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15-year term for string of burglaries

One-half of a two-person team responsible for a rash of home burglaries in Baker County before and after Christmas, 2012 drew a 15-year prison sentence in return for multiple no contest pleas in circuit court on April 8.

Charles Wayne Cope, 36, until recently indicated he would go to trial for his role in eight burglaries between November 29 of that year and mid-January 6 and at one point insisted on defending himself before William



Charles Cope

Salmon of Gainesville was reinstated as his taxpayer-funded attorney.

His co-defendant Julie Driggers, 44, entered similar pleas in November of last year and was placed on a five-year probation after serving more than ten months in county jail. She was poised to testify against Mr. Cope had the case gone to trial.

An alert county deputy who recognized the defendants' vehicle based on an earlier description stopped them on CR 125 on January 15 and noticed a blue pry bar in the car that matched the color on doors that had been forced open at some of the crime scenes.

Mr. Cope, a three-time convicted felon from Jacksonville, had a .45 caliber pistol in the car, prompting a felony charge in addition to those of armed burglary, burglary, grand theft, felony criminal mischief and dealing in stolen property.

In all, the defendants were charged with eight burglaries during that period, stealing guns, tools, jewelry and electronics. The locations were along CR 125 between Glen St. Mary and Cuyler, Crews Rd and CR 23D.

They would knock on doors and if someone responded inquire about a lost dog. If no one answered, they forced their way in a rear or side door.

Court records show that

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Camp Tracey rehab center rejected

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Conference Title for the Bobcats!



Photo by Debbie Pelham
The BCMS baseball team with their championship trophy.

'School of Champions'

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Baker County Middle School is quickly becoming the School of Champions.

The Bobcat baseball team became the school's third sports team to hoist a conference championship trophy this school year when they defeated the visiting Madison County 2-1 on April 10.

"I'm super proud of my boys," head coach Matt Turner said. "To be a second-year program and win a district championship like that shows that Baker County baseball is serious business."

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Glades ICE jail reported closing

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An administrative officer with the Baker County Sheriff's Office says there's no cause for alarm at a report that the Glades County jail that served as a model for the struggling Baker County facility is closing for lack of ICE inmates.

The facility will reportedly close in the next few months, according to a story in the *Glades County Democrat* published April 10.

Two days before, reporter Charles M. Murphy wrote, Glades County Sheriff Stuart Whiddon made the announcement at a meeting of the Glades County Commission, citing a loss of inmates from the federal agency Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, that cost the jail \$1 million during a two month period.

"We had a meeting with ICE in Miami last Friday and had a heart-to-heart with them and

Merging football and 'corn hole'

Baker County entrant at 'One Spark' in Jax

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What do you get if you combine American football with another beloved southern past time, corn hole?

Gridiron Toss, that's what.

It's a new game invented by Baker County native Stacy Simmons with help from his father Johnny Simmons of Glen St. Mary, and his two brothers Matthew and Jeremy, of Glen and Sanderson, respectively.

The family debuted Gridiron Toss at last week's One Spark festival, billed as the world's largest crowd-funding festival and held in downtown Jacksonville for the second year in a row.

The four-day festival drew some 250,000 spectators.

While the Simmons family didn't garner any of the cash prizes awarded at the event, they garnered something just as valuable - exposure.

"It's been better than we anticipated," said Stacy Simmons, 42, on the second day of the festival. "We've gotten a lot of good response. This is the first time we've had it out in public and getting people's opinion on it and it's been probably 95 percent positive. Everybody loves it. Most people have been crazy about it and saying it will take off like wild fire. And I believe it."

The game incorporates every facet of football, from offense and defense to touchdowns, sacks and interceptions.

Though there are various types of games that may be played with one game set, the basic premise is this: two opposing players toss bean-bag footballs onto platforms about 20 feet apart, and depending on where the bags land on the platforms, the respective players are awarded offensive or defensive (negative) yardage, which moves the figurative football up or down a field between the two platforms.

"Anything that happens in real football, happens in this game," explained Matthew Simmons, 27.

And whatever you do, don't toss the bags into the corn holes. That'll net you a turnover.

The Simmons have spent two years perfecting the football simulation game. They showcased it at One Spark in hopes of garnering \$100,000 to begin marketing and manufacturing the games, now built by hand in Stacy's Jacksonville home.

"If we have to build it in Stacy's garage, we're capable of doing it," said the father Johnny Simmons, 65, who works for a Swedish bearing manufacturing company.

They believe starting a league, the first meeting for



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Stacy Simmons demonstrates Gridiron Toss at weekend event.

Photo by Joel Addington

which will take place later this month, will be the best way to continue to introduce the game to the public and build a following for the product.

During One Spark, the Simmons set up a prototype of Gridiron Toss and invited passersby to play.

"It's awesome," Stacy Simmons said of One Spark. "I love the festival and I'm glad we were able to participate in it."

While there, the brothers tracked the yardage of players and the top 10 players competed for a game set during a

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-Administration Chief Brian Bishop
Baker County Sheriff's Office

they told us it probably won't get much better," the sheriff was quoted as saying.

He explained the Glades County jail needs at least 400 inmates to stay afloat, but it has averaged about 200 in recent months.

Officials in Baker County, where federal inmates including ICE are housed, have said they need about 400 inmates in all, including local prisoners and those from other federal agencies, to remain financially viable.

Brian Bishop, the Baker County Sheriff's Office administration chief, said there's nothing to worry about here, and questioned the veracity of the article in the Glades County newspaper.

"We have been in communication with Glades County officials and they state that they are not closing their facility and are in fact continuing to operate and hold ICE detainees," said Mr. Bishop by e-mail last

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Mostly Cloudy
High: 75 Low: 58

Friday
Few Showers
High: 77 Low: 60

Saturday
Few Showers
High: 84 Low: 62

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 83 Low: 60

Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 81 Low: 59

Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 78 Low: 54

Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 82 Low: 58

Today's High & Low Temperatures

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Mon, 4/7	82	61	79/54	0.64"
Tue, 4/8	77	59	79/54	2.28"
Wed, 4/9	73	50	80/54	0.00"
Thu, 4/10	77	45	80/54	0.00"
Fri, 4/11	79	48	80/54	0.00"
Sat, 4/12	81	54	80/55	0.00"
Sun, 4/13	81	50	80/55	0.00"

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	6:58 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
Friday	6:57 a.m.	7:58 p.m.
Saturday	6:55 a.m.	7:58 p.m.
Sunday	6:54 a.m.	7:59 p.m.
Monday	6:53 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	6:52 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	6:51 a.m.	8:01 p.m.

St. Mary's River Levels

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	10.69 ft.	-0.58 ft.
Macclenny	13.51 ft.	-0.66 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM
Thu	1:21-3:21	1:51-3:51
Fri	2:16-4:16	2:46-4:46
Sat	3:13-5:13	3:43-5:43
Sun	4:10-6:10	4:40-6:40
Mon	5:07-7:07	5:37-7:37
Tue	6:03-8:03	6:33-8:33
Wed	6:57-8:57	7:27-9:27

Weather History

April 17, 1953 - A severe hailstorm accompanied by snow, sleet, glaze and rain pelted parts of Tulsa, Washington and Rogers Counties in northeastern Oklahoma late in the day. Nearly 10,000 insurance claims were filed.

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Glades ICE jail said closing...

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week. "We have not seen a drastic reduction, in fact, February ICE ADP [average daily population] was 216, which is above what we had been told to prepare for," he said.

The next month in March, ICE average dropped slightly to 202, according to a report from the sheriff's office, which manages the county jail that's owned by the nonprofit Baker Correctional Development Corporation, or BCDC.

Since October, the beginning of BCDC's fiscal year, the average has hovered between a low last month of 202 and a high in January of 232.

According to the *Glades County Democrat*, however, the facility there has a \$3 million reserve fund that can keep it operating for three to five months, but 100 layoffs are expected along with the transfer of inmates back to the former county jail, which needs minor repairs to accommodate the move.

The Glades County sheriff's administration offices, now at the new Glades facility, are expected to move to the county health department.

Mr. Bishop said there's no cause for concern in Baker County, though. He said Sheriff Joey Dobson spoke with Sheriff Whiddon and Dobson was assured the facility was not closing.

"Since it appears that Glades is not going to be closing, we would anticipate no change in our situation. We are confident in our partnership with ICE. This is based on our communication with ICE leadership, reinforcing our partnership and expressing to us the value of our facility in their operation," said Mr. Bishop.

But it may not be ICE that local officials have to worry about.

Glades County officials reportedly blamed the loss of federal prisoners on the Obama administration's relaxation of enforcement of immigration laws.

"This isn't because of how we ran the facility,"

Sheriff Whiddon was quoted as saying. "This is about Democrats in Washington not wanting to arrest people who are here illegally."

Sheriff Whiddon did not return a call from *The Press* attempting to confirm his public statements.

Other recent news reports show there may be some validity to the criticism about lax enforcement of immigration laws.

The Hill.com, which chronicles Congress and the national political scene, reported on March 31 that ICE officials released some 68,000 illegal immigrants during 2013.

The Hill cited an internal Department of Homeland Security document known as the "Weekly Departures and Detention Report," showing ICE agents encountered 193,357 illegal immigrants with past criminal convictions but issued charging documents for only 125,478.

The report is available online at <http://cis.org/sites/cis.org/files/2013-wrd.pdf>.

A follow-up story in the *Democrat* indicates the sheriff and the Glades Correctional Development Corporation (GCDC), the non-profit managing the facility, are negotiating with bondholders on its future.

"They (the bondholders) don't want to close it," Sheriff Whiddon was quoted as saying. "We're trying to come up with something, financially, that will work."

According to the Glades sheriff, who inherited the facility from his predecessor who he defeated and who has since died, the county and bondholders have been hung out to dry by ICE because they promised to fill the jail then ceased picking up illegals on orders from Washington.

His sentiments were echoed by Alvin Ward, chairman of the non-profit GCDC. Said he, "They said if you build it, we'll fill it. ICE is not holding up their end of the bargain."

GCDC secured a 24-year, \$33 million bond to build the facility. Its counterpart in Baker County bonded through the same broker for \$40 million on a 30-year obligation.

He was 'Spark' entrant...

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shootout tournament on Saturday.

The winner was a football coach from Camden County, which was not surprising to Matthew Simmons.

"I feel like the reason he won it is because he understood football and had some strategy to his game," he said.

They also gave away a game set to a very eager player who returned to volunteer with the family at One Spark after learning the ins and outs of the game.

"That made us feel good," said Matthew Simmons.

"Once they (visitors) realized what it was, they loved it. We tried really hard to make it as realistic as possible and flow like a game [of football]," he said.

The game can be bought through the product's website for \$285, but the Simmons brothers hope to reduce the price tag by starting large scale manufacturing in the future.

"Right now they're made by hand," said Matthew Simmons.

To see Gridiron Toss in action at One Spark, visit www.bakercountypress.com to view video of the Simmons' venue at the festival.

Man refused to surrender a child

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A Glen St. Mary man was arrested for felony cruelty toward a child and interfering with the custody of a minor on the afternoon of April 10 after he refused to hand over a child in a court-ordered exchange.

Clayton Easter, 22, confronted mother Ashley Stevens of Jacksonville when she went to his residence on Franklin St. and she told Deputy Jeremiah Johnson that he spit in her face. The suspect carried the child outside and the deputy told him Ms. Stevens has a court order to pick up the child, and Mr. Easter replied, "You can't take my child from my hands. I know the law."



Clayton Easter

Deputy Johnson repeatedly requested the suspect hand over the child but he refused and cursed at the officer. The deputy called dispatch for more officers and Mr. Easter positioned the child between himself and any officer that tried to get close to him. The authorities couldn't get close to the suspect in fear of injuring the child.

After about 30 minutes of negotiation, Mr. Easter agreed to hand the child over if he was allowed to have a cigarette before he was arrested. Once he complied, he was arrested for the multiple felony charges. He

was also charged with misdemeanor battery and resisting without violence.

Mr. Easter's sister, Christina Jeffers, was also arrested for breach of peace and resisting arrest without violence after she cursed at the officers while they were arresting her brother.

The 31-year-old Glen St. Mary resident ignored several warnings that she would be arrested if she continued to cause a disturbance.

Deputy Johnny Hodges tried to handcuff her for breach of peace but she ran into the residence before he could get to her and locked the door. The deputy kicked in the door and found Ms. Jeffers in the kitchen.

Homeowner Tammy Smith was notified about the damage to the door.

Police responded to the same residence later in the same evening after Ms. Smith noticed several items, including a cell phone and her son's wallet, had been stolen. The door that was broken from being kicked in allowed easy access into the residence.

Ms. Smith said she thinks Ms. Stevens returned to the residence and took the items after the incident earlier in the day. Ms. Stevens was contacted and admitted to returning to the residence and taking the items.

15 years for eight burglaries...

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Mr. Cope confessed to the burglaries in a taped interview at county jail following his arrest. At the time, he was on supervised release from prison since April of that year after completing the confinement portion of a three-year sentence for burglary in Jacksonville.

He also was in prison from early 1997 to July, 2001 for robbery and for a year in 2005-06 for dealing in stolen property.

In other sentencing, William F. Padgett, 23, who has addresses in both Jacksonville and Macclenny, was given 18 months less time served for violating probation when he was arrested in January for dealing in stolen property and making a false statement of ownership.

Court records show Mr. Padgett was placed on a three-year probation last July for possession of controlled drugs. He also violated terms of the probation by failing to undergo an evaluation for

substance abuse.

- Judge Mark Moseley withheld adjudication of guilt in the case against Wendell Meadows, who pleaded no contest to false imprisonment. He was placed on a two-year probation and given credit for 81 days in jail.

The state dropped companion counts of battery and assault.

- Jimmy Hugh Yarborough pleaded no contest to sale of a controlled substance and was placed on a five-year probation. The judge withheld adjudication.

- Fredrick Yokum will be on probation 18 months in return for his plea to felony driving on a suspended license as an habitual offender. He was given credit for 29 days in county jail.

- A warrant was issued for Melvin Norman after he failed to appear for driving on a suspended license as a repeat offender.

During a regular court session on March 25, Judge Mosley ordered John R. Akridge Jr. to county jail for a year

after he pleaded no contest to multiple counts of possession of controlled drugs, felony driving on a suspended license and domestic battery.

- Jeremiah Jones entered a similar plea to possession of a controlled substance and was placed on probation 18 months.

- The judge allowed 60 days already confined to county jail as the sentence for Lewis Karnes, who pleaded no contest to a lesser charge of trespass and petty theft.

- Charles Northington Jr. pleaded no contest to possession of cocaine, misdemeanor marijuana possession and will be in county jail 180 days.

