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'Sexting' arrest of substitute at BCHS

The sheriff's department arrested a substitute teacher at Baker County High School for exchanging sexually suggestive Internet messages with a 16-year-old male student.

Leila Wilford, 34, of Macclenny was charged on March 14 after an interview at county jail with Investigator Tracie Benton, who handles sex cases for the department. She had earlier interviewed the boy in the presence of his grandfather, also listed as his legal guardian.



Leila Wilford

The student, at the behest of his girlfriend's father, reported the activity earlier that day to Principal Tom Hill, and he was initially interviewed by Deputy Chris Walker.

The boy told Investigator Benton the messages began just before 8:30 the previous evening and at one point he suggested to Ms. Wilford that they changed to "Kik" messaging because she feared her husband would see the material on his Facebook account.

The substitute had apparently also added other students as Facebook friends, but indicated her husband deleted them.

Later in the interview, Ms. Wilford admitted to the investigator that she deleted the "Kik" messages "because she knew she went too far." That seemingly contradicted an earlier claim from her that she didn't realize "she crossed the line."

The student retained the messages, and produced them for the investigator.

In one, Ms. Wilford wanted to know what it was like to "kiss someone with braces" (the teen reportedly is the sole student in that class with braces.) Other messages were of a more explicit sexual nature expressing a desire for an encounter.

She is charged with making obscene communication and

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LPA advises county to deny new zoning for Camp Tracey

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Another 'meth house' with kids

Police raid following a set-up buy, arrest two

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About a dozen sheriff's deputies, including investigators and a Special Response Team, arrested a Macclenny couple on meth and child neglect charges due to the presence of their six children at a residence the afternoon of March 13.

Earlier in the day, about 12:30 pm, two confidential informants working with sheriff's investigators Mike Hauge and Matt Yarborough bought \$80 worth of methamphetamine from John Akridge Jr. and his wife Staci Akridge, both 29 and of 236 S. 7th St.

According to police reports, Mrs. Akridge had a small child with her at the time of the drug buy while Mr. Akridge completed the transaction, which was recorded on video.

Officers converged on the home about 3:30 pm with a search warrant and found Mr. Akridge inside a parked van



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Investigators Mike Hauge (left) and Chris Volz after securing the scene.

with three children. After the suspect was handcuffed and the house secured, police searched the residence.

Located inside were several ingredients used to make methamphetamine, including pseudoephedrine, drain cleaner and muriatic acid, in addition to 5 grams of meth, a mirror with residue and two shotguns, among other items.

Property records show the house is owned by Randy and Joann Powell of Crews Road.

Mr. Akridge, who has a lengthy criminal history, was last arrested on March 3 on three counts of possession of prescription drugs without a prescription and one count of petty theft, according to court records.

Back in January the suspect was also charged with three counts of possession of a con-

trolled substance and one count of driving on a suspended license.

The suspects face multiple felony counts for child neglect without great harm, drug possession within 1000 feet of a church, drug manufacturing within 1000 feet of a church and selling drugs.

Mr. Akridge is being held on a \$650,000 bond while Ms. Akridge's bond was set at \$275,000.

They remained in county jail early this week.



Stacie Akridge



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Meth suspect John Akridge Jr. in handcuffs outside his residence.

Finding CLOSURE 48 years after their father was gunned down

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How do the children of a man killed nearly a half-century ago react when they learn that the person who murdered him has finally died in prison?

Closure, or almost closure.

So it is for Terry Indermuehle, Mark Fish and Kim Mason, whose father Morris Fish was a Baker County deputy on January 11, 1966 when he was gunned down near Twin Bridges by a fugitive who had just robbed a bank in Georgia.

That fugitive, Calvin Carlos Campbell, died on March 10 at a west Florida prison at the age of 74. He had chronic heart disease, a fact that his family brought forth in a 2006 parole hearing in an unsuccessful attempt to gain his release.

When Morris Fish, a man known for his sense of humor and love of fishing and hunting, was killed by the roadside, he was divorced and raising those three children ranging in age from Terry at age 10 to Mark at 9 and Kim at 6.

His death began for them a long and painful journey of dealing with his loss and eventually re-uniting in 1971 with their mother and her new hus-



Final Christmas together: Kim, Terry and Mark Fish with their father, who was killed mere weeks later.

band in Maine, where Kim and Mark still reside in neighboring towns.

Terry eventually found her way to South Florida and now lives near Sedona, Arizona where she parlayed a lifelong love of horses to a position with

a horseback riding concern.

"I got this letter from the DOC (Florida Department of Corrections) last Wednesday and I thought 'Well, he's dead,'" recalls Terry, now 58. "I think of all the pain of those years, the pain it caused his family

back there and it's really hard to feel closure."

She says she has been putting her thoughts into writing the past week.

"They say that's a good way to get past it, so I've been putting my emotions down so I can

put it away. I just don't want to be caught up with this man (Campbell).

"It (his death) didn't make me feel any better; it just brought the pain back. At least the taxpayers aren't supporting him anymore."

This oldest daughter of the slain deputy recalled perhaps the most painful memory of her near life-long ordeal — the 40th anniversary parole hearing in Tallahassee in 2006.

"It was the only one I ever went to. I can still feel the pain and see the faces of my family. I hadn't planned to speak and when I got up there I was shaking. I told him that his (Campbell's) family thinks 40 years is enough. My father had a heart problem too; he had a bullet in his heart."

Forty years was a "blink in the eye" for Calvin Campbell's survivors. It will never be over for his family, she recalls telling the parole board.

Calvin Campbell, who was paroled in 1986 without the Fish family's knowledge, was back in prison two years later for molesting children. He would spend the rest of his days there, and DOC notified the family every time he was

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NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE

Scathing auditor's report

Millions in liability, asset losses

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The New River Solid Waste Association's board of directors got their first look at a stinging 2012-13 audit report noting a number of unfunded liabilities as well as operational and investment losses.

Combined they total in the multi-millions of dollars.

Delivering the wake-up call to the board, including acting chairman and Baker County Commissioner Mark Hartley, was Lora Douglas of the Starke-based accounting firm DDF.

Though her final copy of the audit report is not finished, the draft she presented during the March 13 meeting at the New River landfill in Raiford revealed plenty of "fiscal responsibility issues" she urged the board to address.

"New River is a business ... It should be treated like a business. You need to consider future obligations. You should not treat it like a county budget and spend everything you bring in every year. A business cannot continue to operate if it spends everything it makes and lives paycheck to paycheck."

One of the biggest future costs the landfill is only partially funding today are those associated with maintaining the landfill after its closed in accordance with current environmental regulations.

The so-called "long-term care" expenses include things like grass mowing, groundwater monitoring and landfill gas monitoring that must continue after closure for at least 30 years per state law, even if the facility is not bringing in revenue.

But the association has only put aside about half of the estimated \$10.3 million needed for that eventuality.

"If you don't save money and put it aside, it becomes the responsibility of the three counties," she said.

As a resident and taxpayer in Bradford County, which along with Union and Baker counties makes up the quasi-public association owning the landfill, the accountant said she doesn't want her home county to shoulder that burden "when we [the association] have the money to take care of it."

Beyond long-term care liabilities, Ms. Douglas cited that more than three-quarters of the association's operating revenue for the 2012-13 fiscal year came from tipping fees paid by Ala-

chua County.

"That's a huge concentration of risk," she said, adding that the landfill's contract with Alachua County ends in 2018. "If you are thinking of borrowing money to fund some of this stuff I don't think a lender is going to lend you money when you can't show an ability to repay and 76 percent of your revenue comes from one customer."

In addition, the money the landfill invests in bonds, notes and savings accounts actually lost money during the last fiscal year to the tune of some \$870,000. Ms. Douglas recommended the association re-vamp its investment policy and start following it.

"You had one [a policy] before but the problem was you weren't following it, so rather than fix that you abandoned the policy," she said.

The CPA recommended hiring a "money manager" with experience in investing.

Later the association's executive director Darrell O'Neal summarized for the board the last nine months of work to revise the investment policy, including since January with the board's new attorney Russell Wade of Starke.

He was not present and reportedly on vacation during the meeting, but he drew the ire of Mr. Hartley and fellow board member Eddie Lewis. They called for replacing the attorney, who Mr. O'Neal said advised him a financial expert was not needed to usher in a new investment policy.

"This is unacceptable," said Mr. Lewis, adding that the association's investment portfolio of between \$2-\$3 million was only earning a half-percent in interest.

"You can do better than that," he said.

"Does he [Mr. Wade] understand the urgency of this?" questioned Mr. Hartley. "I'm not real happy with him right now. There's other attorneys out there." He asked the matter be placed on the board's agenda for discussion next month.

The auditor also criticized the association for other liabilities. There was a roughly half-a-million-dollar shortfall for construction of the landfill's second phase; funding for the construction of the newest cell, the facility's seventh, is several million dollars short; and funding for borrow pits, expected to cost \$900,000, has not been allocated.

While those costs are all down the road, the association posted a roughly \$1.4 million net loss in assets at the end of the last fiscal year on September 30, 2013.

"That's really not good," said Ms. Douglas. "A lot of that went to counties. \$1.7 million went to counties. There's a misconception that it's unanticipated revenue that went to counties.

It's not. It's revenue from prior years ya'll have been saving up and now you're depleting it."

Mr. Lewis said the board should consider eliminating the payments to counties, called "host fees" or dividends to help fund long-term care.

"We need to not even think about that for a while," he said.

Following the review of the audit, board members voted unanimously to begin charging a \$24 tipping fee to businesses dumping yard waste at the facility. Previously, the waste was accepted free of charge from businesses and residents alike in the landfill's three member counties.

Processing yard waste costs the association some \$225,000 a year, Mr. O'Neal told the board.

The new tipping fee will become effective May 1. Businesses will be notified prior to the increase, board members agreed.

"I wouldn't go into the hole on it, and if you make a dollar or two that's fine ... but don't mess with residential," Mr. Lewis said prior to the vote.

Closure: father's murder dies in prison

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transferred, or more recently, admitted for medical treatment.

He was originally given the death penalty for the killing after a trial moved to Union County, but the sentence along with hundreds of others was commuted to life by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1972.

Mark Fish, 57, has for 17 years operated an upholstery shop in Richmond, Maine. He's tried in later years to remain philosophical dealing with his emotions.

"I'm not saying I'm glad he's dead, but he doesn't have to occupy space in my brain any longer."

"There was a time I wanted to seek him out and forgive him to try to get it out of my mind," he notes. "But when I found out he'd been arrested again for molesting those children I decided I never wanted to see him."

And in a somewhat remarkable turnabout of sentiment, Mark Fish chooses to believe that his father's murder and being ripped away from their home in Glen St. Mary as children evolved into something positive.

"Because of him (Campbell), there are 15 beautiful people (his sisters' children and grandchildren) who are alive today, and who wouldn't be here."

Kim Mason, now 55 and working in her brother's shop, will never forget that her father was killed the day before her seventh birthday. She seems nearer to closing this painful chapter of her life upon hearing of Campbell's death.

"I'm glad that it's over but sad at the same time. But it kind of brings everything to an end," she says.



A trio healing: Terry, Mark and Kim

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"It's been ongoing for so long, the phone calls from down there every time they moved him or took him to the infirmary. That was aggravating, but yet we wanted to know."

All three Fish children have put Glen St. Mary and Baker County far behind them geographically, but still maintain some contact with numerous relatives here (Morris Fish was one of eight children).

"We were kind of ripped away from Glen St. Mary and all the kids we grew up with and went to school with probably wonder what happened to us," muses Mark.

"They need to know we all grew up and we're fine."

(Thanks to Benny Fish of Glen St. Mary, who contributed to this article.)

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Scam costs couple \$3K

The sheriff's department is looking into a complaint by a Macclenny man that he and a female companion were bilked out of \$3100 they believed were initial payments on a south Florida time share.

The victim, 72, told Deputy John Minkel the payments were made on January 30 for \$1250 and again on February 7 for \$1850 to a female who represented herself as Tiffany Roberts working for Premier Title, Inc. of Arizona.

The victim called police when he attempted to contact the woman and learned her telephone was disconnected.

In another fraud case, a 49-year-old Macclenny woman called police when she realized her bank card was used for an \$80 purchase the afternoon of March 3 at the local Winn-Dixie.

Deputy Justin Yingling said a video of the transaction was no help in identifying who may be responsible. The victim indicated she was in possession of the card and had not gone into the store that day.

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Without her, he'd be 'running amok' in PJs

"You need to rewrite this part and make it more serious."

"I don't want it to be maudlin," I say.

"It's not going to be maudlin, it's going to be touching," says my wife Kelley. "I'll write it if you'd like."

"No. I'll write it and you edit it, like always. You are my muse after all," I say playfully.

Kelley has been reading the first draft of *A Jubilee Christmas*, my sequel to *The Old Time Gospel Jubilee* and giving her suggestions for dialog and changes. They are always very useful, which brings up the muse comment. It also leads to the next installment in a continuing scenario.

"I am, aren't I? What would you have done without me?"

"I have no idea." That's my usual answer to that question, because I truly don't have a clue.

"You would have run amok," she says and moves on to editing another page as if she hadn't just used the word amok in a sentence.

"Run amok?"

"Yes. I'm sure of it. You'd be running amok."

"You mean like Godzilla running amok in Tokyo?"

She thought about it for a moment. "No, you wouldn't be knocking down buildings or anything. You'd just be purposeless."

It was my turn to think for a minute. We have had many conversations like that over the years. I wonder if all couples have their version of the Godzilla in Tokyo conversation? Mine takes on many variations. Sometimes its "I just don't know what would have happened to you." Or there's always the, "You'd probably be with some hussy in Arizona or Louisiana doing who knows what." It's a continuing theme.

