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ABUSING CHILDREN

Children were living in squalor

A Macclenny mother of three was arrested on a felony count of child neglect after police found that she and her children were living amid accumulated trash, unwashed dishes and a back room at their W. McIver St. address rife with dog feces.



Tishauna Epperson

Deputy Justin Yingling said Tishauna Epperson, 30, first contacted the sheriff's department about 10 pm on April 26 fearing her 10-year-old son was missing.

Deputies scoured the south city neighborhood and found the boy unharmed at a neighbor's residence. He said he had earlier been playing with

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Resisted, squeezed an infant

Police arrested the father of a newborn child on April 18 and charged him with child cruelty for allegedly tightening his grip on the infant when they attempted to take it from him at a local pediatrician's office.



Stephen Butler

Deputy Christopher Clutter said he was called about noon to Macclenny Pediatrics on South 6th when an argument broke out between Stephen Butler, 21, of Glen St. Mary and the mother of his child Cassie Miller, 18, of Sanderson.

Ms. Miller had taken the baby for a two-week check-

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Bond set at \$2M for threats on judge, sheriff

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Wildcat weightlifters display their first place medals and trophy with coach Scott McDonald (center with trophy) in Kissimmee on April 25.

Cats, Keystone co-champs!

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The Wildcat weightlifters became state champions for the first time since 2011 when they tied with Keystone Heights with 16 points at the Class 1A state meet on April 25 in Kissimmee.

"It's always awesome," Coach Scott McDonald said of winning the state title. "To me, there's no better feeling competitively than reaching

your goal. You've got to put in the work, time and effort to go get it and this year's group really grabbed hold of that."

The meet was split into two halves with the heavier weight classes lifting first.

The Cats scored 10 points in the first half, which put them

four points behind first-place Arnold High School. Coach McDonald said his team was confident they could make up the points, but they didn't realize they were

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-Scott McDonald
BCHS weightlifting coach

the state champions until late in the day.

Coach McDonald and Keystone Coach Lance Lowery agreed to accept the award simultaneously on stage.

"It took a couple of years off me," the coach said. "We knew how many points we had and we were trying to tally up how many points the other teams had scored. We ended up finding out Keystone had scored just as many points as us."

"It was bittersweet in the fact that we had to share it but at the same time Keystone Heights are good friends of ours. I wouldn't have liked to share it with anyone else," he said.

All 64 weightlifters on the Wildcat team traveled to Kissimmee to cheer on the 12 who qualified for state. They watched as the Cats had five lifters finish in the top six to score the points needed for the state championship.

Blayne Merchant in the 183-pound class with a 615-pound total and Valdez Jackson in the 199 class with a 630 total both lifted their way to second place for the team's two highest finishes.

Merchant had an opportunity to win an individual state championship in his weight class as he was only five pounds behind the first place lifter entering his final clean and jerk attempt. Instead of opting for the tie and winning the state crown based on weighing less than his opposition, coach McDonald gave Merchant the leeway to try for the outright win.

"I always tell them that the first two lifts are mine and the third one is yours," coach McDonald said. "Blayne looked right at me and said, 'I'm not going to tie him. I'm going to

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Another deputy clerk in the race

Another current deputy clerk tossed her hat in the ring last week to succeed retiring Clerk of Courts Al Fraser, who is calling it quits later this year halfway through his fifth four-year term.

Sherrri Dugger of Macclenny thus joins fellow deputies Julie Combs and Staci Harvey seeking to replace Mr. Fraser, who opened up the field of hopefuls for the job that pays just shy of \$100,000 annually.

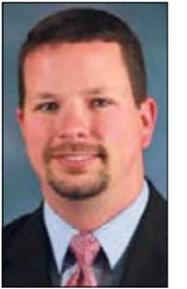
Another surprise possible entry before the deadline for petition qualifying on May 19 is County Manager C.J. Thompson, who picked up a qualification booklet from the election supervisor's office on Monday but has yet to turn in the required 140 signatures.

Thompson did not respond to a message left at the county office Tuesday afternoon.

Ms. Dugger, a 18 1/2-year veteran at the clerk's office, has like her fellow challengers been posted in most sub-categories over the years and currently is assigned to felony criminal. She has also worked in domestic relations, child support, juvenile, probate and guardian divisions.

She is a certified legal secretary, a designation obtained before joining the clerk's team, and for seven years was in a clerical post at Northeast Florida State Hospital. Like her counterparts, Ms. Dugger seeks the post as a Democrat and said she would submit signatures soon.