- Michael T. Williams drew a 30-month probation for aggravated fleeing of police.

- The judge ordered Britney McEachin onto three-year concurrent probation terms for felony theft and tampering

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Correction
The Press erred in the April 10 edition on the quantity of marijuana allegedly stolen in a April 2 burglary at the west Macclenny residence of Courtney Krajewski and Ryan Durrett.
The amount was 7-8 grams, not ounces.

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Time to re-think recreation plan

Two recent developments — the ongoing turmoil over use of existing public ballfields and the recent exit of the First Coast YMCA from the scene except for fee-based sports — would seem to present us with a golden opportunity.

It's time to re-think the entire public recreation picture in Baker County.

The county commission, unless it prefers unbounded discussions during its meetings about who gets to use the ballfields when, should take the initiative and reach out to the City of Macclenny to form a consolidated recreation department.

Remnants of the YMCA organization (a local board of directors still exists) should be brought into the mix as well, with or without cooperation from the First Coast organization that, if I was a betting man, probably is looking for a way of pulling out of Baker County altogether.

Good riddance.

A recreation department should focus on some attainable goals: youth sports (baseball, football, soccer, basketball and swimming) and adult activities (exercise classes, walking groups, art classes, etc.) — all fee-based. If you play, you pay.

Sooner than later, the newly formed recreation department would seek out a director with professional experience (they're out there) to report to its own directors appointed by both elected boards for limited terms (no pay).

As for the infrastructure, well, there's the problem. Unless we institute night baseball at all levels, it looks like we could use more ballfields, but let's hold off accepting any large donations from companies who seek our favor for reasons that have nothing to do with recreation or our well-being.

We have a wonderful pool (if the Y bugs out, it reverts to the City of Macclenny), soccer fields and Memorial Stadium. Shoals Park is on the table for the future, for sure, though it may take five to ten years to realize its potential. For now, the immediate needs are in the Macclenny area.

Funding? This is the painful part.

Macclenny has some wiggle room when it comes to sweetening the pot, but not much. Until governments consolidate here, they'll always have the argument that city funds should be used for projects that directly benefit Macclenny residents.

Anyone who thinks the county commission is swimming in excess funds is nuts. The board is looking at looming deficit next budget year again, and unless it slashes away at existing spending it will dip into scarce reserves once again. Kicking the can down the road, if you will.

So that leaves us beholden to the generosity of others — state and federal grants, private foundations, private business, endowments — to fill the jar above what "pay to play" fees and scarce public funds bring in. The county's dismal health statistics may turn out to be a plus when seeking funds for "things that make us fit" from private foundations and those who dispense grant largesse.

Baker County has an existing motel bed tax intended for use on a civic center that will likely never be built. Why can't the enabling legislation be changed to pledge the money for a multi-use center (for indoor recreation, civic gatherings, private parties and even revenue-producing events)? An ideal location is property already owned by Macclenny and the health department.

The upshot of all this? It's gonna take money and local government agencies can't foot the bill alone. That means we have to be creative and we have to avoid soaking users of the facilities to the point that they can't afford to participate.

If we're really serious about recreation opportunities in Baker County, this is the direction we'll have to take. A real challenge.

IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

Sleep emerging as 'issue' of aging

I've been married for almost 33 years, so you would think that I wouldn't be surprised by very much. But this is an actual conversation from the Gerard household last night.

"Wake up,"

my wife says as she nudges me.

"What?"

"Are you awake?"

"Yes. Why?"

"It's dark," she answers.

I look at the lighted dial of my watch. It's 4 am.

"It's supposed to be dark."

"No," she says. "It's very, very dark."

"Uh huh."

"I think the lights are out."

"That's why it's dark."

"I mean the power," she says, getting frustrated with my inability to understand anything at all at 4 am. "You need to check."

I reach over and turn on my lamp. It suddenly is not dark any more.

"Okay," she says as I turn off the light. "It just seemed darker than usual."

"You know, you could have

turned your head and looked at your clock radio without waking me up."

"Oh. I was awake."

I guess insomnia loves company.

I've noticed something lately. Sleeping is becoming an issue as I get older. I don't know anything about

it so perhaps that is natural, but I seem to sleep less the older I get.

I've never been one to need a lot of sleep; I'm fine with six or seven hours. Even on vacation or on the weekends I regularly get up around 7 am to start my day. I just can't lie in bed any longer.

My wife needs much more sleep and isn't really happy without 9 or 10 hours. She also sleeps a little later than me.

When I was a kid, I could stay abed for hours on a Saturday morning. In fact, my parents had to roust me out of bed or I would sleep until noon. Perhaps my body needed the extra sleep.

I'm inclined to think it had to do with not having respon-

sibilities. I didn't have any reason to get up so I didn't. If I did have a reason, like cutting the lawn, I didn't get up because I didn't want to do it and hoped my parents would forget. They never did.

The older you get the more responsibilities pile up on you. Your Saturdays are full of things that have to be done because it's the weekend and it's the only time to do them.

With responsibilities come worries, and troubles never lead to a restful sleep.

I'm one of those who usually go to sleep within five minutes of laying my head on the pillow. I close my eyes and I am in dreamland. I'm a light sleeper though, easily awakened by my sons coming in from prowling around or by the cat whining at the window. Once I am awake, it's often hard to get back to sleep, like at 4 am. when I'm pondering the difference between dark and very dark.

I'm not alone. I mentioned this to Brittinie Johnson, who works with me at the high school.

"Oh, that's nothing. My husband has to have his blan-

ket and if I happen to be using it he will snatch it off me. But he won't give me another one, so I'll be lying there all cold with no blanket."

As I mentioned, my wife needs more sleep than me, so it's customary for her to go to bed much earlier. One night I was really tired and while she was in the office working on the computer I couldn't keep my eyes open and went to bed.

About an hour later she had finished her work and came into the bedroom where I was fast asleep. She turned on the light and stood at the bottom of the bed with her hands on her hips.

Light sleeper Bob opened one eye.

"What are you doing?"

"Uh ... sleeping. Or I was."

"Why?"

"I'm tired?"

"You never go to sleep before I do." With that, she turned off the light and went to sleep, leaving me awake and pondering for the next two hours.

I suppose I gave the wrong answer. I should have said, "Because it's dark. Very dark."



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New policy on 'credit lunches'

A new policy has been put into place regarding charging a lunch at the schools. It allows students buy lunches on a credit basis as deemed necessary by the school principal, provided the meal charges do not exceed "the prevailing cost of two lunches." No breakfast meals may be sold on credit and money owed will be collected at all schools and repaid to the cafeteria, according to the revised policy.

Your thoughts on whether the policy solves the problem or more should be done.

Kathleen Esford Johnson: I feel confident in this county if a child can't pay for a meal while in school there will be a kind hand on site

that will make sure a child eats no matter what policy is in place. And I am thankful for that.

James Clay Rhoden: It is only for the hot lunches and not for any ala carte items and designed to allow the child to eat if for some reason they don't have enough in the account or forget their money and not to embarrass the child or point them out. Finally a system that is for the children!

David Weathers: Let's just encourage the kids to be criminals so they can go to prison and get three free meals a day since the government cares more about criminals than the future of this country.

Becki Crews: This a great idea. Sometimes parents or kids forget, or the family may

simply not have the money for that day. It's disheartening to think of a child, or anyone, having to go hungry and I feel sure that teachers/staff in our school systems go above and beyond to ensure that no child goes without food. However, this policy will assist in aiding those students. This will not become something for kids to take advantage of, for it simply states they will not be able to charge more than two meals. It's a good deed for those tough days or forgetful moments that I think we could all agree we experience.

Courtney McGuire Crews: It's fine as long as the school develops a better system of notify parents when the balance is low.

Hannah Going Woodruff: Does it mean you can only credit two lunches, or that you can't credit one lunch that exceeds the cost of two generic school lunches? Such as, getting a large plate of fries and pizza which cost more than your normal

school lunch.

Jamie Webb Virginia: There is a system in place where you can prepay any amount you want so it's in your kid's account. If they forget lunch then money is already there to use. If not, now with the new policy they get two "credits" that can be used but must be repaid. And if the parents are not held responsible, who should be?

Robert Thompson: Any parents who let their kids' balance go for more than a day or two should have their names published in The Press. If public shame doesn't work, then have them arrested for child endangerment. Some people just don't care that somebody else is having to foot their bill. Today's date (April 15-tax day) is a great reminder of that.

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Drunk, waving a shotgun Couldn't say who threatened him

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Police arrested a Macclenny man for using a firearm while intoxicated in the early morning of April 13 after witnesses said he stood by his mailbox yelling threats to shoot people and racial slurs.

Deputy Justin Yingling saw Michael Perry, 37, enter his house on MLK Dr. carrying a shotgun when he and Deputy Daryl Mobley arrived on the scene. The deputies ordered the suspect out of the house at gunpoint and when he was placed in the backseat of the patrol car, Dep. Yingling searched the house and found the shotgun and three unspent shotgun shells just in front of the front porch.

Mr. Perry told the officers several people had threatened him but he couldn't identify or describe any of the parties. He admitted to drinking a few mixed drinks throughout the night and thought several black people wanted to fight him, so he grabbed the shotgun to protect himself.

Mr. Perry's wife, Shelia Perry, said she was asleep when he came into the bedroom to grab the weapon and she tried to stop him from coming outside to no avail.

In another incident, a Sanderson man was named in a criminal complaint for battery the afternoon of April 12 after a confrontation broke out during a homeowners' meeting on Cherokee Lane near Cuyler.

Charles Wall said John Wiesner, 37, pushed him during a verbal confrontation. Mr. Wall told the suspect he was not a homeowner or a member of the association. Mr. Wiesner then pushed him.

Mr. Wiesner said he was invited by homeowner Thomas Barbee to come back to gathering and he was approached by Mr. Wall while exiting his vehicle with his family. He said Mr. Wall told him he wasn't supposed to be there and to leave, and got so close he touched Mr. Wiesner's chest.

Mr. Wall and Reed Tillis came toward Mr. Wiesner to continue the confrontation while Mr. Wiesner was trying to leave, and the suspect's wife stepped between the men.

In a related incident, a charge of felony aggravated battery with a deadly weapon was filed on a Sanderson woman on the morning of April 12 after she punched another woman in the face with brass knuckles, causing a fight to break out.

Mikeya Washington said she was riding in a friends' car to her aunt's house when Niyia Blue flagged the car down. Ms. Blue approached the victim's window and started a verbal confrontation at South Boulevard and Quail Lane in west Macclenny. Ms. Washington said the suspect then punched her in the head with what looked like brass knuckles.

During the ensuing altercation, the victim was jumped on by Tia Grissett, 21, of Macclenny and Brooke Lee, 20, of Sanderson, who began punching and kicking her while she was on the ground.

Ms. Washington said her friends broke up the fight and get her back into the car to leave the scene.

Deputies were unable to locate the three suspects. In addition to the felony charge on Ms. Blue, misdemeanor battery charges were filed on Ms. Grissett and Ms. Lee.

Officer fired in wake of sex arrest

A Baker Correctional employee is in county jail this week, charged with impregnating a Glen St. Mary girl last fall when she was 15 years old.

John Wesley Padgett, 30, of Macclenny denied the allegations when interviewed at county jail on April 9, the day he was arrested.

The incident report, however, quotes sheriff's investigator Tracie Benton that Mr. Padgett admitted to the liaison when speaking with the girl's mother in a "controlled call" earlier on April 9. He then referred to having sex with the teen while she was living at his residence on Tee St. sometime after the new school year began last summer.

The victim and accused are related. During the taped call, Mr. Padgett is quoted as describing the encounter as an "honest mistake," then retracted that calling it "a major mistake."

The girl's 40-year-old mother first contacted the sheriff's department on January 10 shortly after she learned her daughter was pregnant. The girl's initial story was she accepted a ride home from a white male she did not know after missing the bus at Baker County High School, and they had consensual sex off Reid Stafford Rd. southwest of Glen that afternoon.

The girl told Investigator Benton she never saw the man again, and several weeks later her ex-boyfriend revealed to police that he saw messages of a sexual nature exchanged between her and Mr. Padgett on the girl's Facebook page. The accused during the phone conversation insisted the two had sex but once, and it was during that time she and her mother were staying at his residence.

Jessica Cary, communications director for the Department of Corrections in Tallahassee, said this week Mr. Padgett has been a corrections officer since August, 2003. He was fired on April 11.



John Padgett

Arrest for crack and having sex with wife in park

Police arrested a Macclenny man at City Park late on April 7 for possession of cocaine stashed in a cigarette pack and for having sex in public with his estranged wife.

Deputy Trey McCullough said he responded to a complaint to another officer shortly after midnight by a woman who lives on nearby Blair St. that a couple was engaged in sexual activity on a picnic table in clear view of her residence.

He confronted David Cook Jr. and Peggy Cook, both 24, near the park entrance on 8th St. and they initially denied then admitted to the allegation, explaining they had been separated for a few months and recently reunited. Mr. Cook also claimed he was unaware the park is closed to the public at night.

During a routine search, Deputy McCullough said he found the powdered cocaine between the bottom cellophane wrapper and the bottom of one of the cigarette packs in Mr. Cook's pants pocket. He said he bought the drug in Jacksonville the previous day.

The couple was also charged with lewd behavior.

In other recent arrests, a longtime offender was charged with possession of a crack pipe found in his vehicle shortly after he was stopped for driving on a suspended license.

Deputy Chris Walker said he was on patrol the evening of April 11 when he saw Darryl Starling, 47, of Sanderson at the wheel of a GMC vehicle on Timberland Rd. near Cuyler.

The officer said he was aware of Mr. Starling's license status and confirmed he had four suspensions for failure to pay and failure to appear in court.

Mr. Starling has a lengthy criminal past including arrests dating back to 1993 for various offenses including forgery, battery, grand theft, possession of crack and burglary.

Meagan Pleasant, 19, of Sanderson was served with a warrant at county jail the evening of April 7 for possession and sale of controlled drugs, and arrested on additional charges after officers found six marijuana cigarettes and residue on her person.

She faces added counts of misdemeanor possession and introduction of contraband into the jail. The second offense is a felony.

Vacant house is vandalized

A vacant house belonging to an owner who lives elsewhere in north Macclenny was ransacked and looted of property sometime in the month prior to April 13 when he went there to pick up belongings.

Kevin Walton told Deputy Justin Yingling the property at Islamorada Dr. in the city's northeast corner was ransacked with clothing and other property scattered about the floors. In addition, he said jewelry, a telescope and electronic games valued at nearly \$700 were missing.

Mr. Walton estimated structure damage at \$5000.

A neighbor told Deputy Yingling he saw a male juvenile, 17, leaving the premises about a month before with what appeared to be items in his hands. He was possibly with a girl, 14, the witness said could be his sister.

