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Deputy: Kids' aunt spurred on shoplifting

A Glen St. Mary woman who police believe encouraged two nieces and a nephew to steal school supplies at the Macclenny Walmart now faces shoplifting and other charges for contributing to their delinquency.

Renee Carter, 46, was ob-



Renee Carter

served by store security placing a jar of protein powder in a shopping bag shortly after she paid \$110 for items at the garden center

exit the afternoon of August 20.

The suspect, along with twin nieces age 13 and the 11-year-old nephew, then remained in the store as the children were seen in electronics and other departments taking items off shelves and bringing them back to their aunt's cart.

Ms. Carter and the children were detained as they attempted to leave the store, and she insisted to Deputy Robert Simpkins she was unaware that they were off stealing merchandise and bringing it back to her.

One of the nieces was quoted by the other as saying at one point, "I'm going to do my thing." Her aunt then replied, "Okay, go and do your thing."

"The children appeared to have been indirectly allowed to steal the items, by them stating they told their aunt they needed several items for school, and her stating to them she couldn't afford to buy them all, but they would do what they had to do to get the items they needed," concluded the deputy.

Ms. Carter paid \$148 at a self-check station for other merchandise placed into the cart during the nearly hour after paying for the first purchases. Deputy Simpkins said the purloined school supplies, dog food and protein powder tallied \$100.

Her arrest was among several during the back-to-school week at the county's largest retailer. Christina Jones, 24, of Macclenny was caught the evening of August 20 trying to

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Meth lab busted on Woodlawn, five arrests

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City to reconcile hiked police pact costs

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In a budget year that Macclenny city commissioner Vernon Bennett called the tightest in his 30-year tenure, board members will decide whether to close a roughly \$46,000 gap between the sheriff's proposed budget for city law enforcement and the city's proposal, as well as absorb half the increase in pension costs for sheriff's officers working within the city.

The nearly 20 percent retirement increase of \$10,711 was included in the 2013-14 budget proposal submitted by the sheriff's office prior to last week's city budget workshop the evening of August 20.

The spending plan totaled \$736,719 before being revised down at the meeting to \$733,119, which is about 2 percent more than the current year's sum.

In presenting the plan, Sheriff Joey Dobson said the reduction came from assuming an 18 percent rise in health insurance costs rather than a 25 percent jump.

The city's proposed budget for law enforcement in the coming fiscal year, however, shows a 4.1 percent cut to the sheriff's office contract to \$686,725. The drop comes from the lack of \$30,000 in impact fee money included in last year's budget for capital outlay.

City Manager Phil Rhoden said the city would not use general revenue to make up for the loss. City Commissioner Mark Bryant said the city's impact fee funds currently total about \$7300.

The difference in the two budget proposals is about \$46,000. Sheriff Dobson told commissioners that calls for law enforce-

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From right: Commissioners Mark Bryant and Vernon Bennett, Mayor Dr. Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden and Commissioner Dr. Richard Johnson.

City candidates on their vision

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The Press recently sent Macclenny City Commission candidates Dennis Collins, Sam Kitching and Kirk Gravelle eight questions about their plans for city government, taxes, business and other issues relevant to the future of Macclenny.

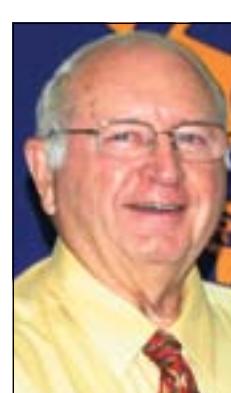
What follows below are those questions, which were culled from readers and newspaper staff, and answers from the candidates, who had a week to formulate their responses. The city commission election is September 10 at the election's office, 32 N. 5th Street, Suite A; not at polling precincts.

Press: Why are you running for city commission?

Kitching: I love this community and the success of the City of Macclenny. I moved back to Macclenny by choice in June of 1994. Since my return the number of houses in Macclenny have more than doubled, but the atmosphere has remained consistently friendly. I want to serve this community that has given so much to me and my family.

Collins: I believe that Macclenny is at a crossroads. We either have to work together to promote positive change and growth, or let the economy continue to stagnate and deteriorate. There are more vacant properties in our city now than a year ago. The tax base is smaller than it was a year ago. We have to do more with less. Our current commission is already forward thinking. I want to join them because I believe that I will be an asset to the commission by providing energy and a fresh, new perspective when evaluating issues and finding solutions.

Gravelle: I'm running to make a difference in our community, move Macclenny forward to be more business friendly and set a good example of civic involvement for our citizens, my family and my children. I believe the citizens need someone that lis-



Sam Kitching



Dennis Collins



Kirk Gravelle



tens to their concerns and can act in their best interest and that of the city's to maintain our great quality of life while striving to improve.

Press: What will be your top priorities in your first year in office?

Kitching: My top priority in year one is to expand my knowledge of all of the factors involved in the challenges that face the city. I want to make sure that the city is always open to all citizens for their perspectives

on major issues and that those perspectives are given a fair hearing. Effective community progress is generated by honest discussion and negotiation.

Collins: My top priority is to promote growth. Before moving to Macclenny in November 2006, I lived in Brevard County where there was an explosion of growth in a new town called Viera. What was at one time farm land and cow pasture became a thriving center for county government, commerce, retail, new homes and schools.

I understand both the positive and negative effects growth has on the local economy and the city infrastructure. I see a combination of all types of growth: (1) housing; (2) business – such as retail, service, light manufacturing; (3) youth center – Boys/Girls Clubs. Growth must be planned and controlled so that it does not overburden our existing roads, utilities and city services.

If there are more businesses and new residential housing, the city's tax base will increase allowing for improvement of the city infrastructure and continued beautification of the downtown area. I see Macclenny as a forerunner, out-pacing the county, by annexing tracts of land for housing and commercial growth. Macclenny can set the pace for growth.

