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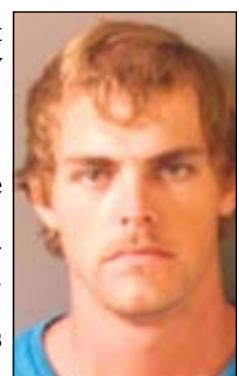
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Arrested at Cuyler after store robbery

A Georgia man is in custody early this week charged with the robbery of a Sanderson convenience store, the third such incident in Baker County in two weeks.

Kristopher Kent, 24, of Homerville in Clinch County, was stopped by a county deputy based on the description and license number given by clerk Stephanie Gaskins at the newly opened Gaskins corner store the morning of September 14.



Kristopher Kent

Deputy Chris Walker first spotted the suspect's northbound 2000 Chevrolet pickup at the intersection of CRs 127 and 125 in Cuyler not long after the 9:45 am holdup.

He stopped the vehicle moments later as it continued north on 127 and said he had to forcibly remove Mr. Kent from the truck after the suspect refused to exit after being ordered at gunpoint.

Mr. Kent later led police to a remote swampy area off Holl Rhoden Rd. where he showed them the location of several articles of clothing matching those Ms. Gaskins said he was wearing when he relieved her of \$119 from a cash register. She told Investigator Matt Yarbrough the robber was unarmed and also demanded cash he believed was under the counter and the key to an in-store ATM.

The investigator said other items that were ditched by the suspect when he took a brief detour off CR 127 included a remnant of a T-shirt used to partially conceal his face and a dog box.

Police soon learned the pickup had been reported stolen from Homerville. Mr. Kent initially denied involvement, insisting the robber was an acquaintance he knew only as "Austin." He then recanted and said he stole the money to pay "parole fees" in Georgia.

He was booked at county jail for strong-arm robbery, dealt

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Coach, assistants lied about Whitey's

Sulkowski had other illicit credit card use

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In early April when School Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson announced she suspended varsity football coach Ryan Sulkowski for ten days without pay during spring break for improper use of a school credit card, both she and the coach insisted he voluntarily informed the BCHS bookkeeper of the errant charges before the February VISA bill was received.

That version of events conflicts with statements contained in documents recently obtained by *The Press* concerning the investigation into the coach's use of the card to purchase liquor at Whitey's Fish Camp near Fleming Island the evening of February 13.

Notes from an interview conducted on March 15 by BCHS Principal Thomas Hill and Robin Mobley, the district's personnel chief, after the school received the credit card statement also reveal two other unauthorized purchases by Coach Sulkowski in February — one at the Quick & Handy convenience store in north Macclenny on February 14 for \$12.20 and the second at Winn-Dixie in Macclenny for \$72.44. That purchase was on February 26.

It's also apparent from records of the district's investigation of the purchases that Coach Sulkowski lied when he initially claimed he did not consume alcohol at Whitey's that evening, and that assistant coaches Adam Brunner and Matt Mueller lied when they backed him up during separate interviews on March 15.

Both assistants admitted they discussed their upcoming interviews with Coach Sulkowski prior to the interviews taking place.

The coaches' guile about events at Whitey's unraveled after BCHS Principal Thomas Hill phoned the popular Clay County restaurant on March 18 and learned that the employee who waited on them confirmed Coach Sulkowski indeed was drinking that evening but Coach Brunner was not.

Later that day, Mr. Hill and the school district's personnel chief Robin Mobley called Mr. Brunner back to a second meeting during which he was told about the call to Whitey's and the fact that it has a video surveillance network.

He then changed his statement and said he did not drink that evening and was the "designated driver" when the trio returned to Macclenny in a district-owned Chevrolet.

Coach Sulkowski in the earlier interview said he drove both ways.

The fourth-year coach on March 15 contradicted his remarks a few weeks later to *The Press* that he voluntarily informed school bookkeeper Terry Lankford about the Whitey's charges before the school received the February credit card statement. That statement was echoed by School Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson and printed in the April 4 edition of *The Press*.

A transcript of Coach Sulkowski's March 15 interview reads:

Question: The first time that you discussed this issue with any of these in-

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BCHS coaches Ryan Sulkowski, Adam Brunner and Matt Mueller leave Fleming Island weightlifting meet early to have dinner and drinks at Whitey's Fish Camp.

Thursday, February 14

BCHS bookkeeper Terry Lankford e-mails Coach Sulkowski about three missing credit card receipts, including the \$79.31 charged at Whitey's. Sulkowski offers to pay for the charges out-of-pocket.

February 2013

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March 2013

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Tuesday, March 12

Coach Sulkowski is interviewed by school district officials about the unauthorized credit card charges. He states that Coach Brunner and Coach Mueller were consuming alcohol at the dinner, but he was not; he drove the district-owned vehicle home, and the restaurant's waitress failed to separate the alcohol bill as requested. Coach Brunner and Coach Mueller back up that version of events in separate interviews the same day.

Monday, March 11

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Friday, March 15

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson tells *The Press* that Coach Sulkowski sent the BCHS bookkeeper an e-mail before the credit card bill arrived, advising her of the Whitey's charges for food and alcohol.

Monday, March 18

Source: Public documents released by the school district.

Thursday, March 21

Coach Sulkowski meets with school district officials and union representatives, stating that he was drinking alcohol at Whitey's and Coach Brunner was not, so Coach Brunner drove home. He reiterates that the waitress failed to separate the drinks, so they could be paid for by the coaches. He apologizes for his behavior and is suspended for two weeks.

Tuesday, March 12

Coach Sulkowski tells *The Press* the same fabrication, that he e-mailed the bookkeeper, effectively confessing his misconduct before it was known by officials. Both his statement and that of the superintendent five days prior contradict the bookkeeper's March 11 e-mail to the coach, obtained by the newspaper September 16, asking about the missing receipts.

April 2013

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Tuesday, April 2

'Marrying tree' said state's largest

Chinese Chestnut on Glen Nursery near-century old

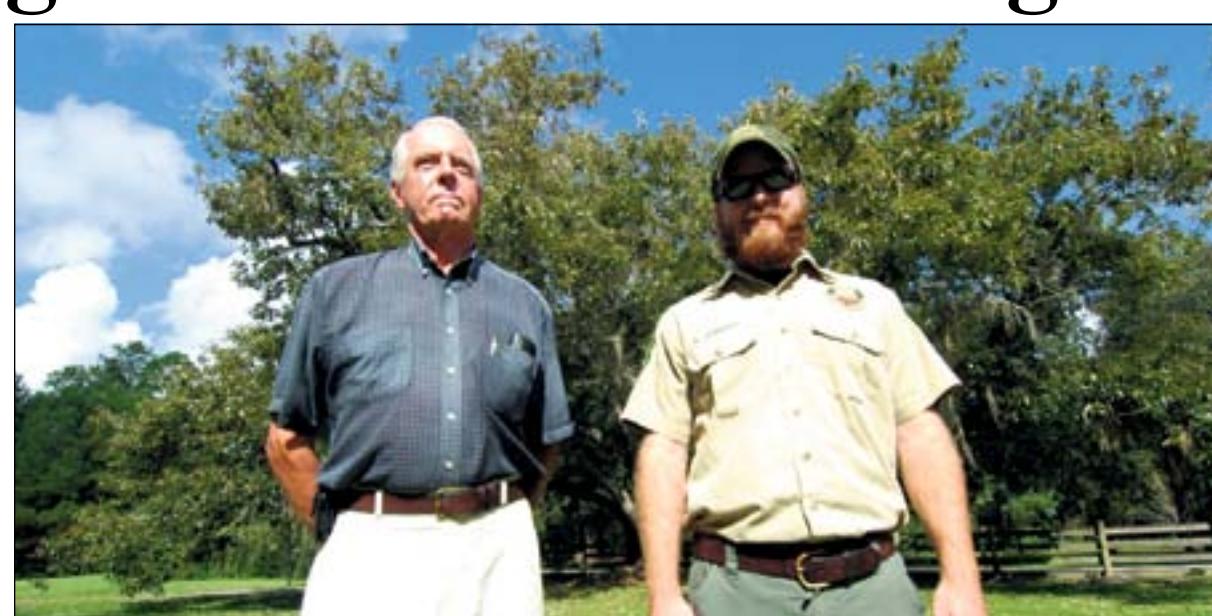
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The large umbrella-shaped Chinese chestnut tree on the Glen St. Mary Nursery property has seen many a wedding take place under its leafy branches. Sadly, the tree has stood for nearly a century without a mate of its own.