In other recent thefts,

Elizabeth Lane of Macclenny called police when she went to her rented garage at US 90 Mini-Storage on the city's east side and found the lock severed and an estimated \$1800 in property stolen.

She told Deputy Michael Clark the items consisted of furniture.

Wendy Florio of Glen St. Mary reported the morning of April 9 that someone entered her 1997 Dodge pickup and stole a credit card from the console.

It was parked in front of her residence on Sherman Ave., and Ms. Florio told Deputy Tony Norman the theft occurred sometime during the previous two days. A check with Vystar Credit Union revealed someone attempted to use the card.

Billy Irish told police the morning of April 10 that someone entered his 2007 Toyota

pickup parked on South 7th St. in Macclenny and stole a .45 caliber handgun valued at \$400.

He told Deputy Jeremiah Johnson the theft occurred sometime the previous night.

In a case of criminal mischief, Ryan Johnson, 23, of Glen St. Mary was named in a criminal complaint as the person who damaged the front door of a residence on North 4th St. in Macclenny in the early morning of April 8.

Jason Morgan told Deputy Yingling he was awakened about 2:30 by the sound of Mr. Johnson standing in his yard cursing loudly. The suspect then went to the door and repeatedly kicked it before driving off with spinning tires when told police were called.

Damage to the door, its frame and jamb was estimated at \$500.

Attacks girlfriend in shower

Police arrested a 38-year-old Cuyler man late on April 11 for attacking his live-in girlfriend while she showered, and earlier that same evening during an argument that erupted as she attempted to stop him from going to a bar.

Stacie Harris, 27, initially told Deputy John Minkel the confrontation with David Crawford Jr. was verbal only, a statement she later recanted when she said she was accosted in the shower while officers were still on the property off CR 127 North.

The deputy said Ms. Harris was "hysterical" when he first arrived about 11:30 am, claiming her boyfriend took their baby from her when she went to a neighbor's to call police.

Both parties assured the officers no physical altercation took place and they agreed to remain at the residence for the night. Ms. Harris admitted both had been drinking.

About five minutes later, Cpls. Chris Walker and Tony Norman said Ms. Harris ran from the residence unclothed claiming she was attacked. They observed a shower rod lying on the bath-

room floor as if it had been pulled down.

It was then the girlfriend said Mr. Crawford attacked her physically during the earlier argument, allegedly grinding his fists into her eyes to avoid bruising. Deputy Norman noted swelling on her right eye.

In a second case involving a feuding live-in couple with a small child, Kimberley Burnsed, 23, of Macclenny was charged with domestic battery on Jason Amerson, 31, while attempting to take their young child from him at the volleyball court pavilion near the north city ballfields.

Mr. Amerson and two witnesses told Deputy Jeremiah Combs that Ms. Burnsed began striking the boyfriend when he resisted during the 3:30 pm incident.

The girlfriend earlier that afternoon called police from CVS Pharmacy to accuse Mr. Amerson of striking her when she went to their Blair St. address to deliver sunglasses he had left in a vehicle. A criminal complaint was filed against him.

She told Deputy Norman she had separated from her boyfriend that day.

Shoots, wounds a dog

A Macclenny man was named in a criminal complaint the evening of April 9 for shooting and wounding a dog in his neighborhood in the early morning hours of the same day.

Freddie Nichols, 74, admitted to Deputy Robert Simpkins that he shot at barking dogs in front of a his residence on Deerwood Circle about 2:30 am, but said he did so because he believed they were attacking a smaller animal.

The officer noted the line of fire as described by Mr. Nichols was directly in the path of another residence, and charged him with both animal cruelty and discharging a firearm in public.

Another neighbor, Tammy

Mullner, called police after she learned that a dog belonging to Terry Martin had sustained a gunshot wound to the shoulder. Mr. Martin, who lives next to the accused, said he let his dogs out about 2 am into his fenced yard and noticed before he went to work that one of them appeared to have been shot but not in immediate danger.

Deputy Simpkins said when he examined the dog it appeared to be in pain.

Mr. Nichols told the officer he was never threatened by the dogs, but that he was "tired of those dogs running loose" in the neighborhood.

The .22 caliber rifle used in the shooting was confiscated.

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A reunion of retirees from Northeast Florida State Hospital will be held June 7 at the Crews gymnasium beginning at 5 pm.

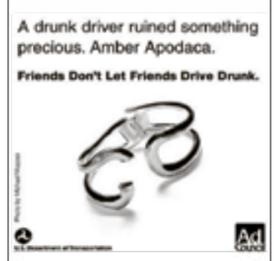
The charge is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. This price includes decorations and food catered by Carolyn Roberts. For more information, contact Caldonga Williams at 259-9104 or Valorie Brown at 904-710-7655.

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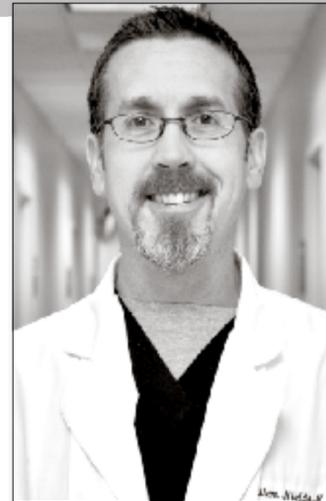
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BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tracey adult rehab bid rejected

Neighbors line up in opposition

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PRESS STAFF

Camp Tracey, a former church-run home and counseling center for troubled adolescents in the Cuyler area north of Glen St. Mary, will not be allowed to reopen as a residential treatment facility to help adult men kick their alcohol, drug and other addictions.

County commissioners unanimously killed the proposal after listening to more than a dozen people speak for and against it during a crowded public hearing that lasted more than 90 minutes the evening of April 15 at the county administration building in Macclenny.

"This is in my district and I consider this spot zoning in a largely residential area," said Commissioner Adam Giddens. "It's not compatible with the (county's) comprehensive plan."

He also said he agreed with some in the audience who expressed safety concerns about a drug treatment facility in a rural residential community.

Commissioner Giddens made the motion to deny a request by Harvest Baptist Church to rezone the former 10-acre Camp Tracey parcel, within a 160-acre tract owned by the Jacksonville church off Crews Road, from agricultural to institutional. An accompanying ordinance that would have amended the comprehensive plan also was denied unanimously.

Commissioner James Croft, an evangelical preacher, seconded the motion to deny the request even though he said he respected what the church and Pastor Wilford McCormick had accomplished for years trying to help misguided teens.

"However, I believe this is spot zoning and is incompatible with the agricultural areas around this property," he said.

Harvest Baptist Church opened Camp Tracey under the supervision of Pastor McCormick in 1981 as a Bible-focused counseling program for wayward youths ages 12-18. The



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Pastor McCormick said this facility would only admit willing adults.

program was forced to close in late 2012 in the wake of a scandal involving allegations of child abuse.

The commission's denial came two months after the county's Land Planning Agency, which reviews and votes on rezoning applications, also recommended denial. Many of those who spoke at the LPA meeting also spoke during this week's commission meeting and reiterated their previous reasons for opposing the church's plans.

Billy Marsh, a former county and state corrections officer, said he has lived in the same house where he grew up just down the road from Camp Tracey, years before it became Camp Tracey. He said there is a need for treatment facilities for adult addicts, just not in his neighborhood.

"I agree we need a place for them, but not in a community," Mr. Marsh said. "We don't need it out there."

He said if Harvest Baptist wanted to run a treatment program for adult addicts the church should sell the Crews Road property and "use the proceeds to have a facility in Jacksonville, or at their church."

His comments were echoed by numerous other speakers who voiced one objection after

another, including David Paulk of River Bend Road.

Mr. Paulk said his family had donated to Camp Tracey in previous years because they supported what they were trying to do for teens and their families.

"But this change to adults has crossed the line," Mr. Paulk said, adding that he was concerned about a lack of adequate security.

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-Billy Marsh
Concerned property owner

to commissioners by saying she was "strongly opposed" to the rezoning.

"An adult rehabilitation facility does not belong in our neighborhood," she said, citing concerns about security and safety, as well as declining property values that might ensue.

Two or three critics said most of the adults who would reside at Camp Tracey would be court-ordered as an alternative to going to jail for crimes — a statement rebutted by Pastor McCormick.

"We are not going to take men that are court-ordered. That's a point blank lie," he said, at one point calling one of the critics a "jughead."

The pastor said the proposed treatment facility would only admit willing adults who wanted help with their addictions

and that no convicted felons or anyone ever accused of a sex crime would be allowed to join the program. He said he would interview all applicants and would only approve those he felt confident could be helped.

While most of those who spoke at the hearing were opposed to the church proposal, several supported it, including a few former teen clients at Camp Tracey who praised Pastor McCormick for his outreach ministry.

Bruce Scott said he has owned property on Crews Road for 23 years within 1,000 feet of the Camp Tracey property, where he said he once was a teen resident whose life was turned around thanks to the leadership of Pastor Wilford and "Biblical teaching and old fashioned work ethic."

Nonetheless, commissioners said the proposed rezoning would not be in the best interest of Baker County nor those who live in the vicinity along Crews Road.

County court on April 9th

The following dispositions were ordered by Judge Joey Williams in county court during regular session on April 9:

- Jason Eddins, disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest; 49 days in county jail and court costs.
- Cody Guthrie, petty theft; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- James Hodges, disorderly intoxication; six-month probation, four days in jail, 24 hours of community service and banned from Mac's Liquors.
- Wayne Jefferson, disorderly intoxication and loitering; 60 days in jail.
- Joseph Merke, driving on an expired license; 17 days in jail.
- Keisha Mitchell, sale of alcohol to a person under 21; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Ashley Pendleton, failure to report damage to an unattended vehicle; six-month probation, community service if not employed, \$595 restitution.
- James Rowan, criminal mischief; 60 days in jail.
- William Sollicito, contributing to the delinquency of a minor; 10 days in jail, parenting class and 12-month probation.

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Mom rejected her drunken son

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A Macclenny man was arrested for disorderly intoxication the afternoon of April 13 after disobeying police orders when a deputy drove the suspect to his mother's house.

Deputy Matthew Riegel responded to a trespass call and found Bryan Harrington, 33, on the front porch of his ex-girlfriend's house. The ex-girlfriend told the officer the suspect was extremely intoxicated and had a severe drinking problem.

Mr. Harrington told Cpl. Riegel that he wanted a ride to his mother's house. The officer told the suspect he would comply after issuing him a trespass warning, and seated Mr. Harrington in the backseat of the patrol car where he passed out.

Once at the residence, the suspect's mother Karen Mobley refused to allow her son to stay after realizing how intoxicated he was. Mr. Harrington tried to move closer to his mother to intimidate her into allowing him to stay, but Cpl. Riegel ordered him into the back of the patrol car.

The corporal continued to talk with Ms. Mobley when the suspect approached them again and ignored commands to back up. He continued toward his mother and the officer on the porch and was placed under arrest.

He was given a breathalyzer at the county jail, where his blood alcohol level measured .254, three times that considered intoxicated.

In another incident, police arrested a Macclenny man on a felony charge of tampering in a misdemeanor proceeding on April 10 after making threats to a victim of a previous crime.

Deputy Robert Simpkins was serving an arrest warrant on Ryan Manning, 25, when he was contacted by Elvis Williams, who had two vehicles damaged in a bar fight the suspect was involved in. He told the officer that Mr. Manning called him and threatened to "shoot his house up."

Deputy Simpkins received an anonymous tip that Mr. Manning was hiding in a closet in a house in Macclenny. The deputy searched the house and found the suspect in a bedroom

closet and threatened to use his Taser, at which time the Mr. Manning revealed himself and was handcuffed.

The suspect resisted the officer and was uncooperative throughout the arrest process. He was also charged with misdemeanor resisting an officer without violence in addition to the felony charge.

In other incidents:
• William Cox, 23, of Jacksonville was arrested on April 10 after officers found he had an active warrant out of Clay County for contempt of court on driving with a suspended or revoked license during a traffic stop.

• County jail inmate Kevin Wilkerson, 37, was arrested on April 11 on a warrant from Columbia County for possession of a controlled substance and driving with a suspended or revoked license.



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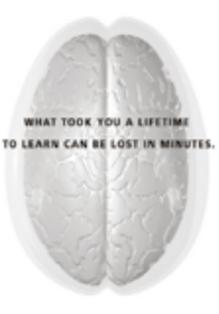
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SCHOOL BOARD

Revises policy to 'two credit' lunches

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The Baker County school district recently changed its no credit school lunch policy unofficially to permit students to receive up to two lunches on credit.

Cathy Golon, the district's director of food services, reviewed the new policy during an April 8 workshop with the school board prior to the panel's regular meeting that evening.

She noted concerns were raised early this year, both locally and nationally, about the no credit policy, which here didn't allow middle and high school students who couldn't pay for their lunches to receive the meals on credit.

Younger elementary school students have been able to get lunch meals on credit, however, and simple pre-made bag lunches have been available by request at the front offices.

Some parents in Baker County, including declared school board candidate James Rhoden, criticized the policy as cruel and embarrassing for students. Mr. Rhoden said children have a name for when students are turned away from the lunch line without their food: "the walk of shame."

At the direction of Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson, Ms. Golon formed a 15-person committee that reexamined the district's 10-year-old meal pricing policy on

March 6 for two hours. The group included school board member Patricia Weeks, associate superintendent Robin Mobley and others.

"Things have evolved," she told the school board last week.

The committee fashioned a new policy

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—Cathy Golon

District Director of Food Services

that lets students buy lunches on a credit basis as deemed necessary by the school principal, provided the meal charges do not exceed "the prevailing cost of two lunches."

No breakfast meals may be sold on credit and money owed will be collected at all schools and repaid to the cafeteria, according to the revised policy.

"We wanted to keep the policy broad so that it's not dated as much," said Ms. Golon. "We didn't say how much two lunches cost because in two years two lunches may cost a different price. We don't know that at this point in time."

The former policy read: "No meals may

be sold to a student or to an adult on a credit basis unless deemed necessary by the principal or a designee in cases of extreme emergencies."

Ms. Golon said the new policy was approved by the committee without objection.

"First and foremost we're all interested in doing what's best for the kids. That has not changed over the years," Ms. Golon told the board.

"We have a policy that the group very much thought would work," she said. "There was a lot of talking but in the end everybody agreed to do this."

Board member Dean Griffis noted the new policy did not reflect the principal's ability under the old policy to assign a designee to carry out the rule. Ms. Golon responded, saying that authority could be added to the new policy before the board considers the changes for final approval at a later date.

"That's certainly an option," she said, adding the district has already informally implemented the new policy.