The sole Republican in the race so far is Joey Johnson of Macclenny, for eight years the



C.J. Thompson



Sherrri Dugger



Joey Johnson

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Photo by Jim McGauley

Exiting semi rear ends parked one

A Wisconsin trucker was sleeping in her cab when her 2006 Freightliner semi-truck loaded with macaroni and cheese was rear ended on April 29 on the shoulder of the Interstate 10 eastbound rest area exit ramp in Sanderson about 3:50 am. Christopher Lee Baker, 38, of Deatsville, AL was driving the 2007 Kenworth semi loaded with meat products that caused the accident and sustained critical injuries, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. He was transported to UF Health Jacksonville where he was stabilized. The sleeping truck driver, Joy E. Beane, 56, of Ocoomowoc, WI had minor injuries and her vehicle had an estimated \$10,000 in damage. She was treated at Fraser Hospital. The Kenworth took the brunt of the collision with some \$35,000 in damage. Its driver, Mr. Baker, was not wearing a seat belt and FHP is still investigating whether the wreck was alcohol related. In the photo above, Christopher and David Miracle of Miracle's wrecker service pull away pieces of the truck's wheel assembly. Kirk Miracle said it took eight hours to clear the wreckage. Tens of thousands of dollars worth of food was condemned and disposed of at the tri-county landfill.

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Thursday
T-storms Likely
High: 84 Low: 61

Friday
Scat'd T-storms
High: 78 Low: 56

Saturday
Isolated T-storms
High: 79 Low: 55

Sunday
Sunny
High: 81 Low: 58

Monday
Sunny
High: 83 Low: 59

Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 81 Low: 55

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 54

Today's High & Low Temperatures

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Mon, 4/21	73	54	82/56	0.00"
Tue, 4/22	82	50	82/57	0.00"
Wed, 4/23	82	59	82/57	0.00"
Thu, 4/24	84	61	82/57	0.00"
Fri, 4/25	84	59	83/57	0.00"
Sat, 4/26	86	59	83/58	0.00"
Sun, 4/27	86	57	83/58	0.00"

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	6:44 a.m.	8:06 p.m.
Friday	6:43 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Saturday	6:42 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Sunday	6:41 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
Monday	6:40 a.m.	8:09 p.m.
Tuesday	6:40 a.m.	8:09 p.m.
Wednesday	6:39 a.m.	8:10 p.m.

St. Mary's River Levels

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	10.15 ft.	-0.37 ft.
Macclenny	11.55 ft.	-0.73 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM
Thu	2:18-4:18	1:48-3:48
Fri	3:09-5:09	2:39-4:39
Sat	3:58-5:58	3:28-5:28
Sun	4:46-6:46	4:16-6:16
Mon	5:32-7:32	5:02-7:02
Tue	6:16-8:16	5:46-7:46
Wed	7:00-9:00	6:30-8:30

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Sheriff: Glades closing a 'positive'

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

The lure of easy money to house illegal aliens detained by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, or ICE, led to the creation of nonprofit corporations that sold revenue bonds to build new jails and sheriff's administration offices in Glades County and later in Baker County.

But the Baker County facility will soon be the only one still in business.

The Glades County operation in South Florida has lost its battle with dwindling numbers of ICE inmates and the revenue they used to bring, announced Sheriff Joey Dobson last week during a meeting of the Baker Correctional Development Corporation (BCDC) on April 23.

He said he received confirmation that 600-bed Glades County facility will close in mid-May.

"I got word last Friday from the (Glades County) sheriff that they were closing," Sheriff Dobson said, adding that he received confirmation just minutes before the 2 pm BCDC meeting began.

He said the ICE inmate population at Glades had plummeted from a high of 400 at one time to 133 last week. He said he was told the jail's last day of operation would be May 15, at which time local inmates will begin moving back to the old Glades County lockup.

"We don't know all the reasons," Sheriff Dobson said. "Our population has not done that. We hope we're doing things right — everything ICE has asked for."

As of April 23, the Baker County jail housed 426 inmates, including 225 ICE detainees, which was greater than the budgeted average daily head count of 390, said BCDC finance director Jeffrey Cox.

The numbers should increase significantly now that the Glades County facility soon will be out of the picture, officials said.

"This is absolutely good for the Baker County detention center," Sheriff Dobson said. "Their bad luck is our good luck, I guess."

He said ICE officials have assured him that Baker County will continue to receive detainees, including many of those who will be transferred from Glades County.

"I think from their closing we'll be in line to receive, probably not 100 or more, but 35, 40, or 50 would be good," the sheriff said.

Earlier this month news reports quoted Glades County Sheriff Stuart Whiddon as saying if forced to close he would have to lay off

80 to 90 members of his corrections staff, as well as some road patrol officers.