"Purposeless? Somehow I think that's different than running amok."

She put down the page she'd been editing.

"No, not at all. You'd be like a boat without a rudder. You'd just be sailing around with no purpose."

"Hmm. I'm sure lucky to have you, aren't I?" That is usually the conclusion that I reach when we have these discussions. It certainly is the conclusion I'm supposed to reach. Heaven help me if I came up with another one.

"I'm glad you realize that. You have a nice home, great children, people like you ..."

"I am still a little curious about the whole amok thing though."

"What I mean is that without me you'd spend all your time holed up in this house ... like a hermit in a cave." I finished the sentence.

"Exactly. I'm glad you recognize that. You'd read your books and watch television in bed.

There would be chip crumbs all over my side of the bed and

coffee stains on the sheets and maybe a spot where you'd eaten barbecue chicken in bed."

"So, I'd never change the sheets?"

"Not until you just couldn't stand it any longer."

"I'd be a dirty, smelly, nasty individual. Kind of like ..."

"... a hermit in a cave. Amok. Exactly. I'm glad that you realize that. You'd be sitting around in your Angry Bird pajama bottoms watching soc-

cer and being completely anti-social."

"That sounds a lot like most of my weekends."

"Exactly. Think of this as a cautionary tale. As an intervention on my part because I love you and am the best thing in your life."

"So I shouldn't run amok in my Angry Bird pants in a dirty, chip scattered, barbecue stained t-shirt."

"Just get that picture in

your head, pal. It isn't pretty. Do you really want people seeing you like that? I'm saving your life, that's all I can say."

"Well, all I can say is thank you."

"You're welcome."

So if you see me running amok in my Angry Bird pajamas contact Kelley immediately. It means I've escaped.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pick up lunch tab at school

Dear Editor:

I have been troubled by the situation in our schools and children in our county going without food. I know it is not just a school lunch situation, but a lot of our children have no food at home. The one and only meal they might get is the lunch at school.

I am having trouble sleeping so I have been praying. It is time to do something about it. I cannot sit back and let the children I am responsible for as a citizen and a Christian go hungry.

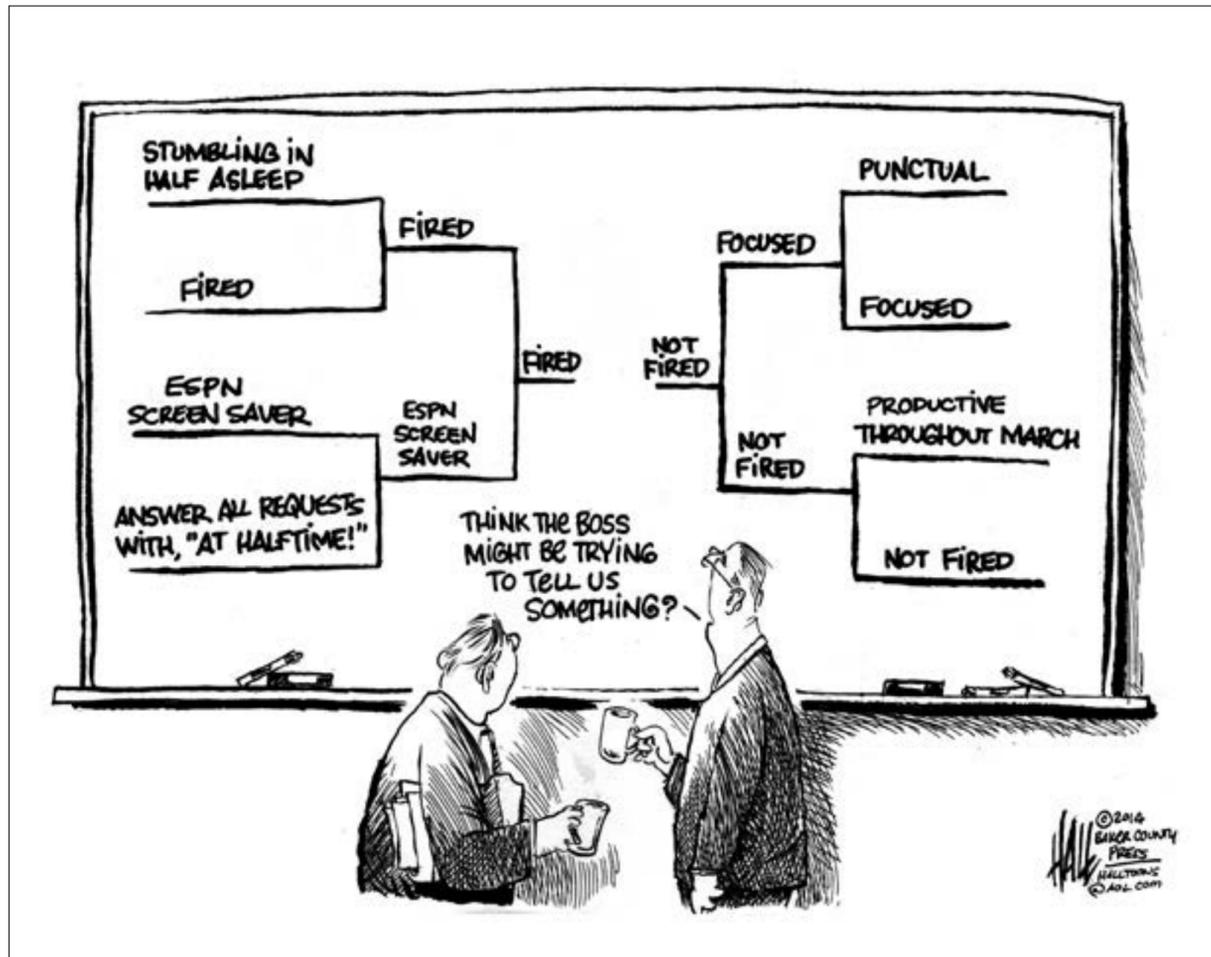
I am going to my son's school on Friday and I am going to write a check for a week of lunches for my son and one for another child. I don't know who this child will be, but I know it is the right thing to do. I don't have to think about it a lot and there will be no excuses about parents who should be responsible for their own children. That may be so, but this is something I know I should do.

And I am asking every person who reads this to do the same and to pass on the message to others who may not read the paper.

Clean out your couches and cars, take your piggy banks to the change counters at the banks. Skip one fast food salad or one pack of cigarettes.

I can promise if you will do this, your whole life will change and so will the lives of our children. God is waiting for us to perform a miracle!

Jeanie Prosch, Pastor
Glen St. Mary



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Should teachers carry firearms?

Rep. Elizabeth Porter favors training teachers to use firearms to get more guns in schools. Will this make schools safer, or as critics say, increase the likelihood of gun accidents and the school district's potential liability?

Terry Moshier: Having the ability to do protect one's self and others when faced with mortal danger is a much safer alternative than what we are faced with now. History has shown us that anyone that carries a weapon

to schools and shoots others is only interested in taking down as many as possible. It is imperative that we send not only our children, but our husbands, wives, sons and daughters into an environment that does not make them a "sitting duck" for anyone bent on doing them harm. ALL teachers, principles, and counselors, should be armed and trained to safely handle their weapon. CWP's are not that expensive! How many lives must be lost before we take our stand and take the safety of our schools out of the hands of the terrorists?

Topics for school board candidates

We asked readers for suggestions on issues in the races for the Baker County School Board later this year...

Benny L. Fish: If any of the candidates promise that they will give "all" of their salary back to the schools, please do everyone a favor and drop out of the race now! We have already had one of them and you see where he is now — gone!

Alyssa Nicole Fernandez: I want more to be done in to stop bullying, and getting victims help to know what to do in these situations and how to stand up for themselves. I agree with the locker comments as well. Also, I want to see more people in power care about keeping the creative arts programs such as band, art and drama intact and running full steam ahead. These programs seem to be on the bottom of everyone's list, behind all the sports teams, which is silly because it is

100% fact that children in these types of programs score higher on tests and do better in school, period.

Chelsea Brianna Thompson: We have some great teachers in the Baker County school System, and like any other school system there are flaws. Teachers still have bad days and sometimes even bad weeks but overall we have some amazing teachers in Baker County. There are things outside of the teachers they could use some extra attention, like the sex that takes place in between classes. Students must take an interest and an effort to the learn and participate in class instead of acting as if school is social hour.

Rain, rain, go away...

The FAWN weather station at the Ag Center is reporting 3.43 inches of rain in the last two days. How much did the rain gauge report in your neck of the woods?

Robert Brookens-3.71" 3 miles WSW of Glen St. Mary

Jerry K Johns Sr.-Was able to go bass fishing in my front yard

Jimmy Crawford-4.25" off of Woodlawn

Kim Phillips Long-5-inch rain gauge was running over in Sander-son last night.

Unemployment up slightly...

The county's unemployment rate increased slightly in January, partially due to more workers in the work force. What do you think local officials should do to ensure there are additional jobs for these additional workers?

Barry Melton: I think a better question than what "should" they do is

what "can" they do. Ultimately, Baker County offers limited opportunities for decent employment. Walmart's decision to build the DC was a step in the right direction, but outside of DC and the state hospital, where else in Baker can you make more than \$10-12 an hour? Baker Countians rely on the success of the Jacksonville job markets. More specifically, "blue collar" jobs in Jax. As goes the Jacksonville job market, so goes the employment opportunities for Baker Countians. Aside from Jax, of course there's opportunities at several prisons in our area, forestry, teaching, law enforcement, etc. That's about it when it comes to making the wages and benefits needed to sufficiently provide for your family. Creating jobs in Baker means enticing corporations to bring their business here. This, in turn, would grow the county and its population. I just don't think the rank-and-file Baker Countian is interested in this growth, so we are left basically with the same opportunities that we've had for the last 30 years.

Marie Pogue: Get bigger restaurant chains in here, hence, Sunday alcohol sales. People are just driving to Jax on Sunday if they want alcohol with their meal, more potential for accidents. If we get the bigger chains, more jobs, better local economy. We all win.

Jason Randall: Most folks have the right idea on this thread. There is so much land available. I've no idea why corporate office space hasn't been built.

Walter Kelly Crews: I think that there is a core of leadership or those who have influence (usually due to a higher financial status) in this county that actually go out of their way to continue the status quo and actually stifle economic growth by impeding outsiders coming in. If not impeding progress they at least aren't making any significant efforts to help their community in any significant ways. Baker

County has always had limited job opportunities especially for higher wages, that is one of the many reasons I joined the Army (now retired) as soon as I graduated because even then I knew at that young age there were few opportunities for advancement especially if you were not a member of the Good Ol' Boy system or kin to the right family name. Education or trade skills is a key factor but until there are large enough companies within our borders to hire them for their skill there won't be much change...

Ballfield controversy...

This week's poll at www.bakercountypress.com is on the ball fields controversy. What do you think? Who should get preference? Travel ball, little league or nobody?

Mike Crews: What generally happens is that people get hung up on the small issue but avoid the bigger issue. This county has for a long time now been behind the times on building a complex that would suit the recreational needs of the local ball players and the competitive needs as well. There are plenty of counties around ours that have figured out how to do this but we have not-why? As for the smaller issue here, there should be plenty of time for the LL leaders and the travel ball leaders to sit down and work out a schedule that accommodates both parties.

Floyd Lee Crews: If the league would host some travel ball tournaments they would benefit from it. Travel ball is not the reason Lil league in Baker County is getting smaller. With middle school and high school ball you have to have your kids ready for them to have a chance to make it. You can't wait until a child is 13 to start leading off bases and expect them to be ready for school ball. That's why my kids play travel ball.

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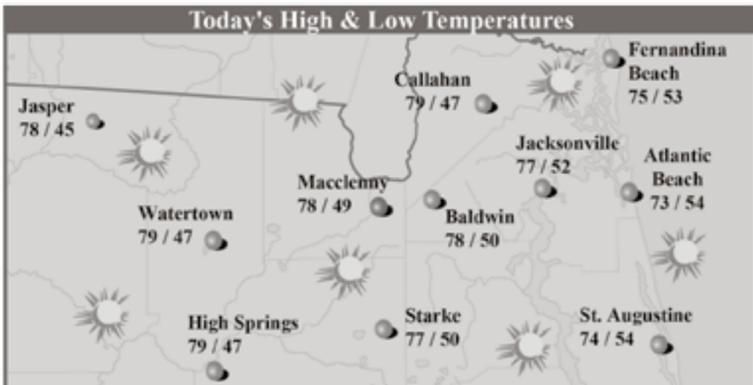
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	Sunday Few Showers High: 75 Low: 54
	Monday Cloudy High: 74 Low: 60
	Tuesday Mostly Cloudy High: 74 Low: 59
	Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 76 Low: 54



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Friday	7:29 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Saturday	7:28 a.m.	7:41 p.m.
Sunday	7:27 a.m.	7:42 p.m.
Monday	7:26 a.m.	7:42 p.m.
Tuesday	7:25 a.m.	7:43 p.m.
Wednesday	7:23 a.m.	7:44 p.m.

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Moniac, GA	9.26 ft.	+0.54 ft.
Macclenny	8.50 ft.	-0.23 ft.

March 20, 1988 - Squalls in the Great Lakes region left up to eight inches of new snow on the ground in time for the official start of spring. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the western United States. Seven cities reported new record high temperatures for the date.
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Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Mon, 3/10	81	52	74/50	0.00"
Tue, 3/11	82	54	75/50	0.00"
Wed, 3/12	77	57	75/50	0.31"
Thu, 3/13	63	36	75/50	0.00"
Fri, 3/14	70	30	75/50	0.00"
Sat, 3/15	75	41	75/51	0.00"
Sun, 3/16	82	50	76/51	0.00"

MACCLENNY CITY COMMISSION

Residence annexed for city water

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PRESS STAFF

You couldn't look at a city map and tell that Macclenny is slightly larger today. But it is.