"I think everyone was satisfied after the meeting that we have a good policy," commented Mrs. Weeks.

Officials also said that Lin Adams, owner of the Village Store on US 90, donated money to the district that was divided up among the schools specifically to cover the lunch costs of students who cannot pay. That donation came in addition to some anonymous donations for the same purpose, they said.

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE

Seeks to employ financial adviser

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

After receiving a presentation on investing strategies from a stock broker/personal financial adviser on April 10, the New River Solid Waste Association's board of directors unanimously agreed to pursue the services of a full-time licensed financial adviser.

The position will be advertised and proposals sought after the board has a better idea of how much money it will have to invest as the 2014-15 budget begins to take shape over the next few months.

Landfill officials began discussing the idea of hiring a financial adviser months ago after realizing that investments, mainly in money market and bank certificates of deposit, had not only produced meager earnings but actually lost money for the tri-county landfill.

The idea received even more impetus after a recent audit issued scathing criticism of the agency's fiscal affairs, including distributing \$1.7 million to the three owner counties last year, money that could have been invested or saved to help fund future expenses.

Executive Director Darrell O'Neal invited Matt Bryant, a personal financial adviser with Ameriprise Financial in Starke, to give the board a broad overview of investing strategies. He went over areas like asset allocation, diversification, risk tolerance and liquidity, stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

Mr. Bryant also reminded the board about its fiduciary responsibility to ensure that adequate funds remain available for operating expenses and meeting future long-term expenditures related to the closure and maintenance of landfill areas decades after they've been closed.

He believes the types of investments New River has had in the past will continue to provide poor returns because, gen-

erally, the longer money is invested the greater the returns.

He said the board might want to consider "opening up some exposure to the stock market." Not in individual corporate stocks, which carry the most risk, but in stock mutual funds, he said.

He set up a chart showing that if New River had invested \$1 in various securities in 1926, a small cap growth stock would have produced \$24,000 in earnings, while bonds would have only yielded \$104.

A financial adviser, Mr. Bryant said, can manage risks going forward by making adjustments in a portfolio, taking into account inflation and other economic factors that affect the stock market performance.

It's more difficult predicting the outcome of short-term securities, say up to two or three years, he said, while over a longer period of time "the market becomes more predictable."

"All short term securities are paying rates that are almost nothing," Mr. Bryant told the board.

He also predicted interest rates will go up over the next five to eight years, meaning the value of bonds will go down. So, with low projected earnings on CD's, money market and bond funds, he said the best earnings likely would be in mutual funds.

It all depends on how much risk the board is willing to take and whether members have the stomach for the roller coaster ride, known as volatility, in the stock market.

"Volatility is a natural part of the market," Mr. Bryant said, noting that the good thing about investing in indexed mutual funds, as opposed to corporate stock, is that mutual funds spread the risk among many investors.

"The economy is probably in early recovery, but we've got quite a bit of growth ahead of us," he said, adding that opportunities exist to buy shares low and allow their values to grow

in the years ahead. "If you enter the market you really need a 5-year outlook, or longer."

Board member Doyle Thomas said investing in mutual funds for five years or longer would generate greater earnings than New River has been making in the past with money "just laying there."

Mr. Bryant said a financial adviser could help avoid losses by ensuring that the agency's money is invested in a variety of ways, which is the key to sound investing.

"The way you manage risk is through diversification," he said. "It's all relative to your objectives and risk tolerance."

Mr. O'Neal said the next thing the board should do is establish some goals and objectives within the investment policy and then seek expertise to help manage the plan.

"That's what I was looking for," Board Chairman Mark Hartley said.

Mr. Bryant said he would be willing to help the board develop those goals and objectives, without any compensation, but he removed himself from consideration for the permanent adviser role.

Board members said they appreciated his generous offer, with Mr. Hartley saying, "We don't hear that very often."

The tri-county landfill is owned jointly by Baker, Bradford and Union counties, each of which appoints two commissioners to the quasi-public board. Mr. O'Neal said a profitable investment strategy in the years ahead would be good for the three counties.

"Every dollar we earn in interest is another dollar we don't have to ask our citizens for in taxes or fees," he said.

Also during the April 10 meeting:

• Mr. O'Neal said he had nothing new to report on the latest landfill gas-to energy project, but that it was proceeding and future prospects look bright for a contract to sell

Refers nostalgic cockfighter to LPA

The Baker County Code Enforcement Board agreed during regular session the evening of April 14 that two property owners were in violation of land development regulations, and deferred action on another case pending the owner's request for a special exception.

Jesse Francis of Cuyler was advised to approach the Land Planning Agency for the exception allowing him to keep chickens on his property off CR 127. The ailing Mr. Francis told the board he had long ago given up raising them for cockfighting, but still likes them around for therapeutic reasons.

"I can't see no harm in it," he stated, adding he likes to roam around the yard daily in his wheelchair visiting the birds.

The CEB advised him to file for the exception soon and placed the case on its May agenda.

Another violation set for the fine phase to appear next month involves excessive refuse on the property of Richard Lee Green on Hopkins Rd. west of Glen St. Mary.

The board found him in violation last month, and on advice of its counsel John Kopelousos of Orange Park deferred a motion to fine him \$85 in administrative costs, plus \$75 the first day and \$15 daily for up to 180 days.

The attorney advised that no fine be levied until a second notice of meeting is issued.

In other cases, the board found Allen Pippins in violation for having refuse on his property off CR 125 South of Glen remaining from a house fire earlier this year, and a swimming pool without a fence barrier.

Although Mr. Pippins acknowledged receipt of a certified notice of meeting letter, he did not attend the meeting. Board members expressed concern over the county's liability in the event someone drowned in the pool before next month's meeting when the matter will be taken up for the fine phase.

Attorney Kopelousos advised the code board has no leeway in the meantime, but suggested it had the authority to level stiff fines as an incentive to swiftly correct the violation.

• Jackie and Jacqueline York were found in violation for excess refuse and vehicles on their property on Dogwood St. in the Macclenny II subdivision.

Mr. Griffin told the board the owner greeted him with profanity and open hostility when the officer visited the property for an inspection.

• The remaining case on the CEB agenda, citing David and Lynette Griffis for excessive refuse on property off C.W. Webb Rd. near Macclenny, was settled by coming into compliance.

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Fire rating improves to 3rd highest

Decrease in insurance rates should follow for city's property owners

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Property owners in Macclenny should see a significant reduction in their fire insurance premiums after July 1. That's when a new insurance rating classification goes into effect for the city based on a recent survey of the fire department and the city's water distribution system.

On a scale of 1-10, from the best fire departments to the worst, Macclenny's classification number will go from 4 to 3, which could save home and business owners hundreds of dollars a year.

Fire Chief Buddy Dugger announced the good news during a city commission meeting on the evening of April 8.

"I'm very proud of what we've achieved," he said, adding that the city came close to getting an even better rating.

"We just missed getting a class 2 rating by about four points," Chief Dugger said. "I'm going to tell you within a year, especially if we get our new fire station built, we will be a class 2."

If the city received full credit for every firefighter who responded to fires the new rating likely would be higher. But volunteers aren't given as much weight as those firefighters on the city payroll.

"We have a strong volunteer force," Chief Dugger said, "but we only get one-third credit per volunteer."

Insurance Services Office, Inc., a New Jersey-based company contracted by insurance companies, collects and evaluates information from hundreds of communities throughout the U.S. on their structure fire suppression capabilities. The data is used to assign a Public Protection Classification number to each community.

The city fire department also provides excellent emergency medical and rescue services, Chief Dugger asserts. However, the ISO rating is based solely on "features related to reducing property losses from structural fires," according to the Insurance Services Office's survey report.

"A community's investment in fire mitigation is a proven and reliable predictor of

future fire losses," the report said. "Statistical data on insurance losses bears out the relationship between excellent fire protection - as measured by the PPC program - and low fire losses."

Insurance companies use PPC information for marketing, underwriting and "to help establish fair premiums for homeowners and commercial fire insurance," the report said.

Reflecting enhancements in fire personnel, training, equipment, and water supply and distribution over the past few decades, Chief Dugger said Macclenny's ISO rating has gradually improved from a 9 in the late 1970s to a 7 in 1982, a 5 in 1990 a 4 in 2005

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-City Fire Chief Buddy Dugger

and, this year, a 3.

To reach the next level the city must score 80 to 89.99 on ISO's 100-point scale. Chief Dugger vowed that the city would gain at least the four additional points needed to earn a 2 next year.

Of 49,010 communities assessed by ISO nationwide, only 2,410 are in the Class 3 category that Macclenny will join on July 1. Most fall much lower on the rating scale, including 1,734 that don't even meet the ISO's bare minimum standards in Class 10, such as rural areas that are beyond five road miles of a recognized fire station.

The largest single group, 12,437 communities, are in the Class 9 category, which means they have a fire department but "no creditable water supply."

The number of fire hydrants in Macclenny (242) and close proximity to the city's two fire stations also were factors in the ISO evaluation of the city's fire protection status.

On a separate topic during last week's commission meeting officials agreed not to reduce fees on new duplex construction, as building contractor Rock Rhoden requested recently when he complained that Macclenny's fees are much higher than surrounding communities, including Lake City.

City Manager Phil Rhoden (Rock Rhoden's second cousin) agreed that Macclen-

ny's fees "are higher than most other communities around here."

"But we feel they are substantiated," the city manager said. "The cost is, we feel, an accurate cost. Whoever is causing the growth should pay for that growth."

Granting a reduction in duplex fees would come at a cost, he said, adding: "The alternative is we would have to pass it on to the taxpayers and that's something this board has no interest in doing."

Long-time Commissioner Vern Bennett, one of five board members who have steadfastly resisted any property tax increases, agreed.

"We're not going to raise the taxes on the citizens of this city just so we can expand," Mr. Bennett said.

Rock Rhoden left the commission meeting moments later, but the next day he told *The Press* he didn't want the public to be left with the impression that he was seeking any special favors from the city.

"I should pay my fair share, but going from \$5,000 to \$25,000 is not fair," he said, using the numbers he said represented the city's former total fees on new duplex construction and the costs after the city hiked impact fees on new residential development in 2005.

He said fees on new single-family residences are passed along to homebuyers but the additional costs on 12 duplexes he wanted to build put his project out of reach financially.

"No duplex has been built in Macclenny in nine years since the fees went up," he said. "I was trying to expand the city's property tax base."

He said he wasn't asking for a rollback to the old \$5,000 fee. Adding \$10,000 or \$15,000 in fees for each duplex would have been acceptable, he said, but not \$25,000.

The city manager also reported to the board that a recent accident involving a car that crashed into a city fire hydrant, causing the city to dispatch emergency work crews to make repairs and clean up the mess, likely won't cost the city any money.

"It looks like we're going to be able to bill all of our expenses to the (automobile owner's) insurance company," he said.

The accident also resulted in a "boil order" for residents in Macclenny's northwest quadrant that remained in effect for three days.

BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

More accolades at meeting on April 8

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During the Baker County school board's regular meeting April 8, several recognitions took place prior to the panel conducting regular business.

Jennifer Richardson, coach of the high school's Rhythmettes dance team and a former Teacher of the Year, was honored for her team's recent accomplishments.

Bobby Steele, general manager of the Walmart Distribution Center in Macclenny, was recognized for the company's \$3000 donation to the Baker County Education Foundation, which awards scholarships to students and teachers.

"Bobby Steele is a wonderful business partner and champion for the Baker County school district," said Superintendent Raulerson.

Michele Hodges, manager of Heritage Park, was touted for the park's recent donation of \$526 in proceeds from the recent Baker Book Blast event at the city park.

"She has done a magnificent job with Heritage Park really making it a friendly place for students where they can learn about the heritage of our county," said Mrs. Raulerson. She also commented on the "wonderful child-centered field trips" students take to the park.

Then, four of the county's six schools were recognized for being "model schools" for their Positive Behavior Support (PBS) programs by Martha Murray of the University of South Florida's College of Community and Behavioral Sciences, which developed the state project. It endeavors to reward students for good behavior rather than simply punishing students for bad behavior.

Honored with banners, cer-

tificates or new stickers for existing model school banners were the PreK-Kindergarten Center, Macclenny Elementary, Westside Elementary and the high school.

Ms. Murray explained model school awardees "exemplify our best practices," like using data to solve problems and plan interventions and teaching good behavior throughout the year in addition to academics.

In other business that evening, the board:

- Approved an agreement with Macclenny Family Dental for the office to serve as a clinical site for the high school's Health Science Academy.

- Approved the purchase of three new vans to replace older models with high mileage. They transport ESE (exceptional student education) students.

District finance manager Marcelle Richardson said the new vans were not in the district's capital improvements budget and therefore the purchases needed the board's blessing. She said the high mileage vans will be transferred to other departments.

"We'll continue to use them until we get all the good out of them," she said.

- Approved a contract with a finger printing services company, 3M Cogent, Inc. Formerly the district contracted with the Florida Department of Education.

Ms. Mobley said the finger printing services at the district office for background check purposes offers new employees the convenience of not having to go elsewhere to get finger printed.

All personnel must get finger printed every five years. It costs employees \$60. Background checks are conducted on an annual basis, however, using finger prints on file for a \$6 renewal fee.



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EMS open house

Few members of the public showed up on April 12 for an open house at the county's Emergency Operation Center sponsored by Emergency Medical Service and local fire departments. Top photo, a city fireman unfurls a giant flag atop the ladder truck. Below, enjoying the free pancake breakfast and (right) Sparkey stands on US 90 waving a Saturday morning traffic.



Container gardening class April 15

It's spring and the county 4-H Club invites area youth to a class on container gardening for area youth on Tuesday, April 15.

This is an interactive class conducted by master gardeners, followed by a hands-on session for participants to create their own take-home container garden.

All materials are furnished. Sign up by April 10; free for 4-H members and \$5 for others. Parents must accompany participants. Call 259-3520 with questions.

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Macclenny lauds teen for saving grandmother

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

It's not every day that the Macclenny City Commission gives official recognition to a hero, much less two in one night.

A teenage boy and a city firefighter both received awards during the monthly commission meeting on April 8 for life-saving actions in separate incidents in the city recently.

Dalton Alexander, 15, was credited with saving his grandmother's life and possibly the lives of his parents and his 13-year-old sister in a house fire at 230 W. Michigan Ave. on the morning of March 23.

Fire Chief Buddy Dugger said the boy displayed "heroic actions" after he heard a noise coming from his grandmother's room a few minutes after 7 am and went to see if she was alright.

When Dalton, an eighth grader at Baker County Middle School, opened the door the room was hot and filled with smoke, the bed was on fire and 79-year-old Francis Kinney was lying on the floor.