Chinese chestnuts typically cross pollinate one another to produce edible nuts. But being the only one of its species at the nursery, that Chinese Chestnut does not produce the nuts.

Fortunately, the tree does have a new title to celebrate as Baker County's only Florida



Glen Nursery owner Lin Taber (left) and County Forester Andy Lamborn in front of the largest Chinese chestnut tree on record in Florida.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Champion Tree. Champion trees are the largest of their species in the whole state. The nursery's Chinese chestnut towers 53 feet in the air and has a circumference of

168 inches. More extraordinary is the crown, which spans 92 feet.

It was measured in early August by County Forester Andy Lamborn following a move in

the Florida Forest Service's Champion Tree program to incorporate non-native species into its online database of champion trees. After measur-

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Kitching: focus on facilities

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Last week's Macclenny City Commission election, pitting three Republicans against each other in a non-partisan race, was a pretty close win for Sam Kitching.

Had the local minister garnered just 10 fewer votes, the race would've resulted in a run-off between him and Kirk Gravelle, a financial planner with Morgan Stanley, later this month. As it happened, Mr. Kitching received 51.55 percent of the 677 votes cast in the election, which drew just 21.45 percent of registered Macclenny voters.

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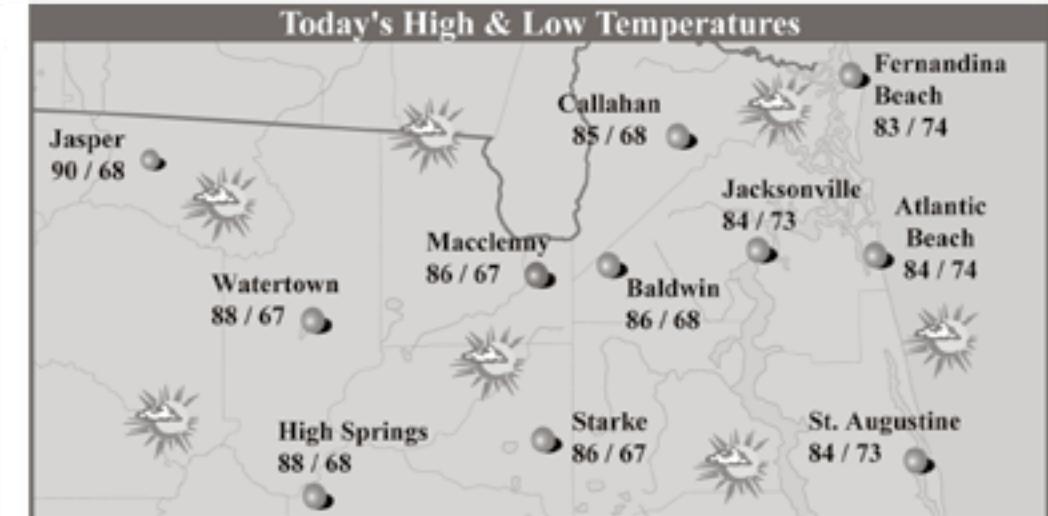
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Seven Day Forecast

Thursday	Mostly Sunny High: 86 Low: 67
Friday	Mostly Sunny High: 87 Low: 67
Saturday	Mostly Sunny High: 87 Low: 69
Sunday	Scattered T-storms High: 86 Low: 68
Monday	Scattered T-storms High: 88 Low: 66
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy High: 87 Low: 69
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy High: 90 Low: 68



Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip.	Precipitation
Tue, 9/10	86	68	89/71	0.00"0.59"
Wed, 9/11	86	68	89/71	0.31"	Normal precipitation
Thu, 9/12	86	68	89/71	0.00"	Departure from normal
Fri, 9/13	91	68	89/70	0.00"	Average temperature
Sat, 9/14	93	70	89/70	0.27"	Average normal temperature
Sun, 9/15	90	70	88/70	0.01"	Departure from normal
Mon, 9/16	90	70	88/70	0.00"0.3%

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Sept. 19, 2013

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Full 9/19	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	New 10/4
	Thursday	7:15 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	
	Friday	7:16 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	
	Saturday	7:16 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:17 a.m.	7:24 p.m.	
Last 9/26	Monday	7:17 a.m.	7:23 p.m.	First 10/11
	Tuesday	7:18 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	
	Wednesday	7:19 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	

St. Mary's River Levels

Now	Change
Moniae, GA	-0.04 ft.
Macclenny	4.20 ft. -0.19 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	AM	PM
Thu	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00
Fri	11:47-1:47	11:17-1:17
Sat	12:07-2:07	12:37-2:37
Sun	12:56-2:56	1:26-3:26
Mon	1:45-3:45	2:15-4:15
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Wed	3:23-5:23	3:53-5:53

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Coaches' 'Whitey' lies...

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Individuals (Principal Hill, bookkeeper Lankford and BCHS athletic director Melody Coggins) was when the school received the credit card bill and asked for receipts for these purchases. Is that correct?

Coach Sulkowski: Yes.

When asked why she acquiesced to the coach's discredited statements on circumstances surrounding the illicit charges last spring, Superintendent Raulerson contended the punishment fit the transgression.

"I will reiterate what I said when you interviewed me back in March," she replied earlier this week. "I made the decision after much thought and prayer to punish the coach with a 10-day suspension without pay, which amounted to a \$2410.91 loss to pay."

The coach also apologized at a school board meeting several weeks later.

As for the Quick & Handy charge, the coach in that March 15 interview claimed it was "a God's honest mistake."

"I pulled the wrong credit card out of my wallet. I added, repeating an her earlier statement that if he violates policy again.

The superintendent did not directly address why she did not reveal in late March that the coaches conspired to lie about events that night, nor why she supported Coach Sulkowski's false claim that he's why he does not go on the team bus. His base salary is just shy of \$47,000.

When queried about the Winn-Dixie purchases, the coach's explanation was a bit more baffling.

Mr. Collins said he was disappointed that the candidates did not have the opportunity to debate each other. The Press sought a video-recorded debate, but Mr. Kitching declined to participate.

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Kitching: focus on facilities

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Mr. Kitching was in high spirits late last week.

"I'm feeling good," he said. "I'm greatly relieved. I was not looking forward to a runoff."

Mr. Kitching, who works for the Baker County Sheriff's Office, was preparing to meet with City Manager Phil Rhoden this week to "discuss some things we're looking at, particularly the budget," he said.

The new commissioner representing District 4 will be sworn in next month at the first commission meeting in October. He replaces Dr. Richard Johnson, who is stepping down after six terms in office.

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"Mr. Kitching beat me 3-to-1. It was short and sweet. The residents of Macclenny have spoken," he said, adding, "I believe there's going to be no change. I basically think they [voters] want the status quo."

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Everyone came away impressed by her tremendous drive and courage.

"I just want people coming away remembering that Miss Florida had heart," she said.

Back in Macclenny people were jumping up and down and cheering and yelling at the screen in the dozens of watching parties.

The low turnout was not surprising, however, given the lack of state or national races on the ballot, said Mr. Gravelle, chairman of the Republican Party of Baker County.

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Arrested after store robbery...