Not that the growth means city coffers will be overflowing with additional tax revenue. They won't.

But the municipal boundaries have been enlarged, albeit very little, now that the city commission has approved a request for voluntary annexation of a 1-acre residential lot in the Owens Acres neighborhood on the western edge of town.

Commissioners approved the request during a board meeting on the evening of March 11, which means James and Teresa Donovan will have to begin paying city property taxes in addition to county and school district taxes.

But the Donovan family had little choice, city officials said, because they needed city utility services if they wanted to continue taking showers and having fresh drinking water at their 6334 Thomas Circle East residence.

"Their well went dry," Assistant City Manager Roger Yarborough told the board, adding that when neighbors saw the "annexation" sign in front of the Donovan's home they became concerned that they might be next. Not so.

"They (Donovans) came to the city to get water," Mr. Yarborough said. "Nobody is being forced to come into the city. It's voluntary."

Of course, he said, if one well in a subdivision goes dry it's possible others could follow. However, the problem could be faulty well equipment, not the water supply.

In any case, the Donovan property will only have to connect to city water lines, not to the sanitary sewer system. At least not while their septic tank and drain field continue to function properly, City Manager Phil Rhoden said.

"They don't have to connect to the sewer system until they need to replace it (septic system)," Mr. Rhoden said. "They can do minor repairs, but they can't replace it."

State law requires property owners in areas where municipal sewer lines are available to connect once their septic systems fail completely.

The newly annexed residence is at the southeast corner of Thomas Circle South and Thomas Circle East. Properties east of there are within the city limits and served by municipal utilities.

In other business that evening commissioners:

- Agreed to continue researching the possibility of revising impact fees on new duplex construction, including a review of similar impact fee procedures in other small cities in adjacent counties.

Macclenny building contractor Rock Rhoden asked the city last month to consider reducing the fees required for new duplexes, which he said contributes to the curtailment of construction activity in recent years.

Mr. Rhoden said fees on each new duplex total about \$25,000, roughly twice the impact fee on new single-family homes.

However, city officials say that amount includes school district impact fees (the county has waived its impact fees for several years), as well as customary city water and sewer tap-in fees that every new customer pays.

The city's impact fee on duplexes is actually only about \$3,500, officials said. Impact

fees are assessed on new development to help pay for improved services made necessary by growth, including roads, utilities, law enforcement, fire and rescue protection.

Mr. Rhoden told the city that he is ready to move ahead with plans to build a dozen new duplexes on property near the old golf course on North Lowder Street. Lower fees would enhance the marketability of the project, he said.

Mayor Gary Dopson, who has expressed strong reservations about reducing any fees, suggested tabling the issue for 30 days. Meanwhile, the city attorney and city engineer will review figures provided by Mr. Rhoden and fees levied by other communities before rendering their recommendations on April 8.

Under no circumstances, the mayor said this week, would any fee reductions be approved for any one individual. The fees would apply, as they do now, to all builders. Further, he said, nothing would be done that "would raise the (property tax) millage rate."

- Approved an agreement to reimburse employees for tu-

ition, textbooks and other instructor-required materials for continuing their education while employed by the city. Employees must agree to remain with the city for varying periods of time depending upon the amount of reimbursement the city pays.

For employees who receive \$1,000, one additional year of city service will be required, with an additional year for each additional \$1,000 in reimbursement.

If, for any reason, an employee voluntarily leaves the city or is terminated for "good cause," they would be required to repay the city any reimbursed educational assistance on a prorated basis.

- Approved a partnership with the Baker County Farmers Market to allow the use of Heritage Park as a new location for participants to display their fruits and vegetables one day a month starting in April.

Darryl Register, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce and a founder of the market, said the event will be staged on the first Saturday of April, May and June. If successful, the event may be expanded.

Approved an agreement to offer summer jobs at city hall for six Baker High School students in a cooperative venture with the school district's Youth Workforce Training Program. The district has received a \$750,000 grant to place 10 or more students in summer internships for the next five years to teach them positive work ethics.

The county commission recently approved a similar request to hire students this year. The grant will pay the salaries, so none of the funds will come out of the county or city budgets.

'Sexing' arrest of substitute

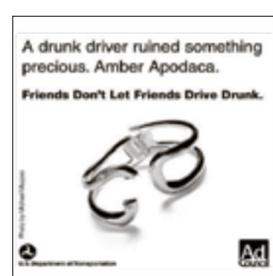
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use of a computer to seduce, solicit or lure a child, a third-degree felony.

In an unrelated case, a criminal complaint was filed on March 10 naming landlord Martha Stafford, 59, of St. George, GA for making dozens of harassing phone calls to tenants after they announced they were moving from their rented house on Hopkins Rd.

Melanee Combs told Deputy Marc Heath that her husband Robert Hill received 30 voice mails from Ms. Stafford since late February, some of which contained threats to her and her family. She allegedly also threatened to call Ms. Combs' employer.

Deputy Heath said the accused phoned while he was interviewing Mr. Combs and he warned her to cease doing so or face a criminal charge. One hour later, he was back at the residence because Ms. Stafford left two more voice mails.



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Head-on near Baldwin injures two

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Two Sanderson residents were injured when the truck they were in crossed the center line on US 90 and hit a semi-tractor trailer head on just west of Baldwin on March 12.

The driver of the red 2002 Chevy Silverado, Woodrow K. Burnsed, 42, was transported to UF Shands Health in Jacksonville with serious injuries

while passenger Melinda Duncan, 39, was taken there with minor injuries, the Florid Highway Patrol reported.

According to a witness, Mr. Burnsed's eastbound truck crossed into the westbound lane of the highway near US 301 and remained there, FHP

said. The left front of the pickup hit the left front of the tractor trailer. The impact caused a large amount of diesel fuel to spill into the roadway, closing it for several hours during cleanup.

The driver of the semi-truck, Rhasaan J. Brown, 36,

of Virginia was uninjured, even though he was not wearing a seatbelt. Both victims were buckled in.

Both vehicles suffered an estimated \$8,000 damage.

Alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the 7:37 pm crash, FHP's report notes.

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The new sporting goods store being renovated next Tractor Supply Co. in Macclenny.

Unemployment up .6%

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Baker County's unemployment rate rose slightly in January, according to preliminary jobless figures released by the state Monday.

The increase of sixth-tenths of a percent from 5.6 percent in December, the lowest unemployment rate here since June 2008, to 6.2 percent in January was the result of an estimated 79 more people without jobs and growth in the size of the labor force by an estimated 63 individuals.

People are considered in the labor force if they have a job or are looking for work.

In recent years the workforce had been shrinking, largely due to people abandoning their job searches, which helped put downward pressure on the unemployment rate.

The shift has been measured nationally and statewide as well.

The current jobless rate puts Baker County near the middle of all Florida counties in terms of which have the most unemployed workers. It's ranked 30th of the state's 67 counties in that regard. The highest unemployment rate for the first month of 2014 belongs to Hendry County at 9.8 percent while the lowest rate was found in Monroe County at 3.8 percent.

However, the Jacksonville metropolitan area showed the 7th lowest unemployment rate — 6 percent — of 23 metro areas statewide. The lowest metro-area rate came in the Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin metro area of the Panhandle. The highest metro-area rate: Palm Coast in Flagler County, which had the second-highest unemployment rate.

The jobs report from the

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity also shows the Baker County jobless rate stood at 7.6 percent in January of 2013.

Four years ago, in January 2010, unemployment here reached its height at 11.2 percent.

According to a companion report from CareerSource of Northeast Florida, formerly WorkSource, most major industries have added jobs year-over-year.

Professional and business services gained the most (8300), followed by leisure and hospitality (6100); trade, transportation and utilities (4000); mining, logging and construction (2600); manufacturing (300); and education and health services (200).

Job losses were posted for financial services, CareerSource noted.

Burst of city development

Eatery, retailers

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Like Rip Van Winkle waking up fully rejuvenated after a 20-year deep sleep, Macclenny is a town that appears to be entering a revitalization of its own after several years in economic slumber.

Five commercial projects currently are in various stages of development in the city, including four new businesses and the expansion of a fifth.

"I think it's a sign that the economy is definitely picking up," said City Manager Phil Rhoden, who could not recall the last time so many separate businesses were expanding or opening new stores in the city.

The four brand new retail enterprises include a Krystal restaurant, which is expected to open this spring on South 6th Street (SR 121) just north of Interstate 10.

In the opposite direction, less than a mile south of I-10 where very little retail development has taken place, a new Dollar General is under construction and should be opening soon, too.

Meanwhile, GNC, a nutritional supplement retailer, has submitted plans at city hall to open a store in remodeled space formerly occupied by a nail salon next door to Starbucks in front of Walmart Super Center on SR 228.

The fourth new business to call Macclenny home is Hibbett Sports, a Birmingham, Alabama-based national sporting goods retailer with about 900 outlets throughout the Southeastern United States and Midwest.

The store, which already has the company name on the front of the building, will open in the Cornerstone shopping center on South 6th Street next to Tractor Supply in vacant space formerly occupied by Dollar Tree, which moved to a larger space on the other side of Tractor Supply last year.

Assistant City Manager Roger Yarborough said Hibbett Inc. pulled its remodeling permit on March 3. He did not have an expected opening date for the store, which will encompass 7,330 square feet of floor space.

The existing business undergoing an expansion is Family Dollar on US 90 west, which is the only one of the five in the area traditionally considered to be "downtown Macclenny," said Darryl Register, executive director of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce.

The Family Dollar owner has begun an enlargement on the rear of the building, extending out an additional 20 feet, which will include new handicapped-accessible bathrooms.

All development — commercial and residential — ground to a halt in Macclenny and the rest of the nation in the midst of the Great Recession that swept the nation on the heels of the housing and banking collapse in



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The new Krystal restaurant under construction on South 6th Street.



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Land is being prepped south of the interstate on SR 121 for the new Dollar General store.

2008-09. Mr. Register said it's encouraging to see the economy springing back to life, especially in many scattered parts of town. "I can't recall when there was this many going on at the same time," the chamber leader said.

Though none of the projects are very large, collectively they will produce a relatively significant number of new jobs and add to the economic growth of the city, Mr. Register said.

"Each one of them will provide a little boost in the economy — and give shoppers other options, if you will," he said.

While some business owners in Macclenny, he said, "think the economy may not be getting better real fast," at least it's not getting worse.

If any other businesses are tentatively planning to move to Macclenny, Mr. Register said he didn't know about them. At least, nothing he can discuss publicly.

"I'm not aware of anything that I can talk about," he said.

The addition of Hibbett Sports is one more sign that Cornerstone shopping center's health is prospering after losing big tenants in the past several years but gaining new ones to fill those spaces, including Crystal River Seafood and Tractor Supply filling voids created by the departure of Walmart and Food Lion.

According to the company's website, Hibbett Sporting Goods Inc. owns stores mainly in small to mid-sized markets in dominant strip centers and enclosed malls, including locations in Lake City, Gainesville, Jacksonville and Fleming Island near Orange Park.

The website states that research is done to "learn what the customers of that area want from a sporting goods store" before opening a new outlet.

Florida has been a target of

the company's expansion for several years now. Macclenny is the latest addition to the chain of Florida stores, which number approximately 50, starting with the first one in Santa Rosa in the Panhandle in 1982.

Former park site is sold for \$380K

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A 108-acre property on SR 121 south of Macclenny once envisioned for a water park back in 2012 has been sold for about \$380,000.

The buyer was Blair Nurseries, Inc. of Jacksonville, a company of Charles O. Chupp. He is also the owner and CEO of Load King in Jacksonville, a modular storefront design-build firm for food service and other companies.

He did not return a call to his office seeking comment on his plans for the property.

The property was sold by Mark Broughton, who originally hoped to develop a 12-acre water park and modest homes at the site. He later revised the project to a zip line adventure park that has since been relocated to land he bought in Sanderson last year near the US 90 interchange with I-10.

Construction is expected to begin soon.

Mr. Broughton acquired the land in foreclosure from Park Properties, Inc., also of Jacksonville, for some \$265,000 in September, 2012.

That company bought it four years earlier for \$2.2 million.

In another high-priced land

deal recently, Millennium Venture Group, Inc. of Delaware sold the property on which the Dollar General store in Glen St. Mary sits to Macadam Partners, LLC of Texas, a foreign firm according to state corporation records.

The price tag according to court records: \$2,088,369. Dollar General leases the land.

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FALLEN HEROES

COUNTY LAND PLANNING AGENCY

Rejects Camp Tracey re-invention

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PRESS STAFF

Harvest Baptist Church of Jacksonville has lost the first round in an effort to reopen Camp Tracey as a counseling facility for adult drug addicts and alcoholics following 30 years as a group home for troubled teens off Crews Road in a rural area in northern Baker County.

After a public hearing on the evening of March 13, the county's Land Planning Agency voted 3-1 to deny the church's application for rezoning as an "institution" as part of its plan for a voluntary treatment program for adults.

The final decision will rest with the county commission at a second public hearing beginning at 6 pm on April 15.

During last week's meeting by the LPA board, which reviews zoning and land use applications, about two dozen people appeared to support the Camp Tracey plans, based on those who stood at the chairman's request to gauge sentiment in the room.

However, the only advocate to speak at the meeting was longtime Harvest pastor Wilford McCormick, the founder and operator of Camp Tracey since its inception in 1981 until it closed in late 2012 following years of scandals and investigations into allegations of abuse.

In 1987, a Baker County grand jury released a report criticizing the camp for excessive corporal punishment and the use of ropes and handcuffs to restrain children at the camp. Grand jurors also criticized education and health care at the camp and said it would consider criminal charges if changes weren't made, though no charges were ever filed.