The youngster picked his grandmother up and carried her to safety, and then awoke his parents and sister. The father, Ervin Alexander, broke out a bedroom window and began using a garden hose to douse the fire, while calling 911 at the same time.

Firefighters arrived moments later and finished extinguishing the fire. Fortunately, everyone got out of the house safely and unharmed, except for a small scratch on the grandmother's arm, said Assistant Fire Chief Scott Crews.

"She was unhurt," he said. "She didn't even need oxygen. But if he (Dalton) hadn't been there ... we obviously feel she might not have ever made it out of the room (alive)."

Dalton was awakened by the sounds of his grandmother coughing, then hearing her "hit the floor," the assistant chief said, adding that the boy's room was adjacent to hers.



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Dalton Alexander and his grandmother Francis Kinney.

Photo by Joel Addington

"When he opened her door the room was full of smoke and the bed was on fire," he said. "He took his grandmother outside and went back in to wake the others."

But as he and his grandmother were leaving the bedroom Dalton shut the door behind them, which was a smart thing to do because "it helped contain the fire and keep it from spreading," the assistant chief said, commending the boy for his quick thinking in the heat of the moment.

"That's one thing we try to teach people," he said. "If they have a fire in a room close the door to it."

In this case, the fire was confined to the bed and a small night stand. If it had been a bigger fire, the outcome "could have



Chief Dugger and EMT awardee Richard Diggs.

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been much worse," Assistant Chief Crews said.

"Luckily, the structure itself didn't catch on fire," he said.

The house, a rental property owned by a Green Cove Springs man, was not equipped with smoke detectors. But not for long.

"We are working on supplying them with them at this time," the assistant chief said. "We'll even install them for them."

Chief Dugger said the fire was caused by a burning candle the grandmother had placed too close to the bed.

The other award ceremony singled out city firefighter/EMT Richard Diggs, a volunteer for four years before he joined the force full time last year.

Firefighter Diggs was among a crew that responded to a call for rescue at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center on South 5th Street at 6:36 am on March 20. An elderly female patient had suffered a heart attack and center staff were conducting CPR when the rescue team arrived.

"She was totally unresponsive and in full cardiac arrest," Chief Dugger said moments before he presented the award.

After arriving on the scene Firefighter Diggs used a defibrillator to jump start the woman's heart and immediately took over CPR, giving the patient chest compressions and forcing oxygen into her lungs. After she began breathing on her own the woman was transported to a hospital in Jacksonville for treatment.

"We got her pulse and breathing back," Firefighter Diggs said, adding that he wasn't sure the patient would survive at first because she had been unresponsive for several minutes before he arrived.

"I didn't know if she was coming back or not," he said, adding that his job was over once county rescue workers transported the patient to the hospital.

Unfortunately, the woman died about a week and a half later, according to a spokesman at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center on April 10.

Program on horse nutrition

The Baker County Extension Service is offering a horse nutrition program entitled "Horse Feed Myths" on Tuesday, April 29 from 6-8 pm at the Baker County Extension Service located at the Ag Center in west Macclenny. Registration deadline is Friday, April 25.

This program is for horse owners interested in nutrition for their horse. Dr. Marty Adams, equine specialist from Southern States Feed, is the speaker. A meal will be provided, sponsored by Glen Cash Store.

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It's time for parents to register their children for upcoming summer camps, including several sponsored by the Baker County 4-H. Registration is now online for the following:

- **Space Explorers Camp** June 9-11 for ages 10-14. See space from many viewpoints, including visits to the planetarium and Kennedy Space Center. Cost \$65 and registration deadline is June 2.

- **Camp Cherry Lake** June 16-20 for ages 8 and up. "Welcome to Our Jungle" is the theme for this overnight camp in Madison County. Campers stay in rustic cabins, learn kayaking, archery, recreational dance and more. Cost \$200 for 4-H members, \$215 non-members.

- Registration deadline is June 9, when an orientation meeting will be held at the Ag Center at 6 pm.

- **Everything Crafty** July 7-10 for ages 8 and up. This week is all about being creative. Learn to embrace one's crafty side with spa scrubs, crocheting, floral arranging and more. Cost \$50 and reg-

istration deadline is June 30.

- **CSI: Baker County** July 14-17 for ages 8 and up. Explore the judicial system and learn what it's like to be a detective and forensic scientist. Tours include the Old Jail in Macclenny and the University of Florida's crime scene van. Participants will be urged to solve their very own mysteries.

- Cost \$50 and registration deadline is July 7.

- **Blueberry Cobbler Day Camp** July 22-25 for ages 8-13. Explore the dairy industry and blueberry production including making delicious dishes, visiting farms and an ice cream parlor.

- Cost \$50 and registration deadline is July 14.

- **4-H University** July 28-August 1 for ages 14 and up. Discover the University of Florida campus, explore career possibilities, interact with faculty, volunteers and teens throughout the state. A week-long event held at the campus

with many workshops and activities.

- Cost \$230 and registration deadline is May 29.

- For more information call 259-3520 or email Shaina Bennett, the 4-H youth development agent at slbennett@ufl.edu —

- The online registration link is <https://florida.4honline.com>.

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Honor Roll - 2nd Nine Weeks

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THIRD GRADE: Binn-Haydeen Crow, Garrison Fish, Ella French, Jaylin Maiden, Houston Noles, Amber Phillips, Malorie Pippins, **Dowling**-Alejandro Garcia, Makenna Payne, Shayla Stewart, **Gnann**-Trenton Armstrong, Emma Mobley, **Gray**-Reeanna Green, Sharica Jackson, Bagheera Jones, Kaylee Jordan, McKenzie Lowery, Mykayla Morgan, Amari Ruise, Pearl Wilburn, **Griffis**-Ethan Crawford, Zack Davis, Aubrey Fuller, Haley Maxwell, **Hand**-Dallas Burden, Ronald Cummings, Kyra Davis, Markus Givens, Lucas Long, Chloe Luper, Randie Robinson, **Payne**-Don Cox, Savannah Gully, Gabriel Hedge, Kaden Sigers, Avery Timbs, Noah Underwood, **Rhoden**-Shanyah Hudnall, Caitlin Hulet, Jason Rhoden, Tereana Robinson, **Shivers**-Christopher Cregg, Gracie Norman, John Van Vactor, **Shope**-Emmalee Dugger, Zachary Harvey, Karlie Hathcox, Tristan Pendleton, Caden Shumate, Trevoris Thomas, **Wendel**-George Barton, Kolton Branch, Bryleigh Brantley, Lily Conner, Dalton Griffis, Jesse Hobbs, Richie Lingefelt, Bryanna Luper, Derrick Major, Harrison Muncy, Jordan Tucker, **White**-Tana Brooke Barton, Bailee Conti, Daniel Young

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Honor Roll - 2nd Nine Weeks

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Mr. and Mrs. Dykes

Married April 5

Jamie Lynn Lambert and Aaron Wayne Dykes, both of Macclenny, were married on April 5, 2014 during a ceremony at The Hilltop in Orange Park.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Laurie Methvin of Macclenny and the groom is the son of Paula Randall of Jacksonville and Gary Dykes of Fruit Cove.

The bride's daughters Holly and Jasmine Lambert served as official "welcomers" to the groom.

Following a honeymoon in Tellico Plains, TN, the couple will reside in Macclenny.



Iona Fish

Birthday fete

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the 8th birthday of Iona Fish of Glen St. Mary on Saturday, April 26.

The celebration begins at noon with a lunch courtesy of the First Baptist Church of Cuyler.

Moose benefit

The Macclenny Moose Lodge is hosting a benefit this Saturday, April 16 for five-month-old Amarely Garcia-Diaz, a cancer patient since she was 11 weeks old.

According to organizer Annette Barton, Amarely requires doctor visits 2-3 times weekly plus chemotherapy and blood transfusions. Proceeds from the event are pledged for expenses beyond insurance.

Raffle donations, including baked goods, are sought as well as cash donations. Chicken and rice dinners will be on sale.

For details, telephone Ms. Barton at 626-3173.

Annual reunion

The annual Kirkland and Johnson family reunion will be held on Sunday, April 20 at Oak Grove Baptist Church at the end of CR 23D north of Jacksonville and Gary Dykes of Macclenny.

A covered dish dinner kicks off the event at 11 am. Call Gary Kirkland at 904-501-7481 for additional information.



Photo courtesy of Women's Center of Jacksonville

Receives 'Spirit' award

Jennifer Haas, assistant warden at Baker Correctional (left) was presented recently with the "Spirit of Rosie" award by the Women's Center of Jacksonville. Ms. Haas is a member of the Baker Sexual Assault Response Team. The award is named after a fictional character during WWII who symbolized working women, and was presented at the organization's Equal Pay Day luncheon.

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Vertie Dugger, 88, dies on April 13th

Vertie Lucille Dugger, 88, of Macclenny died on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at St. Vincent's Riverside in Jacksonville following a long illness. She was born in Rentz, Georgia and resided in Baldwin before moving to Macclenny in 1968. She was a certified nursing assistant at Northeast Florida State Hospital for over 20 years. She was a Baptist and enjoyed crossword puzzles and spending time with her dogs.



Vertie Dugger

Mrs. Dugger was preceded in death by her parents Thomas Alton and Maggie Evans Gay. She is survived by daughter Virginia "Boots" (James) Bennett of Starke; grandchildren Donna Gail Davis and Robert S. Phillips, both of Macclenny, and James "Gator" Phillips of Lake City; step-sons Thomas Pervis and Shelton Pervis, both of Macclenny, and Ernest Pervis Jr. of Starke; brother Gene (Betty) Gay of Newberry; numerous great and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be conducted at 3 pm Wednesday, April 16 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny, followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny. Visitation will be one hour before the service.

Annie Schulz, 89, dies on April 14th

Annie Lou Schulz, 89, of Starke died on April 14, 2014 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab with her family by her side. She was born on February 6, 1925 in Cottondale, FL to the late Talmadge Plair and Thelma Tool, and spent her younger years there before marrying the love of her life, Arthur W. Schultz, on February 26, 1963.



Annie Schulz

Annie was an avid horsewoman, and for many years she and her husband bred thoroughbred and quarter horses on their farm in Starke. She also had a love of cats, poodles, square dancing and rock collecting. Her husband of 31 years preceded her in death, as did son-in-law Archie Crews, two brothers and a sister.

Mrs. Schulz is survived by children Thelma Crews and Kenneth Yarborough; brother Abraham Plair; six grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service at Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny will follow at a late date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services in Macclenny to assist with funeral expenses.

Mertie Loadholtz-Hicks dies at age 98

Mertie Mae Loadholtz Hicks, 98, of Glen St. Mary died on April 8, 2014 surrounded by her loving family. She was born August 6, 1915 in Baker County to the late James Gordon Dowling and Ollie Sweat Dowling, pioneers of Baker County. Mertie was loving, compassionate and affectionately known to many both inside and outside of her family as "Granny."



Mertie Loadholtz

She was a cook at the former Taylor School and the head cook at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital where she retired after 25 years of service. She was an accomplished seamstress who spent time making beautiful clothes for her family and friends. She was the oldest charter member of the Christian Fellowship Temple.

In her spare time, Mertie enjoyed cooking, gardening, and farming. Mertie was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband of 55 years Roscoe E. Loadholtz and her second husband of 16 years Ira Lee Hicks; daughter Deloris Katherine Loadholtz; brother Drew Dowling; sisters Loy Roberts, Nettie Rodgers and Katherine Brodgon.

She is survived by her children Dennis W. "Rabbit" Loadholtz Sr., Ollie Jeanette Crews, Wanda L. Davis, Raymond E. Loadholtz (Venita Ann); four step-children from Ira Lee Hicks, eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral service for Mrs. Loadholtz-Hicks was held on Saturday, April 12, at 11 am at her church with pastors David Thomas and Tim Thomas officiating. Interment was at Taylor Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Ray Mangiafico, gifted BCHS athlete

Ray Adam Mangiafico, 21, of Sanderson died April 8, 2014. He was born in Jacksonville on October 16, 1992 to Joseph Leonard Mangiafico and Cynthia Darlene Wilfong Mangiafico. Ray Adam was a resident of Baker County for the past 17 years. He was a 2011 graduate of Baker County High School where he was an All-Star athlete. His athletic achievements include being a member of the four-time state champion weightlifting team, tying for first place in the state weightlifting individuals as a senior, playing left tackle on the Baker County Wildcat football team where he was named All First Coast left tackle of the year and the inaugural first radio player award winner his senior year and receiving a scholarship from the Baker County Wildcat Booster Club.



Ray Mangiafico

Ray Adam won the Strongest Man competition in Macon, Georgia three weeks ago. After high school he attended Jacksonville University where he studied sports psychology, child psychology and computer science and also received an alumni scholarship. Ray Adam was passionate about children, animals, going to the gym and competing in strong man competitions. In his spare time he enjoyed judging weight lifting competitions, skeet shooting, hunting, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, and spending time with his teammates, especially his coaches and best friends Scott McDonald and Bobby Johns.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Joseph Leonard Mangiafico Sr., Frank Lee Waycaster and Audrey Waycaster. Ray is survived by his parents; brother Robert (Samantha) Mangiafico of Hoshton, Georgia; sisters Miranda Mangiafico of Old Fort, North Carolina and April Mangiafico of Marion, North Carolina; maternal grandparents Gerald and Marilyn Wilfong of Taylor; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, April 12 at 3 pm at The Lord's Church in Taylor with Pastor Bobby Griffin officiating.

Funeral Friday for Jim Smith Jr., 67

James "Jim" Millard Smith, Jr., 67, of Macclenny died on Sunday, April 13 at his residence following a long illness. He was born in Waycross, Georgia and resided in Hilliard and St. George, Ga. before moving to Macclenny in 1977. He was a real estate salesman and appraiser with Jim Smith Realty in Macclenny for over 20 years until his retirement. He was a graduate of Hilliard High School and Lake City Community College who wrote short stories and enjoyed traveling. He was preceded in death by parents James Millard and Dorothy Estella Louada Norman Smith.

He is survived by sisters Joandra Johnson of Jacksonville and Linda Moody of Skowhegan, Maine; numerous nieces and nephews and friends. The funeral service will be conducted at 2 pm on Friday, April 18, in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny. Visitation will be one hour before service, and interment will be in St. George Cemetery.

Graveside rites for Sammy Williams

Sammy Lamar Williams, 76, of Jacksonville died on April 12, 2014. He was born on December 23, 1937 in Glen St. Mary and was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School Class of 1956. He was a member of the Jacksonville Stamp Club and a retired computer technician. Mr. Williams served in the Air Force and Army National Guard.

