, "I can't wait until Sunday morning to go to church." As a young man Johnny enjoyed hunting and fishing, plus wood working, repairing small engine mowers for his church and watching Nascar, especially his favorite driver Mark Martin. He was preceded in death by his parents, his parents-in-law James H. Taylor and Annie Evette Taylor, and his brother Jerry Moseberth.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Elizabeth Diane Moseberth of Taylor; daughters Sherri (Dennis) Dugger and Rhonda Raulerson, both of Macclenny, and Cristy (Mikell) Beasley of Sanderson; sister-in-law Judy Moseberth of Jacksonville; grandchildren Chris Raulerson Jr., Freddie Hodges, Kelli Hodges, Justin Dugger, Jonathan Dugger, Dawson Beasley, and Madsyn Beasley; three great grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Friday, August 30 at 2 pm at his church with pastors Mark Woods and Jim Cox officiating. Interment followed at Taylor Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Horace Newman memorial will be later

Horace Miles Newman Jr., 70, of Macclenny died on Thursday, August 29, 2013. Mr. Newman was an avid NASCAR fan who loved to go fishing and spend time with his family, friends and his dogs. He is survived by daughter Julie (Tom) Duncan of Macclenny and sister Joyce (Bill) Bachamas of Mount Dora, Florida.

Mr. Newman was preceded in death by wife Geneva Newman and son Jeffrey Raymond Newman. A private memorial service is planned for a later date. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

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Worship Services 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm
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Rev. Tommy & Doris Anderson
Youth Director Rebecca Lauramore
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Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night: 7:30 pm

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Willie Mae Poole dies in Philadelphia

Willie Mae Poole of Philadelphia, PA died on August 20. She was a native of Macclenny and the daughter of the late George (Bill) and Frankie Gibbs.

Local survivors of Mrs. Poole include brothers Dan Gibbs of Macclenny and Ralph (Esther) Gibbs of Jacksonville; nieces and nephews Mary Jones, Carolyn Roberts, Wanda Butler, George Roberts, Leroy Roberts and members of the McKinney, Jones and Ruise families.

The funeral service was held on August 27 in Philadelphia.



Willie Mae Poole

Antonio Williams, 39, of Pompano Beach

Antonio L. Williams Sr., 39, died on August 25, 2013 in Pompano Beach, Florida. Antonio was a graduate of Gainesville High School, class of 1992, and of Webber College, Lake Weir, FL, where he received an associate of arts degree. His brother Clarence Williams III preceded him in death.

He is survived by his son Antonio L. Williams Jr.; mother Paula Johnson of Charlotte, NC, Denim Williams, Jacob Whitehead; their mother Shrona Cheryl Williams of Pompano Beach; Rontavist Williams; his mother Elizabeth Henry Williams of Fairfield, CA; mother and step-father Paula Reed-Jones Cordelle Jones of Gainesville; father Clarence Williams Jr. of Starke; siblings Arik Wilcox, Dirk Jermaine Baker and Tacara Wilcox, all of Gainesville; Kendrick Williams, Rontach Williams, Donell Williams, Daniele Williams, Kashanta Williams, Felicia Williams, Tammy Williams, Ebony Williams-Green, all of Starke.

Funeral Services for Mr. Williams will be held at 11 am on Saturday, September 7 at Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church in Gainesville with Rev. Karl Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Herman Cemetery in Macclenny.

Visitation will be at Chestnut Memorial Chapel in Gainesville on Friday, September 6 from 2-7 pm and Saturday at the church one hour prior to the service.



In loving memory of Mr. Todd A. Paige 4/29/1968-9/5/2009

Four years ago today, the angels guided you safely home. You did not go alone, for part of us went with you. As you live on in the lives you touched, we find comfort in knowing your spirit is still with us. To live in the hearts of those left behind is not to die.