There also had been reports of sexual conduct involving juveniles housed at Camp Tracey, as well as escapes that resulted in police being called to round the missing juveniles up and return them.

According to previous accounts in *The Florida Times-Union* six lawsuits against the camp were settled out of court since 2003 and a 46-year-old former "dorm father" was arrested in 2008 on a charge of child abuse.

Pastor McCormick downplayed the past controversies, emphasizing the fact that the new treatment center would be only for adults who voluntarily choose to go there for help with their addictions. None will be court-ordered, he said.

"We were not perfect (in the past) and will not be perfect... but we are trying to do something that will be good for the county," he said. "We can handle who we accept and who

will not accept."

After several people urged the LPA board to reject the proposal, voicing concerns about lower property values and possibly increased crime caused by treatment center residents who change their minds and flee in the night, the preacher asked for a chance to prove them all wrong.

"I know people who have problems with drugs and they're not monsters," he said, rejecting the notion that any of them would leave the grounds and commit crimes in the neighborhood. "Here we are being judged before we've done anything."

But more than half a dozen people urged the zoning panel to reject the new Camp Tracey plans, including Macclenny resident Steve Dudley, who said he bought five acres on Crews Road last year because he thought



Camp Tracey had closed for good.

"How could you (the county) allow Camp Tracey to exist for years and it not be in compliance?" Mr. Dudley said. He added that he would never be able to sell his property with a treatment center in the neighborhood.

Mr. Dudley also said he was concerned that, with an institutional zoning, the property could one day become a corrections facility for felons.

"I don't want to see it turned into a prison," he said.

If nothing else, he said, the county should at least prohibit the church from selling the land, or forbid its use as a prison, if the rezoning is allowed.

Ed Preston, county planning and zoning director, reminded the LPA board that once a property is rezoned the county cannot place restrictions on its future use.

"Zoning goes with the property," he said.

As far as the property ever being used as a prison, he said that is highly unlikely since Camp Tracey is only 10 acres and state corrections facilities would require much more land

than that. The church owns 150 acres that will remain in an agricultural zone around the camp.

Permitted uses in the institutional land use category includes schools, colleges, libraries, post offices, cemeteries, parks, jails, prisons, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers.

Harvest Baptist Church recently filed an application to rezone the 10-acre parcel to make it consistent with a proposed change in use from a "residential voluntary counseling facility for adolescents to a residential voluntary counseling facility for adults," according to a report from Mr. Preston recommending its approval.

"The existing use was actually not consistent with the current zoning or land use," Mr. Preston said.

Churches are permitted anywhere in Baker County. But when Harvest Baptist Church started Camp Tracey and began housing adolescents in a dormitory, it ceased to comply with its agricultural zoning and began a role more in keeping with institutional use, which is what the rezoning application sought to correct.

Neighbors, some of whom moved to Crews Road long after Camp Tracey had been operating for years, said a rehab facility would hurt property values and could lead to increased crime in the area.

"I don't think it belongs in our community," said Audrey Griffin, a teacher who said she lives "directly across the street" from Camp Tracey.

Richard Harvey told the LPA board he was afraid that court-ordered addicts might eventually be housed at Camp Tracey if the plan were approved and "this will not make for good neighbors."

Furthermore, sex offenders could one day end up there, too, Mr. Harvey said, "because that is an addiction."

Debi Hurlbert has lived on Crews Road for nine years. If the rezoning is granted, she said it would increase traffic in the rural neighborhood and pose a hazard to numerous pets and children that walk along Crews Road.

"We agree with what they're trying to do," she said in reference to providing help to alcoholics and drug addicts. "But put it somewhere else, not in a quiet neighborhood."

Camp Tracey, which was based on the use of biblical discipline to turn youths from lives of crime, addiction and rebelliousness, housed 40 to 50 boys and girls in segregated dorms. It was not licensed by the state because of a religious exemption.

Glen man selling pot out of his trailer home

Sheriff's investigators, backed by the department's Special Response Team, arrested a Glen St. Mary man at his trailer the morning of March 14 for possession and sale of marijuana during undercover buys the previous two days.



Derrickal Major

The charges against Derrickal Major, 28, were upgraded because his residence on Stoddard St. north of US 90 is in close proximity to the Glen Church.

Investigator Matt Yarborough said the arrest and search warrants were obtained on the basis of a purchase of four baggies and 2.8 grams of pot from Mr. Major on March 12, and 6.2 grams in eight baggies

the next day.

The warrant yielded an additional 31.5 grams of marijuana in 18 small baggies packaged for sale, other empty baggies, a weighing scale and \$115 cash in a kitchen vase.

A second man identified as Rufus Donaldson, 55, of Sanderson was at the residence during both previous buys and the morning of the arrest. He was not charged.

In a second marijuana case, this one following a traffic stop the morning of March 14, Ariel Williamson, 22, of Macclenny was named in a complaint for misdemeanor possession and having a smoking pipe in her vehicle.

Deputy Daryl Mobley said he stopped the suspect's 1995 Ford pickup on South 6th St. about 8:35 am because she was not wearing a seat belt.

He detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the truck and Ms. Williamson admitted to having the drug and smoking pipe in the glove box, and a rolled "blunt" in an ash tray.

Felon is arrested for having firearm

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A Macclenny man was arrested in the early morning of March 13 for felony possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and multiple misdemeanor charges when police were called to a residence with reports of gun shots in the area.

Authorities responded to 55-year-old Robert Horne's residence around 3 am in response to the complaint, and found the suspect in his backyard on an ATV and the officers noticed he had several weap-

ons. After refusing the officers' orders to keep his hands in the air several times, Mr. Horne admitted to having weapons and reached for a holstered pistol. He was ordered to the ground and placed in handcuffs.

Deputy Johnny Hodges found six rounds of ammo in the gun and another nine rounds in the suspect's pocket.

Mr. Horne told the officers he had been shooting at a log in his backyard.

While talking to Mr. Horne, the deputy noticed the suspect appeared drunk. He later failed a field sobriety test at county jail.

A check through dispatch revealed that Mr. Horne was a convicted felon. In addition to the felony charge, he was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of using a firearm while under the influence and resisting officers.

In another incident, a Jacksonville teenager was arrested just before midnight on March 15 for several misdemeanors after he ran from an officer near the scene of a complaint.

Deputy Marc Heath was responding to a call about two men who were demanding to be let in the complainant's front door. They wouldn't identify themselves, but the complainant saw that one of them was wearing a white hoodie.

The deputy noticed a person who matched the description near the scene. When asked to talk by the officer, the 17-year-old suspect ran away. Dep. Heath chased him down the street before the teenager stopped running when additional officers arrived on the scene.

The suspect told the officer he ran because he was scared, but denied being at the residence and did not know the complainant.

The juvenile was arrested for misdemeanor resisting an officer and loitering.

Seeking grant for fitness trail at Shoals

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County officials are scrambling this month to apply for up to \$200,000 to install a nature trail at Shoals Park north of Glen St. Mary.

The deadline to apply for the grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails is March 31.

County environmental health and planning departments are working with a consultant with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to put together the application, said Ed Preston, director of planning and zoning.

The county has been without a grants department since last summer when the county dissolved the one-man department in its effort to slash the county's roughly \$2 million budget deficit.

Nonetheless, at last week's Healthy Baker, Inc. meeting, county environmental health director Terry Graham announced the trail plan to the nonprofit's board members and partners.

Healthy Baker is a coalition of public and private health care providers aimed at improving the health of area residents.

Mr. Graham said the only walking or jogging trail in the county is the half-mile paved path around the City Park off West Boulevard.

By building another, more scenic trail, he said, the county could help reduce the percentage of people here who are obese or overweight, and thereby cut rates of heart disease and other chronic ailments.

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH), which launched its "Healthiest Weight" campaign last year, reports that two-thirds of adults in Baker County are obese or overweight. State-wide the

share is only slightly lower at 62 percent.

Mr. Graham also shared the results of a 2012 study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Trust for America's Health on the cost of Florida's obesity problem. The study found that if the average body-mass index, or BMI, of the state fell just 5 percent, the state could prevent thousands of cases of type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease and stroke, hypertension, cancer and arthritis and save more than \$12 billion in the process through 2020.

For a 6-foot tall person weighing 200 pounds, a 5-percent drop in BMI is equal to losing about 10 pounds.

The county's lack of walkable trails is also tracked in state health figures.

One metric shows the share of the county's population within a half-mile of an off-street trail system at just 1.8 percent, compared to 9.6 percent statewide.

Getting more residents to a healthy weight, Mr. Graham said, will impact on the county's high rate of heart disease, which is 12.5 percent higher than the state rate.

Mr. Graham told the group that the "wilderness trail" at Shoals Park is still in the planning stages and it could be another year or two for the project to be completed, provided the grant funding is approved.

"This is just in the talking stage at this point," he said.

Still, Mr. Graham displayed



The dotted line above marks the path of a proposed nature trail at Shoals Park north of Glen. Also shown are existing restrooms and the parking off Odis Yarbrough Rd. Illustration by Jessica Prevatt

a map of the trail's potential alignment. The proposal trail is about three-quarters of a mile and located at the eastern entrance of Shoals Park adjacent to public parking and restrooms.

Mr. Graham said he'd like to see the trail made of pine straw or other natural material, but he wasn't sure if such a surface would comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The east side of the trail's alignment travels along the edge of two retention ponds while the west side is bordered by trees. Mr. Graham said the trees may need to be thinned to increase visibility and security along the trail.

Boosting cell phone reception in the area would also increase safety at the park, a major concern for officials, he said.

Targeting diabetes, breast cancer

In other news from the March 10 Healthy Baker meet-

ing, the health department's Kim Terry, health education supervisor, presented a report on two of the department's goals in its Community Health Improvement Plan, or CHIP.

The first goal is to chop the county's death rate for diabetes from 37.7 per 100,000 to 19 per 100,000 by 2020, which is about what the statewide rate is today. That could be achieved if the rate drops 3 percent per year.

To do so, Ms. Terry said, the department intends to continue offering its diabetes management classes and doing health screenings to identify those with diabetes or at-risk of developing the chronic disease.

The next series of classes, which include free blood-sugar testing supplies, will begin in May. Ms. Terry said last year the program served 50 attendees who met once weekly for four weeks. She said 59 percent of them were insured by Medicaid or Medicare, or were uninsured. She said 65 percent of

them reported an increase in physical activity and 46 percent either maintained or improved their "A1C" levels, a measure of a patient's average ability to control blood sugar during a two or three month period.

The second goal Ms. Terry addressed was boosting the share of women over 40 who receive mammograms. The percentage is 47.8 percent today and the aim to get it up to 60.6 percent by 2020, or about 2 percent per year.

She said in the last year funding from Susan G. Komen has allowed the health department to provide 60 mammograms, 26 diagnostic mammograms, 29 ultrasounds, two biopsies and two MRIs. She said one of the tests detected breast cancer.

Coming up next month will be the health department's periodic tobacco cessation classes, which include free nicotine gum to help participants ween themselves off cigarettes or chewing tobacco. The six-week program consists of two-hour sessions once weekly.

More information on the program, please call Ms. Terry at (904) 653-5250.

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Pipe a 'disaster waiting to happen'

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

In a swampy area behind Pier 6 restaurant on Sixth St. in Macclenny, Turkey Creek flows — sometimes slowly, sometimes swiftly depending on rainfall — northward through a stand of tall cypress trees, offering a timeless portrait of Florida's natural beauty.

Except for the old, rusted pipeline extending across the creek, posing what City Manager Phil Rhoden describes as "a (environmental) disaster waiting to happen."

Raw sewage flows through those aging iron pipes, shakily supported by concrete piers and two-by-fours, that were bolted together at least 50 to 60 years ago, said Mr. Rhoden, who said he remembers walking across the very same pipes as a young boy.

But that was a half-century ago. The pipes, which carry sewage to a lift station behind Pier 6 and then on to the city's wastewater treatment plant, are in much worse physical condition now than they were back then.

If strong winds caused a big tree to fall across the pipes it could rupture the conduit and spill its contents into Turkey Creek, which joins the St. Mary's River in that body of water's journey from the Okefenokee Swamp out to the Atlantic Ocean.

Even if a tree doesn't fall and damage the pipeline, it needs to be replaced anyway because of its age and deteriorated condition, Mr. Rhoden said.

That's why replacing it, hopefully with one traversing the creek underground, he said, is the city's top priority in a \$1.6 million plan to upgrade the municipal sewer system.

With \$50,000 in city funds as seed money, the city is seeking \$875,000 from the state and another \$700,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant money to make the improvements that city officials say are vitally important.

In a letter to state lawmakers seeking help in getting the appropriation into the state budget, Mr. Rhoden noted that the creaky, old Turkey Creek pipeline is the first structure in the sewer system that must be replaced.

"This is most critical and if not corrected there is a very strong likelihood of sewer overflow into Turkey Creek leading to St. Mary's River headwaters," the letter states.

"This project, if approved, will have significant statewide impact in improved water quality of St. Mary's River."

Planning for the sewer system upgrade is 100 percent complete and design engineering about 60 percent finished. Construction is tentatively scheduled in 2015.

But the project depends upon whether the state and federal governments provide the funds the city needs to complete the overhaul.

State Sen. Charlie Dean, whose sprawling district extends from Baker to Citrus counties, and Rep. Elizabeth Porter, who represents Baker and Columbia counties, are sponsoring legislation to obtain the appropriation for the city. Sen. Dean's position as chairman of the Senate Environmental, Preservation and Conservation Committee could translate into significant impetus for the bill.