Survivors include his wife Roslyn Leona Brite Williams; sons Keith Lamar (Shari) Williams and Michael Anthony (Jackie) Williams, all of Jacksonville; sisters Paulette Livingston, Debbie (Cleve) Perryman and Joan (McKay) Carpenter, all of Glen St. Mary; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held from the graveside in Taylor Cemetery at 11 am on Friday, April 18 with Pastor David Thomas of the Christian Fellowship Temple officiating.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of George H. Hewell and Son Funeral Home, 4140 University Boulevard in Jacksonville, where the family will receive friends from 6-8 pm on Thursday, April 17.

Very grateful

The family of Tommie Jackson expresses its sincerest thanks for the kindness shown during the illness and loss of our wife, mother and grandmother. For each visit, kind word of concern, prayer and gift of food and flowers, we are grateful. Special thanks to the First Baptist Church of Macclenny family for its ministry during this difficult time, and to V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and staff for its expert and compassionate handling of funeral arrangements.

Gospel sing

The Baxter Community Baptist Church will host its regular third Friday night sing on April 18 starting at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. The sing starts immediately after the meal. Everyone welcome.

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Youth revival

The First Baptist Church of Cuyler and Cornerstone Baptist Church are sponsoring a youth-oriented revival for three nights at Splatman Paintball on South Lowder in Macclenny. It begins at 6 o'clock each night.

With the theme "What's Your Sight Set On?" the program includes food and entertainment as well as speakers. For more information, contact Nathan at 904-738-3305.

Prayer luncheon

The Macclenny Woman's Club will host its 33rd annual Prayer Luncheon on Thursday, April 17 starting at 11:30 am at the clubhouse on South 5th St. in Macclenny.

Everyone is invited to join in and hold our country up in prayer and enjoy a delicious lunch. For more details, contact Chaplain Cheryl Lunn at 259-3666.

Clothing offered

Sanderson Christian Revival Center is hosting a clothing giveaway followed by an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19.

The clothing distribution begins at 8 am and the egg hunt at 11 am. The church is located at CR 229 and Sapp Rd. south of Sanderson.

Work day

There will be a maintenance and grounds work day at Turner Cemetery on April 19 at 9:00 am. For information call 904-275-2330. Bring your rakes!

Owl Prowl

Join refuge staff and volunteers on Saturday, April 19, from 7-9 pm to explore the nightlife of the Okefenokee Swamp. Stroll down the Chesser Island Boardwalk at sunset, and experience a true Okefenokee evening.

Enjoy the sights and sounds leading to the Owls Roost Tower and back. Look, listen, and learn about nocturnal creatures of the swamp. Pre-registration and a \$5 fee are required for this program. Participants will meet at the Visitor Center parking lot located within the east entrance to the refuge, 11 miles southwest of Folkston.

Bring bug spray, binoculars, water, flashlights and comfortable clothes and walking shoes. This event is subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather. Refuge entrance fees are not required after 4 pm. For more information, or to register, contact the Visitor Center at 912-496-7836, open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

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Little Women opens next week

Maci McDuffie, Kassidy Register, Hannah Nowlen, Hunter Williams and Madison Bechtel in a scene from the BCHS production of Little Women, which opens next week. The play begins April 24 at 7:30 pm and will also be performed April 25-26 at 7:30 pm. There will be a matinee at 2:00 pm on April 27.

**Health habits improving
Health chief puts positive spin on stats**

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Baker County still ranks near the bottom among Florida's 67 counties in terms of public health. But data indicates that many people here are beginning to adopt new lifestyle changes that could lead to a healthier future for generations to come.

More Baker residents are eating healthier meals, getting more physical exercise, losing weight and breaking unhealthy habits such as smoking, Baker County Health Department director Kerry Dunlavy said at a noon meeting on April 14.

Her comments came during the monthly meeting of Healthy Baker Inc., a non-profit organization that includes representatives from numerous organizations including the health department and Baker County school district.

"I'm really happy that our messages are getting out there," Ms. Dunlavy said. "We're working on doing things that make our health better so that Baker County can be a healthy place to live, work and play."

Much of the discussion during the luncheon meeting (healthy low-calorie lasagna was the entrée) centered on the recently released County Health Rankings from the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which gathered health data from counties throughout the United States and ranked them.

The "health factors" in the report relate to such things as behavioral and lifestyle issues, access to medical care, education, household incomes, teen births, STD rates and environmental factors like water and air pollution and housing problems.

Baker County placed 43rd out of Florida's 67 counties, which was up from 53rd last year and 57th in 2010 when the rankings began. Ms. Dunlavy said the gain was no small feat.

"Going from No. 57 to No. 43 is really impressive," she said. "It shows that what we're doing in the community is really working."

She said everyone was a little taken aback when last year's report came out and showed Baker County scored the lowest in the state - 67 - on the issue of physical environment. Until they realized why.

She said the surveyors took air samples just after a rash of wildfires had raged through and around Baker County, filling the air with pollutants. The recent rankings, however, put Baker County at No. 41, which she said "is really great."

The rankings allow communities nationwide to compare their health outcomes and the factors that lead those outcomes with other areas within their state.

"This is the fifth year for the rankings," Ms. Dunlavy said. "We measure how healthy Baker County is and how long we live to help make decisions in cooperation with our community health improvement plan."

She downplayed the significance of dropping from 60th to 64th in the 2014 health outcomes ranking, saying, "That's not a big change; it really isn't."

Advancing in the health factors ranking from No. 53 to No. 43, which indicates healthier personal choices are being made, is impressive, she contends.

Baker County was ranked 48th this year in the subcategory of "health behaviors," which was a significant improvement from 65th in 2010, 64th in 2011, 65th in 2012 and 64th in 2013. The new number means increasing numbers of residents have stopped harmful habits like smoking and started exercising regularly and eating healthier.

But obesity remains a major problem, with 37 percent of the adult population is classified as obese compared with 26 percent statewide.

Other factors health authorities hope to improve upon

in the coming years in Baker County include boosting the high school graduation rate, which presently is 65 percent compared with a statewide rate of 70 percent; increasing the number of primary care physicians; increasing the number of diabetic and other health screenings; and reducing the number of alcohol-impaired driving deaths (35 percent in Baker compared with 29 percent of traffic deaths statewide).

"It's so important to the community that we all work on this together," Ms. Dunlavy said. "Eventually, the health outcomes will get better. This has taken us 20 years working on this."

Terrenia Staier, a county health department staffer who also serves on the Healthy Baker task force, said the number of people who seek help with their diabetes already has shown improvement as a result of educational programs designed to increase awareness of the disease.

The awareness has resulted in fewer diabetes-related deaths in recent years, Ms. Staier said, adding, "I feel really proud that we had a part in that."

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Baseball is just getting starting. The NBA continues to move along to the eternity that is the playoffs. The hockey playoffs are getting started soon, but not a lot of people will notice. NASCAR toils away.

Golf just had its premier event the Masters, but Bubba Watson won his second green jacket without significant final-day challengers.

I have an exciting English soccer season to keep me interested, but unless you're a soccer head there's not much to keep you going.

As a result we focus on non-events such as the lead-up to the NFL draft later this month. The draft is really a non-event but one with it's own major motion picture opening soon, *Draft Day* starring Kevin Costner.

I find it very interesting how the draft has gone from a bunch of NFL front office suits sitting around in a room to being a media event like the Oscars. We can thank ESPN for that. They publicized and publicized until they convinced us that this never-end bit of bureaucracy was actually interesting.

Unless you are a mega-fan who lives and breathes how your team will fare on draft day, it's just tedious.

It's interesting though, how it's been foisted on us. Not only does

ESPN cover draft day, but they cover the NFL combines that led up to it. We know if we've been paying attention that Johnny Manziel came out in full pads and a helmet for one of his team workouts.

We know that Blake Bortles the UCF quarterback excelled at the combine, but not necessarily at the team workouts, and that he has a really good looking girlfriend.

We know that South Carolina's Jadeveon Clowney was called spoiled and lazy by an unnamed NFL representative, possibly hurting his chances of being the #1 pick.

Louisville quarterback Teddy Bridgewater's status has gone up and down like an elevator.

We even know what a Wonderlic score is. You don't? It's kind of a football IQ test. Ryan Fitzpatrick, the former Harvard and Buffalo Bills quarterback, had a 48 out of 50. Manziel had a 32, the highest among quarterbacks in this year's draft.

If I know all this stuff, it is clear that we need something to get us out of the sports Dead Zone and soon, before I have to watch the NFL draft.

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Clayt Smith rips a double in the championship game.

MS Bobcats clinch the conference title

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The game was delayed for about 10 minutes in the top of the fourth inning as pitcher Preston Sutton cut himself sliding into home in the bottom of the previous inning. The umpire made him change uniforms because of the amount of blood that was staining his usual one.

The injury didn't hinder Sutton's performance on the mound as he only gave up two hits in the game. The cut only fired the pitcher up more than he already was, coach Turner said.

"Obviously, Preston has to get a lot of credit for pitching the way he did," he said. "To go out there as an eighth grader in the championship game, it doesn't get any better than that. I was super happy for all our guys, but I was definitely proud of Preston and the way he pitched."

The Bobcats took the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning after falling one run down in the top of the frame. Clayt Smith connected with an RBI double to score Wade Johnson to tie the game at 1-1. Colby Kennedy drove home Smith on a ground out to send the go-ahead run across home to take the final 2-1 lead.

Kennedy sealed the B-Cats championship win with an incredible circus catch in shallow right field for the final out of the game.

With the title win, the boys ended their season on a 10-game winning streak to finish the year 10-2. Coach Turner said it was amazing how the team grew together in the program's second year after getting off to a rough start.

"I'm on cloud nine after watching all our guys play all year and grow together as a team," he said. "It's especially good for the guys who were here last year. I was leaning on them heavy to set the trend for the new guys. It was good to see them rise up to the challenge."

To get to the championship game, the team went on the road and defeated Lake City 7-2 on April 9. Caleb Scott blasted a two-run home run in the fifth inning. Johnson and Kennedy also added two hits apiece.

Jordan Vanvactor secured the team's place in the champi-



Photo by Debbie Pelham
Preston Sutton leaps for the catch.

onship game with a spectacular catch in the outfield for the final out of the game. The ball was initially hit over his head, but he raced back to the fence and was able to catch it to end the game.

While the boys celebrated their conference title win, the Lady Bobcats fell just short in their quest for a third consecutive conference crown when they lost a close 6-3 contest at Lake City.

The girls led 3-2 until Lake City put together a four-run fifth inning to put the game away. Coach Angela Lauramore said her team hit well throughout the game, but the squad couldn't get the timely hits to drive runs across home.

Despite not making it to the championship game, the head coach said she was happy with the way her team played en route to the 8-5 final record.

"Overall, we had a good year," coach Lauramore said. "We were just one game way from making it to the championship game."

Holton is choice for volleyball

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Former Baker County High School sports standout Ashley Holton was named as Heather Sulkowski's replacement as the school's new volleyball coach on April 15.

Ms. Holton graduated from BCHS in 2010 after playing on the softball and volleyball in all four years of her high school career. She helped lead the softball team to the state Final Four in 2008 and was a part of the district championship teams in 2008 and 2009. She was selected to the All-State softball team during those two years, too.

She continued her success at the collegiate level on an athletic scholarship at Santa Fe. She transferred to the University of North Florida after receiving her AA degree, where she started every game in the middle of the infield for the Lady Osprey softball team and helped the team become the Atlantic Sun season champions in 2013.

Ms. Holton is currently finishing up her degree in sports management and plans to graduate in the fall.

BCHS alum basketball

The second annual BCHS alumni basketball game, which has been expanded to accommodate more interest from former players who want to participate, is set for April 18 and 19 at 6 pm.

Entry is \$5 and will benefit school basketball programs.

The games pit players from the 1990s against those from the 2000s. The girls will face off on Friday the 18th while the boys will play three games the next day.

The first two guys' games will be played so that the top players from each generation can be selected for the third-game finale.

"We got a lot of feedback last year and a lot more people wanted to participate," said event organizer and Wildcat alum Marcel Thomas.

For more information, e-mail Mr. Thomas at blockthomas84@yahoo.com



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This bunt by Jennifer Hodges pushed home two runs against Trinity.

Cats enter districts at 20-3

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The Lady Cats split their last two games of the regular season games to close out the year with a 20-3 overall record as they prepare for another run at the District 3-5A crown.

The team made senior night a memorable one for the girls playing in their final regular season home game of their careers with a 5-2 come-from-behind win over Trinity on April 10.

After trailing 2-1 for the majority of the game, the girls strung together a four-run two-out rally in the bottom of the sixth inning to take the lead for their 20th win of the season. Ashton Alford and Delicia Washington took advantage of a throwing error on a bunt by Jennifer Hodges and crossed home to give the Lady Cats a 3-2 lead. Kylie Holton extended the team's lead during the next at bat with a two-run home run for her sixth long ball of the year.

Pitcher Mackenzie Wingard allowed only three hits during the game and struck out seven Lady Conquerors, including recording her 100th strike out this season in the first inning.

Baker County hit the ball well all game but struggled to produce runs until late in the game. The girls out hit Trinity 12 to three, but they left six runners stranded on base in scoring position through the first five innings.

Following the exciting win against Trinity, the Lady Cats dropped their final game of the regular when they fell 5-3 at West Nassau on April 11. Unlike the previous night's game, the girls couldn't put together a late-inning surge to pull them-



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Mackenzie Wingard throws for the out at first.

selves back into the game.

The Lady Warriors took a 5-0 lead after a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to take full control of the game. Baker County tried to rally back in the top of the seventh with RBIs from Washington and Hodges. Hodges also scored on an error to bring the Lady Cats within two.

The five-run deficit proved too much for the girls to overcome as Holton grounded out

to end the game.

Now, the Lady Cats turn their attention to capturing their fourth straight district championship at the District 3-5A tournament at Bishop Kenny. The girls are scheduled to play Terry Parker on April 16. If Baker County wins, the team will advance to face the winner of the game between Paxon and Bishop Kenny in the championship game on April 17.

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to an application submitted by Thomas and Mary Going, to be granted a Special Exception on property located in Section 16 2S 21 0107 0000 0350, on Cedar Creek Farms Road containing approximately 7.08 acres in Baker County, FL., the Baker County Land Planning Agency, will consider the request at a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 7:01 p.m. in the County Commissioners chambers of the Administration Building, 55 North Third St., Macclenny, FL. On the date above mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the Special Exception request. The purpose of the Special Exception is to allow for a Family Lot Division on a platted subdivision lot. Written comments for or against the Special Exception may be sent to Baker County Planning Department, 81 North Third St., Macclenny, FL 32063. Faxed comments may be sent to (904)259-5057. Copies of the Special Exception may be inspected by any member of the public in the Planning Department, address stated above. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-5123 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

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Pictured above is the Baker Naturals. Back row is Assistant Coach Brad Stone, Head Coach Jarrell Rodgers, Assistant Coach Hunter Bell, (middle row) Harrison Muncy, Landen Hickman, Colton Avera, Ethan Wilford, Jase Knabb, (front row) Walker Avera, Jordan Rhoden, Jamil Jones, Brady Chauncey.