Gravelle: I will move the city government towards a pro-business direction and put policies in place that will bring a more diverse business tax base and hence more money to our community without placing undue tax burden on our citizens. We can do more with a pro-business plan of action. I believe we are running efficiently but there is always room for improvement and all processes and procedures should be reviewed for peak performance.

Press: What changes to city government will you pursue?

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\$1.3M at least from surplus to balance

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

County officials have failed once again to balance a budget without having to use precious reserve funds to offset a shortage of revenue. This time, it appears as though it could be at least \$1.3 million.

County Manager C.J. Thompson presented a proposed budget of \$7.3 million, including \$1,147,565 labeled "cash forward" from the county's \$6.7 million reserve fund, at the county commission's final budget workshop on August 20.

But by the time the workshop and a subsequent regular board meeting ended a few hours later, commissioners had trimmed a few thousand dollars more from the proposed spending plan but added more than a quarter of a million dollars in expenditures, raising the amount of reserve dollars needed to about \$1.3 million.

Most of the additional cost was attributed to a \$150,000 increase in projected expenses for housing county jail inmates, but not because the additional money was requested by the sheriff or the Baker Correctional Development Corporation (BCDC), which owns the facility.

The \$150,000 is about how much will be needed to increase the average daily number of inmates anticipated from 110 to 115, which commissioners agreed would be more realistic

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Incentives are key to US 90 revival

If you get caught at stop-lights along Macclenny's "Miracle Strip" US 90 downtown for the uninhibited) with the frequency of yours truly, you may have been struck by this fact.

"Downtown" Macclenny (roughly from the courthouse west to Lower St.) is looking shabby — or should I say shambolic. Some blocks are worse than others, and it's not all bad. The courthouse and adjacent Chevrolet dealership are nicely maintained. The newly updated City Hall is looking very attractive. CVS has a nice street presence there on the corner with South 6th.

The Village Bistro recently refurbished at the corner of South 5th, and a handful of storefronts across US 90 look good, as does the Crockett Building to the west.

And there are a few other pockets of buildings along the strip that are kept up as busy retail destinations, but they are outnumbered by structures that time generally has passed by.

For those, the moniker "Miracle Mile" is more suited to the fact that it's a miracle some of them are still standing.

Granted, the economy's been in the tank and not conducive to the small-scale retail segment that would most likely occupy a downtown commercial center replaced by an interstate highway.

Those of us who live and work downtown are aware that the deterioration began long before the Great Recession; it's

just more noticeable in 2013. One often

fields the question: Why doesn't the city do more about revitalizing downtown?

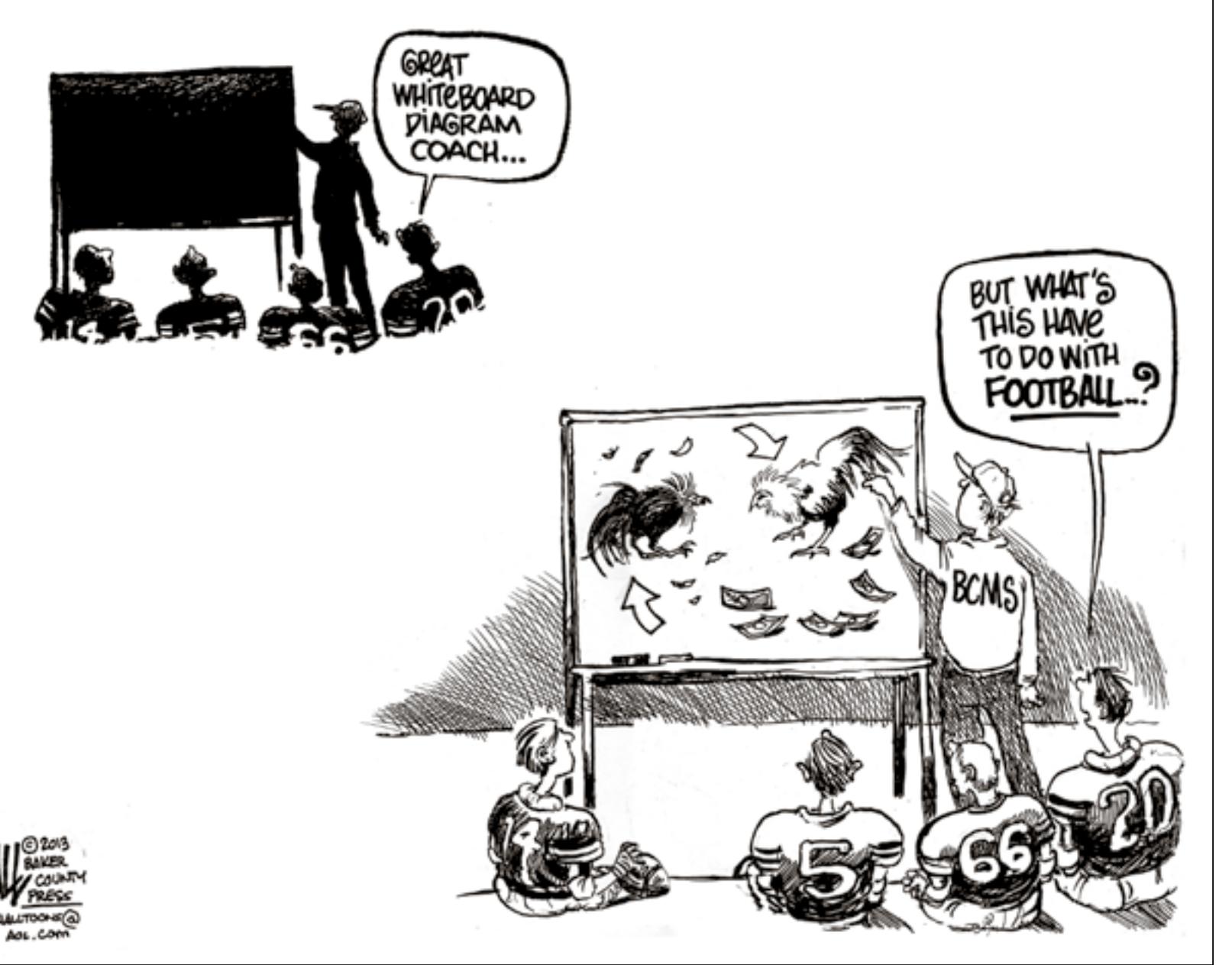
The city has done some, mostly cosmetic,

things to make it more attractive. It could do more with street lamps, parking improvements and more landscaping, but waiting around for City Hall to do something about actual structures and marketing them as a commercial district goes down the wrong road.