The falling number of federal prisoners has been attributed to lax enforcement of immigration laws by the Obama administration and the release by ICE of some 68,000 illegal immigrants during 2013.

In an article in *The Glades County Democrat* on April 10, Sheriff Whiddon was quoted as saying the problem was created by, "Democrats in Washington not wanting to arrest people who are here illegally."

Another South Florida newspaper, *The Okeechobee News*, last week cited a recent report by The Center for Immigration Studies that said ICE enforcement activity has declined 40 percent since 2011.

According to the same study, ICE reported 722,000 encounters with potentially deportable aliens but only filed immigration charges on 195,000.

Before the closure of the Glades detention facility was announced last week as a certainty, there had been conflicting reports indicating one day that it was going to close, then the next day it was going to stay open.

Sheriff Dobson said Sheriff Whiddon had told him earlier this month that the jail was going to close, but in a subsequent phone call said it was going to stay open. He said he was told in the last phone call that the jail "was, in fact, closing."

Officials in Glades County had hoped to keep the jail in business but said it was a matter of numbers. And ICE was not providing the numbers the agency had promised.

A story in *The Okeechobee News* on April 11 quoted Alvin Ward, president of the soon-to-be-defunct Glades Correctional Development Corporation, as saying ICE had misled the county.

"They said if you build it, we'll fill it," Mr. Ward said. "ICE is not holding up their end of the bargain."

Meanwhile, Sheriff Dobson remains optimistic about Baker County's relationship with ICE after a recent conversation he had with top agency officials in Miami who told him not to worry.

"They told me, 'Ya'll are not even on the radar,'" he said.

County Manager C.J. Thompson was present during the BCDC meeting and asked the sheriff to make a presentation to county commissioners during the next board meeting on May 6.

In other business:
• Lake Butler lawyer Russell A. Wade,

hired last fall to represent the New River Solid Waste Association and a candidate for the job of Baker County's attorney, was hired to represent the BCDC in its legal affairs.

In previous years the same attorney who represented the county commission also represented the BCDC, but commissioners said last year that could lead to a potential conflict of interest and required the BCDC to retain its own counsel.

Mr. Wade was one of two applicants for the job. He beat out Thomas O. Ingram of Jacksonville because he only charged \$200 an hour, whereas Mr. Ingram said he wanted \$305 per hour.

In a memo to the board Brian Bishop, the sheriff's administration chief, recommended Mr. Wade.

"Given the typical requirements of an attorney for the board, and given that both applicants appear well qualified," Mr. Bishop said in the memo, "it is the recommendation of staff that Russell A. Wade be offered the position in consideration of the lower cost per hour to the corporation."

Board member Paula Barton agreed that Mr. Wade was the logical choice.

"He comes highly recommended and is a good guy," Mrs. Barton said, adding that for "cost efficiency" she made the motion that he be hired. The vote was a unanimous yes.

• Major John Finley reported that the jail "did very well" in an annual ICE inspection April 15-17 during which federal officials checked 880 national detention standards and found that the Baker County facility met nearly all of them.

The only two concerns noted in the report, Major Finley said, was the lack of a barber-shop for inmates and the fact that mail was still being opened and inspected for contraband before being given to inmates.

"It seems like we're always preparing for inspections," he said. "But it keeps us on our toes."

The barbershop and mail issues have been duly noted in previous ICE inspection reports, so this year was no different. BCDC board chairman Todd Knabb said "if that's the only complaints they have that's great."

Sheriff Dobson said there will never be a separate room set up exclusively as a barber-shop at his jail for inmates, nor will the staff take time to open every piece of mail in front of individual inmates.

• Scheduled the next board meeting for 2 pm on July 23.

Squeezed an infant

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up and the accused arrived shortly after and demanded custody. She resisted and an argument ensued in one of the examination rooms.

The mother said she had been separated from Mr. Butler, who allegedly threatened her with bodily harm if she did not allow him to leave with the baby. She said she believes there are unspecified "dangers" at his residence near Cuyler.

Deputy Clutter in his report noted he initially became concerned for the baby's safety when Mr. Butler refused to hand her over while retrieving his identification and instead held the baby by the small of her back with one hand with no support for the neck.

Sgt. Ben Anderson also re-

sponded and the situation escalated as Mr. Butler resisted turning the baby over to the officers and instead squeezed her with his right forearm as he held her tightly to his chest.

Ms. Miller snatched the baby as the officers grabbed the suspect's arms while he resisted being handcuffed. He also attempted to strike them during the struggle and once in custody they seized a can of pepper spray that had been in his rear pocket.