Second place finishes

Two Baker County travel ball teams finished in second place in their respective tournaments held in Daytona Beach over the weekend of April 12 and 13.

The Baker Naturals 10 and under baseball team qualified for July's United States Specialty Sports Association Global World Series in Clearwater by being the runner-up in the Global World Series Qualifier for 10 and Under USSSA Baseball.

The Baker County Titans 9

and under baseball team came in second out of eight teams at the USSSA Got Game III tournament at Bethune Cookman. The team received the No. 1 seed in Sunday's bracket play after pool play the previous day and advanced to the championship game by beating Ocala's Carrigan Coyotes 8-0.

The Titans ultimately fell 14-9 in the title game to the Southern Insanity of Savannah, Ga., after giving up the lead in the fifth inning.



Members of the Titan 9-U team: (front, l-r) Luke Davis, Kale Gibson, Nick Venturelli, Tucker Kennedy, Brody Griffis, (middle) Titus Richardson, Jacob Miller, Ashton Johnson, Trannen McCray, Ty Walker, (back) coaches Bryan Richardson, Chad Walker, Kyle Davis and Adam Holland.

Wildcats qualify for nine regional events

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The BCHS track teams had athletes advance to the regional meet in nine events with their efforts at the District 3-2A meet at Raines High School on April 9.

Baker County had Wildcats come out on top of three different events at the district meet. Abigail Rice finished atop the girls' discus with a throw of 99-06. Rashodd Hadley came in first place in both the discus and shot put with throws of 154-05 and 54-04, respectively.

In addition to the first-place finishers, the Cats had four third-place and two fourth-place finishes to qualify for the Class 2A Region 1 meet at Bolles on April 17.

Jack Kroburger's third-place finish in the 400-meter with a time of 54.15 seconds earned him a spot at regionals. Aimee Lee Crite's throw of 29-05 in the shot put allowed her to finish third overall at districts. Grace Fly also came in third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 19.66.

The girls' 4x100 relay team of Damiyyha Kirksey, Demetra Gibson, Kiara Pigott and Emily Orender also qualified for regionals with a time of 52.69 to end up in third. Madyson Perry was initially scheduled to run the event but was unable to

make it, allowing Kirksey to fill in as an alternate.

Not to be outdone by the girls, the boys had two relay teams qualify for regionals with fourth-place finishes.

The 4x100 relay team of Mondrell Jefferson, Malik Delgado, Mason Batten and Reggie Givens finished with a time of 45-50. The 4x400 team of Darius Fisher, Batten, Kroburger and Delgado crossed the finish line with a time of 3:47.77.

Qualifying for regionals brings the athletes one step closer to the state meet at the University of North Florida on May 2. Girls' coach Charles Ruise said he thinks his team has a chance to send some competitors to state.

"We feel pretty good," he said. "We're going to be facing stiffer competition but I feel like we're prepared. It's going to take more focus and hard work but we have that in place and the opportunity is there."

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- Representante ante el Congreso: distrito 4
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- Tribunal de Apelaciones del 1.er Distrito: retención de 6 jueces
- Juez del Circuito, 8.º Circuito Judicial: grupos 1, 7, 11 y 13
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- Comisionado del Condado: distritos 2 y 4
- Distrito de Conservación de Tierra y Agua de Baker: grupos 2, 4 y 5

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OFICIAL NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in BAKER County, State of Florida, on the FOURTH day of NOVEMBER, 2014, A.D., to fill or retain the following offices:

- Representative in Congress: District 4
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- Florida Cabinet - Lieutenant Governor
- Florida Cabinet - Attorney General
- Florida Cabinet - Chief Financial Officer
- Florida Cabinet - Commissioner of Agriculture
- State Representative: District 10
- First District Court of Appeal: Retention of Six Judges
- Circuit Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit: Groups 1, 7, 11 and 13
- School Board: District 2, 3 and 4
- County Commissioner: Districts 2 and 4
- Baker Soil and Water Conservation District: Groups 2, 4 and 5

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

CASE NO. 022011CA000016CAAXMX

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-0P1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTINE A. WILSON, ET AL.

Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 30, 2013, and entered in Case No. 022011CA000016CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida. HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-0P1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and CHRISTINE A. WILSON, PRESTON WILSON, SHARON G. CUNNINGHAM A/K/A SHARON RUTH A/K/A SHARON KORDEK, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHARON G. CUNNINGHAM A/K/A SHARON RUTH A/K/A SHARON KORDEK UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SAND CANYON CORPORATION F/K/A OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION; HUNTERS RIDGE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the EAST DOOR of the Courthouse; 339 East Macclenny Avenue, 1st Floor, Macclenny, at 11:00 a.m., on the 10th day of JUNE, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 17, HUNTERS RIDGE AT GLEN PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 74 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Dated this 9th day of April, 2014.

Al Fraser
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

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INVITATION TO BID SITE PREPARATION FOR BAKER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CENTER

The Baker County Board of Commissioners is accepting sealed bids for the site preparation of the Baker County Transportation Center. Bids will be accepted until 3:00pm on April 25, 2014. Bid prices will be held for 90 days.

The project located on the vacant 10 acre site located at Willis Hodges Rd. and Buck Starling Rd. Work includes, but is not necessarily limited to: clearing and grubbing; earth and rock excavation; formation of subgrade; formation of drainage swales; grading; compacting; loaming and seeding; erosion and sediment control measures; construction layout; and maintenance and protection of on-site traffic.

Bids are to be submitted to the Baker County Board of Commissioners, 55 N. 3rd St, Macclenny, FL 32063 on or before the aforementioned date and time. Submittals should be marked "Baker County Transportation Center - Site Preparation Bid" on the outside of the proposal. Late bids will not be accepted or opened. Bids will be opened publicly on April 28, 2014 at 9:00am in the Baker County Administration Building conference room at 55 N. 3rd St, Macclenny, FL 32063.

Bidding documents in the form of electronic files in .pdf format will be available at www.bakercountyfl.org/transportationcenter. No printed copies will be provided.

All questions concerning the project shall be submitted in writing to CJ Thompson, County Manager at cj.thompson@bakercountyfl.org or 55 N. 3rd St, Macclenny, FL 32063, and to be given consideration must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the submittal date. All questions and responses will be posted online.

The Baker County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities and irregularities in bidding, and to accept bids which are considered to be in the best interest of the County.

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INVITATION TO BID BAKER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CENTER CONSTRUCTION

The Baker County Board of Commissioners is accepting sealed bids for the construction of the Baker County Transportation Center. Bids will be accepted until 3:00pm on May 2, 2014. Bid prices will be held for 90 days.

The project located on the vacant 10 acre site located at Willis Hodges Rd. and Buck Starling Rd. It will consist of construction of an approximately 10,000 s.f. administration building, a two bay maintenance garage, bus wash rack and refueling station. The site preparation is a separate contract and collaboration with the selected contractor will be required.

Bids are to be submitted to the Baker County Board of Commissioners, 55 N. 3rd St, Macclenny, FL 32063 on or before the aforementioned date and time. Submittals should be marked "Baker County Transportation Center - Construction Bid" on the outside of the proposal. Late bids will not be accepted or opened. Bids will be opened publicly on May 5, 2014 at 9:00am in the Baker County Administration Building conference room at 55 N. 3rd St, Macclenny, FL 32063.

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

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 13000117CAMXAX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

TINA L. JOHNS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TINA L. JOHNS; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 7th day of April, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000117CAMXAX, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and TINA L. JOHNS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TINA L. JOHNS; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE EAST DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 339 EAST MACCLENNEY AVENUE, MACCLENNEY in BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA 32063, at 11:00 A.M., on the 8th day of July, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK 2, COUNTY CLUB ESTATES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 53 AND 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Dated this 9th day of April, 2014.

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As Clerk of said Court

By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

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Submitted by:
Kahane & Associates, PA
8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000
Plantation, FL 33324
Telephone: (954) 382-3486
Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5330
Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com

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Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc.

10510 Duval Lane
Macclenny, FL 32063

Notice of Public Sale: Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on May 9, 2014, 12:00 pm at 10510 Duval Lane, Macclenny, FL 32063, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

- 2000 Ford
Vin# 1FAEP55U2Y2A262547
- 1997 Oldsmobile
Vin# 1G3VH12M3VF314965
- 2009 Nissan
Vin# 1N4AL21E89N511012
- 2005 Hyundai
Vin# KMHCG35C0SU340676

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2014 CA 000548

VALIDATION OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000,000 FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORP-ORATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE BONDS (FLORIDA HERO PROGRAM), VARIOUS SERIES

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION, a public body corporate and politic,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND ALL OF THE SEVERAL PROPERTY OWNERS, TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING NONRESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN AND ALL OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS HEREIN DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY,

Defendants.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THROUGH THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, AND THROUGH THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN WHICH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION HAS ENTERED INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, AND TO THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND OF EACH OF THESE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAS ENTERED INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND ALL OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE BONDS HEREIN DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY:

You and each of you are hereby required to appear on Wednesday, the 11th day of June, 2014, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. (EST), before the Circuit Court for the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County, Florida, in Room 365-B, at the Leon County Courthouse located at 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, and to show cause why the Complaint for Validation filed in this action should not be granted, and the Bonds herein described and the proceedings authorizing the issuance thereof validated and confirmed, said Bonds being designated "Not Exceeding \$2,000,000,000 Florida Development Finance Corporation Special Assessment Revenue Bonds (Florida Hero Program), Various Series," a more particular description of said Bonds being contained in the Complaint for Validation filed in this action.

This Order to Show Cause shall be published in the manner required by Section 75.06, Florida Statutes, as amended, in a newspaper published and of general circulation in Leon County, Florida, and within the boundaries of each local government which has entered into an interlocal agreement with the Plaintiff, a listing of which is attached to the Complaint for Validation filed in this action. Such publication shall consist of once each week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date of the hearing set forth in the preceding paragraph, the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days prior to said date.

DONE AND ORDERED at Leon County, Florida, this 20th day of March, 2014.

/s/ John Cooper
Judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County, Florida

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

CASE NO.: 2013 CA 000107

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

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD LEE GREEN A/K/A RICHARD L. GREEN, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: PAUL A. HOPKINS A/K/A PAUL ALLEN HOPKINS Last Known Address: 9598 HOPKINS RD., GLEN ST., MARY, FL 32040

You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property BAKER County:

A part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 21 East, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of said NW ¼ of the SW ¼ and run North 02 degrees 36 minutes 28 seconds East, along the East line thereof; 241.39 feet; thence North 86 degrees 16 minutes 33 seconds West, 655.33 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue 401.00 feet to the East right of way line of Hopkins Road; thence South 01 degrees 12 minutes 48 seconds West, along said right of way line, 31.55 feet to a point of curve of a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet, an included angle of 70 degrees 31 minutes 44 seconds; thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve, for an arc distance of 30.77 feet to a point of reverse curve; thence Southerly and Westerly along the arc of a curve to the right whose radius is 50.00 feet, included angle of 250 degrees 31 minutes 44 seconds for an arc distance of 218.63 feet; thence South 01 degrees 12 minutes 48 seconds West, 159.50 feet to the South line of said NW ¼ of SW ¼; thence South 87 degrees 26 minutes 25 seconds East, 444.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 43 minutes 54 seconds East, 254.70 feet to the point of beginning, Baker County, Florida.

Also Together with and Subject to a 50 foot easement for ingress and egress, 25 feet on each side of the following described centerline: Commence at the North line of the SW ¼ of Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 21 East, and the Westerly right of way line of State Road No. 123; thence run South 02 degrees 01 minutes 18 seconds West, along said Westerly right of way line, a distance of 235 feet to the centerline of said 50 foot easement for ingress and egress and the point of beginning; thence run North 87 degrees 35 minutes 19 seconds West, a distance of 554.70 feet; thence run North 87 degrees 45 minutes 28 seconds West, a distance of 1713.08 feet; thence South 28 degrees 21 minutes 48 seconds West, a distance of 378.91 feet; thence South 01 degree 12 minutes 48 seconds West, a distance of 455.69 feet to the point of termination of said easement.

And Subject to: a drainage easement across the West 20 feet of the South 120 feet of the above described property, and a natural drainage area that runs through the Easterly most section at the rear of said property, Parcel 14A, that occupies an area 50 feet wide along the North property line and expands Southward to 150 feet along the South property line. Mortgagor understands and agrees that no structure shall be erected in these drainage areas nor fill added that would restrict that flow of drainage water.

Also Subject to: The owners (current or future) of Parcel 14A, situated due East, adjoining said Parcel 14A, shall have a 20 foot right of way from Hopkins Road along the Northern boundary line as is identified by the current roadbed leading to said Parcel 14A for the purpose of ingress and egress (from WD in Official Records Book 1998, Page 5383), which is now described in Instrument Number 200400001523 as a perpetual non-exclusive right to use easement for ingress and egress and described as: a 20 foot easement for ingress and egress being a part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 21 East, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of said NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and run North 02 degrees 36 minutes 28 seconds East, along the East line thereof, 241.39 feet; thence North 86 degrees 16 minutes 33 seconds West, 1056.33 feet to the East right of way line of Hopkins Road; thence South 01 degrees 12 minutes 48 seconds West, along said East right of way line, a distance of 2.36 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 86 degrees 15 minutes 51 seconds East, 249.93 feet to the Point of Curve of a curve concave to the Southwest and having a radius of 510.27 feet and a central angle of 17 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds; thence along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 153.99 feet; said curve being subtended by a chord having a bearing of South 17 degrees 37 minutes 26 seconds East and a chord distance of 153.31 feet to the East line of lands described in Official Records #1998-5383 of the Official Records of Baker County, Florida; thence South 02 degrees 41 minutes 33 seconds West, along said East line a distance of 21.12 feet to a point on a curve concave to the Southwest having a radius of 490.27 feet and a central angle of 18 degrees 03 minutes 23 seconds; thence along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 154.50 feet; said curve being subtended by a chord having a bearing of North 77 degrees 14 minutes 10 seconds West, and a chord distance of 153.88 feet to the Point of Tangency of said curve; thence North 86 degrees 15 minutes 51 seconds West, 249.01 feet to a point on the East right of way line of said Hopkins Road, thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 48 seconds East, along said East right of way line, a distance of 20.02 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together With that 1997, CLAYTON Mobile Home bearing ID #GMHGA4509614287A & GMHGA4509614287B.