What Macclenny could, and should do, is make a serious effort toward giving property owners incentives to renovate to spur commercial growth. Property tax breaks for exiting or new owners via a special district are the best avenue toward that goal, and if city fathers are

at fault over the years for the appearance of downtown, it's for lack of that serious effort.

The rest of it is up to property owners themselves. Your buildings will do nothing but deteriorate further with the passage of time. Shabby now means shabbier tomorrow.



Off 'gold standard' in favor of 'ink standard'

This week's column is another of my random musings about life. Which means I have a lot of stuff banging around in my head that doesn't exactly make up a full column. Honesty is the best policy.

So here goes. I think we should move the USA off the gold standard. It's based on the probably fictitious assumption that paper money is matched somewhere like Fort Knox — with its equivalent in gold. The gold standard was put in place after the Civil War when greenbacks weren't worth the paper they were printed on.

But it's out of date. It should be replaced by something way more valuable and relevant.

The Printer Ink Standard.

I bought printer ink the other day for all the printers in the library at school. It's a good thing I wasn't using my own

money because it came to close to \$100 for the three printers.

So I did a little calculating. I looked at the ounces of ink and sure enough. Printer ink

is worth more per ounce than gold.

It's as bad as a paperback college textbook costing \$125.

What a racket.

So now, men can tell their wives that they are worth their weight in printer ink.

• Dylan and I were wandering in the mall this weekend, something that we don't do very often, and something jumped in my head.

I was walking past the plus-sized section and was horrified at what I saw. The fashion designers who make plus-sized clothing should be ashamed of themselves.

What they design for plus-sized women is hideous. It is either unflattering with gigan-

tic floral prints, zebra stripes, fluffs and ruffles from here to eternity, or made out of fabric that is not found in nature.

I noticed this just a number of times, but it was just so obvious as I walked from store to store.

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Here's what I don't get. Designers are missing out on a very lucrative market worth millions of dollars. Give women fashionable clothes in plus sizes and they will buy them, even if they cost a little more.

• On a different subject, I didn't see Miley Cyrus' nearly X-rated performance on the MTV Video Music Awards, but I caught a replay. I think it shocked even the usually un-shockable music industry. From the look on the faces of Will Smith and his family to her bump and grind, that was the case.

It's a long way from Hannah Montana. But maybe that's why she did it. Who knows what goes on in people's heads?

I'm sure Billy Ray Cyrus had his Achy Breaky Heart quaking.

• Speaking of celebrities, in

case you haven't heard, Ben Affleck is the new Batman.

Comic book geeks all over cyberspace immediately did the Internet version of jumping in front of a train. The Twitterverse exploded. Facebook went nuts.

Me – not so much.

He will have gigantic shoes to fill. Christian Bale was brilliant as the caped crusader, even though I had a hard time understanding half of what he was saying when he put on the hood and cape.

Affleck has played a superhero before. He was a very forgettable Daredevil early in his career.

But I'm not too concerned because Affleck does have one thing going for him – his wife Jennifer Garner.

Can you say "Catwoman?" I'd be okay with that.

case to see our state and country come to this.

Nick Mercorella: Blah, blah, blah. New speak is still corrupt thinking. Local control of schools is the American ideal. If thinking globally were so beneficial why are we always sending aid overseas? Sending troops to protect other countries? Using our Navy to keep trade routes free? We have failing schools because we have failing families. Thank the war on poverty for that.

Jay Cannaday: And yet most graduates still can't read, write, spell or tell you what the state capital is. Sad.

Rich DuBois: I will be pulling my kids out to home school until a couple things happen. 1. Schools go back to the local community level as intended.

2. New legislation is submitted to block and keep this crap out of our schools. 3. Arne Duncan [US Secretary of Education] is arrested along with the rest involved in violating the Constitution.

Kathleen Esford Johnson: And here we go America. We are turning our schools into redocratization centers.

Jeremy Pickett: I just want to be able to buy a beer in this town on Sunday. Let's work on that first. Then we can vote on the state law.

Stephanie Miller: Glad this will be my girls last year in the public school system.

Medicinal pot in Florida?

A campaign is underway to get a referendum on the November ballot to legalize marijuana for medicinal use. We asked readers if they would vote for such reform and got a cavalcade of answers.

Here's just a few of them:

Sandy Bryant: Yes, if it would relieve pain for someone. How could it be any worse than the pain pills they are on now?

Vickie Wiest Thirk: Not, only would it be good for terminally ill patients but we should legalize it and tax it and apply the money to the national debt! People are going to use it legally anyway so we may as well profit from it!

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'What you had to say ...'

Who's ready for school?

With the new school year starting we turned to our Facebook watchers to find out whose ready for it and whose not. Here's some of the responses:

Angela Suppa Callahan: This teacher is SUPER excited! Won't sleep a wink tonight.

Raylyn Hodges: Not me!:(

Sharon Courson Summey: I am, yay! Plus my girls are ready to go back to school!

Rachel Kemp: This mama right here is!

TT Dwayne Norman: This stay-home dad is. Woohoo!

Barry Melton: "We are" — said no normal kid, ever.

Sarah Giles Bridges: Me, me, me. Laci Evans Conti: Me, lol.

Amanda Lucas: "We are" — Says every parent, ever.