The baby was then examined by the medical staff and had an area of redness around her abdomen, the result of being squeezed.

Sgt. Anderson said Mr. Butler continued to resist and yell while being escorted to a patrol car outside the office.

He was booked at county jail for cruelty to a child and

More for clerk race

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owner of the former Gateway Automotive, who plans to base a campaign on his past business experience.

He currently owns Joe's Garage in Marietta, is married with five children and is a 1999 graduate of Baker County High School.

Former longtime county commissioner Alex Robinson flirted briefly with a candidacy but informed the election supervisor's office last week he was out of the race.

Jeffery Cox, financial officer at Baker Correctional Development Corp. that manages county jail, likewise picked up a candidate packet but as of Tuesday had not submitted signature forms.

Living in squalor...

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friends and was unable to awaken his mother when he returned to ask her if he could go back outside.

Ms. Epperson was questioned and admitted she had been out drinking with friends and passed out in her bedroom when she returned home.

Deputy Yingling said the mother also could not explain the squalid living conditions inside her house, or where her child was while she was passed out for several hours.

The boy and two sisters, ages 6 and 2, were placed in the care of family members and the case was turned over to an investigator with the Department of Children and Families.

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Ramping up the 'misery quotient' when he gets a cold

I have a cold.

I'm sniffing and sneezing and feverish and just generally yucky, and thus am making people miserable around me.

Like you. You're probably wondering why I'm even telling you this and not suffering in silence? It's simple.

I'm a bad patient. I normally don't get colds, so when I do they feel more like the dengue fever than a cold. And that's the way I treat them.

That means that I moan and groan and look pitiful. Really pitiful.

I look so pitiful normally that most people can't tell the difference. So if I'm going to get any sympathy at all I have to really ramp it up.

So when I'm sick it's like I'm in a scene from *Outbreak* or *Contagion* and at any minute my face is going to fall off and I am going to be a zombie.

My wife just looks at me. No sympathy there.

"Go to the doctor." That's her pat answer.

"It's just a cold," I answer. "He's going to tell me there's nothing that I can do except wait it out."

I get more sympathy from my friends. "You need a nice big pot of homemade chicken soup and lots of rest, and plenty of liquids" is the common reply.

In other words I am in 1952 with someone's Jewish grandmother taking care of me. Come to think of it that wouldn't be too bad.

My mother wasn't Jewish but that was her response to colds. I can't remember if it's feed a cold and starve a fever or feed a fever and starve a cold but I would always be force fed chicken noodle soup. That was fine with me since I love the stuff.

It was her other remedies I didn't like. For a while she was big on the "cod liver oil cure."

"Drink this," she would say holding out a teaspoon of viscous liquid.

"What is it?" we would ask. Notice I said "we" because if I got it, my sister got it too, and visa versa. Since she was older, she usually got the treatment first. She was also naturally more suspicious than little brother.

"It doesn't matter," my mother would say. "It will make you feel better."

Ever heard the phrase, "The cure is worse than the disease?" That phrase came into being because of cod liver oil.

I don't know who figured out there were healing properties in the liver of a codfish but I'm inclined to think it was the Marquis de Sade, because it was pure torture.

"No, I'm not going to take it," my sister would say. "I hate that stuff."

An argument ensued for a full five minutes and ended with my mother pouring the stuff down my gagging sister's throat. She would then gag some more and run to the bathroom then my mother would search for me.

I stress *search*, because in those five minutes she was battling my sister I'd head for the hills. She usually found me when I got hungry and had to come out of my hiding place for nutrition.

Her other favorite remedy was Vicks inhalers.

Back in the day, Vicks not only made vapor rub, which is pretty good stuff if you're congested, but also inhalers. Notice I said "back in the day" because the FDA discovered that whatever was in the stuff was highly addictive.

My mother didn't know that; she just knew it worked. So we'd snort Vicks inhalers and wander around in a daze the rest of the morning.

Which brings me to paregoric. If you ask your grandparents or great-grandparents about paregoric they will wax rhapsodic about it's healing properties. They'll positively beam. Good ole paregoric could quiet down the most fussy infant. Teething? Hit 'em with paregoric. Can't sleep? Hit 'em with Paregoric. It never failed to work.

Why?

It was camphorated tincture of opium.

Back in the forties and fifties, well-meaning moms were turning their kids into hop-heads.

I don't remember ever being dosed on paregoric, but that's probably not surprising. Had I been, I probably wouldn't have remembered anything at all. I'd have been seeing visions of Mickey Mouse running sideways up my bedroom wall.