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Pastor Tim Chesbire
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
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June E. Kraus 6/18/1930-9/5/2012

Robert W. Carter Sr. 4/26/1949-9/20/2011

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Pastor Bobby & Faye Griffin

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The Sunday service starts at 6 pm; the remaining nights at 7:30.
Speakers include Bros. Darryl Wilkerson, Lem Lane and Thomas Carter, as well as Pastor Griffin.
A dinner will be served after the Sunday morning service. The church is located on CR 229 at Sapp Rd.
Pastor Appreciation Week
September 9 - 13
starting at 7:30 pm nightly
Monday- Bro. Bobby Griffin
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Friday- Bro. Joe Ruise
Sunday, September 15- Special Guest Speaker
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Wed. Eve. Bible Study . . . 7:00 pm
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Baldwin couple married 76 years

Marvin and Frances Braddock, pictured above, celebrated their 76th wedding anniversary at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab on September 3. When asked for their advice on making a marriage last, Mr. Braddock said, jokingly, "It's a situation of give and take. I give and she takes," he said. Actually, Mr. Braddock said, the real secret to a lasting marriage is ensuring it's a "50-50 proposition." While he believes the man should be the head of his household, he said, "There's no such thing as saying I'm the total boss... We've always been able to settle our arguments, and we've never had to separate." The couple has two children and a third lived until age 9.

Thanks so much

The family of Amie Hodges would like to express sincere thanks to everyone for the food, flowers, cards and especially your prayers during the loss of our mother. A special thank you to Rev. David Thomas, Rev. David Dinkins and Jeremy Sands for the beautiful service. To all the employees of the W. Frank Wells Nursing Home, words cannot express the appreciation we have for you. Thank you for all the many years of care and compassion shown to our mother. She truly loved each and every one of you.

Tim, Sherrie, Cindy and GARRA



Braelynn Mae Combs

Born August 21st

Megan and Dalton Combs of Vista, California are pleased to announce the birth of Braelynn Mae Combs on August 21, 2013 at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego.

She weighed 7 lb., 14 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Sandra and Paul Harvey of Taylor and Julie and Greg Combs of Glen St. Mary.

Dalton is in the Marine Corps stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church
CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL
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'Healthy district' award

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR
reporter@bakercountypress.com

The Baker County school district was recently selected by to receive the Florida Healthy School District Silver Award in recognition of its efforts to improve the physical and emotional well being of students.

The award was presented at the start of this week's school board meeting the evening of September 3 by two executive committee members of Florida Action for Healthy Kids, the state arm of a national initiative fighting childhood obesity and physical inactivity by promoting health programs in schools.

"You all have done a phenomenal job," said committee member Penny Taylor, who is the director of the Florida Department of Education's Office of Healthy Schools, before presenting Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson with a large flag displaying a silver medalion.

Baker County is among 24 districts to be named a Florida Healthy School District at the gold, silver or bronze level since 2012.

Three statewide organizations - Florida Action for Healthy Kids, the Florida Coordinated School Health Partnership and the Florida Association of District School Superintendents - determined the award winners after scoring submissions of the Florida Healthy District Self-Assessment.

The assessment is based on eight component areas of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Coordinated School Health (CSH) model. The model focuses on district infrastructure, policy, programs, and practices identified from national and state guidelines, best practices, and Florida statutes, according to the Office of Healthy Schools website.

Specifically, Baker County was honored for its strengths in the following areas: district infrastructure, health education, physical education, health services, healthy school environment and family and community involvement.

"You scored extremely high in these areas," said Carol Vickers, who works for the Florida Department of Health and serves on the executive committee of Florida Action for Healthy Kids.



Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson (right) with Florida Action for Healthy Kids executive committee members Carol Vickers (left) and Penny Taylor (center right) with her husband James Taylor.

Superintendent Raulerson thanked the school district's teachers, nurses and other faculty for helping development health improvement programs in local schools, calling it a collaborative effort. Still, she singled out the district's former director of school nursing, Marcheta Crews, for her leadership in that area.

For more information on the awards, please visit <http://www.flhoo.org/bii/cshp/h-districts.asp>

"Florida Healthy School Districts are districts that have made a high level commitment to meeting the health needs of students and staff in order to remove barriers to learning and maximize district resources," reads the Florida Department of Education's web page on the awards.