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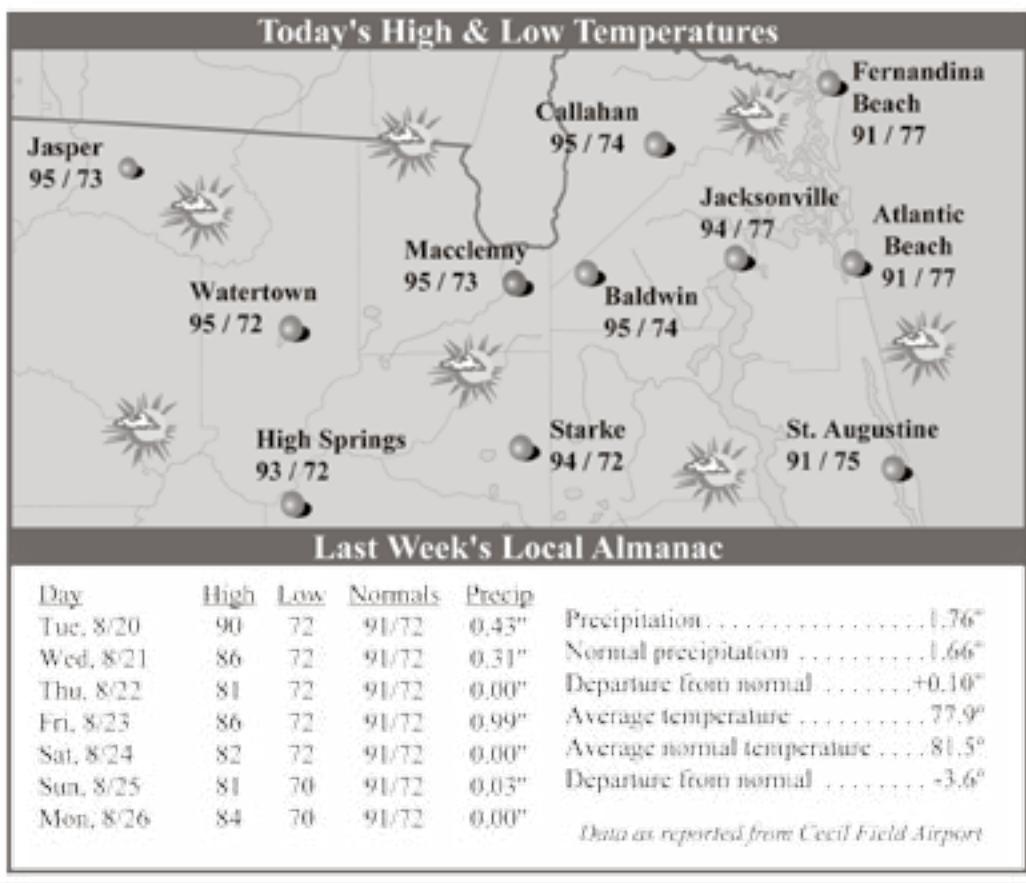
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People this is your school. Should it not be your choice how and what your kids are taught. Letting the federal government into the school is crazy. They give your school money and in return they

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	Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 95 Low: 73
	Friday Scat'd T-storms High: 94 Low: 73
	Saturday Scat'd T-storms High: 93 Low: 72
	Sunday Scat'd T-storms High: 92 Low: 72
	Monday Scat'd T-storms High: 93 Low: 73
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 91 Low: 71
	Wednesday Mostly Cloudy High: 88 Low: 69



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9/5	Day Sunrise Sunset
First	Thursday 7:04 a.m. 7:54 p.m.
9/12	Friday 7:04 a.m. 7:52 p.m.
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	Sunday 7:05 a.m. 7:50 p.m.
	Monday 7:06 a.m. 7:49 p.m.
	Tuesday 7:06 a.m. 7:48 p.m.
	Wednesday 7:07 a.m. 7:46 p.m.

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Macclellany	11.07 ft.	-0.81 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

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Sat	7:06-9:06	7:36-9:36
Sun	7:53-9:53	8:23-10:23
Mon	8:39-10:39	9:09-11:09
Tue	9:24-11:24	9:54-11:54
Wed	10:09-12:09	10:39-12:39

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Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tue, 8/20	90	72	91/72	0.43"	1.76"
Wed, 8/21	86	72	91/72	0.31"	Normal precipitation 1.66"
Thu, 8/22	81	72	91/72	0.00"	Departure from normal -0.16"
Fri, 8/23	86	72	91/72	0.99"	Average temperature 77.9°
Sat, 8/24	82	72	91/72	0.00"	Average normal temperature 81.5°
Sun, 8/25	81	70	91/72	0.03"	Departure from normal -3.6"
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City to reconcile police costs

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ment assistance within the city limits last year accounted for 46 percent of the agency's roughly 56,000 calls for service.

"The population is here," he told three commissioners and the mayor. Commissioner Tommy Johns was absent for health reasons.

"You all are paying 17 percent of the total sheriff's budget," said Sheriff Dobson, adding that the sheriff's office total budget of some \$4.2 million is funded with about \$3.6 million from county taxpayers.

As he often does, Mayor Gary Dopsom pointed out that Macclenny property owners pay county taxes, too, which helps feed the sheriff's budget.

For his part, the sheriff said the city's portion of the sheriff's budget pays for two deputies to patrol the city 24 hours a day, seven days a week and one drug investigator assigned to the area.

It doesn't include other services like dispatchers and other investigators who work on cases within the city, he said.

The sheriff said those reflect higher costs for vehicles, gas and uniforms.

Mayor Dopsom took time to explain the history of the city's relationship with the sheriff's office following Sheriff Dobson's departure.

He said the city disbanded its police department in 1984 and outsourced law enforcement to the county sheriff, a move he dubbed "more economical."