So, there you have it. I'm going to search out some chicken soup and go to bed and try not to dream of cod liver oil.

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD



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THE DISCUSSION

Jail closing ... cause for worry?

The Glades County jail, built like Baker County's new jail to house federal ICE inmates, is closing up shop in mid-May thanks to a lack of ICE inmates and revenue, and according to Sheriff Joey Dobson, the facility here could get up to 50 additional prisoners due to the closure. Should local officials be concerned about something similar to the Glades closure happening here? Why or why not?

Brandon Cunningham: No, because Baker is and had been established so no worries here. I am not worried; Baker isn't going anywhere

Terry Moshier: Sounds like counting your chickens before they hatch.

Barry Melton: It's certainly a warning sign. It depends on why there's a lack of revenue: not enough prisoners or the cost was greater than what the facility earned. Lastly, what happens if immigration laws change and the ICE program's mission is changed (which usually is accompanied by budget cuts)?

Melinda Crews Sorkness: No, that's gonna be more money sent here for the ICE prisoners.

Floyd Lee Crews: A lot of good people work there. They should be worried.

Baker has third highest concealed permit holders

Baker County reportedly has the third highest rate of concealed weapons permit carriers in Florida at 10 percent behind Clay (12%) and Nassau (13%). What do you think about having 1 in 10 people eligible for the permits having firearms on their person?

Richard Clark: That what keeps the crime rate down. Only thing that would be bet-

an inverse relationship here. More concealed weapons = less violent crimes involving guns.

Jim Nickles: That shows the intelligence of folks in North Florida.

Alyssa Nicole Fernandez: I think it's absolutely wonderful, and as soon as I have the money I plan on getting mine.

Jimmy Nickles: It should be as simple as in the state of Alabama. You get pistol permits from the Sheriff. I think every lawful citizen should carry two guns.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Volunteers make us stronger

Dear Editor:

Sigh.

I'm very sad that the YMCA wellness center is gone. Lots of great individuals, leaders and future leaders have walked through those doors. This is very upsetting, though there is a bright side of it for Baker County.

The Y is still going to keep the pool open and conduct sports programs. I have been part of the Baker Y since 2005, as an employee and a member. I no longer work at the Y, but what brings me back every time are the kids and families. Coaching and teaching kids the values of teamwork, Christian fellowship and sportsmanship.

People like Kevin Kett, Bob Gerard, David Carver and Tracey Owens are not only great individuals, but have a major influence on our children. If you have volunteered in any capacity at all, many thanks to you.

If you are driving by the fields one day, which many of you do, stop by. Volunteer and make our community stronger. Get the kids out of the house, away from those electronics.

Please don't think I'm promoting the YMCA; I'm promoting the investment of our youth. Volunteer anywhere there are kids involved and you will have an impact on someone's life. Isn't that what we parents are here for?

Freddie Oca
Glen St. Mary

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CIRCUIT COURT Two year term for violating probation

A Jacksonville man who violated probation for his role in the theft of three air conditioners from a church was sentenced in circuit court on April 22 to two years in prison.

Kimble Vann Johnson III, 35, was given credit for 159 days in jail and Judge Mark Moseley terminated the three-year probation given to him in May, 2013 for felony criminal mischief and grand theft. Mr. Johnson was one of several persons implicated in the 2011 theft from the First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary.

Court records indicated he violated probation by being arrested in March of this year in Jacksonville for petty theft and possession of drug paraphernalia. He also tested positive for methamphetamine later that month.

In a second prison sentencing that day, Christopher D. Jones, 35, of Sanderson was given 18 months after pleading no contest to felony fleeing police and driving on a suspended license.

Mr. Jones led a county deputy on a high-speed chase in a north Sanderson neighborhood on November 15, 2013 after he was spotted driving a vehicle with an expired license tag.

He has a criminal record that includes battery on a police officer, sale and possession of cocaine and controlled drugs and resisting police with violence.

In other cases:
• Judge Mosley ordered Keith Wilkerson to serve 364 days in county jail and terminated probation he violated for 2013 cases of burglary, obstructing justice and domestic battery.

• Amanda Weichman will be on probation two years after pleading no contest to burglary and grand theft. The judge withheld adjudication of guilt.

• Thomas Gill pleaded no contest to resisting an officer with violence and will be on an 18-month probation. The state dropped a charge of driving on a suspended license and the judge ordered him to write an apology letter and complete 50 hours of community service.

• Dalton Conger entered no contest pleas to multiple counts of burglary and grand theft and will be on probation two years. The judge ordered him to complete 30 hours of community service and a restitution hearing will be held in June.

The judge withheld adjudication of guilt.