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ing in stolen property, destroying evidence and driving on a suspended license.

Police are still looking for leads in two thefts, one via a strong-arm stick-up, that occurred in Sanderson.

Florida began keeping the Florida Champion Tree Register in 1975 to recognize the largest tree of each species within the state. The register now contains hundreds of trees, including some national champions, according to the Florida Forest Service website.

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1900s, according to Mr. Lamborn.

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The tree may hold the title for some time, too, as the county forest said it appears to be healthy. "It was measured 15 years ago and it's definitely grown," he said.

Baker County is also home to a former champion tree, the 115-foot swamp chestnut oak off East Gilford Davis Road in Glen St. Mary, and two "challengers," which are usually the first to be measured when a current champion dies or sustains severe damage.

The challengers are a 65-foot American elm at the Olustee Bat-

tlefield and a 105-foot sycamore in Sanderson.

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Tract is annexed for a store

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'Brand' is unknown

"We haven't seen the name 'Dollar Store' on any documents but we're hearing it," he said.

The annexation ordinance was approved unanimously and without discussion by city commissioners last week. When the ordinance first came before the board on August 13 Mayor Gary Dopsop asked if the administration had "any idea what this land is going to be used for?"

Mr. Yarborough stated he had only been told it was going to be a retail store. The property is zoned commercial general, which includes retail operations as well other commercial uses.

The mayor asked City Attorney Frank Maloney if the zoning would be withdrawn if the owner "turns around and sells it" and it is not used for a retail store. Mr. Maloney said not as long as the use falls within the commercial general zoning category.

Mr. Dopsop stated that his concern stemmed from another nearby piece of property that was never developed after it was annexed and "has become very trashy looking." He said he would not want to see the same thing happen again.

City Manager Phil Rhoden said he and Mr. Yarborough would discuss the concerns with the owner to make sure it doesn't.

While preparing to welcome the new neighbor on the south end of town, the commission also renewed a relationship with another neighbor — the City of Jacksonville — in a yearly mutual aid agreement for fire and rescue service.

The agreement calls for the two cities to assist each other fighting fires and responding to emergency calls, such as automobile crashes and accidental injuries, outside their respective jurisdictions if their personnel are tied up on other calls.

"We're scratching each other's backs," Fire Chief Buddy Dugger told the board, adding that Macclenny has "access to over a million

dollars in rolling stock (fire trucks and rescue units)" from Jacksonville.

His department's designated response area in Jacksonville, Chief Dugger said, will be Baldwin, Maxville and sometimes extend to Cecil Commerce Center. If they get a call notifying them that Jacksonville firefighters are already on the scene, he can cancel his unit and turn them around.

Mr. Dopsop raised a concern about one paragraph that stated: "Automatic aid will be requested for all" structural fires or explosions, vehicle fires in enclosed structures, collapsed buildings and motor vehicle accidents involving extrication and/or victim entrapment.

"We don't want them coming out on all structural fires," he said.

Chief Dugger explained that a request for assistance will only be issued when fire or rescue units are unavailable to respond in their own jurisdiction immediately and can be canceled as soon as they become available. Further, he said, no Macclenny firefighters will be sent to Jacksonville if they are needed for another emergency within their own city's jurisdiction.

"We'll never leave the city jeopardized," the chief said.

That is covered by the following paragraph in the agreement: "It is understood and agreed that no obligation exists to provide Automatic or Mutual Aid if doing so may seriously jeopardize the Aiding Fire Rescue Department's fire protection or emergency medical service status."

According to the agreement, which becomes effective October 1, mutual aid not only may be provided when units are unavailable in the other jurisdiction, but also "whenever the incident is beyond the capabilities of the on-duty resources..."

The pact also commits both city's fire-rescue departments to participate in semi-annual joint training exercises with responding units to achieve "better cooperation and operational effectiveness."

The agreement also includes mutual aid in the event of wildfires, which have resulted in widespread damage in Baker, Duval and surrounding counties in the past.

Police called to domestic violence cases in south city

er's version.

County deputies responded to four domestic disturbance calls the past week, three of them in south Macclenny neighborhoods, including one where the estranged live-in boyfriend fled before police arrived.

Yentl Surrenny, 29, told Deputy Marc Heath she was seated in a parked vehicle on Joan St. about 4:20 am on September 15 when Johnnie Hollings, 39, approached her and punched her through the window before pulling her out and dragging her by the hair down the street.

Ms. Surrenny and a witness said Mr. Hollings let go of her after dragging her toward Lower St. then ran off. Police were unable to locate him and filed a criminal complaint for domestic battery.

The victim told Deputy Heath she and Mr. Hollings have three children together but are separated.

Tommy Covington, 33, was arrested for domestic battery on wife Pamela, 31, at their residence on South 9th St. early on September 10.

Deputy Heath responded to a disturbance call about 3 am and the couple initially insisted it was verbal. Mrs. Covington later admitted she was struck about the head and held down as her husband placed his hands around her throat.

The couple's children, ages 8 and 10, witnessed the incident and concurred with their mother's account.

The girl told Deputy Earl Lord

the woman struck her about the head while pulling her hair during an argument about 6 pm.

The accused when questioned later said she was disciplining the step-daughter for being disrespectful.

BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Next round of raises Administrators, non-instructional

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

wide administrators, referred to as "educational leaders," were approved for \$417 bonuses, the same as teachers received. Those at the top of the pay scale also will receive longevity supplements of \$7,188 for 240-day contracts and \$7,817 for 261-day contracts.

The supplements were the same as those granted to teachers at the top of the salary schedule last month. They were created by the school district as a way to compensate individuals who are no longer eligible for annual step increases.

However, their net increase will only be a little over \$2,000, officials said, because the top salaries were reduced previously.

"This is an effort to level out the salary schedule," Mr. Griffis said. "The supplement is to bring them up after the salary at Step 25 was reduced."

In other business the school board:

• Recognized former school district nurse Marcheta Crews, who resigned in June after 13 years of service to pursue a nurse practitioner degree at Jacksonville University.

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson presented Mrs. Crews with a plaque bearing the inscription: "Health Services Appreciation Award."

The superintendent credited Mrs. Crews with helping provide improved health services to thousands of children.

"Marcheta revolutionized the health care for Baker County students," Mrs. Raulerson said, adding that she also had been instrumental in helping Baker County receive the state's silver achievement award as a Healthy School District.

Mrs. Crews said she had enjoyed her 13 years serving the health needs of students in what she described as "a wonderful job."

The school district puts children first," she said. "The school board has been very supportive of school health services."

The event kicks off with a Firewise Community presentation and discussion led by Forest Service personnel. Following the presentation the public will assist recreation personnel with a forest cleanup around Olustee Beach on Ocean Pond Lake.

Lunch will be provided for participants. Afterwards, volunteers will be able to take a brief self-guided interpretive tour on kayaks and canoes provided by the Forest Service.

Participants need to dress accordingly and bring their own snacks, gloves, hat, sunblock and water. Life preservers and paddles will be provided.

Join the Osceola National Forest for a day of service at Olustee Beach on Ocean Pond Lake, north of US Highway 90 and County Road 231 in Olustee, Fla.

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Serious injury in early 9/11

A Jacksonville woman was seriously injured in a near-head-on collision with a semi-truck on US 90 east of Olustee before dawn on September 11.

Trooper M.D. Childress of the Florida Highway Patrol said the eastbound 2011 Honda driven by Jennifer Crowe, 29, veered over the center line into the westbound lane about 4 am and its left front struck the left front of the 2011 Freightliner driven by Michael Ingles, 45, of Macclenny.

The truck driver was not injured and Trooper Childress said he steered right and braked to avoid a more direct collision with the smaller vehicle.

Charges are pending in the 4 am accident. Ms. Crowe was taken to UF Health Jacksonville (formerly Shands) from the scene.