The mayor said while city property owners pay county tax-

es, the contract with BCSO is for "extra police protection." He also noted that the city's police budget in 1980 was about \$130,000 compared to \$716,725 in the current year.

"That's not bad in that many years with some increase in personnel during that time too," he said.

"It's a partnership that I think has worked for us," said Sheriff Dobson. "We've never wavered."

He closed the discussion on his budget with this: "I think we've done a good job as far as protecting Baker County citizens. We haven't had a homicide in five years."

In the article, *Press* managing editor quoted from court documents related to the couple's divorce earlier this year in St. Johns County. In seeking a protective order, Ms. Kowalski accused Mr. Brown of physical abuse and of being a sex addict.

"The only record physical abuse involving her came from a daughter who accused her mother of choking her, and that she had struck both of her daughters in the past," claims Mr. Brown, who produced statements taken by police that appeared to back up the incidents.

He also claims Ms. Kowalski's two children were removed from her custody in Tennessee as a result of her abusive behavior.

"All of this (her accusations in the court records) were designed to discredit me because I'm going after her for \$200,000 she owes me (for past legal fees and loans for a condominium she occupied)," declared Mr. Brown, 59, who represented the Baker County Commission for a quarter century, along with several other local boards for shorter durations.

A complaint was filed on August 22 by Marlene Givens, 19, of Sanderson naming her sister Brittany Givens, 27, of Jacksonville for allegedly depositing two bogus checks worth \$500 into the victim's First Federal bank account via an ATM.

The sister told Deputy Marc Heath the accused then withdrew the cash on August 10 using a PIN number she had stolen from the victim's bedroom.

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Attorney Brown: allegations that of his 'scorned' ex-wife

"I've had marital difficulties and there's no end to a woman scoured."

So responded former county attorney Terry Brown recently to a published report in *The Press* earlier this month that he believes made him look like the depraved antagonist in the recent divorce from fellow attorney Carolyn Kowalski of St. Augustine, his fourth wife.

By stipulated agreement expected to be approved by the Florida Supreme Court, he agreed not to re-activate his law license after giving it up because of what he and several doctors have determined is diminished mental capacity brought on by two small strokes. Mr. Brown says they affected his memory and cognitive function.

Ms. Kowalski earlier this year initiated a grievance with the Florida Bar and by agreeing to a stipulated settlement, Mr. Brown avoided a formal hearing on the state of his mental capabilities.

He indicated he'll devote his energy to a foundation established in memory of his late sister Gina that supports a religious boarding school in Kenya, Africa for children of the Maasi Tribe.

The Baker County Commiss-

ion is currently in the process of hiring a replacement for the longtime attorney, who recently sold his law practice in Starke and also stepped down as counsel for New River Solid Waste Association and Baker Correctional Development Corporation, the non-profit that manages the new jail and sheriff's offices north of Macclenny.

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Hikes in health, retirement, inmates

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based on recent inmate populations.

The 110 number had been recommended by Sheriff Joey Dobson last month as a way to lower the county's 2013-14 budget, although he said there's no guarantee that the inmate count won't exceed 110.

"Do you still think it's going to be 110?" Commissioner Adam Giddens asked the sheriff.

"We do," Sheriff Dobson replied, adding that judges are releasing more people on bond instead

of sending them directly to jail and that cases are being disposed of more quickly.

However, he conceded that the actual number could be higher. That's what concerned commissioners, who said the county would have to come up with more money next year if the actual inmate count exceeded the average daily population budgeted.

Commissioner James Croft recommended recalculating the inmate housing expense — which is about \$85 per inmate per day — based on a population of 120 inmates per day, rather than the 110, because he said the average daily head count "has been 120 or higher" in the past year.

But other commissioners disagreed, saying they would rather leave it at 110 and risk having to find additional revenue if necessary next year. Finally, they compromised on 115, with Commissioner Jimmy Anderson adding optimistically "and hope it's 109."

The second additional cost factored into the budget, which was approved by commissioners during the regular board meeting that began at 5 pm, was \$114,287.54. That's how much jail officials said inmates had run up in medical billings in excess of the \$150,000 annually the county is contractually required to pay the BCDC for inmate medical care.

Commissioners have argued in recent weeks that the county is not obligated to pay the debt because the contract signed with the BCDC four years ago only stipulates a flat fee of \$150,000 yearly for medical expenses.

"They don't have as much staff resources as we do," Mr. Thompson said, adding that the county could send over a building inspector for up to two weeks a month in Union County, which is furnishing a vehicle.

"I think it's a great idea," Mr. Anderson said. "It's thinking out of the box and I think we need to do that."

The board had asked for a legal opinion on the issue but never received one from former county attorney Terry Brown, who resigned a few weeks ago for health reasons and was replaced temporarily by Mr. Sexton. He told commissioners the decision was theirs but that refusing to pay it likely would lead to a lawsuit.

The contract between the county and the BCDC, Mr. Sexton said, is "not clear on its face" as to whether the county has any legal obligation to pay anything beyond the \$150,000 already paid. However, he noted that federal agencies pay the same daily rate that the county pays and all of the medical expenses that inmates accrue each year.

"Ultimately, the board of county commissioners has the final say and can decide whether it pays or not," he said. "You don't have to if you don't want to."

But choosing not to pay in all likelihood would put the county in a legal conflict with doctors and agencies that provided medical care to the inmates, Mr. Sexton told commissioners.

"If the vendors don't get paid they're probably going to sue the BCDC, the sheriff and the county," he said.

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Tosses block into windshield Said to be angry over loss of child welfare

A Macclenny man said to be irate over the loss of assistance for child care was named in a criminal complaint for throwing a block into the windshield of a vehicle belonging to his girlfriend's mother.

Police were called to the W. Stansell Ave. address of JoAnn Burnham the evening of August 21 after she and her husband heard breaking glass. Her husband Tony looked out and recognized their daughter's boyfriend Jeffery Church, 27, getting into a small blue car traveling slowly on the pavement.