• James Tabbot admitted to violating terms of his probation for burglary and grand theft in 2010 and the judge reinstated a new term for three years.

• Chance Mallory failed to appear in court on charges of drug trafficking and misdemeanor marijuana possession and a warrant was issued for his arrest.



Kimble Johnson III

Felony battery on manager

Police arrested a Glen St. Mary man early on April 27 for striking the manager of the Country Club Lounge on SR 121 while she was attempting to break up a fight between him and another patron.

Deputy Chris Walker said he was on patrol in that area south of Interstate 10 at midnight when he saw several persons running in the lounge parking lot. He made contact with employee Tabatha Zeigler, 41, who said she was struck in the face by Kyle Holton, 22, of Glen St. Mary.

Several male patrons then chased the accused out the front door and he ran to the nearby Exxon Store where Deputy Walker arrested him in a rest room cleaning blood off his face. With him was James Chadwick III, 19, of Macclenny, who was wanted on a local warrant for violation of probation.

Deputy Walker said the man lying on the ground had a broken leg unrelated to the fighting incident.

Ms. Zeigler drove herself to Fraser Hospital where she was treated for a broken nose. She later informed the deputy one of her teeth was broken by the blow. Due to the severity of her injury, Mr. Holton was booked for felony battery.

In other recent incidents, Darryll Starling, 47, of Cuyler was charged with battery on Dennis Fields, 53, an employee of Altman's Store on CR 125 north the evening of April 22.

Store clerk Carly Worley told Deputy Daryl Mobley she reluctantly allowed Mr. Starling to enter the store after closing time to pay for some items, and he became irate when informed she needed exact change.

Once outside, he exchanged words with Mr. Fields, then returned ten minutes later and struck him in the face, causing abrasions to the right eye. When questioned at his residence, Mr. Starling claimed he acted in self-defense, an assertion not borne out by a surveillance video viewed by police.

• Police are looking for two suspects said to

be responsible for attacking Kayla Flynt, 23, of Macclenny outside her vacant residence on Ben Rowe Circle the evening of April 21.

Ms. Flynt, treated at Fraser Hospital for a laceration to the head believed to be caused by a flashlight, told Deputy Justin Yingling she was attacked by a black male and a black female about 8:30 after she walked to the rear of the residence.

Witness Jay Blanchard, 23, of Macclenny said he accompanied her to the address, and went outside to find a white male and white female fleeing on foot from the property while Ms. Flynt was lying on the ground.

• A criminal complaint was filed April 26 naming Arkeem Ruise, 20, of Glen St. Mary as the person who attacked a 17-year-old girl outside a residence on Quail Lane in Macclenny that evening.

The girl told Deputy Yingling her assailant bumped into her about 8:45 pm, called her an obscene name and spit in her face before punching her in the head and dragging her by the hair into the yard.

Mr. Ruise fled the scene before police arrived.

• Complaints were filed against two BCHS students, ex-boyfriend and ex-girlfriend ages 17 and 16, for fighting about midday on April 23. Both accused the other of instigating the shoving match, and one witness told campus deputy Earl Lord the girl asked him to hold her book bag before she approached her ex-boyfriend.

• The same male patient, 38, was named in two complaints for striking fellow male patients at Northeast Florida State Hospital on April 27. He allegedly struck a 55-year-old in the face while in a day room watching television, and struck a 28-year-old while both were in a bathroom in the early morning hours.

• A 42-year-old female patient was named in a complaint April 23 for striking her roommate, 45, in the head.

Had cocaine residue on nose

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A Glen St. Mary man was arrested on multiple felony charges, including possession of cocaine, the early morning of April 25 after Deputy Trey McCullough noticed a powdery substance on the suspect's nose during a traffic stop.

The deputy pulled over James Clark, 40, after he changed lanes without using a blinker and dispatch revealed his tag was assigned to another vehicle. Mr. Clark told the deputy the tag was his sister's and that he had a suspended license. Another check with dispatch showed the suspect's license had been suspended seven times since 2003 and he was listed as a habitual traffic offender.

Deputy McCullough noticed a white powdery substance on Mr. Clark's nostril after performing a pat-down and the

suspect admitted to snorting cocaine about 30 minutes before the traffic stop.

In addition to the possession charge, Mr. Clark faces a felony count for being a habitual traffic offender and a misdemeanor for the tag violation.

In a similar incident, a Jacksonville woman was arrested on three counts of felony possession of a controlled substance without a prescription in the early morning of April 24 after admitting to concealing multiple Oxycodone pills in her bra.