Rep. Porter and her legislative aide, Koby Adams, visited the city on February 14 to tour the sewage and wastewater facilities and meet with city officials to discuss the condition of the aging utility system.

"I was impressed with the comprehensive analysis and documentation that the city of Macclenny and contract engineer (Frank Darabi) provided regarding the condition, cost analysis and review of the facilities," Mr. Koby said via email in response to a request for comment from the representative's office.

The \$875,000 appropriation request will first be heard by the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, of which Rep. Porter is a member. That sum, "combined with CDBG grants and city contributions should allow the city to begin to upgrade the city sewage and wastewater system," Mr. Koby said.

"Representative Porter," he added in the email, "has submitted a corresponding support letter and backup documents requesting an appropriations through the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee for \$875,000 and has visited with the Chairman of the Subcommittee Representative (Ben) Albritton (R-Bartow) to discuss the appropriate funding."

The city manager also has sought the support of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the agency's Jacksonville district office.

In a recent letter to Jim Maher, district DEP administrator, Mr. Rhoden stressed the importance of replacing the rest of the city's sewer lines, most of which



Rickety sewer pipe over crumbling supports 50-plus years old.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

This is most critical and if not corrected there is a very strong likelihood of sewer overflow into Turkey Creek leading to St. Mary's headwaters.

—City Manager Phil Rhoden
from a letter to state lawmakers

are made of clay dating to the World War II era, that have not already been replaced in piecemeal fashion by the city.

"Thank you for your recent visit to the City of Macclenny," Mr. Rhoden said in the letter. "I appreciate you ... taking time from your busy schedule to listen to our concerns and discuss the critical problems we are facing with our aged sewer lines."

It was Rep. Porter, Mr. Rhoden said, who suggested contacting DEP to request a letter stating the agency's concern and support for the city's sewer overhaul.

"As you are aware," the city manager's letter stated, "this is a disaster ready to happen and it could significantly impact Turkey Creek and St. Mary's River. No one can afford to see that happen."

The city is applying for the \$875,000 in state funds through a water projects program aimed at addressing "areas of critical state concern."

Mr. Rhoden said five other applications had already been

received by Rep. Porter's office from other local governments seeking funding for similar projects. After reviewing Macclenny's proposal he said a top aide told him the city's application "just went to number one."

One of the main problems the city faces, secondary to replacing the rickety pipeline across Turkey Creek, Mr. Rhoden said, is infiltration of storm water, which puts additional demands on the sewage treatment plant.

Noting that major state roads pass through through the city — US 90, SR 121 and SR 228 — digging up and replacing old sewer lines is very expensive, he said.

"It, however, needs to be done to eliminate storm water generated on state roads and city roadways from entering the sewer system," Mr. Rhoden said.

Check for \$4500 was stolen

A Glen St. Mary man told police on March 16 that a fraudulent \$4500 check was written on his account, and he accused an ex-girlfriend as being responsible.

Clinton Register gave Deputy Chris Walker the name of the suspect, who has an address on St. Simons Island, GA, and said she likely wrote the check sometime after early February. It was not clear where the check was cashed.

In other reports, Tina Lauramore told Deputy Earl Lord a visitor to her residence on Ben Rowe Circle south of Macclenny likely stole \$330 in cash sometime during the night of March 10.

Daniel Jeunesse of Elburn, Ill. reported on March 16 that a generator valued at \$1000 was taken from his campsite near Ocean Pond.

The victim told Deputy Walker there were campers on both sides of him that night.

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Slashes mother with knife during fight early Monday

Police arrested a Macclenny woman following an early morning fight at a trailer park off SR 121 during which she allegedly slashed her mother with a knife.

Several deputies converged on Pine Oaks Circle about 1 am on March 17 and found Lisa Harris, 21, attempting to hide in a vehicle where they also found a pink knife used in the attack.

Witnesses said Ms. Harris and her mother, 43-year-old Rhonda Noles, began striking each other outside their residence and the violence escalated when the daughter pulled the knife and cut her mother's arm as she attempted to deflect it. Ms. Noles was taken to Fraser Hospital by rescue.

Ms. Harris denied using the knife and told Deputy Marc Heath her mother cut herself. She also said they were drinking moonshine earlier and her mother became angry when learning of her daughter's past relationship with an ex-husband.

The daughter was booked at county jail for aggravated battery, domestic violence, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest without violence. A criminal complaint for domestic violence was filed against the mother.

In other recent incidents:

• A complaint for domestic violence was filed against Michael Delp, 28, for allegedly pushing his estranged wife to the ground and destroying her cell phone during an altercation at their residence on Frank Combs Circle near Taylor the evening of March 14.

Jessica Delp, 32, told Deputy Clements Leo her husband became angry when she refused to

allow him to see her phone, then pushed her to the ground in the presence of her 10-year-old son.

She said they had been separated since Christmas and her husband, who fled before police arrived, has been living with his father in Georgia.

• Deputy Michael Clark filed domestic battery complaints against both parties following an altercation the evening of March 12 at a residence on CR 229 north of Sanderson.

Christina Myers, 19, accused her live-in boyfriend, 16 and also of Sanderson, of attempting to choke her as he was leaving her mother's residence where they had been living.

The youth, questioned later at his mother's residence on CR 127, told Deputy Clark Ms. Myers drove off as he attempted to get belongings out of her vehicle. His mother said the girlfriend exited her car and attacked him.

• Complaints for resisting arrest were filed against twin sisters following a loud and obscenity-filled argument at their mother's residence on Glenn Williamson Rd. about noon on March 12.

Deputy Koty Crews said Sheila Griffis and Cynthia Pearce, 49, refused to calm themselves or remain separated when he got to the scene. Their mother Estelle Williamson, 83, told the officer such incidents are common and the reason she has taken out trespass orders on both daughters.

Deputy Crews learned the order on Ms. Griffis had expired, but was still active on her sister. The latter was charged with violating the order and a new one was issued for Ms. Griffis.

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Had ingredients for meth

St. George man stopped for wrong tag

A traffic stop in north Macclenny the evening of March 11 led to the arrest of a St. George, GA man for possession of ingredients to manufacture methamphetamine and possession of eight pills without a prescription.



Anthony Yokum

An occupant of the 2003 Chevrolet pickup driven by

Anthony Yokum, 22, that night was named in a complaint for purchasing a key ingredient for meth.

Deputy Clements Leo said he initiated the traffic stop on North 6th St. about 7:30 because of an expired license tag that also was registered to another vehicle.

Mr. Yokum consented to searches of a locked metal box and a locked storage bag that yielded 24 over-the-counter pseudoephedrine pills and nine does of Tramadol, a controlled drug for chronic pain.

In the bag were other items commonly used to cook meth, including liquid drain opener, lye, blended fuel and coffee fil-

ters. Mr. Yokum told Deputy Leo he intended to make the highly addictive drug using a recipe he obtained from a YouTube video.

Passenger Daniel May, 21, of Macclenny admitted he purchased the cold remedy pills for Mr. Yokum at a Jacksonville pharmacy and planned to sell them to him.

A third passenger, 22-year-old Kyle Holton of Glen St. Mary, was not charged.

Mr. Yokum was also charged with the license violations, and for having a valid Georgia license even though his Florida license had five suspensions.

Added charge for violating an order

A Glen St. Mary man arrested on March 8 for molesting a 14-year-old girl who was spending the night with friends at his Mud Lake Rd. address has been charged also with violating a protective order that was sought earlier by his estranged wife.

Bruce Griffis, 52, was named for the second offense, a first-degree misdemeanor, on March 12 after sheriff's investigator Brad Dougherty was notified by the suspect's wife Nancy, 48, of Jacksonville. Ms. Griffis told police the day of her husband's arrest that they had been separated six months due to his "violent behavior."

The investigator noted the protection order prohibits respondents from committing acts including sexual assault on any member of the petitioner's family "or household."

Mr. Griffis remains in county jail this week under \$200,000 bond on the lewd and lascivious charge and no bond on the contempt charge. Court records show he has pending cases for both domestic violence against Ms. Griffis and an earlier violation of a protective order.

Caught trying to shoplift

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A Glen St. Mary's man was arrested for misdemeanor larceny on the afternoon of March 13 after being caught on camera attempting to steal more than \$160 worth of items from Walmart.

Frank Pipkins, 34, attempted to leave the store with two flashlights, two watches and a belt. He was detained by a store security worker until Cpl. Koty Crews arrived at the scene.

In a similar incident, a Jacksonville woman was named in a criminal complaint the afternoon of March 12 for the same offense after being caught on surveillance trying to steal two phone cases from the store.

Morgan Padgett, 18, was observed by an employee trying to take the phone cases, which were worth about \$30. She told Deputy Christopher Clutter she didn't know why she tried stealing the phone cases.



Photo courtesy of River Garden Hebrew Home

Oils research feted

Susan Leger-Krall (center) of Macclenny poses with other research team members at Jacksonville's River Garden Hebrew Home honored by the American Medical Director's Association for a study into the positive effects of diffused lavender essential oils to decrease stress and anxiety in dementia patients. Ms. Krall, the facility's director of home and community-based services, said the controlled study occurred over a four-month period involving River Garden's adult day care program. The study is tied to increased interest in use of "holistic" substances as a means to reduce the use of anti-psychotic medications to control behavior. The oils are distilled from plants and have been used for thousands of years in eastern cultures. Pictured with Ms. Krall are pharmacist Robin Moorman and Anna Orman, the medical director at River Garden.

Five license suspensions

A Lake City man observed driving erratically on SR 121 in the early morning of March 15 turned out to have a license with five prior suspensions.

Deputy Matt Riegel said he spotted the 2003 Suburban driven by Leonard Dix, 40, south of Interstate 10 about 3:40 and noted it veered into the opposite lane and off the shoulder line.

The officer said Mr. Dix exhibited no sign of impairment by drugs or alcohol, and instead insisted he was "extremely tired" and returning home from work.

A license check revealed the suspensions, two for failure to pay fines and three for delinquent child support.

In another case, a Baldwin man who switched seats with his mother after noticing that Deputy Daryl Mobley was watching him in the Winn-Dixie parking lot was arrested for driving on a license that expired in 2009 and had been twice

suspended in Georgia for failure to pay child support.

Deputy Mobley said he first noticed the 2000 Buick being driven by James Chapman Jr., 37, near South 6th and Willis Hodges Rd. because the driver was not wearing a seat belt.

He watched as Mr. Chapman then drove it from the Citgo station to Winn-Dixie nearby, then observed as passenger Ina Chapman moved from the passenger seat to the driver's seat. He was also ticketed for the seat belt violation.

Paul Myers, 19, of Glen St. Mary was arrested on a warrant from Clay County after the vehicle he was riding in was stopped for an equipment violation.

Deputy Christopher Clutter said he initiated the traffic stop at SR 228 and Barber Rd. just before 2 pm on March 12. He learned moments later that Mr. Myers was wanted for contempt of court related to a drunk driving charge.

Mud-soaked man was in U.S. illegally

A 30-year-old mud-covered man caught by police running down South 6th St. in Macclenny the late afternoon of March 12 turned out to be a Hungarian national whose 2010 visitor visa had expired.

Deputy Koty Crews said he and Sgt. Bill Starling spotted the man about 5:30 and described him as nervous and agitated. He explained he had slipped and fallen into mud, and initially gave the deputy a fake name. When he was confronted with that information, the suspect identified himself as Zolton Blaho and admitted he was a citizen of Hungary.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) relayed the information on the expired visitor visa and Mr. Zolton was arrested for resisting arrest without violence. He was later turned over to the federal agency.

In other arrests, a female visitor at Baker Correctional Institution the afternoon of March 15 was charged with bringing a contraband cell phone into the visitors' area.

A prison employee said he saw Michelle Hendley, 24, of Hilliard give the phone wrapped in tape to inmate Marcus Crutchfield, who then tossed it over another fence to inmate Jermaine Danzy. The phone was found stashed in his sock.

Ms. Hendley smuggled the phone past prison security in a body cavity, BCI officials told Deputy John Minkel. The charge is a third-degree felony.

Public buildings hit

Vandalism and theft were reported at two county recreation buildings the past week, the first at the Baker County Riding Club concession stand sometime between March 1-15.

Vince Farnesi told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite he checked on the property adjacent to the county fairgrounds to find a window had been pried open at the concession stand and an estimated \$20 taken from a cash drawer. In addition, about \$20 worth of candy was missing.

The deputy found footprints indicating an unsuccessful attempt was made to enter the announcer's booth nearby.

The same day, Melissa

Burnsed reported to Deputy John Minkel that an attempt was made to break into the concession stand at the Knabb Sports Complex in north Macclenny.

The officer indicated light bulbs were damaged in both nearby bathrooms.

In a third case, Danny Harrell Jr., 29, of Glen St. Mary was named by witnesses as the person who damaged a cooker/smoker belonging to Joseph Roberts on March 13.

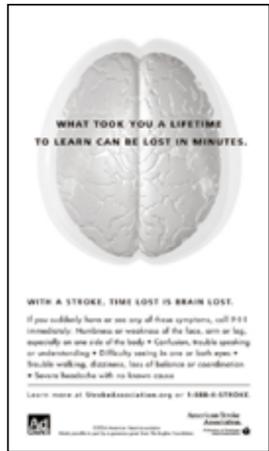
Mr. Roberts told Deputy Michael Clark that gauges and a door were damaged when the suspect pushed over the cooker located at the Blair St. residence of the accused's ex-girlfriend late that morning.

Class calendar

The senior class of 2015 at Baker County High School is hosting a Calendar Girl Pageant on April 12 at 6 pm in the middle school auditorium. It is open to girls grades 8 through 12.