Ms. Burnham told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite her daughter Crystal Raines earlier warned them that Mr. Church was en route "with weapons."

She claimed the vandalism is the result of her receiving welfare benefits because she is caring for her daughter's children.

In a related incident, a 16-year-old male

was named in a complaint for striking a 12-year-old male at Macclenny Park about noon on August 25. The victim is one of Ms. Raines' children being cared for by Ms. Burnham, and the accused allegedly is acquainted with Mr. Church.

According to Ms. Burnham, the older youth accosted her grandchild at the behest of Mr. Church.

In other incidents, a complaint names Julie Barefoot, 20, of Middleburg as the person who poured sugar in the gas tank of a 2000 Ford belonging to Jan Reed of Macclenny.

Ms. Reed told Deputy Chris Walker she confronted the suspect when she and acquaintances drove up to her residence on Woodlawn Park Pl. about 9:30 pm on August 21.

Brian Turner of Baldwin called police when he returned to his 2013 Chevrolet pick-

Arguing, had pot in parking lot of a school

Two brothers were arrested following an alleged attack on another brother about midday on August 20 following an argument that broke out at their mother's residence over a fishing pole.

Jacob O'Neill, 18, and Lee O'Neill, 42, were booked at county jail for aggravated battery after they were returned by Deputy Michael Clark to the home of Deloris O'Neill on Dahl Ct. The officer earlier took them into custody at a pawn shop on South 6th based on a description of their vehicle.

The two allegedly attacked Cash O'Neill, 40, with a brick and fists after accusing him of returning the fishing pole belonging to Jacob to Walmart for cash. Cash

O'Neill was treated at the scene by rescue personnel for cuts and abrasions.

All are from Macclenny.

In other incidents, Melissa Branch, 25, of Glen St. Mary identified three females via a photo line-up as the persons who attacked her in the parking lot of Mac's Liquors on US 40 and stole her cell phone & \$250.

She told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite one of the women grabbed her by the hair from behind and struck her in the face, and the other two snatched up her phone and cash after she dropped it on the ground. They then fled south along MLK Blvd.

She identified them as Mikey Washington, 18, of Macclenny,

Pair attacks their brother

Two Atlanta area residents were arrested for misdemeanor or marijuana possession on the property of Macclenny Elementary in the late morning of August 21, two days after the start of the new school year.

Employees called police when they noticed Venecia Wilson, 31, and Royfion Holmes, 27, arguing in the school parking lot and tossing luggage from their 2008 Toyota. Both are from Decatur, GA.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson confronted the couple as the vehicle was leaving school grounds off Wild Kitten Dr. about 11 am, and Ms. Wilson claimed they were lost and stopped at the school to turn around. The officer detected the odor of unburned marijuana coming from the vehicle.

In other domestic incidents, James Williams, 34, of Glen St. Mary was arrested for violating a protection order by being at the residence of estranged girlfriend April Byrd, 30, on South Glen Ave.

Officers questioned Mr. Cress when he returned to the residence later that night, and he denied the second altercation was physical. Noting unspecified injuries to the girlfriend, Deputy Montane arrested him for domestic battery.

In other domestic incidents, James Williams, 34, of Glen St. Mary was arrested for violating a protection order by being at the residence of estranged girlfriend April Byrd, 30, on South Glen Ave.

Deputy Johnny Hodges said he found Mr. Williams inside the house about 5:30 pm on August 19.

A complaint for the same violation was filed August 20 against John Vermillion, 32, of Jacksonville, who allegedly came to the residence of Christopher Rountree, 31, on Park St. in Glen in violation of a court order.

Batters girlfriend over booze

Police arrested a Macclenny man for battery on his girlfriend at their Steel Bridge Rd. residence late on August 20 during an argument over the purchase of liquor.

Alexis Smith, 30, of Richmond Hill, GA told Deputy Chad Montane she was struck in the back of the head and shoved to the ground by Patrick Cress, 29, about 11:20. He apparently was angry because she had doused him with water from a garden hose and his work boots got wet.

Earlier Mr. Cress accused Ms. Smith of taking \$60 to buy liquor.

Deputy Montane noted that police were called to the same residence about a week earlier, and that Ms. Smith admitted she was untruthful when she insisted the earlier spat was verbal.

Motorist had 9 suspensions

A Glen St. Mary man considered by the state as an habitual traffic offender was arrested the evening of August 24 after he was spotted driving a vehicle out of a restaurant parking lot on South 6th in Macclenny.

Gerald Starling, 36, was at the wheel of the 1999 Chevrolet heading south about 6:45, and when he spotted Deputy Trey McCullough behind him he switched seats with passenger Michaelann Harris, 21, of Macclenny.

The deputy earlier received a tip that Mr. Starling was seen driving the vehicle, and charged

Mr. Harris with reckless driving because the vehicle swerved into the northbound lane of 121 during the switch.

Mr. Starling's license has nine suspensions, and the charge as an habitual offender is a felony.

In other arrests:

Randal Barton, 43, of Macclenny was taken to jail the afternoon of August 23 after the 1995 Chevrolet pickup he was driving on North 6th St. was stopped by Deputy Jeremiah Combs for having an expired tag.

Mr. Barton's license has four suspensions.

Deputy John Minkel arrest-

ed Allen Coleman, 60, of Sanderson when he learned that his license was revoked because he failed to submit to a medical test.

The officer stopped the suspect in a Plymouth van late on August 21 in Sanderson for having a burned-out headlight.

Danielle Blackburn, 34, of Macclenny was arrested for driving with three license suspensions the evening of August 25 after Deputy Johnny Hodges noted an expired tag on her 1999 Nissan as it turned into Walmart on SR 228.

The driver of the Honda, Garrett Follis, 25, of Sanderson was arrested for having three license suspensions.

Heather McAllister, 28, of Glen St. Mary was arrested for violating probation after questioning by investigators at county jail on August 23.