The officer pulled over the driver because the vehicle didn't have a license plate attached to it. The driver told Deputy McCullough he had just purchased the 2010 Suzuki and the temporary tag accidentally came off. During the stop, the officer noticed backseat passenger Amanda Morrison, 30, was tampering with her bra through her shirt as if she was

trying to conceal something.

Deputy McCullough requested to search the occupants and they all obliged. He searched the driver and the two other passengers before getting to Amanda Morrison. As she exited the vehicle, the deputy saw a white Oxycodone pill on the floorboard where her feet were, but she denied having any illegal drugs.

The officer asked all four subjects if the vehicle contained any illegal narcotics and Ms. Morrison asked to speak with him in private. She admitted the pill was hers and told the deputy she had several more in her bra. She removed two additional pills from her bra.

Ms. Morrison said she was recently accidentally shot in the hand in Jacksonville and had been frequently taking medication because of the pain. She said two of the pills were 10 mg of Oxycodone and the third was 15 mg of the drug.

Fought in dispute over mom's care

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Two Macclenny sisters were arrested for misdemeanor battery the evening of April 22 after a disagreement over the treatment of their mother turned physical.

Valeria Holloway, 49, told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite that she and her sister Margaret Moquin, 53, have had an ongoing dispute over the care of their mother. Ms. Holloway said that since her sister moved back in with their mother that Ms. Moquin has mistreated her. When Ms. Holloway confronted her sister, an altercation broke out that left Ms. Holloway with bruises on her arms, legs and stomach and a partial cast on her left foot.

Ms. Moquin told the officer that Ms. Holloway attacked

her and kicked her, leaving a dark bruise on her thigh. She also said her sister pinched and punched her, which resulted in bruises on her leg, arm and chest.

Both women were arrested due to Deputy Satterwhite being unable to determine a primary aggressor.

In a related incident, a Macclenny man was named in a criminal complaint on April 27 for violation of a domestic violence injunction and petit theft after a Macclenny woman said he stole her driver's license and iPhone.

Shakira Harmon, 21, said she was in her vehicle trying to leave for Jacksonville when Ricky Tisdale, 32, opened her door and took her cell phone and driver's license. Her iPhone was resting on her leg and Mr. Tisdale took the driver's license

out of her bag on the floorboard in the backseat.

She told Deputy Marc Heath that she has an active domestic violence injunction against Mr. Tisdale and the officer confirmed it through dispatch.

Mr. Tisdale said he was with friends drinking beer and Ms. Harmon drove by several times. He told the officer he never communicated with her and denied taking her phone or driver's license.

Deputy Heath spoke with several people around the area who all told him they didn't see anything occur.

\$2 million bond set for Macclenny man for threats on officials

A Macclenny man remains in county jail this week under a \$2 million bond, charged with threatening to kill both Sheriff Joey Dobson and County Judge Joey Williams.

Oren McDermitt allegedly made the threats while conversing with youth pastor Michael Neal Jr., at the New Life Church on SR 121 North in the late morning of April 25.

The pastor contacted the sheriff's department shortly after Mr. McDermitt pedaled off on his bicycle. He quoted the 56-year-old suspect as saying "he wanted justice for his family and himself and said he could not take it anymore and that he was going to kill the sheriff and judge."

Mr. Neal recalled to Deputy Shawn Bishara that Mr. McDermitt said he "was not just talking; he was serious and would shoot them both."

The sheriff's department clamped extra security around Judge Williams before they located Mr. McDermitt at his residence on US 90 in west Macclenny on the property of Miracle Automotive. The suspect admitted being at the church earlier "to speak with a pastor about his problems" but denied making the threats.

He was reportedly upset over the arrest of his son Russell Chad McDermitt, 23, the previous day for aggravated domestic battery on his pregnant girlfriend, 17, at their residence on George Taber Blvd. in Glen St. Mary.

The son was released on bond the next day and promptly re-arrested for violating a condition of his release that he avoid contact with the girlfriend. He allegedly sent several texts and told Deputy Matt Riegel he was unaware of the condition and was attempting to retrieve property. None of the texts viewed by the deputy mentioned that, however.

The older McDermitt was convicted of assault in 2008 and placed on probation. He has a record of mostly traffic violations, but court records show arrests for "repeat violence," battery and worthless checks.

His son has a prior arrest for violating a protection order in 2008, a case that was dropped.

In the recent arrest, the girlfriend told Deputy Koty Crews that the younger Mr. McDermitt became angry when he found text messages on her phone from another male, and pushed her to the ground when she attempted to stop him from leaving their residence armed with a .22 caliber rifle.