Judges will choose one Calendar Girl Cover Queen and 12 runners-up to grace the pages of a 2014-15 school calendar. The deadline for applications is March 25. Call Shellie Smith at 259-0343 for details.

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Governor's Shine Award given to county's Teacher of the Year

Baker County School District Teacher of the Year, Lynn Taylor Green was recognized Thursday, March 6 in Tallahassee and received the Governor's Shine Award. The Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida recognized her for her commitment and dedication to the children of Baker County. She was presented a medal and a State of Florida Resolution Certificate. "We are extremely proud of Mrs. Green," said schools Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson. Governor Rick Scott, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam made the presentation. They are pictured above with Mrs. Green and Mrs. Raulerson (center left and right, respectively).

New CFO at Nemours

Nemours children's health system has named Rodney McKendree of Macclenny to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). He has served Nemours in various capacities in finance and administration for 15 years, joining its executive team in 2006.



Rodney McKendree

As CFO, Mr. McKendree is responsible for leadership of the Nemours' finance

function, including the treasury, central business office, managed care and provider enrollment, among other financially-related departments.

Mr. McKendree is a native Floridian who was born in Jacksonville. He received his undergraduate and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Florida and in 1991 earned the CPA designation. Before coming

to Nemours, he worked nine years in public accounting with KPMG as a senior manager specializing in the health care and nonprofit sectors, and two years with State Farm insurance.

He is a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) and the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). Mr. McKendree is also a former member of the Baker County Development Commission.

River cleanup Saturday

The annual St. Mary's River cleanup is Saturday, March 22 at the Steel Bridge Road boat ramp.

The cleanup organized by the St. Mary's River Management Committee will get underway at 8 a.m. Garbage bags and gloves will be supplied, but other protective gear like sunscreen, sunglasses, hats and durable shoes are recommended.

After the cleanup, volunteers may enjoy a lunch and celebration at White Oak Plantation starting at 11:30 a.m. in Yulee. The address is 581705 White Oak Rd.

The committee's Kevin Shell said organizers are soliciting volunteers to participate in the effort as usual, but they also need additional help to expand the cleanup.

Today the Steel Bridge Road boat ramp, commonly referred to as the Boy Scout camp, is the only cleanup site

in the county and one of 20 sites in Florida and Georgia. It's also one of just two public access points to the river. The other is near Baxter.

Baker County's site captain for the cleanup, Greg Sheppard, who is also on the committee, said if any private property owners along the river would allow volunteers to access their riverfront for the cleanup, additional sites could be added there as well.

But more sites means more site captains.

That's why Mr. Shell is seeking additional site captain volunteers to oversee collection at any new sites. Captains would man a particular location, hand out supplies, reg-

ister volunteers and gather trash bags for pickup.

The cleanup could be expanded into the river, rather than just its banks, if volunteers had access to a boat, he added.

"I have a kayak and a canoe, but I don't think they will hold much trash," said Mr. Sheppard.

Anyone who would like offer assistance with the cleanup is urged to call Mr. Sheppard at (904) 314-2887 or contact him by e-mail at shepfla@gmail.com.

For more information about the committee and cleanup online, please visit www.saintmarysriver.org.

Register for free art class

Free art classes with several mediums are available to persons 18 years and older through the school district's adult education department.

The sessions include demonstrations and supplies and are held at the Adult Education Center on West Minnesota in Macclenny. Times are Wednesdays from 2-5 pm, Fridays 9 am-12:30 pm and again in the afternoon from 2-5. They start on April 9.

The sessions will cover charcoal, exploring color with pastel chalk and paints, and acrylic painting.

Pre-registration is required starting Monday, March 24 and seating is limited. Call Alicia Chauncey at 259-0403.

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FFA students at the Florida State Fair poultry competition with BCHS FFA teacher Greg Johnson (right).

High places for poultry teams

The BCHS and BCMS FFA placed three teams in the top five at the Florida State Fair poultry competition last month in Tampa. Greg Johnson's high school team placed first and third while Ashton Norman's middle school team took fifth.

The students during the contest demonstrated their knowledge of USDA rules by grading ready to cook carcasses, interior and exterior eggs, poultry parts and past production hens.

Forty teams and 134 students competed and Baker B team won the competition and Baker A

team placed third. The BCMS team was fifth out of high school and middle school combined competition and second among only middle schools.

BCMS student Nick Howell placed first among all competitors and Christy Crews from BCHS was second.

Baker B included Christy Crews, Robert Schmel, Bethany Richardson, Kayla Long. Baker A was Hunter Burnsed, Hunter Davis, Jessica Harrell and the BCMS team was Nick Howell, Cooper Hodges, Jared Burnsed and Sarah Crews.

FCAT retakes

Testing dates for former Baker High students to retake the FCAT tests are set for three days in April.

The computer-based reading test will be given April 8 and 9 at 8:15 am and the math test on April 10 at the same time. All testing is at the school district's adult ed building on West Minnesota Ave. in Macclenny.

Students who were required prior to 2000 to pass the HSCT test can use passing FCAT scores to meet graduation requirements.

All test takers must pre-register by calling 259-0403.

Learn acrylic painting

Free acrylic painting art lessons are offered through the school district's adult education department starting on Tuesday, April 8. They are for persons 55 and older.

The sessions include supplies and will be held at the Adult Education Center on West Minnesota in Macclenny. Times are Tuesdays from 9 am-12:30 pm and 2-5 pm.

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Plaintiff,

v.

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

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated March 10, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 02-2010-CA-0117 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 13th day of May, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the east door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 East MacClenny Avenue, MacClenny Florida 32063, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF SE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN S 0°20'26" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 141.27 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ARNOLD RHODEN ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 0°20'26" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SW 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 240 FEET; THENCE N 75°57'20" W, 174 FEET; THENCE N 0°20'26" W, 240 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ARNOLD RHODEN ROAD; THENCE S 75°57'30" E, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ARNOLD RHODEN ROAD 174 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALONG WITH A 1997 MERI DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE ID #FLHMLCP15015368A, TITLE #70724240 AND ID #FLHMLCP15015368B, TITLE #70724239.

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.

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 deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuitt8.org.

Dated at MACCLENLY, Florida this 12th day of March, 2014

AL FRASER,

Clerk of Baker County Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Wilson

Deputy Clerk

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UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MELANIE E. ROGERS A/K/A MELANIE ELIZABETH MCKENNEY A/K/A MELANIE ELIZABETH ROGERS; N/A/A STEVEN PAUL MCKENNEY; BAKER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER 1 SHERIFF'S OFFICE DRIVE, MACCLENLY, FL 32063

MELANIE E. ROGERS
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 02-2012-CA-0120

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2005-HE5, POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Henry M. Forbes, Jr.; Dana M. Forbes; MERS, Inc., as nominee for SouthStar Funding, LLC;

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 27, 2014 and entered in Case No. 02-2012-CA-0120, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2005-HE5, POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005, is Plaintiff and Henry M. Forbes, Jr.; Dana M. Forbes; MERS, Inc., as nominee for SouthStar Funding, LLC, are Defendants, the Clerk of Baker County will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Baker County Courthouse, located at 339 E. MacClenny Avenue, MacClenny, FL 32063 at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 1, Block 1, MACCLENLY SOUTH, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 1 and 2, of the public records of Baker County, Florida
Located: 4699 Mulberry Street, MacClenny, FL 32063

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at MacClenny, Baker County, Florida, this 7th day of March, 2014.

Al Fraser

Clerk of said Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Wilson

As Deputy Clerk

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

Case No.: 12000246CA

VENTURES TRUST 2013 I-H-R BY MCM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC ITS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID R. PEMBLETON, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the cause pending in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Baker County, Florida, Case No. 2012000246CA, in which VENTURES TRUST 2013 I-H-R BY MCM CAPITAL PARTNER, LLC ITS TRUSTEE, is Plaintiff, and David R. Pembleton, Sr. a/k/a David R. Pembleton, Sr.; Barbara Belleville; Jodip Hunter; Livingston Financial, LLC; Joseph Franklin Starling; Riley Lee Starling, State of Florida Department of Revenue, Carolyn Annette Thomas and Unknown Tenant, Defendants, the undersigned Clerk will sell the following described property situated in Baker County, Florida:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BAKER AND STATE OF FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AND RUN EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 1760.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE WEST LINE OF WEST BOULEVARD OF THE TOWN OF MACCLENLY, THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 24 MINUTES EAST, 309 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF OHIO AVENUE, THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 10 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF OHIO AVENUE, 937.39 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF A 60.0 FOOT STREET OR ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 8 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE, 864.78 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 80 DEGREES 16 MINUTES WEST, 122.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 80 DEGREES 16 MINUTES WEST, 122.86 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 2 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST, 81.41 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 80 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST, 130.28 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 2 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, 80.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with an undivided percentage interest in the common elements pertaining thereto at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 am on the 7th day of May, 2014, in the lobby of the Baker County Courthouse at: 339 E. MacClenny Avenue, MacClenny, FL 32063.

Any person claiming 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 this 10th day of March, 2014.

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

Case No.: 13000143CAMXAX

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST H. RICHARD WATSON A/K/A RICHARD DEWAYARD WATSON A/K/A H. R. WATSON, DECEASED, et al.,

Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 27, 2014 and entered in Case No. 13000143CAMXAX of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST RICHARD H. WATSON, DECEASED; WILLIAM H. WATSON; AMY J. ANDERSON; BETH A. HUBER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; WHISPERING PINES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF MACCLENLY, INC. A DISSOLVED CORPORATION; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 6th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 8, WHISPERING PINES, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 66 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 11236 KRISTEN COURT, MACCLENLY, FL 32063-5512

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 7, 2014.

AL FRASER

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida

By: Tabitha Wilson

DEPUTY CLERK

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

CIVIL DIVISION

Case No.: 02-2013-CA-000110

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH L. MOREFIELD; COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSEPH L. MOREFIELD; AND THE UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 3rd day of March, 2014, and entered in Case No. 02-2013-CA-000110- -, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and JOSEPH L. MOREFIELD COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSEPH L. MOREFIELD/ A/ KA RHONDA MOREFIELD UNKNOWN TENANT(S); and IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. MacClenny Ave., MacClenny, FL, 11:00 AM on the 7th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 19, Block 1, Timberland Estates, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, pages 3 and 4 of the public records of Baker County, Florida. TOGETHER WITH the following described easement for ingress and egress described as part of the SE ¼, Section 28, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, recorded in Official Records Book 413, page 218 of said County, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the NW corner of said SE ¼ and run S 0°50'08" W, along the West line thereof, said West line also being the East line of Timberland Estates, as recorded in Plat Book 3, pages 3 and 4 of the public record of Baker county, Florida, 340 feet to a point also being the Point of Beginning, thence N 89°19'48"E, 468 feet, more or less, to a point of the East line of Lot 22, Block 1 of said Timberland Estates, said point being also on the West line of said SE ¼, thence N 0°50'08E, along said West line, 60.02 feet to the Point of beginning.

Along with a 1994 Grand Canyon Doublewide Mobile Home ID#GC1091AF and GC1091BF.

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.

Under the American 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.

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Dated this 7th day of March, 2014.

AL FRASER

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida

By: Tabitha Wilson

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

CIVIL ACTION

Case No.: 10000194CAAXMX

U.S. BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CARLA A. GARRIGAN, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 3, 2014, and entered in Case No. 10000194CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida in which U.S. Bank, N.A., is the Plaintiff and Carla A. Garrigan, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, are defendants, the Baker County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, ALL SALES WILL BE HELD AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, 339 E. MACCLENLY AVE., MACCLENLY, FL 32063. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK AT THE TIME OF THE SALE. THE REMAINING BID AMOUNT MUST BE TENDERED BY 4:00 PM ON THE DAY OF THE SALE BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK ONLY. Baker County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 6th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 20, OF TURKEY CREEK RETREAT, UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 50, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS: A 2004 CAVL DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS BL04GA0212049A AND BL04GA0212049B AND TITLE NUMBERS 0089956450 AND 0089956689.

A/K/A 6228 CHESTNUT ROAD, MACCLENLY, FL 32063

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.

AL FRASER

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida

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

CIVIL DIVISION

Case No.: 022012CA000269CAXXXX

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RFMSI 2007SA3

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL J. MATIS, et al

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated March 3, 2014, and entered in Case No. 022012CA000269CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida, wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RFMSI 2007SA3, is Plaintiff, and MICHAEL J. MATIS, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at BAKER County Courthouse, Front Door Entrance, 339 E. MacClenny Avenue, MacClenny, FL 32063, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 5th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF BAKER, STATE OF FLORIDA BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN LOT 74 OF OLD NURSERY PLANTATION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 85, 85A THROUGH 85J, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING NOW PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 74 AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST ALONG WITH SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 74, A DISTANCE OF 309.18 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 74; THENCE RUN NORTH 08 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 74, A DISTANCE OF 328.53 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 86 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST, 352.10 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 74; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 339.14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES ACROSS THE COURTERLY AND WESTERLY 30 FEET THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES ACROSS THE FILLET OF A CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET AND THE RADIUS POINT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENT AT THE WOUTHSERT CORNER OF SAID LOT 74 AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, 195.10 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 2 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, 130.00 FEET TO THE RADIUS POINT.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at MacClenny, BAKER COUNTY, Florida, this 7th day of March, 2014

Al Fraser

Clerk of said Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Wilson

As Deputy Clerk

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RFMSI 2007SA3

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FFA brings farm animals to PreK-Kindergarten

Students with the high school's Future Farmers of America club visited the PreK-Kindergarten Center the morning of March 18 and brought along some farm animals to teach the children about them. They included a horse named Tango, an Angus heifer named Bella, a pair of hens and a few rabbits. Students also got to pet and have their photos taken with the animals. The program is now in its fourth year. Above, Kyndall Brooks shows off Tango, and at right, children pet one of the rabbits held by Jessica Harrell.