She allegedly failed to report to a probation officer, who indicated she may also be using illegal drugs, according to Investigator Rodney Driggers.

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Ordinance may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk at City Hall on Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

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CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION

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Brenda Akers, 63, of Sanderson dies

Brenda Joyce Caraway Odom Akers, 63, of Sanderson died on August 22, 2013 at her residence with family by her side. She was born in Elizabethton, Tennessee on June 28, 1950. In 1983, Brenda moved from Georgia, IN to Jacksonville and for the past 10 years she was a resident of Baker County. She was a member of the Macclenny Moose Lodge where she spent many years volunteering. Brenda enjoyed watching birds, camping, and most of all spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her father, Finley B. Caraway and her loving mothers Martha Shell Caraway and Destie Potter Caraway.



Brenda Akers

'Dolph' Lyons, 85, of Glen dies on August 25th

Wilbur A. "Dolph" Lyons, 85, of Glen St. Mary died Sunday, August 25 at his residence following a long illness. He was born in Jacksonville and lived in Macclenny all of his life. He retired from Fruit Growers Express Railroad as a refrigeration mechanic in 1989 after 36 years of service.



Wilbur Lyons

Funeral held for Joyce Hill, 92, on August 28th

Joyce Norman Hill, 92, of Glen St. Mary died peacefully on Saturday evening August 25, 2013 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center surrounded by her family after an extended illness. Mrs. Hill was born in Manning on October 10, 1920 to the Late Sam and Everett Griffis Norman. She lived most of her life in Baker County and was a homemaker; she also was a member of the New River Congregational Methodist Church. She loved to cook for her family and her friends; to know her was to love her. She was a very special lady, always concerned about her friends and neighbors. Mrs. Hill was preceded in death by her loving husband Gordon Matthew Hill; four brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Hill is survived by her son Mark Hill (Sarah) of Lake Butler; grandchildren Staci Kelly of Jacksonville, Natalie Hunter (Israel) of Providence, Joshua Smith (Rachel) of Providence, Ben Smith (Michelle) of Pennsylvania; brother Hisley Norman (Louise) of Hampton Lake; fifteen great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for Mrs. Hill was conducted on Wednesday August 28 at 11 am at her church with Rev. Mike Norman officiating, assisted by Rev. Jimmy Scott. Interment followed at Pine Grove Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler was in charge of arrangements.

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Monday at 5:00 pm

Jet' Ellis, 100, oldest Florida 4-H'er


Wade Ellis

Wade Gillen "Jet" Ellis Jr., 100, of Jacksonville died on Thursday August 22, with family members by his side. He spent his last months at the home of his granddaughter in Macclenny. Mr. Ellis was born in Jacksonville on February 15, 1913 and experienced many significant events and changes in his time here - not only in his life, but he saw the many changes that Jacksonville experienced. On his 100th birthday, he was given a special plaque from the 4-H recognizing him as the oldest living Florida 4-H alumna.

Mr. Ellis was a dairy farmer, a highway builder, a house mover, state agriculturist, tool sharpener and wood carver. He worked hard all his life to provide for his family's needs physically and spiritually. When asked what he hoped his legacy would be, he said, "I want to be remembered for my love of God, for being a hard worker and good provider for my family."

He enjoyed reading his Bible, watching old western movies and loved working with horses. He was preceded in death by his first wife Evelyn M. Ellis and second wife Gladys E. Ellis. He is survived by his son Henry (Pat) of Palatka, daughter JoAnn Peck of Jacksonville, son Jerry (Lyn) of Colony Key and son Donald (Dawn) of Jacksonville; grandchildren Henry Wade Ellis Jr., Ann Harrell (Joey), Pam Williams (George), Toni Palmer (Scott), Debi Ellis, Gary Ellis, Darin Ellis, and Tommy Nolles; seven great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren; brother Fred Ellis; sisters Caroline Serelis and Aileen Mathews; many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Mr. Ellis was held on Tuesday, August 27 at Jacksonville Memory Gardens in Orange Park, officiated by Elder Gordon Smith Jr. Interment followed in the Garden of the Fountain of Life.

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Funeral August 23 for Jake' Sapp, 81

John D. "Jake" Sapp, 81, of St. George, GA, died on Saturday, August 17, 2013. Mr. Sapp is survived by son Tommy Sapp (Sonya) and daughter Myra Lankford (Jim); brother Paul Sapp; sister Louise Crozier; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; former wife Wilma Lee.

Mr. Sapp was a U.S. Army veteran who retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad after 36 years of service, a volunteer firefighter and a member of West Jacksonville Baptist Church.

The funeral service was held at 11 am on Friday, August 23 at his church with Pastor Rodney Kelley officiating. Interment followed at St. George Cemetery at 3 pm on Friday. Giddens-Reed Funeral Home of Baldwin was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Sebring, 72, was school bus driver

Mary Louise Peebles Sebring, 72, of Hawthorne, Florida died on August 25, 2013 at Baptist Medical Center. She was born in Leesburg, Florida on March 30, 1941 to the late Johnny W. Kemp and Arlene Rita Moore Kemp. Mary was a resident of Hawthorne for the past 25 years after moving from Maxville. She retired from the Baker County School System after 13 dedicated years of driving Bus 13. Mary loved serving the Lord and being at her home on the lake. She was preceded in death by her husband of 17 years, John Peraino; daughter Maxine Rene Peebles; sister Virginia Brown.

Ms. Sebring is survived by her loving son Mack R. (Beverly) Peebles, Jr. of Bryceville; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 28 at 7 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel in Macclenny with Pastor Nicholas officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:30 until the time of the service.

Marvin Weaver service in Kentucky

Marvin Weaver, 77, of Macclenny died on July 26, 2013. He was born in Columbus, OH on December 12, 1935 and served in the Marine Corps. Mr. Weaver was retired from Ohio State University, and was preceded in death by parents Alfred and Gladys (Sanders) Weaver and brother Emerson Weaver.