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District Results for BAKER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Grade Level	Total Number Tested	Number Scoring at Level 1	Percent Scoring at Level 1	Number Scoring at Level 2	Percent Scoring at Level 2	Number Scoring at Levels 1 and 2	Percent Scoring at Levels 1 and 2
3	411	37	9%	107	26%	144	35%
4	358	39	11%	111	31%	150	42%
5	355	57	16%	99	28%	156	44%
6	398	68	17%	84	21%	151	38%
7	369	48	13%	96	26%	144	39%
8	333	53	16%	83	25%	137	41%
9	352	56	16%	102	29%	158	45%
10	250	35	14%	68	27%	103	41%

Students Retained (not Promoted) in Grades 3 through 10

The following table shows the number and percentage of students retained, by grade, for all students in grades 3 through 10 within the district.

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number Retained	15	3	2	14	21	9	51	17
End-of-Year Membership	414	364	363	406	377	340	355	262
Percent Retained	3.62%	0.82%	0.55%	3.44%	5.57%	2.64%	14.36%	6.48%

* End-of-year membership is the count of all students who are enrolled at the end of the year and for whom a decision on promotion status is required and reported.

Number of Students Promoted for Good Cause, by Category of Exemption

This table shows the number of third-grade students who were exempted from the FCAT reading requirement and promoted for good cause at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

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Ashley Jennings in the 100-yard butterfly.

Swim team finishes in middle

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The BCHS Wildcat swim team opened up its second season of competition with its first ever home meet at the Baker County Family YMCA August 27 against Yulee and West Nassau.

The Wildcats finished in second place in the tri-meet with a team score of 522, which was just 42 points behind the first place Yulee. West Nassau finished third with 191 points.

Baker County's boys were the best of the competition and led all the teams with 257 points. The girls finished in second with 265 points.

The squad's success in the overall team scores were a direct result of the times posted in the individual events. The Wildcats had swimmers finish in the top three of almost every event during the meet and all the team's members posted personal best times on the day.

Coach Pamela Robinson said she was very pleased with the team's effort.

Junior Jonathan Mobley set a new school record in the boys 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.93 seconds en route to a first

place finish in the event.

Brandon Miller finished second in the event with a time of 29.21 seconds. The Wildcats also finished in two of the top three spots in the girls 50-yard freestyle with Kelsea Crain and Shea Robinson finishing first and third, respectively.

Mobley also took first place for the Wildcats in the boys 100-yard breaststroke. Andrea Clark ended in third place for the girls in the event.

Baker County swept the top two spots in the boys 100-yard freestyle with Daughton Martin edging out Simon Brown to claim first place. Ashton Ray and Robinson finished in second and third for the girls in the same event.

In the 200-yard individual medley (IM), Ashton Ray and Ashley Jennings finished in second and third for the girls. Matthew Morgan took the second spot for the boys in the 200-yard IM.



Matthew Morgan in the 100-yard butterfly.

Crain claimed first place in the girls 100-yard backstroke for the Wildcats. On the boys side, Mark Ray and Wheeler finished second and third in the event.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Jennings finished on top for the girls, while Morgan claimed second place for the boys.

Logan Todd took second place in the girls 200-yard freestyle, while Martin and Clark both finished in third place in the 500-yard freestyle.

The Wildcats didn't just have impressive performances in the individual events, but in relay races, too. Baker County's relay teams claimed the top spot in the boys 200-yard medley relay, the boys 200-yard freestyle re-

lay and the girls 200-yard freestyle relay. The team's 200-yard medley girls relay team finished in second.

Coach Robinson was happy with the results in the pool, but also the support the team got in its first home meet.

"I want to personally thank the many swim parents who helped time, with concessions and computer stats," she said. "Also, thanks to Chris Knight and Patty Hone who helped the meet run smoothly. It takes everyone."

Baker County's sophomore swim season continues September 3 when the team travels to Fernandina Beach.

Separate facility for softball team

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Baker County High School has agreed to fund the construction of a new facility for the school's softball program with a group of softball parents.

The new facility, which is planned to open by January, will include a hitting corridor and locker rooms for the softball program that will allow the girls to practice and dress in a structure equivalent to that of the baseball team, according to a gender equity report recently submitted to the Florida Department of Education.