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Above, preschoolers reach to pet Tango before heading back to class. At right, Ms. Brooks has a child do the same.



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Jennifer King's class poses with the FFA students and animals.

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Preschool rankings released

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The Florida Department of Education released its latest preschool ratings last week and two schools with low numbers of students had the best and worst results in the county.

The ratings measure how many preschoolers from a particular school score ready for kindergarten on a pair of basic tests. They're reported as a percentage of all students who complete the school year or summer term, and reach the benchmark.

The highest share doing so during the 2012-13 school year belonged to Little Playmates Preschool Center on South Glen Avenue in Glen St. Mary — 100 percent — but the school only had six children in the calculation.

Westside Nursery Preschool, not far away on North Sherman Avenue in Glen, had the lowest percentage of children score ready for kindergarten at 40 percent of the five students in the calculation.

The preschool serving the most children, 144, was Baker County School District's pre-K program on South Boulevard East in Macclenny. It ranked third in the county with 88 percent of the children demonstrating they were primed for kindergarten.

An additional 13 children were tested following the summer term there with 77 percent performing on par.

Here's the full list of results, showing the share of children tested who were ready for kindergarten, from highest to lowest:

- Little Playmates, 100 percent.
- First United Methodist, North 5th Street in Macclenny, 89 percent.
- Baker County Schools pre-K program, 88 percent.
- Eagle's Nest School Readiness Center, North 7th Street in Macclenny, 86 percent.
- Baker Head Start and Early Head Start, South 8th Street in Macclenny, 85 percent.

• Baker County Schools pre-K program summer term, 77 percent.

• ABC Childcare & Learning Center, South 5th Street in Macclenny, 74 percent.

• Westside Nursery Preschool, 40 percent.

The view the results for previous years online, please visit <https://vpk.fldoe.org>.

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Above, Christy Crews holds up a newly laid egg for the kids. At left, Ms. Harrell speaks to the group about the chickens.

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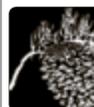
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Allen Bennett, 77, dies on March 11

Allen Bennett, 77, of Glen St. Mary died on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. A lifelong Baker County resident, Mr. Bennett was a retired farmer and a member of the Community Full Gospel Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He especially loved spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Helen Bennett; sons Jeff Bennett and Steve Bennett of Tampa and step-son Bobby (Sharon) Baxter of Kentucky; daughters Angelena Bennett of Sanderson and Stacey (Lacey) Harvey of Starke and step-daughter Virgie Webb of Raiford; seventeen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for Mr. Bennett was held at 11 am on Saturday, March 15 at his church with Pastor Tommy Richardson officiating. Interment followed at North Prong Cemetery, Sanderson. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.



Allen Bennett

Dora North of Maxville dies at age 99

Dora Wellhausen North, 99, of Maxville, died on Thursday, March 13, 2014. A lifelong resident of Maxville, Ms. North was an 87-year member of the First Baptist Church of Maxville where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was a member of the Southern Genealogy Society, Huxford Genealogical Society and Loyal Star. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and was an avid photographer. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and was a blessing to everyone who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband John North, daughter-in-law Claudene North and great-granddaughter Tessa Godwin. She is survived by sons Claude (Bethany) North of Jacksonville and Roger North of Maxville; daughters Jewel (David) Coverdale and Virginia (Russell) Tobias of Maxville; nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.

The funeral service was held at 3 pm, Saturday, March 15 at her church with Pastor Richard Fish officiating. Interment followed at Long Branch Cemetery, Maxville. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Curtis Carey, 54, formerly of Glen

Curtis Wayne Carey, 54, died early on March 10, 2014 in Houston, Texas after an extended illness. Curtis once lived in Glen Saint Mary and attended Baker County High School before relocating to Houston.

He is survived by son Adam Carey, father Clyde Carey and step-mother Elaine Carey, all of Glen Saint Mary; step-father James Chambers of Palestine, Texas; brothers David Carey of Houston and Michael Carey of Fort Lauderdale. He was pre-deceased by his mother Connie Chambers of Palestine, Texas.

A memorial service will be announced later.



Curtis Carey

Funeral held Monday for Mr. Norman

Ronnie Franklin Norman, 61, of Macclenny died on March 13, 2014 at his residence with family by his side. He was born in Jacksonville on March 7, 1953 to the late David Lee Norman and Dora Fay Green Norman. Ronnie was a lifelong resident of Baker County, and in 1980 was discharged from service with the Navy Reserves. He retired in 1993 after 20 years of dedicated service as a machinist with CSX. Ronnie enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren, playing the guitar, mandolin and listening to bluegrass music.

Mr. Norman is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Wanda Sigers Norman of Macclenny; sons Wesley (Mary) Norman of Macclenny and Travis (Ashley) Norman of Sanderson; sisters Michelle (Bill) Honsberger of Starke, Tonya (Dwight) Nipper of Macclenny and Lynette (David) Griffis of Glen St. Mary; grandchildren, Nadleigh, Kayla, Trevor, John Wesley and Alyssa.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 18 at 2 pm at the Christian Fellowship Temple with Pastor David Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.



Ronnie Norman

Ressie Taylor, 96, oldest JFD retiree

Captain Ressie Taylor, 96, Jacksonville's oldest retired firefighter, died on Thursday, March 6, 2014. Captain Taylor was born on February 8, 1918 in Taylor, and graduated from the former Macclenny High School where he also played basketball. While working at Swisher Cigar factory, Ressie met Dorothy Mae Mosley, who also worked there, and they married on June 25, 1942. Ressie and his family were members of Southside Assembly of God for many years.

After his service in the US Navy as an engineer's mate he moved back to Jacksonville and went to work with the City of Jacksonville electrical department. Ressie left the city and went back to work for Swisher Cigars and soon after took a test to become a firefighter. He was hired in September 1945 and retired after a total of 40 years of service.

Captain Taylor was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years in 2011 and is survived by daughter Barbara S. Taylor, plus a number of nieces, nephews and extended family.

The funeral service was held at 1 pm on Friday, March 14 at the North Jacksonville Chapel of Peoples Family Funeral Homes with Tommy Timmerman officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery with full firefighter honors.



Ressie Taylor

Jim Sands dies on March 12th at 84

Jim Sands, 84, died at home in Macclenny on March 12, 2014. He was born October 3, 1929 to the late James Sands and Fannie Crawford Sands in Charlton County, Georgia. Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Kathryn Louise Burnett Sands; daughter Kathryn Lynn Sands Boone; sister Sadie Sands Blair; brothers John Newton; Tiney Frank and Cleon Sands.

He is survived by wife Margaret Jones Sands; son Keith David (Connie) Sands; daughter Jeri Michele Sands (Pierre) Segers and husband Pierre Segers; brothers Henry (Betty) Sands; Ira (Cecelia) Sands and sister Mildred (NL) Long.

Calling the "Georgia Bend" home, Jim graduated from high school and worked for the nearby farming and forestry operations. Married in 1951, Jim and Louise were blessed with Kathy their first born. After Jim served a military obligation in Fort Campbell, Kentucky they returned to Florida and together attended the University of Florida. Following graduation from UF Jim began a lifelong career in forest management with Continental Can Company (CCC) in Florida; Georgia and South Carolina. He relocated his family from South Carolina to Savannah and finally Augusta, Georgia where he retired with Federal Paper Board Company. Following both of their retirements, Jim and Louise relocated to Florida. In retirement Jim enjoyed visiting family and friends; gardening and his Florida Gators.

A private graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny with pallbearers Henry Sands, Ira Sands, Rick Moran, Pierre Segers, Theron, Kelvin and David Sands, and Trey Connor. Guerry Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery workday

South Prong Cemetery will have a workday on Saturday, March 22 beginning at 8 am.

For further information please contact David Richardson at 259-9977.

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2/17/2005-3/20/2005

Not one tiny footprint for now I have wings. These tiny footprints were meant for other things. You will hear my tiny footprints in the patter of the rain, gentle drops like angel's tears of joy and not from pain. You will see my tiny footprints in each butterfly's lazy dance. I'll let you know I'm with you, if you just give me the chance. You will see my tiny footprints in the rustle of the leaves, I will whisper names into the wind, and call each one that grieves. Most of all, these tiny footprints are found on Mommy and Daddy's hearts. 'Cause even though I'm gone now, we'll never truly part.

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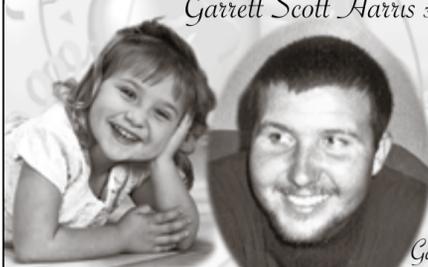
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3/20/1998-12/1/2012

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3/23/86-2/14/07

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KAYLA AND JUSTIN



In loving memory of
Jordan Alexis Sommise

3/20/1998-12/1/2012

Happy 16th Birthday!

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, and days before that, too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. A contagious laugh and a smile so bright, you were so beautiful in everyone's sight. We love and miss you so much.

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In loving memory of
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Jordan Kennedy gets a base hit.

Cats split Stanton games

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Grant Gregory makes sacrifice to move the runner to third.

The Wildcats kept their outside chance of the No. 1 seed in April's District 3-5A tournament alive by splitting their series with Stanton to move to 4-2 in district play and 8-5 overall.

Pitchers Jared Crews and Garrett Yarborough combined to throw a one-hitter to help Baker County hand Stanton its first loss of the season with a 2-1 home win on March 14. Crews struck out eight Blue Devils in his 5 2/3 innings on the mound and Yarborough added another strike out while picking up the save.

Crews helped himself at the plate early with an RBI single to score freshman Corey Adams to give the Wildcats a 1-0 first-inning lead. Stanton tied the game in the next inning when a runner took advantage of a bad throw to third and advanced home.

Jordan Kennedy knocked in Dylan Rowe in the bottom of the fourth inning to give the Wildcats the lead for good.

Stanton had several opportunities with runners on base as Crews hit four batters and walked one. The pitcher was able to navigate himself out of a couple of situations where the visiting team had a runner in scoring position without giving up a run.

Baker County had the chance to widen the margin in

the fifth inning with the bases loaded and one out, but a failed squeeze attempt ruined the offensive momentum the team was building.

Still, the one-run win was enough to keep the Wildcats in the hunt for the top seed in the district tournament.

"We had to get a split for a chance at the No. 1 seed depending on what Stanton and Bishop Kenny do against each other," head coach Fred Matricardi said. "We have to win our next two games against Parker and hope Kenny and Stanton split for a three-way tie. But we can't worry about it until we take care of business first."

The much-needed victory came the night after the Cats gave up a six-run third inning to lose at Stanton 6-4 on March 13. Baker County hit a bat-

ter and then walked another before giving up a triple that broke the game open for the Blue Devils in the third inning. The one bad inning was enough for the Wildcats to drop the game despite shutting out the home team for the majority of the contest.

"If we keep it 2-2 or 3-2, we end up winning," coach Matricardi said. "When you let a team get ahead it's hard to get back."

Crews batted home two RBIs and Zach Rafuse added two hits and an additional RBI in the loss.

The boys started their week off with 14 hits in a 6-1 road win over Camden County in a non-district game on March 11. Rafuse's great season continued as he connected with three hits and drove in a run while picking up the win on the mound. Mikal Flores had a double and an RBI and both Crews and Brandon Miller added a hit.

The Cats must now turn their attention to Terry Parker for a series that could help determine their seeding in the district tournament. Coach Matricardi said his team's pitchers should keep the boys in the game, but it will come down to their production at the plate. The Wildcats travel to play the Braves on March 20 and return home for the second game of the series the following night.

Track improves to finish 1st

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Both the BCHS boys and girls track teams improved upon their opening meet performances with overall team first-place finishes at Yulee on March 13.

The teams topped both the host team and Fernandina Beach to win the meet. The girls had a successful day on the track and swept the top spots of several events and had a number of strong showings.

The team had three runners finish within a half-second of each other in the 100-meter as Kiala Pigott finished first with a time of 14 seconds, Demitra Gibson's time of 14.22 earned her second place and D. Kirksey ended up in third with a time of 14.40.

Pigott also won the 200-meter with a time of 29.53. Emily Orender finished behind her in second place with a time of 32.03 and Gibson earned third-place with a time of 33.72.

Klara Fletcher finished in first place in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 59.43. She edged out teammate Lindsey Love for the top spot, who finished second with a time of 59.79.

Amy Lee Crite came out on top of the shot put competition for the second consecutive meet with a distance of 28-9.

In the discus, Abby Rice finished in first place with a throw of 85-5, which was the same distance as the previous meet.

Madison Perry followed up her strong opening meet with another impressive day as she won both the long jump and the triple jump.

Perry was also on the 4x100 relay team that came in first place with a time of 53.03 and also included Gibson, Pigott and Orender.

Dreamy Stewart earned a second-place finish for her effort in the 400-meter.

"The first meet was about trying to see where people best competed at and trying to get them comfortable at the events," coach Charles Ruise said. "The second meet gave us a true test and I feel real good about the outcome. I feel like we got the right athletes at the right positions and it's going to set ourselves up for a good year."

The boys team also looked better in their second meet of the season and had athletes place in the top three in 10 different events.

The Cats claimed the top two spots of three events. Anthony James' time of 24.25 allowed him to edge out Reggie Givens' time of 24.8 in the 200-meter. Joseph McCray's long jump of 18-11 was one inch better than Darius Fisher, who ended up in second place. Mason Batten

took the top spot in the triple jump with a distance of 38-2 while McCray earned second place with a hop, skip and jump of 37-4.