He is survived by brothers Charles (Delores) Weaver of Troy, OH and James (Nancy) Weaver of Casselberry, FL; sisters Louise (Jerry) Johnson of Jacksonville and Barbara (Roy) Young of Glen St. Mary.

A graveside service was held August 3 at Weaver Cemetery in Greenup County, KY.

Family grateful

The family of Helen Shirley Barton would like to thank everyone for the prayers, food, flowers and thoughts shown to us during our loss. Thanks to pastors David and Timmy Thomas for their words of faith and comfort. Thanks to our church families at the Christian Fellowship Temple and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the wonderful meals provided to us. Thanks to Todd Ferreira Funeral Services for their kindness and guidance during this time of loss.

Thanks to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida and to Macclenny Nursing and Rehab for taking care of our mother. Special thanks to granddaughters Tiffany Nipper, Teri Kaye Sweat and Jody Dyal for the extra love and care they took to make sure everything was the way their grandmother wanted. Also, special thanks to the Baker County Sheriff's Office for the kindness they showed to us. May God richly bless each and every one of you.

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January wedding

Ronny and Sherry Combs of St. George, GA are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of daughter Bronwyn Allera on August 6 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20½ inches long.

Mr. and Mrs. Combs' grandparents are Della and Jimmy Nyman of Glen St. Mary and Gary and Sandra Cole of Lake City, and paternal and maternal grandparents are Michelle and Keith Hassell of Macclenny.

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Cats' opener at Camden Co.

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The BCCHS varsity football team will kick off its regular season Friday when it travels to Georgia to play Camden County.

The Wildcats were supposed to get their first taste of live action August 24 with the Kick Off Classic against Ed White at Memorial Stadium, but last week's heavy rains made the field unplayable.

The teams tried to move the game to White's field, but there were problems with the officials and security that made it impossible to do so. Ultimately, the game had to be canceled.

"We didn't want to lose anyone to injury," said head coach Ryan Sulkowski. "It's unfortunate for our kids because they couldn't get a trial run through the flow of a game, but at the same time it was a blessing because someone may have gone out and gotten hurt. We wouldn't have been able to sleep at night if that was the case."

The coaches were going to use the Kick Off Classic as a way to make any final adjustments before heading into the season. Among those was determining key position battles that have been fought throughout the summer.

Now, without the chance to figure out who won those battles before the start of the season, they will continue through the opening games.

"We're going to rotate guys, and we're going to see over the first couple games," Coach Sulkowski said. "We have very capable guys in those positions and we're just going to let it play out. Everyone is going to get a fair shake."

Although Baker County didn't get the chance to play last week, the cancellation did allow the team to turn its attention to this Friday's regular season opener against Camden County, which is coming off a 34-14 loss in its first game last Saturday.

Baker County has been preparing for the game since then, which gave them an extra couple of days at practice over the reigning Georgia Region 1-6A Champions.

"We can match up at certain positions," the head coach said. "If we can hold on to the football and play error free, there's always the chance we can be right there with them."

In addition to limiting mistakes, Baker County is going to have to stop Camden County's rushing attack to have a chance to win. Sophomore Harrison Poole led Camden County with 127 yards and a touchdown on the ground in the team's Week 1 loss to North Gwinnett.

Coach Sulkowski knows his team is going to have to slow down the opposition's ground game in order to be competitive.

"We find out what is you don't like to do, and we're going to try to make you do it," Coach Sulkowski said. "Defensively, we're hoping to contain. We're going to try to put bodies in the gaps where they like to run and put bodies on the ball."

Playing against Georgia's "team of the decade" is only one thing the Baker County boys will have to overcome in their first game; there is also the intimidation factor of playing against a school much bigger than the one they attend, Coach Sulkowski said.

"They have double the enrollment we have at this high school, and double the kids on their roster," Coach Sulkowski said. "How our kids come out and perform in that environment will tell us a lot. The kids will get to play in a great environment. I want these kids to experience that and play on the big stage."

The head coach said he feels confident about where Baker County can be at the end of the

game, but that doesn't necessarily mean winning. He said he's looking for a good performance from the team and wants to see the players execute the way they are capable of doing.

Even though it would be great to start off the season with a win, Coach Sulkowski said it's "not a make or break game." He pointed to last season's 50-0 opener at Columbia as an example of how early season losses can be overcome by playing well during district contests.

Playing against teams the caliber of Camden County

will get the Cats more prepared for the games that matter, Coach Sulkowski said.

"We know there's seven games on our schedule that are important and determine if we sit at

home during the playoffs," the head coach said. "We'll see if these guys can do what we ask them to do."



Above: Jacob Carter during passing drills. Left: Defensive linemen listen to Coach Mueller.

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Clockwise from above: Rebekah Long spikes the ball, players huddle before their first contest and Taylor Hodges fields a serve; all during last Friday's classic at Stanton Prep on Jacksonville's northside.



Girls 1-2 in classic

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peat that same success for the rest of the day, however, as they lost to both Stanton and Trinity 0-2. Wheeler and Long once again led the team with their play. Long had four kills against Stanton, and Wheeler contributed four kills and five aces.

The Wildcats began the Volleyball Preseason Classic with a 2-0 win over Raines. Sophomore Callie Wheeler, junior Rebekah Long and senior Malory Osteen, one of the tallest players on the squad at 5-11, had five kills each during the game, while Taylor Hancock, also a senior, added 20 assists and four aces.

The Lady Wildcat volleyball team went 1-2 in three preseasn games held August 23 at Stanton in preparation for the season opener this week.

"As a team I thought we played tight, like it was our first tournament," Coach Sulkowski said.

"We didn't pass very well so that is something we will be working on this week as we prepare for Suwannee and Union."

The Wildcats' regular season opens with two away games August 27 and 29 at Suwannee and Union, before making their home debut against Bartram Trail September 3.

The girls were unable to re-



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