BCHS principal Tom Hill said the new structure will allow the team to be more competitive on the field.

"Its purpose is to provide the girls a training facility they can practice in that will let them be as successful as possible," Mr. Hill said. "They used to have to share a facility, so it will be beneficial to have their own."

Construction is estimated to cost just under \$25,000, according to Mr. Hill.

Funding for the project will be split evenly between the district and money raised by the softball program through fund raisers.

The new structure will put the school in compliance with a provision of Title IX that calls for facilities of comparable quality for male and female sports.



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Bobcats top Madison

Above, an unidentified rusher for the Bobcats sprints down field during the Baker County Middle School's 28-8 win over Madison Central Middle School on August 27 at home.

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Pictured are (top left) Anthony James making a catch, (above center) a gang tackle of Camden's running back and (below) Michael Boone back to catch a Camden kickoff.



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Cats sent packing by Camden, 38-8

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The Wildcats' woes left them trailing 30-0 at half time. As a result, a running clock was implemented in the second half.

Baker County seemed to settle down during the final two quarters, but it was too late to mount any kind of comeback. The team played better on both sides of the ball as the defense allowed just six points, while the offense was able to protect the ball and didn't commit any turnovers.

Carter found a nice rhythm throwing the ball in the fourth quarter of his first start and was able to put together a successful drive.

He connected on a beautiful 17-yard touchdown pass to wide

receiver Michael Boone, who held on to the ball despite getting drilled by a defensive player.

Carter found Boone again on the two-point conversion to put the Wildcats on the board at 38-8 with 2:33 remaining in the game, which ended up being the final score.

The solid second half could be a building block for the remainder of the season. Carter and the offense began to click more consistently after a rocky first half, while the defense was able to stop the opposing offense.

The Wildcats will look to rebound with their first win of the season in their home debut against Bradford County on September 6.



PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON
Pictured (top) Michael Boone on the move after a hand-off, (above) Regie Givens with a catch and (below) Brody Crews punting.

Don't put much credence in loss to a squad like Camden

It has been football all weekend for me. I started out listening to the Wildcat game on Friday and will finish with the Seminoles this evening before going back to work tomorrow.

I love high school and college football and this week has been no exception.

I wish the season started better for the Wildcats, but they were taking on a very tough and experienced team up there in Kingsland. I wouldn't fret too much or put a lot of credence in the 38-8 score.

All we have to do is harken back to last year's opener against Columbia High. They suffered a much more substantial loss to the Tigers in the 50-0 shutout and did just fine.

After a laughter against Duval Charter, the Cats last year beat a very good Clay County team 34-19 on the road in Green Cove Springs. We'll get a much better indication of what the season will look like this Friday when the Cats take on their traditional rivals, the Bradford County Tornadoes.

Bradford's game with Suwannee was called off due to inclement weather and they lost 7-0 to Bucholtz in their Kickoff Classic, but they have some weapons. The Tornadoes have an All-State wide receiver in Kenny Dinkins, who has speed and big play potential.

Though the Cats struggled offensively on Friday, Jacob Carter showed poise under pressure and a strong arm. Mike Boone continues to improve as a receiver and it should be an exciting contest against

old enemies.

The Tigers didn't show much in their win over Toledo, but that was probably planned. They didn't want to break open the playbook too wide with Miami on the horizon and they really didn't need to against the Rockets.

Toledo, 9-3 last season and in a bowl game, proved a bigger test than some of the cupcakes the Tigers have played in their early season run up to their SEC games. But Will Muschamp's Tigers did what they had to in order to get the victory and that's what matters.

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Wildcat jersey for Tommy Johns, avid football program supporter

Before heading off to Camden County last Friday afternoon, the Wildcat football team packed Tommy Johns' room at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab to present the longtime supporter of the football program with a jersey signed by the players. It was presented by head football coach Ryan Sulkowski and brought tears to Mr. Johns' eyes. He was a booster, served as a member of the Wildcat's chain gang and volunteered for many of the high school's athletic programs. Mr. Johns played football as well both at the high school and junior college level. He also holds a seat on the Macclenny City Commission, though his health has faltered in recent months.

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