Rashodd Hadley finished in first place in the shot put with a throw of 50 feet and in the discus with a throw of more than 130 feet.

Valdez "Pooby" Jackson finished atop the high jump competition with a jump of 5-10.

Malik Delgado's time of 56.9 earned him second place in the 400-meter. The 4x100 relay team consisting of Mondrell Jefferson, Givens, McCray and James also took second place with a time of 46.3.

In the 4x800 relay, the Baker County team of Jack Koberger, Dustin Reed, Nathan McDowell and Johnson finished in third place with a time of 9:55.

Logan Kish also earned a third-place finish in the 3200-meter.

Boys coach Adam Brunner said the team came together more for the second meet than they did the first.

"Everybody was willing to participate," he said. "All the kids were excited to be there and were cheering each other on."

The track teams will try to build upon their success with a road meet at Episcopal on March 20.

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From left (front) are Emily Myers, Zoey Brown, Jailyn Bradley, Kailyn Hunter, Thomas Payne, Jareb Lauramore, Kelton Smallwood, Emma Hunt, (middle) Ava and Elle Charbonaeu, Amelia Gonzalez, Jessalyn Lauramore, Lydia Scammacca, Nick Venturelli, Christiana Johnson, Landon Gaines, Justin Broome. (back) Kelly Brewin, Ty Walker, Mason Rhoden, Gabriel Finley, Jacob Miller, Ashton Johnson, Mandy Thomas, Nyah Summey, Landon Fountain and Pam Robinson. Not pictured is Presley Turner.

Win streak reaches 12

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The Lady Cats' dominance continued for another week as the team added two more victories to its 10-game winning streak by a combined score of 22-1 to improve to 12-1 overall and 6-0 in district 3-5A play.

Baker County pulled away with several high-scoring innings to blow out the hosting Middleburg Lady Broncos 14-0 on March 14.

After a close opening three innings, the girls blew the game open with a four-run fourth inning. Kylie Holton batted in two of her four RBIs in the game on a double. Jennifer Hodges also batted in a run and scored on an error in the inning.

The team's bats stayed hot in the fifth and sixth innings to further separate itself from the home team. The Lady Cats four-run fifth inning was aided by Corley Sweat and Delicia Washington's RBIs. The team also took advantage of Middleburg's mistakes as Branda Jarvis scored on a passed ball and Washington crossed home on an error.

The Lady Cats continued to pour on the runs with a five-run sixth inning. Holton and Sweat knocked in two runs apiece in the inning and Madison Kennedy batted in an additional RBI.

While the offense was on fire, starting pitcher Mackenzie Wingard picked up her ninth win of the season in the shutout. She allowed just five hits and struck out six Lady Broncos en route to the win.

The win over Middleburg came three days af-

ter the Lady Cats blasted three home runs to down the district opponent Paxon Lady Eagles 8-1 on the road on March 11. Brandie Callaway and Washington hit solo home runs in the sixth inning and Hayleigh Mulkey added another solo shot in the seventh to add more cushion to the team's lead.

Washington scored on an error and Jarvis batted Hodges home to give the Lady Cats a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning. Ashton Alford's RBI double padded the team's lead in the fourth.

In the fifth, Jarvis connected with an RBI double and winning pitcher Macy Jackson helped her cause with an RBI.

The squad's final three runs came on the solo shots in the last two innings.

In addition to the RBI at the plate, Jackson struck out nine from the mound and won her second game of the season.

The Lady Cats will try to continue their double-digit winning streak with games at Hilliard on March 18 and Yulee on March 25. See next week's edition for recaps.

While the varsity team continued to roll, the JV Lady Cat softball team also won another two games to extend their winning streak to six games and improve to 8-1 on the year.

The team defeated Middleburg on the road 6-1 on March 14. The win came a few days after the JV Lady Cats dominated hosting Paxon 15-2 on March 11.

The JV squad will join their varsity counterparts for the games at Hilliard and Yulee in the coming week.

50+ locals at River Run

More than 50 Baker County residents participated in the 37th annual Gate River Run Saturday, including a group from Macclenny Elementary.

For the past eight years, the school's physical education teacher, Pam Robinson, has been training and preparing two dozen students to run in the 1-mile Junior River Run.

They started in early January learning about distance running — the importance staying hydrated, nutrition and pacing.

Helping Ms. Robinson on race day March 15 were her daughter, Shea, a member of the high school's cross country team, and Brandon Wheeler, a Wildcat weightlifter. Dakota Dicks of Keller Intermediate finished first in the 9 and under division among more than 200 runners.

The Gate River Run is a national 15-kilometer (9.3 mile) race that attracts many elite runners. This year, the participants included five Olympians and many past champions. The race began in 1978 with some 2200 runners and has grown to 15,492 finishers this year.

The youngest local runner was 12-year-old Alex McColcum, who finished in 2:22:45. The oldest, Bobby Harrison, 65, had a time of 1:40:44.

The fastest time for runners from Baker County was turned in by Chris Neri, 44, of Macclenny. He crossed the finish line in 1:09:19.



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From left at the Gate River Run: Jacob Miller, Nick Venturelli, Dakota Dicks, Ashton Johnson and Ty Walker.

There was also a father-daughter running in the 15-K and 1-mile run: Brian Griffis of Glen, a long-time competitor in the longer race, finished 564th with a time of 1:06:18; and his daughter Emily finished the shorter distance in 5:07.

"Looks like Baker County just might have a future cross country runner on their hands," said her mother, Kimberly Griffis.

Runners began near the Jacksonville Fairgrounds before crossing the Main Street Bridge and continuing through historic San Marco. The runners then faced the biggest challenge, the Hart Bridge, affectionately named



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Brian Griffis with his daughter Emily Griffis.

the "Green Monster" before crossing the finish line in front of Ever Bank Field.



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The BCHS Rhythmettes (front from left) Shelley Allen, Kate Thompson, Sarah St. John, Katelynn Flandreau, Kaden Orender, Rose Thompson, (back from left) Brianna Bell, Ashlynn Johnson, Mason Filosi, Brianna Bryant, coach Jennifer Richardson, Amanda Dennison, Kaylan Davis, Delaine Combs, Vivica Gaskins and Kaylan Gaines.

Rhythmettes win dance titles

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The high school's Rhythmettes dance team won top honors at last Saturday's Diamond Cheer and Dance competition at the Prime Osborn Center in Jacksonville.

The group performed routines in the varsity pom and varsity jazz divisions, winning first place in both. They also were selected for the Diamond Award, which is given to the judges' favorite performance, said team coach Jennifer Richardson.

Thirty-four teams competed

that day, but the Rhythmettes were the only team not associated with a private dance studio.

The March 15 event began at 8 a.m. and the girls received their trophies about 12:45 p.m.

Ms. Richardson said it's been five years since the Rhythmettes have competed.

B'cats shutout Richardson

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The middle school baseball and softball teams stayed hot for another week and won by a combined score of 34-0 on the road against Richardson on March 14.

The Lady Bobcats destroyed the home team 21-0 to notch their fifth-straight win and improve to 6-3 overall on the season. The blowout win also brought them to an even 1-1 in the district.

Coach Angela Lauramore said her entire team hit well and pitcher McKenzie Hickman shut down Richardson's bats.

Not to be outdone by the girls, coach Matt Turner's Bob-

cat baseball team cruised by Richardson 13-0 to win its sixth straight game. The lopsided victory improved the team to 6-2 overall on the season and it remained undefeated at 2-0 in the district.

Christian Watkins led the boys by going a perfect 3-3 at the plate and scoring three runs. Caleb Scott added a single and a triple and Josh Haygood connected with a double to help give the Bobcats the easy road win.

After a slow start to the season offensively, coach Turner is pleased with how the bats have come alive in recent weeks.

"We've been swinging it really well," he said. "We're all top to bottom swinging it well. I feel like there are no holes in our line-up."

The teams were scheduled to play at Wilkinson on March 17 and host Lake Asbury on March 18, but both were rained out. There is a chance neither game will be rescheduled since they were both non-district contests.

Both teams are scheduled to play their final regular season home games of the season on March 20 when they host Richardson. They will close out the month by going on the road to take on Lake Butler on March 25.

Church league

The Baker County church softball league invites all churches interested in participating in the 2014 season to attend the meeting on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 pm at the Christian Fellowship Temple. The meeting will be held in the Cross Roads Sunday School classroom.

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Kaleb Carter in the clean and jerk at Monday's home meet. He finished second in the 199-pound class against Fleming Island.

Wildcat lifters excell at meets

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The BCHS Wildcat weightlifting team powered its way to two great showings in recent weeks to close out its regular season schedule on a successful note.

The team pulled out a close 43-41 home victory over the visiting Fleming Island Golden Eagles on March 17. The Wildcats had six first-place lifters through the 10 weight classes. Willis Starling in the 119 with a 300-pound total, Jacob Stalvey in the 169 with a 580 total, Blayne Merchant in the 183 with a 595 total, Valdez Jackson in the 199 with a 605 total, Hunter Chambers in the 219 with a 580 total and Eli Lee in the heavyweight division with a 595 total all finished atop their respective weight classes.

In addition to the first-place lifters, the Wildcats had seven athletes finish in second or third place. Rhett McKendree in the 154 class with a 420 total, Tyler Mash in the 219 with a 520 total and Dalton Thomas in the 238 with a 420 total lifted their ways to a third-place finish.

The hard-fought home win came a week after the boys finished second out of 17 teams competing at an invitational at Fort White on March 10. The team's 34 points was bested only by Columbia's 49. Only the top six lifters in each weight class earned points, and the Wildcats had nine lifters score, including two first place finishers.

Stalvey's 570 total in the 169 weight class and Merchant's

605 total in the 183 class were enough to earn the two athletes first place.

Brandon Harvey's 415 total in the 129 class and Jackson's 600 total in the 199 class put the two Wildcats in second place in their classes.

Carter lifted his way to a third-place finish in the 199 class with a 565 total.

McCray earned a fourth-place finish in the 183 class with a 560-pound total.

Cody Miller in the 119 with a 320 total, Jarrett Turner in the 154 class with a 475 total and Thomas McElfresh in the 169 class with a 510 total all scored with sixth-place finishes.

The Wildcats will return to action when they travel to West Nassau on March 24 for the first sub-sectional meet.



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Blayne Merchant on his way to a 595-pound total.



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Valdez "Pooby" Jackson.



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Jacob Stalvey got first place in the 169-pound division.

Boys fall to Kenny, top Fernandina; girls still struggling

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The BCHS Wildcat boys' tennis team has played well all season and split two meets against Fernandina Beach and Bishop Kenny in recent weeks, while the girls' team continued to struggle.

The boys dropped a hard-fought match to the Kenny Crusaders on March 11. Jared Stafford was the lone singles competitor to win a match as he cruised by his opponent 8-2. Evan Barrett and Tyler Curry were narrowly defeated 8-5 and 8-6, respectively. Jonathan Kirkland was downed 8-1 and Brach Dukeman was shut out 8-0.

In doubles action, the team of Stafford and Barrett defeated their opponents 8-5. Curry and Dukeman fell just short in their contest with a 8-6 loss.

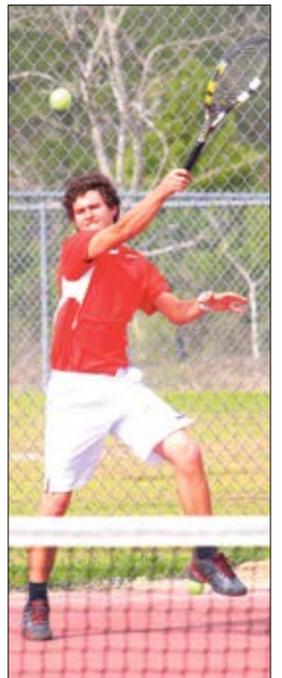
While the boys put up a strong fight, the girls' woes continued. Tristan Lauramore and Kate Whitehead both lost 8-1. Emily Johnson and Andrea Clark were both shut out 8-0.

The girls didn't fare any better in the doubles matches. Lauramore and Clark lost 8-1, while Johnson and Whitehead were beaten 8-0.

The loss to Bishop Kenny came a week after the boys were able to beat visiting Fernandina Beach on March 4. Dukeman pulled out a tough 8-6 win and Barrett had another close match with an 8-5 victory. Stafford and Curry had easier times with their opponents with 8-2 and 8-3 wins, respectively.

The lone singles loss came when Kirkland was edged out 9-8 in a tiebreaker.

Both doubles teams had a



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Jared Stafford.

successful day as Stafford and Barrett made short work of their opponents with an 8-1 win, while Curry and Dukeman downed their competition 8-4.

On the girls' side, Lauramore, Johnson and Whitehead each lost 8-1. Clark dropped her match 8-2.

Lauramore and Clark lost their doubles match 8-1 and Johnson and Whitehead were shut out 8-0.

The tennis teams' seasons continued with a road meet at Bishop Snyder on March 18 and a home meet against Madison County is set for March 20. See next week's edition for coverage.

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Baker County Little League's 2014 season gets underway

Baker County Little League held its opening ceremonies Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. at the Knabb Sports Complex ball fields. The late Alex Caldwell, a long-time volunteer with the league, was memorialized before the action got underway and his grandson threw out the first pitch as county and league officials looked on with players, parents and coaches. Mr. Caldwell spent some 40 years volunteering as a coach and umpire for the organization, said the league's Melissa Burnsed. She said there are about 700 children competing this year on baseball and softball teams. Pictured above are some of the players from the Rays team.



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The late Alex Caldwell's grandson throws out the first pitch.



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Jerry Carter opens the ceremony.



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County commissioner Jimmy Anderson.



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Terry Crews with a word of prayer.

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