Ms. Smith was questioned later at her residence on Sanderson Circle and claimed she went to Ms. Ruise's address only to retrieve cigarettes.

In other incidents, criminal complaints for battery were filed on a male patient at Northeast Florida State Hospital for attacking two employees the morning of September 11.

Jose Lancho, 53, of Macclenny said the 26-year-old patient struck him in the head and

Sanderson woman arrested after attack

knocked him to the floor during a "one-on-one observation" because the patient had acted aggressively with other staff.

Victoria Clifin, 26, of Raiford told Deputy Chad Montean she witnessed the attack and was shoved against a wall when she intervened.

Both parties to an altercation at a residence on MLK Dr. in Macclenny in the early morning hours of September 9 were named in complaints for battery.

Tia Grissett, 21, and Edward Givens, 36, gave Deputy John Minkel conflicting versions of events.

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MACCLENNY CITY COMMISSION

Tract is annexed for a store

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

'Brand' is unknown

"We haven't seen the name 'Dollar Store' on any documents but we're hearing it," he said.

The annexation ordinance was approved unanimously and without discussion by city commissioners last week. When the ordinance first came before the board on August 13 Mayor Gary Dopsop asked if the administration had "any idea what this land is going to be used for?"

Mr. Yarborough stated he had only been told it was going to be a retail store. The property is zoned commercial general, which includes retail operations as well other commercial uses.

The mayor asked City Attorney Frank Maloney if the zoning would be withdrawn if the owner "turns around and sells it" and it is not used for a retail store. Mr. Maloney said not as long as the use falls within the commercial general zoning category.

Mr. Dopsop stated that his concern stemmed from another nearby piece of property that was never developed after it was annexed and "has become very trashy looking." He said he would not want to see the same thing happen again.

City Manager Phil Rhoden said he and Mr. Yarborough would discuss the concerns with the owner to make sure it doesn't.

While preparing to welcome the new neighbor on the south end of town, the commission also renewed a relationship with another neighbor — the City of Jacksonville — in a yearly mutual aid agreement for fire and rescue service.

The agreement calls for the two cities to assist each other fighting fires and responding to emergency calls, such as automobile crashes and accidental injuries, outside their respective jurisdictions if their personnel are tied up on other calls.

"We're scratching each other's backs," Fire Chief Buddy Dugger told the board, adding that Macclenny has "access to over a million

dollars in rolling stock (fire trucks and rescue units)" from Jacksonville.

His department's designated response area in Jacksonville, Chief Dugger said, will be Baldwin, Maxville and sometimes extend to Cecil Commerce Center. If they get a call notifying them that Jacksonville firefighters are already on the scene, he can cancel his unit and turn them around.

Mr. Dopsop raised a concern about one paragraph that stated: "Automatic aid will be requested for all" structural fires or explosions, vehicle fires in enclosed structures, collapsed buildings and motor vehicle accidents involving extrication and/or victim entrapment.

Stolen check surfaces 8 months after theft, man charged

Sheriff's deputies made several arrests the past week for residential thefts, forgery and pawning of stolen merchandise, including one burglary in the Georgia Bend that occurred eight months ago.

Kyle Raulerson, 22, of Glen St. Mary was charged with felony forgery of a check he allegedly stole from Edith Merrett, a 90-year-old Charlton County, GA resident, earlier this year.

Deputy Chad Montean located the suspect at a south Macclenny address on September 12, two days after he attempted to cash a bogus \$500 check at the drive-thru window at TD Bank in Macclenny. The teller there recognized Mr. Raulerson from previous fraud transactions and refused to cash it.

Ms. Merrett told the deputy she cancelled a credit card and closed out her checking account after the burglary, and knew that several blank checks were removed from her checkbook. The bank teller kept the check the suspect presented and it was one of them.

Mr. Raulerson is also facing a criminal charge in Charlton County for violating probation on a theft charge.

• Joshua Mosley, 19, of Macclenny admitted in an interview with sheriff's investigator Chris Volz that he pawned an \$1100 wedding ring belonging to his step-father Michael Smith in mid-August.

Bank deposit goes missing

A former assistant manager is suspected in the theft of a night deposit from the Sav-A-Lot grocery store on South 6th in Macclenny last month.

Manager Michael Boris of Macclenny contacted the sheriff's department on September 9 and said \$4248 in cash and checks from August 19 was never deposited into nearby First Federal.

He showed Deputy John Minkel a surveillance video that depicted Michael Vaughn, 31, then the night manager, placing the deposit in a pants pocket as he left the store that evening at closing time about 8:30.

The officer made telephone contact with Mr. Vaughn, who has a Lakeland, FL address, and the former employee said he

Trespass complaint against Jax woman

A criminal complaint for violating an earlier trespass warning was issued for Katherine Johnson, 54, of Jacksonville after she and an unknown male were seen at the residence of Solomon Burnsed on CR 125 N. the morning of September 14.

Sarah Burnsed told Deputy John Minkel she saw Ms. Johnson and the male acquaintance leaving the property when she returned about 10 am. Moments before, Mr. Burnsed said the white male came to his door, identified himself as "Bobby" and inquired if he had ordered a taxi.

The suspect then left, and was standing near a vehicle with Ms. Johnson when Ms. Burnsed arrived. She told the deputy both of them got into their vehicle when they were spotted and passed her in the driveway before turning south on 125.

Two others were arrested the past week on criminal warrants, including Mary Wainwright, 26, of Sanderson the morning of September 11. She was wanted in Duval County for driving on a suspended license.

• A county jail inmate, Bobby Gaskins, 20, of Sanderson, was served with a Bradford County warrant on September 9 for violating probation for possessing drug paraphernalia.

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The step-son of a Macclenny man was named in a complaint for felony sale of stolen property for allegedly trading a pickup truck to a Putnam County man without the step-father's permission.

Joseph Dennis of Sanderson contacted the sheriff's department the evening of September 15 shortly after the transaction took place at the Walgreen Pharmacy in Macclenny. He told Deputy Shawn Bishara the step-son, who lives in Callahan, made arrangements via a Facebook account to trade his 1999 Chevrolet for a Toyota.

Sgt. Bishara made contact with Michael Larson of Putnam County, who allegedly made the trade, via telephone to question him about the arrangement. He said Mr. Larson was "uncooperative" and curtailed him before hanging up.

Early the next morning, the deputy was contacted by Putnam County police after they recovered the vehicle.

In another case, Brandi Brown of Macclenny reported on September 12 that her 2003 Volkswagen was missing from a storage yard off Bob Kirkland Rd.

Ms. Brown told Deputy Chad Montean she left the vehicle with Robbie's Car and Truck in March, 2012 for repairs before re-locating to West Virginia. When she returned last month, garage owner Robert Kirkland said he stored it on his property but it was gone when he went to retrieve it.

The vehicle was not in running condition.

• Crystal Wright reported a diaper bag containing her identification was removed from the roof of her vehicle in the early evening of September 15. It was parked at her residence off US 90 west in Macclenny at the time.



4-H sign up at Ag Center last Saturday

Extension horticulture agent Alicia Lamborn was one of a handful of exhibitors the morning of September 14 at the Ag Center parking lot in west Macclenny for the annual 4-H sign up day. Here she demonstrates how to grow "microgreens." Other exhibits covered areas like plant sales, face painting and raising exotic poultry.



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Macclenny has tentatively adopted a budget for 2013-2014.