The action was instituted in the Circuit Court, EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER, Florida; Case No. 2013 CA 000107; and is styled VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee corporation authorized to transact business in Florida v. RICHARD LEE GREEN A/K/A RICHARD L. GREEN, JESSICA MALLOY GREEN, PAUL A. HOPKINS A/K/A PAUL ALLEN HOPKINS, RUTH S. HOPKINS and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF 9598 Hopkins Road, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Sonya Daws, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 215 S. Monroe St., Suite 600, Tallahassee, FL 32301, on or before May 4, 2014, (or 30 days from the first date of publication) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on May 4, 2014 or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you.

DATED: April 4, 2014

Al Fraser
As Clerk of the Court

By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

Sonya K. Daws, Esquire
Quintairo, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.
215 South Monroe Street, Suite 600
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Moving: Miscellaneous tools for sale. Bosch compound miter saw with table and stands; Makito frame nailer with nails; Bostitch industrial stapler with staples; Milwaukee portable band saw; chain hoist; 1.5 HP pump; 25 gallon sprayer; 20 gallon hot water heater; 22" fan on stand; 5 HP Sears air compressor with retractable hose. 904-275-2593 or 904-612-3584. 4/17p

Classic upright piano. Beautiful tone; needs work. \$500 OBO. 259-4281. 4/17p

12' Stump Knocker fiberglass boat, 9.9 Johnson motor, trailer. Needs carburetor work. \$500 firm. 904-275-3099. 4/17p

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Dining room set. Light blond color; rectangular table 38Wx58L, table expands with included leaf; 6 matching slat back chairs with custom upholstery on cushioned seats; lighted, 2 piece China hutch with glass shelves in upper display unit. The double-doored lower unit has two fixed wooden shelves. The set is 48Wx18D, height 6' 6". \$400. Call 904-307-8639. 4/17p

Plant Sale, Saturday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Landscape, flowering plants and blueberry bushes. Located US 90, across from Moody's. Sands Farm. 259-6891. 4/10-17c

Fruit Trees- apple, pear, peach and more. Muscadine grapevines, blueberry plants (small 1 gallon \$3 & up). Delivery available. All major credit cards accepted. Lic. #4800917. 904-845-2686 or 904-318-6166. Hilliard. 3/20-6/26p

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MISCELLANEOUS

Attention Artisans and Crafters: Vendors sought for Arts and Market Fair at The Ivy Cottage, July 12. \$10/booth. Contact Cynthia ivycottageofmacclenny@gmail.com or 904-994-5595. 4/17-24p

Licensed lawn care. Mowing, weed eating, stress cleaning, tree and debris removal, pressure washing. Call Barry 904-275-2118 leave a message on the answering machine. 4/17p

Nanny's Thrift Store. Located across from old jail. Furniture, toys, clothes. You name it, we have it or we'll get it. 904-229-2303. 4/17-24p

REWARD! \$100 cash for Baker County Florida License Tags starting with 52 for 1938, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 54, 55 and 64. Also want tags starting with #63. \$1000 for Baker County porcelain tags 1911-1917, and buying all FL/GA tags before 1958. Jeff Francis 727-424-1576. gobuccs13@aol.com. 3/27-5/29p

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Narcotics Anonymous. We are a group of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. IT WORKS!! Meetings are held at the Baker County Health Department on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m. 1/2-12/25p

AIRLINE CAREERS begin here - Get FAA approved Aviation Maintenance Technician training. Housing and Financial Aid for qualified students. Job placement assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance 877-741-9260 www.FixJets.com. 4/17p

Alcoholics anonymous meetings Monday and Friday at 8 pm. Call Wanda 904-994-7750. 209 Macclenny Ave. 1/2-12/25p

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1993 Isuzu Trooper, 4-wheel drive. A lot of new parts. \$900. 259-6799. 4/17p

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FORD FOCUS, 2012. In Great Condition And Gas Is Super Cheap To Put In It. Only \$9,800 Or Payments For Only \$180 A Month! CALL (352) 436-4733. 4/17c

CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY VAN, 2008. What A Steal This Deal Is! You Can't Find A Cleaner Van In All Of Alachua County! Only \$9,900 Or Payments For \$185. CALL (352) 436-4733. 4/17c

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NISSAN VERSA, 2011. Very Clean Ride And Comes With A 15 Year 150,000 Mile Warranty. Only \$11,500 Or Payments For Only \$199 A Month! CALL (352) 436-4733. 4/17c

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CALL (352) 436-4733. 4/17c

2000 Kawasaki VN750 motorcycle, New Battery, Stator, & Voltage Regulator. \$2,900.00. 259-7523. 12/5tfc

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HELP WANTED

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Maintenance Supervisor/Assistant Building Inspector - Baker County, FL. The Baker County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applications to fill the position of Maintenance Supervisor/Assistant Building Inspector. This position serves as a Department Head and hands on Maintenance worker and is responsible for all mechanical functions within the County owned buildings. This position will also serve as Assistant Building Inspector and be under the general supervision of the Building Official for inspection related duties. As Assistant Building Inspector, this position will assist in reviewing plans and specifications submitted with building permit applications and inspect existing buildings and structures, new building construction and building repairs. The Maintenance Supervisor is also responsible for preparation and management of the Facilities Maintenance department budget. The ideal candidate will have at least five (5) years' experience in general building maintenance and repair, including at least three (3) years' supervisory experience. Trade certification is preferred. The applicant will be expected to obtain Provisional Building Inspector license within 90 days and obtain Building Inspector license within 2 years. Expected salary range is \$30,000-\$35,000 plus benefits. Baker County is a participant in the Florida Retirement System and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. A complete county application and resume is required to be considered for the position. For additional information and a complete Job Description visit www.bakercountyfl.org/jobs. Additional questions

should be directed to Sara Little at (904) 259-3613 or email at sara.little@bakercountyfl.org. Application deadline is April 25, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. 4/10-24c

Macclenny Tire and Lube is seeking a full-time experienced tire technician. Additional mechanical experience necessary. Please stop by 112 S. 6th Street to apply. 4/10-17c

2nd Shift Storeroom Clerk. Must have computer knowledge. Industrial Storeroom experience helpful. We are an EEOC, drug free workplace. We offer Dental & Health Insurance, paid Holidays and Vacation. Apply at Gilman Building Products, CR 218 Maxville, FL or fax resume to 904-289-7736. 4/3-24c

Drivers: \$5,000 Sign-On Bonus! Great Pay! Consistent Freight, Great Miles on this Regional Account. Werner Enterprises: 1-855-515-8447. 3/27-4/17p

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Maintenance person needed. Skilled in electrical, plumbing, A/C and carpentry. Must have mobile home repair experience. Send resume with salary requirements to PO Box 1813, Macclenny, FL 32063. 4/17-24c

Earthworks of Florida is accepting applications for heavy equipment operators. Apply at 11932 N. State Road 121, Macclenny, FL. M-F 8:00-4:30. Phone 904-653-2800. 4/17-5/8p

Dealership in Palatka desires a Dealer Manager. Must have an extensive background in finance, buy here pay here and all fundamentals in running a Dealership. Top earnings and benefits. Contact or send resume to louisjferri@gmail.com. 386-767-4376. 4/17p

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll free telephone number for the impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

Beautiful x-large lot; power, water, fruit and citrus trees. Hillside Drive, Macclenny, on a paved dead end street. Reduced to \$37,500. 259-4569 or 904-861-9355. 4/10-5/1p

2 BR, 2 BA doublewide on 2 acres; needs work. High and dry in Taylor. \$40,000. 904-738-2262. 3/27-4/17p

For sale by owner 3 BR, 1 BA. Nice, fenced 1 acre, screened porch, detached garage, CH/A, close to I-10. Under market

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**YARD SALES**

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Staci Road, Glen. Furniture, dishes, cabinets, shelves and much more.

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Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 6522 CR 23D, Glen. Household, couch, women's clothes size 14, 2 prom dresses size 9/10 and much more.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 6229 Miltondale Road, Macclenny. Large moving sale! Lots of furniture, adult/teen/baby clothing, baby equipment, household items, grills, artwork, etc.

value; possible rent to own. Call for details. 904-614-6337 (9-5). 4/17-24p

3 BR, 2 BA home for sale by owner. 808 Fox Run Circle. Beautiful pond view, enclosed garage for large family room; nicely fenced. \$130,000. 904-504-0773. 4/3-17p

1-10 acres, high and dry, fish pond, creek or river front, homes/mobile homes, set-up. Owner financing. 912-843-8118 or 904-699-8637. www.landyes.net.3/13tfc

4.74 acres, Raintree Drive, Macclenny II Unit III. \$60,000 FIRM. 259-2536. 1/16tfc

5 acres on St. Mary's River, zoned Ag; high and dry. Ready to build on; very nice wooded acres. \$54,900; two to pick from. 904-591-2640. 7/18tfc

Lots for sale, Copper Creek and Glenfield Oaks subdivisions. \$32,000 each. Call 904-813-1580. 2/7tfc

LOANS FOR LANDLORDS! We Finance From 5-500 Units As Low As 5.5%. 1-4 Fam, Townhome, Condos OK. Contact B2R: 1-855-940-0227. www.B2RFinance.com. 4/17p

New 3BR/2BA Lake Cottage on 2+ acres with lake access only \$99,900. Ready for finishing touches! City water/ sewer, gated, 2 private recreational lakes. Convenient to town. Prime South Florida location. Call now 1-866-352-2249. 4/17p

FOR RENT

3 BR, 2 BA, 611 Fox Run Circle, Macclenny. Fenced in back yard, ceiling fans, new flooring and more. \$1075/month plus \$1075 deposit. Real Estate with Garlon Webb. 904-408-9146. 4/17c

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This throw to Dylan Rowe was too late to tag the runner.

Photo by Jud Johnson

Wildcats win final seven games

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SPORTS EDITOR

The Wildcat varsity baseball team closed out the regular season on a seven-game winning streak after victories over Mandarin, Middleburg and Oakleaf.

A five-run fifth inning gave the Cats a thrilling 6-4 come-from-behind home win over a tough Mandarin team on a rain-delayed senior night on April 15 to finish the regular season with a 19-6 overall record.

Baker County trailed 4-1 entering the fifth inning after a rough first inning by pitcher Zach Rafuse. Tyler Wendel brought the team within two with an RBI double and Jared Crews closed the gap to one a batter later with an RBI triple.

Mikal Flores tied the game for the Cats when he batted Crews home. Rafuse gave the boys their first lead of the night with an RBI single and later scored on a wild pitch to extend the team's lead to 6-4.

Pitcher Jordan Kennedy shut the Mustangs' bats down through the final two innings and struck out four of the last seven batters to seal the win.

The dramatic win in the regular season finale came several days after the boys cruised to a 6-1 home win over Middleburg on April 11. The Cats jumped out to an early 2-0 lead at the end of the first inning after taking advantage of a

shaky start from Middleburg's pitcher, who hit three batters and walked another two in the opening frame. He hit Rafuse with the bases loaded, which allowed Wendel to score and give the Cats the lead. Cameron Wilson, who was running for catcher Flores, crossed home on a wild pitch.

Baker County broke the game open with a three-run third inning to take a 5-1 lead. Grant Gregory drilled a two-RBI single to send Wilson and Dylan Rowe home. Gregory scored a run later in the inning when he was batted in by Jordan Kennedy on a ground ball.

Landon Boyette padded the Cats' lead with an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth inning.

While the bats took advantage of Middleburg's pitching woes, Crews had a great night on the mound for the Cats. He threw a complete game four-hitter and struck out eight Broncos.

"We did all the little things we needed to do to win," coach Fred Matricardi said about the victory. "We played a lot better than we did on Thursday."

The win over Middleburg came one night after the squad escaped with a 4-1 road win over Oakleaf on April 10. Baker County pitchers combined to throw eight walks and navigated their way out of two bases-loaded jams. Coach Matricardi said the game could have easily gone the other way.

"It was a hit away from being a different story," he said. "We snuck one out there."

The Cats jumped out to a 4-0 lead through the first three innings with RBIs from Rafuse, Kennedy, Brandon Miller and Boyette.

Kennedy pitched three innings on the mound and recorded five strike outs and didn't give up a run. Cameron Duncan also threw three innings and Rafuse finished the seventh inning off for the Cats.

With the regular season in the books, the Wildcats will now turn their focus to the District 3-5A tournament at Terry Parker.

The No. 2 seeded-Cats open the district tournament against the third-seeded rival Bishop Kenny Crusaders. The teams split the regular season series in a doubleheader at Bishop Kenny. Coach Matricardi is confident his team can win and secure a spot in the playoffs, but knows anything can happen in the tournament.

"I think if we play well like we have been then we have a good chance," he said, "but you never know in a one-game situation."

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Above Dalton Dyal struggles to get the weight up. Below Eli Lee drops the weight after successfully lifting a personal best.



Thomas McElfresh in the 169 and Caleb Carter in the 199 earned third place at the meet.

Heavyweight Austin Rhoden finished in fourth place of his division.

Coach Scott McDonald said he is thrilled with how hard the Cats competed at the meet, especially in light of the tragic passing of Ray Adam Mangiatico, who helped the weightlifting team to four consecutive state titles before he graduated in 2011.

"It was a very good day, understanding this hadn't been a happy week for us," coach McDonald said. "We honored our fallen brother in a great way with our effort on Saturday."

The coach said he expects his team to compete alongside the best teams at the state meet, but he knows it's going to be difficult.

"We've got a great group of kids going down," he said. "It's going to be all about who's the better man that day."

Seven lifters going to state

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The Wildcat weightlifting team had seven lifters automatically qualify for the state meet with first place finishes at the sectional meet held at Baker County High School on April 12.

The boys competed against eight other schools to finish atop seven of the 10 weight classes at the meet with the first-place finisher in each weight class guaranteed a spot at the state meet on April 25 in Kissimmee. Valdez Jackson had the highest total for Baker County qualifiers with a total of 635 pounds to finish on top of

the 199 class. Heavyweight Elisha Lee wasn't far behind with his first-place effort of a 630 total.

The other automatic qualifiers were Brandon Harvey in the 129 with a 420 total, Dalton Dyal in the 154 with a 560 total, Jacob Stalvey in the 169 with a 595 total, Blayne Merchant in the 183 with a 610 total and Hunter Chambers in the 219 with a 590 total.

In addition to the automatic qualifiers, lifters who finish in second, third and fourth are placed in a pool with the lift-

ers from the other sections in their weight classes who also finished between second and fourth. The top nine totals from the pool in each weight class qualify for state. Baker County had nine lifters who finished high enough to be entered into the pool.

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