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on Tuesday, September 24th 5:30 p.m. at MACCLENNY CITY HALL 118 East Macclenny Ave Macclenny, Florida

BUDGET SUMMARY				
CITY OF MACCLENNY-FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013				
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL
ESTIMATED REVENUES				
Ad Valorem Taxes (3.6000 millage rate)	\$725,074	\$-	\$-	\$725,074
Sales and Use Taxes	392,787	-	-	392,787
Franchise Fees	384,800	-	-	384,800
Utility Service Taxes	681,484	-	58,000	739,484
License & Permits	71,750	-	-	71,750
Intergovernmental Revenue	593,971	-	-	593,971
Charges For Services	878,300	-	2,270,913	3,149,213
Fines and Forfeitures	4,500	-	-	4,500
Interest Revenue	-	483	1,976	2,459
Special Assessments/Impact Fees	-	31,500	-	31,500
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	8,500	-	31,200	39,700
Transfers In	130,000	-	-	130,000
Debt Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Fund balance/Reserves	175,600	121,930	605,500	903,030
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$4,046,766	\$153,913	\$2,967,589	\$7,168,268
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES				
General Government	\$171,858	\$-	\$-	\$171,858
Financial & Administrative	769,475	-	-	769,475
Public Safety	1,820,494	14,000	-	1,834,494
Physical Environment	675,443	7,305	2,305,432	2,988,180
Transportation	386,628	130,000	-	516,628
Human Services	124,456	-	-	124,456
Transfers Out	-	-	130,000	130,000
Debt Services	54,335	-	425,132	479,467
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	4,002,689	151,305	2,860,564	7,014,558
RESERVES				
Reserve For Contingencies	44,077	2,608	107,025	153,710
TOTAL RESERVES	44,077	2,608	107,025	153,710
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$4,046,766	\$153,913	\$2,967,589	\$7,168,268

THE TENTATIVE ADOPTED AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

'Navigators' being trained now To guide uninsured through health exchanges

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR
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With the five-month open enrollment period for the federal health insurance exchange beginning October 1, the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida is spreading the word about how the more than 3 million uninsured Floridians, including almost 5000 in Baker County, can apply for coverage.

For most of those with incomes below 400 percent of the federal poverty level — which is \$45,960 for individuals and \$94,200 for a family of four — tax subsidies will be available to make premiums more affordable than plans sold off the exchange, often times about half as much, according to estimates presented last week by the planning council's Senior Vice President of Operations Nikole Helvey.

She compared the estimated premiums for various types of enrollees, gleaned from the Kaiser Family Foundation's online subsidy calculator, during a presentation on the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, at the Healthy Baker, Inc. board meeting September 9.

Nikole Helvey of the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida details rising healthcare costs and relatively poor health outcomes in the U.S.

having access personal data, given the mountains of information the IRS already collects annually from taxpayers.

Political maneuvering ensues

Still, such fears have been expressed by state government leaders, including Governor Rick Scott and Attorney General Pam Bondi, both vocal opponents of the healthcare reform law.

Just hours after the Healthy Baker meeting, a message from the Florida Department of Health's (DOH) Deputy Secretary for Statewide Services, C. Meade Grigg, to county health departments said navigators could not conduct business on health department department.

"We're spending almost twice as much as everybody else but not doing a good job in terms of how healthy we're keeping people, so something was definitely wrong. And we know there's a lot of mixed feelings about ACA or Obamacare, but we knew we couldn't keep doing this," Mrs. Helvey said.

Mrs. Helvey, head of Baker County's health department, received the same direction.

She said late last week that it's unclear whether navigators will be permitted at the West Lower Street department, but she supports granting them access.

ACA instituted many reforms to the healthcare industry. Some have already taken place while others will be rolled out in 2014, including the individual mandate to have health insurance.

In multiple graphs noting that the U.S. was ranked by the World Health Organization as 37th of 50 health systems in developed countries around the globe, but second in how much we spend on healthcare.

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Mrs. Helvey said the planning council is hiring eight navigators to help enroll the uninsured population in the seven county region. While an outreach plan has not been finalized, she said they could be deployed at the health department or perhaps Walgreens, too.

CVS pharmacies and Florida Farm Bureau in Macclenny have announced they will offer enrollment assistance as well.

Enrollment in the exchange can be done at www.healthcare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596 beginning October 1.

In other developments from the Healthy Baker meeting:

• The health department's tobacco cessation classes will start-up again October 15. The classes are free and include free nicotine gum to help tobacco users wean themselves off the habit. Please call the health department at 259-6291 for more information.

• The department is also hosting a focus group for parents to discuss the challenges they face in communicating with their children about sexual health issues including pregnancy, STDs and the like. The next focus group, open to parents with children between 12 and 17 years old, will be September 19 at the Sanderson Community Center. Incentives and food will be available. Call Sue Murphy at 259-6291 ext. 225 to register.

monthly premiums. In the middle will be silver and gold plans.

"I heard from a guy at Florida Blue there will be like 100 different plans across all the levels," Mrs. Helvey said.

Open enrollment in plans on the federal exchange will run through March 31, 2014, with coverage becoming effective two-to-four weeks after enrollment.

The annual median household income in Baker County is about \$47,000 while the per capita annual income is about \$25,000.

Using the online cost estimator (available online at <http://kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator/>) for plans on the exchange from the Kaiser Family Foundation, a single 38-year-old nonsmoker earning \$25,000 with no children enrolling in a silver plan would likely pay \$144 a month with the subsidies available on the exchange versus \$313 a month without the subsidies.

Similarly, a two-parent family of 40-year-old nonsmokers with two children enrolling in a silver plan and earning \$47,000 would likely pay \$962 monthly without subsidies, but \$246 with them.

According to the website, if your employer offers insurance that meets federal requirements, generally, you are not eligible for subsidies on the exchange.

"You would only be eligible for subsidized exchange coverage if your income is between 1 and 4 times the federal poverty level and you would have to pay more than 9.5 percent of your household income for your own coverage through the instance of your employer," it states.

The Jackson-based Health Planning Council serves seven counties in Northeast Florida, including Baker County.

It will receive funding from the Tampa-area nonprofit Florida Covering Kids & Families, which is based at the University of South Florida's College of Public Health, to hire and train so-called "navigators" to assist the uninsured in applying for coverage through the exchange, dubbed the Health Insurance Marketplace by the federal government.

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ACA instituted many reforms to the healthcare industry. Some have already taken place while others will be rolled out in 2014, including the individual mandate to have health insurance.

For instance, beginning January 1, insurance companies will not be permitted to charge higher premiums to those with pre-existing conditions like diabetes or high blood pressure, with one notable exception — smokers may be required to pay more than nonsmokers.

Already in place is no-cost preventative care, like mammograms and blood tests, and a rule that mandates insurance companies spend 80 percent of customer premiums on direct healthcare. If the companies fail to meet the threshold, they are required to rebate the difference to enrollees.

That hasn't been the case here,

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JANICE BUFFINGTON the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate and is entitled to issue 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:

Lot 10, Barbers Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 56A of the public records of Baker County, Florida, Together with a 1992 A/M, Doublewide Mobile Home, DCM#HMA10929159A, Title #63123765 and ID#HMA10929159B, Title #63123767.

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 Northwest corner of the North Half of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said 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 the point of beginning; thence right of way line of Canal Road (a 50 foot wide right of way as presently established); thence N 09 degrees 04'30" E, along said North line, 206.72 feet; thence N 01 degree 00'43" E, parallel to the aforementioned West line, 203.72 feet; thence S 88degrees 04'30" W, parallel to the aforementioned North line, 203.72 feet; thence S 88degrees 04'30" W along said west line, 203.72 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

NAMES IN WHICH ASSESSED: ANTHONY MONROE GRAY

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

8/29/9-19c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 02-2013-CA-0054

MARY JEAN SMITH
Plaintiff,

vs.

FLOYD DANIELS: NORTHEAST FLORIDA TELEPHONE COMPANY; MERCURY FINANCIAL COMPANY OF FLORIDA; And W.S. BADUCK CORPORATION, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in the above named town at public auction on October 23, 2013, at the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Dated this 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2013

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8/29/9-19c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2013CA00020

VANDERBLIT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee corporation authorized to transact business in Florida
Plaintiff,

vs.

JEREMY ROURKE, a/k/a JEREMY PATRICK ROURKE, a/k/a JEREMY P. ROURKE, SHERRI LYNN ROURKE, a/k/a SHERRI L. ROURKE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEREMY ROURKE, a/k/a JEREMY PATRICK ROURKE, a/k/a JEREMY P. ROURKE, ROURKE & BENEFICIAL, INC., a/k/a SHERRI L. ROURKE, a/k/a SHERRI LYNN ROURKE, a/k/a SHERRI L. ROURKE and BENEFICIAL FLORIDA, INC., a DELAWARE CORPORATION AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on the 19th day of June, 2013, in the cause in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property described herein to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2013 at 11:00 AM (EST), at BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Lot 22 of LONGBRANCH, according to the Plat of record as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 1-20, of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida.

Together with certain 2003 SCHULTZ '76 mobile home bearing identification numbers: HINC#2238969A and HINC#2238969B, permanently affixed thereto.

Property Address: 16852 CREWS ROAD, GLEN ST. MARY, FL 32040

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: September 10, 2013.

AL FRASER
CLERK OF COURT
BAKER COUNTY CIRUIT COURT

By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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 the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an ASL interpreter or an assisted listener device to participate in this proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at Interpreter@circ8court.us

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NOTICE TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Baker County Board of Commissioners will receive written, sealed bids for the following:

"Aquatic Vegetation Management Services"

All bids must be hand delivered to the Baker County Administration Office located at 55 North 3rd Street Macclenny, Florida, on Friday, October 18, 2013 at 2:30 PM. Bids must be sealed and have "Aquatic Vegetation Management Services" clearly marked on the outside of the bid packet. Contracts will be for twelve (12) months. All bids must be submitted by 10:00 AM on Friday, October 18, 2013. Bids will be opened immediately upon receiving the notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of this Court this 10th day of September, 2013.

AL FRASER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

9/12-19c

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Velma Crawford, 94, of St. George

Velma Stokes Crawford, 94, of Macclenny died on Saturday, September 14, 2013. Born in Grand Crossing, Florida to the late Walter and Mollie O'Steen Stokes, Ms. Crawford was a long-time resident of St. George, Georgia. She was a homemaker who loved being with her family and friends when she wasn't fishing. She especially enjoyed being with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Ms. Crawford was preceded in death by her loving husband of 37 years, Harold Crawford. She is survived by daughters Claudette Crawford of Macclenny and Pennie (Billy) Weldon of Tavares, FL; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held at 11 am on Monday, September 16 at Boone's Creek Cemetery in St. George with Rev. James Conner officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Community Hospice of Jacksonville 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Goad, 77, dies September 17

Shirley Lucille Goad, 77, of Macclenny died on September 17, 2013 at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital. She was born in Fort White, FL on October 13, 1935 to the late Oscar Paul Rawlins Sr. and Lillian Lucille Hill Rawlins. Shirley was a resident of Baker County for the past 22 years after moving from Jacksonville. She enjoyed taking care of and raising her children as a homemaker. She also enjoyed visiting people at the Moose Lodge and spending time with her grandchildren.

Shirley was preceded in death by her loving husband of 41 years, Jim Goad, and brothers Lawrence and Paul Rawlins.

Mrs. Goad is survived by children Nancy (Paul) Liveri of Orlando, James C. (Denice) Goad Jr. of Jacksonville, Shirley (Terry) Rhoden, Ginny Braddock and Cindy (Jose) De La Pena, all of Macclenny; sister Elaine Hayes of Jacksonville; grandchildren Brian, Justin, Jimmy III, Brad, Amanda, Jeremy, Jessica, Brittney, Brianna, Brooklyn and Destiny; four great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 20 at 10 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel in Macclenny.

Funeral Tuesday for Lois Guthrie, 79

Lois M. Guthrie, 79, of Glen St. Mary died on September 10, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center in Jacksonville. She was born on December 1, 1933 in Lexington, KY to the late Robert Frank Barnett and Katie Lee Simpson. Mrs. Guthrie moved to Baker County in 1990 from Jacksonville, and her passion was to spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Early in life Lois enjoyed sewing, collecting porcelain dolls and gardening. She is predeceased by parents, former husband Archie Guthrie, and siblings Drew Barnett, Francis Oaks and Wilma Gearhart.

Mrs. Guthrie is survived by former husband Thomas Doyle; children Patricia Yost, Michael (Beverly) Doyle and Crystal (Christopher) Gay, all of Glen St. Mary; step-children Darlene Kersey, Patricia Rhoden, Bruce Guthrie and Hazel Guthrie; brother Jack Barnett of KY; numerous grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 18 at 1 pm in the chapel of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services in Macclenny with Albert Altman officiating.

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Kay O'Donnell, 55, of Glen dies on September 11

Kay L. O'Donnell, 55, of Glen Mary died September 11, 2013. Kay was born on July 1, 1958 to Robert Harry Nepper and Shirley Ann Nepper in Tiffin, Ohio. Along with her husband Neil, she moved their family to Baker County in 2007 from Jacksonville. Kay graduated in 1976 from Tiffin Columbian High School and from Tiffin Mercy Hospital radiology program. She was member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and enjoyed gardening, kayaking, watching birds and reading.

Mrs. O'Donnell was very active as a Girl Scout leader and with the Jaycees. Her first love was being a mother and raising her daughters. The past 24 years she planned family summer vacation trips to Satellite Beach, FL. She was predeceased by sister Mary Beth Nepper.

Family members include her husband of 25 years, Neil B. O'Donnell; daughters Alexis Michelle O'Donnell and Mallory Brianna O'Donnell, all of Glen St. Mary; her father of Fremont, Ohio and mother of Fostoria, Ohio; sister Dick Wyka of Tiffin, Ohio; numerous nieces, nephews and their canine companion Toby.

A memorial celebration service will be held on Saturday, September 21 at her church in the Arlington area of Jacksonville with Father Mark Atkinson presiding. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

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Thursday, September 19, 2013

Thomas A. Roy, 74, dies September 7

Thomas A. Roy, 74, of Jacksonville died peacefully on Saturday, September 7, 2013 after a long illness. He was born August 9, 1939 to the late John and Margaret Kronenberger Roy. He became a resident of Jacksonville after moving from New York in 1978. He enjoyed watching western movies and in his younger years loved country line dancing. He is predeceased by his sister Margaret Potts and brother Eugene Roy.

Mr. Roy is survived by his loving daughter Anissa Roy and her partner Lois of Jacksonville; son Raymond (Maria) Roy, Adele Roy and Heidi (John) Grosso, all of New York; brothers Harry (Cookie) of Ocala, John Roy of Jacksonville, Perry Roy, Albert Roy and Billy Roy, all of New York; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; ex-wife Maurine Figge of Jacksonville, who lovingly helped care for him the last several years; many nieces and nephews from Florida to New York; and canine companion Dusty.

V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Hoyle Shields, Pearl Harbor survivor

Hoyle A. Shields Jr., 94, of Macclenny died on September 10, 2013. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor and served in the U.S. Navy from 1939 to 1960 when he retired as a chief petty officer. Mr. Shields loved his country and loved the Lord with his whole heart.

He is survived by daughter Joanne (Richard) Wallstedt of Macclenny; son Robert Bruce Shields of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren Richard Wallstedt of Fort Lauderdale, Brian (Michelle) Wallstedt of Macclenny and Robert Shields of Wilmington; great-grandchildren Jacob and Jesslyn, both of Macclenny.

A memorial service will be held at 7 pm on September 18 at Calvary Baptist Church in Macclenny with Bro. Donnie Williams officiating. Interment will be in Shreveport, LA.

Ethel Mae Starling, 81, dies Sept. 11

Ethel Mae Starling, 81, of Sanderson, died on Wednesday, September 11, 2013. Born in Lawtey, Florida to the late Joe and Sillar Rosier Gunter, Mrs. Starling was a 30-year resident of Baker County. She was a member of Glen Friendship Tabernacle and a homemaker who loved cooking and sewing. She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Starling is survived by son Donald (Patty) Brantley of Sanderson; sister Mandy (Mallie) Todd of Worthington Springs; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased in death by husband Neal Starling, son Tommy Brantley and daughter Lorri Ann Lauramore.

The funeral service was held at 11 am on Friday, September 13 at her church in Glen St. Mary with Pastor Albert Starling officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Thompson, 99, born in Baldwin

Dorothy Coleman Doris Agin Thompson of Starke peacefully died on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the age of 99. She was a resident of Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center for the past two years and prior to that she was cared for seven years by her son and daughter-in-law Charles and JoAnn Agin of Kingsley Lake.

Doris was born to Ambrose and Annie Coleman of Baldwin on April 6, 1914 and graduated from Baldwin High School in 1932. She later lived in Baldwin with her husband Bill Agin, an engineer for the former Seaboard Air Line Railroad for 35 years. Doris was a dedicated homemaker, wife and mother to their sons, Charles and Harry.

Many years after the death of her first husband, Doris remarried Joseph Thompson and resided in Memphis, TN, eventually making Melrose, Florida their home. Doris' final residence was near her son Charles in Starke. She was a Methodist and her last membership was with First United Methodist Church in Starke.

Mrs. Thompson is also survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren (Matt), Colton and Alexandra Avera and Cynthia Agin, all of Macclenny; Shane (Yanin), Christian, Arianna and Sebastian Agin of Jacksonville.

A memorial service was held Monday, September 16 at 10:30 am at Hardage-Giddens Town & Country Funeral Home in Jacksonville with interment following in Riverside Memorial Park. Jones-Gallagher Funeral home of Starke was in charge of arrangements.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alford

50th anniversary for Alford couple

Susan and Earl Alford of Glen St. Mary celebrated 50 years of marriage on September 14 with a surprise celebration attended by family and friends.

The couple wed on September 15, 1963 in Glen.

Their children are Steven Alford of Fleming Island, Roland (Corkey) Alford of Macclenny and Denise Turk of Olustee. They have six grandchildren.

**Couple engaged**

Gene and Gloria Joiner of Taylor are pleased to announce the engagement of granddaughter Krista Weber of Jacksonville. She is the daughter of Wayne Weber and Deborah Davis, also of Jacksonville.

The intended groom is Second Class Petty Officer Peter Matla, who is stationed at Mayport. He is the son of Paul and Cheryl Matla of Port Clinton, Ohio.

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Swimmers splash Ribault at home

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The BCHS swim team won its first meet of the season September 10 with a 124-29 victory over Ribault at the Baker County YMCA.

The Wildcats dominated the inexperienced Trojans, whose 12 swimmers had never competed before. Baker County's girls team outscored Ribault 68-3, while the boys won 56-26. The Wildcats won every event it had swimmers competing in, and swept the top two positions of every event the team had with multiple swimmers.

Jonathan Mobley and Mark Ray finished first and second place in the boys 200-yard individual medley (IM), respectively. Ashton Ray and Logan Todd finished in the same positions for the girls in the event.

In the boys 100-yard freestyle, Brandon Wheeler edged out Simon Brown by less than a second to take first place. Ashley Jennings finished atop the event for the girls, while Robinson earned second place.

Jennings once again finished atop the girls in the 100-yard breaststroke as she finished ahead of Todd to take the spot. For the second time in the meet, Wheeler barely beat out a teammate to take first place in an event. He narrowly won by less than a half-second over Daughton Martin.

The Wildcats also swept the top spots in both the boys and girls 100-yard backstroke. Brown and Mathew Morgan did it for the boys, and Richardson and Clark took first and second on the girls' side.

Ashton Ray beat out teammate Bethany Richardson for first place in the girls 50-yard freestyle. Morgan, who was the only Wildcat competing in the event for the boys, finished in first.

Andrea Clark and Shea Robinson took the top two spots for the girls in the 200-yard medley relay, while Martin finished in first place for the boys in the same event.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Kelsey Crain finished in first place for the girls, while Mark Ray did the same for the boys.

Mobley won the 50-yard freestyle by more than two minutes in the boys event, and Crain took the top spot for the girls in the event.

The relay teams matched the success of the individual swimmers during the meet. The girls team won the 200-yard medley relay, 200-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay. The boys team took first place in the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relay events.

The Wildcats returned to the pool September 17 with a tough home meet against district opponents Terry Parker and Columbia. See next week's edition for further coverage.



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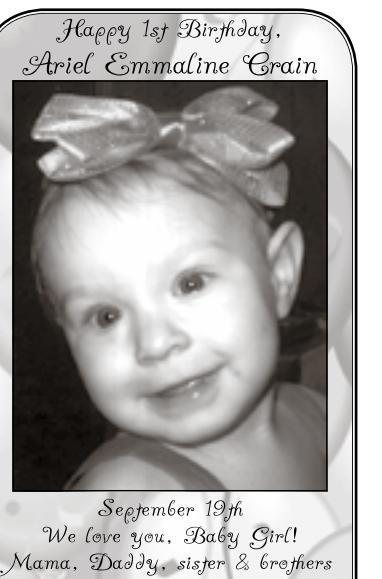


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Booster dinners

The Wildcat football boosters will be selling chicken and rice dinners on Friday from 11 am to 2 pm at First Choice Propane on US 90 in Macclenny.

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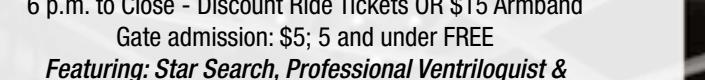
1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Branch and Dean Discount Matinee

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6 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$20 Armband

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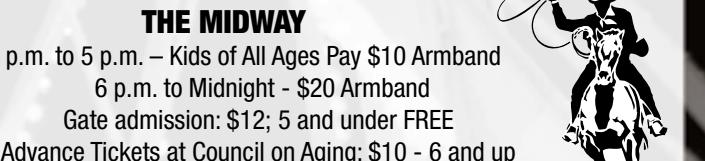
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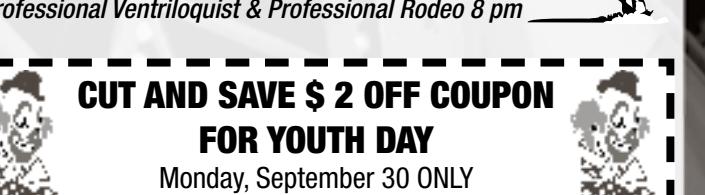
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BCHS scores 52 points in lopsided win

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quarter, and the Wildcats were dominant for the remainder of the game.

On Crescent City's first possession after the Dyal score, defensive lineman James Carter stripped the ball from the running back and returned it 50-yards for the defensive touchdown to extend the lead.

For the second straight week, wide receiver Michael Boone had an outstanding performance to lead the team to victory. He caught three touchdown passes from quarterback Jacob Carter of 48, 10 and 28-yards to bring his total to seven touchdown receptions on the season. Boone also added a 65-yard punt return late in the game to pad Baker County's lead.

"Mike [Boone] is a great athlete," Carter said. "He's one of them guys that can make plays. I just have to throw the ball up there and he can go get it."

Boone wasn't the only player who shone during the game; the boys had a complete team effort in the blowout win.

After a tough first quarter that ended in a tie at 7-all, the Wildcats exploded with a 20-point second quarter to take a 27-7 halftime lead. A two-yard touchdown run by running back Dalton Dyal put the team on top less than a minute into the second

The game against Crescent City was the final game before seven consecutive weeks of district play opens up September 20 when Ribault (1-1) visits Baker County.

"With good quarterbacks such as D.J., you have to try to contain him," Coach Sulkowski said. "He's going to make some throws and break some runs, but we just have to not panic. We have to line up and master the

schemes defensively for Ribault's offense as a whole."

Although they know the next seven weeks of district play will be a grind, the players seem confident in their abilities and the coaches to ensure another successful season.

"If we play to the best of our abilities, do our assignments, make the right reads and execute, then we will come out victorious," Jacob Carter said. "If we as a team go out and do what the coaches have taught us to do, then we can do great things."

JV falls to Trinity 50-20

The Wildcats' blowout win over Crescent City came one night after the JV team lost 50-20 to Trinity Christian in a game that was much closer than the score indicated.

The team fell behind 21-7 midway through the second quarter but the players wouldn't stop fighting. They moved to within seven with a 40-yard Brandon Harvey touchdown run that featured the running back shaking off a tackle and juicing several Trinity defenders on his way to the end zone. Harvey's score brought the game to 21-14 at halftime.

The JV Wildcats received the ball to start the second half with a chance to tie the game. Quarterback Owen Register found Dustin Reed on a 40-yard pass to move the ball inside the 10-yard line. The Wildcats were unable to capitalize on the opportunity and an incomplete pass on fourth-and-goal resulted in a turnover on downs.

The Conquerors then took control and outscored Baker

County 29-7 in the second half to win 50-20.

JV head coach Adam Brunner said the game was one of the team's best offensive showings, but there are still some things they have to work on. He promised the squad will "come out swinging" when it travels to Madison County September 19.

half, and Dale Gene Hodges recovered a fumble in the third quarter. The fumble recovery led to Watkin's second score of the day on a 50-yard run.

Jaquez Jackson padded the team's lead with a fourth-quarter score to bring the game to 46-0.

The Bobcats looked to continue their undefeated season when they open Florida Crown Conference play home against Suwannee County on September 17. See next week's edition for coverage from that contest.



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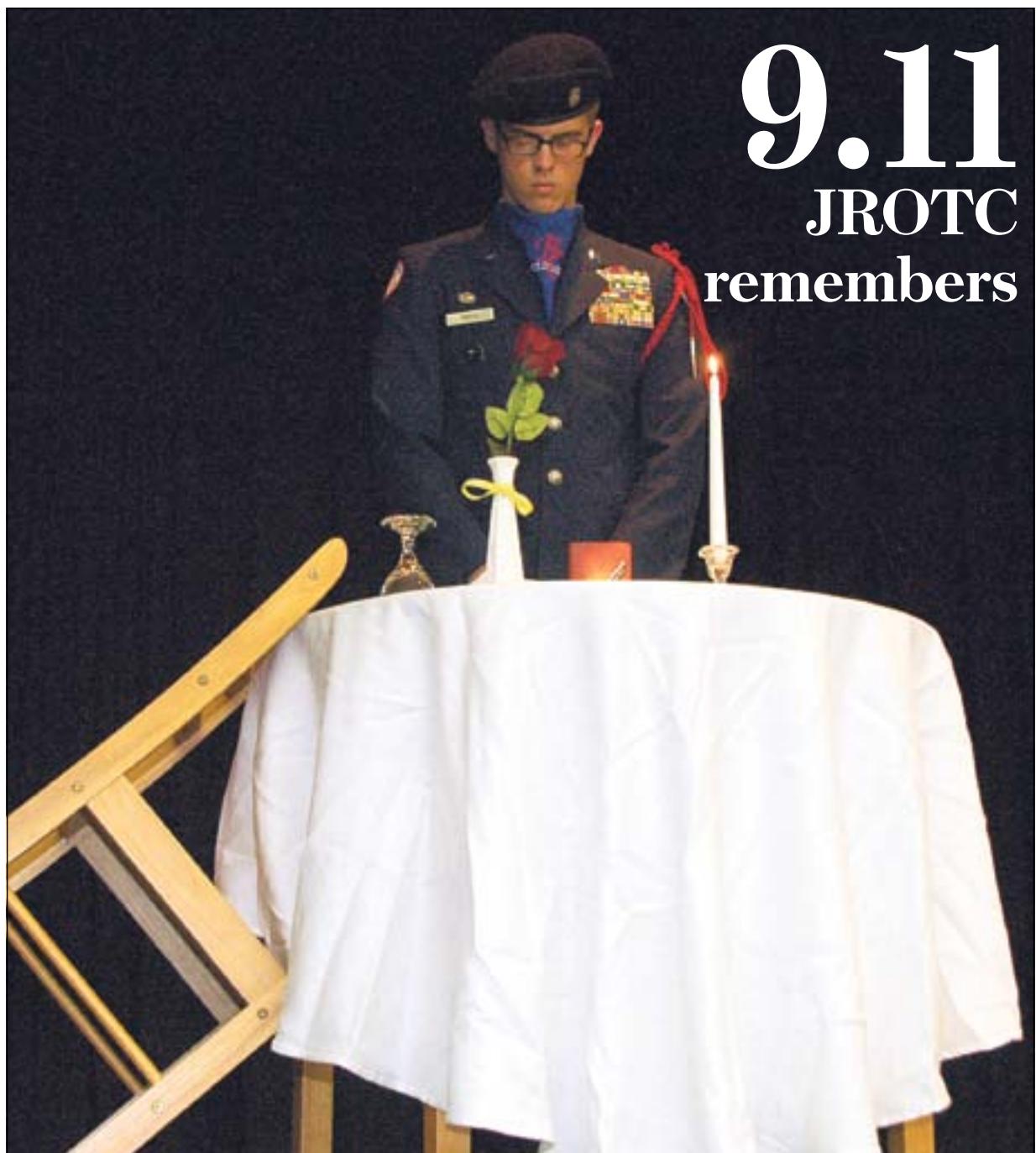
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Pictured (clockwise from top left) are cadets Levi Moats, Troy Beal and Cody Lawton during a rifle drill; Major Joseph Chiofalo thanking the audience; cadets (from left) Cody Lawton, Zachary Shumate, Dustin Smith and Ethan Burnsed bowing their heads in prayer, all of the cadets in attendance; and Mr. Smith during the MIA-POW ceremony.

9.11 JROTC remembers



Soldiers, first responders honored

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Current and former Air Force Junior ROTC cadets from Baker High paid tribute those who lost their lives in the 9-11 terrorist attacks as well as the many men and women in uniform protecting Americans both at home and overseas during an observance last week at Baker County Middle School.

The program was attended by 17 adults and 9 children who gathered in the school's auditorium the evening of September 10 wearing red, white and blue ribbon pins distributed at the door by cadets.

On stage, the cadets sang the

National Anthem, performed two rifle drill demonstrations, folded the U.S. flag in ceremonial fashion and presided over an MIA-POW table setting ceremony, among other tributes.

At stage right was the MIA-POW table, with an empty chair, empty wine glass and red rose vase wrapped with a yellow ribbon, symbolizing all the soldiers that never returned home. Cadet Dustin Smith lit the candle on the table to open the ceremony and blew it out at the conclusion.

Former JROTC cadet and BCHS alumni Amber Shumate narrated the MIA-POW ceremony, saying in part, "These courageous Americans who protect our freedom will never be forgotten."

Prior to the rifle drills, cadet

Michael Kuster said cadets practice such drills in hopes of building the same courage that first responders, soldiers and citizens showed in responding to the tragedies on September 11, 2001.

AFJROTC program sponsor, Major Joseph Chiofalo, said the cadets planned the observance 100 percent on their own, down to the forboding drawing of the Twin Towers by cadet Mikki Evans with the following message: "We the people of the United States vow never to forget ..."

"The ceremony was small but their hearts are big," the major to close the program. "They all did magnificent."

Fifteen cadets in all participated in the observance.

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