He allegedly made death threats against the other male, and against her and the unborn child. The officer located Mr. McDermitt in the parking lot of a gas station where he said he was cooling off.

He insisted the loaded rifle was in his truck because he had recently been target shooting.



Oren McDermitt

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At-fault driver Sheila Coren of St. George, GA is loaded into an ambulance by first responders.

Driver turns in front of truck

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Two pickup trucks collided on South 6th Street in Macclenny about 12:30 pm on April 25 when a St. George, GA woman failed to yield the right-of-way to a Macclenny driver when she turned left into a commercial strip near Baker Guns and Gold Pawn.

Both drivers suffered minor injuries.

Sheila Coren's 1997 Dodge Ram was facing south in the

center turn lane as Hawke Forbes' 2010 Ford F150 approached heading north in the right lane at the posted speed limit of 45 mph.

Ms. Coren advised police she thought she had enough space to make the turn, but when she did, the Ford hit the passenger side of her Dodge, which sustained an estimated \$2500 in damage, according to Deputy Marc Heath's report of the crash.

Damage to the Ford, owned by Henry J. Forbes, was es-

timated at \$4000, and both trucks were towed from the scene.

After the wreck, which occurred just north of the Barber Road intersection, Ms. Coren complained of neck pain and was transported by county EMS to Fraser Hospital. Mr. Forbes also reported neck and head pain and was taken to the hospital by a family member.

Both parties were wearing seat belts and the accident is not believed to be alcohol-related.

COUNTY LAND PLANNING AGENCY

Okays 'family lot' division

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The family bond is stronger and carries more weight with county zoning authorities than the one between landlords and tenants. At least, it did during a meeting of the Baker County Land Planning Agency on April 24.

One zoning request to subdivide a 7-acre parcel into separate "family lots" was approved, but another application to divide a one-acre lot into two halves to allow a second rental trailer to be placed on the property was denied.

In the first case, the LPA board unanimously approved Rose and Thomas Going's request for a special exception to subdivide their 7-acre home site in the Cedar Creek Farms subdivision to allow family members to live next door.

"We want to give each child a piece of the land," Mrs. Going told LPA members as she showed family photographs of the couple's three grown children and two grandchildren.

Eventually, the couple plan to build their retirement home on the property and have all their children and grandchildren around them, each with their own small plot of land. The owners presently live in one mobile home and a daughter lives in a second trailer on the property.

"The request is for permanent family lots on a dirt road, which the (zoning) code does not allow in a subdivision," Ed Preston, planning and zoning director, told the board. However, he said Cedar Creek Farms is "an unrecorded subdivision."

Subdivisions are divided into two categories, he said: platted and unrecorded. He said quite a few unrecorded subdivisions were developed before the county adopted rules strictly governing platted subdivisions.

In other words, the board could be a bit more lenient with a request for subdividing lots in an unrecorded subdivision on a dirt road, especially if the request is for family lots.

"They are not asking for subdivision lots. They are asking for family lots," Mr. Preston told the board. "They don't have to meet anywhere near the same criteria as a subdivision lot."

Family lots are permitted in many areas of the county so long as they are at least one acre in size.

Although Cedar Creek Farms

is subject to flooding during heavy prolonged rains and the roads become almost impassable, the Goings said they have lived there over 30 years and it is home.

"We love it," Mrs. Going said. "We've canoed down the road before, but we don't care."

Board members, however, were concerned about approving more residential lots in an area that county rescue crews might have trouble accessing in 911 emergencies.

After Mr. Preston said he did not think the county's development review committee, which includes the county road department and the Emergency Medical Services department, would object to the zoning request, the board tentatively voted 4-0 in favor of the request.

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—Ed Preston
County Planning & Zoning Director

However, they made the vote contingent on Mr. Preston reviewing the proposal with development review committee members and getting their okay. He also said he had received some calls in support of the Goings' request but none opposed.

In the second zoning case, the board denied Jacqueline and David Robinson's request to subdivide a 1-acre lot at the northwest corner of Mud Lake Road and CR 125 so that they could place a second mobile home on the property.

"The owner's not living there. It's not homesteaded property," board member John Adams said.

The couple said they had spent so much recently demolishing an old, rundown house on the corner lot and removing overgrowing vegetation and trees that they need additional rental income on the property to justify some of the expenses.

They also own an adjacent one-acre rental property next door.

Problem is, Mr. Preston said, the corner lot is not quite a full acre. It was reduced to .9-acre after the county took a small piece off the corner to widen the four-way intersection a number of years ago.

So, if it were cut in half each new lot would be less than half an acre, and the state typically will not permit a septic tank to be installed on less than half an acre, Mr. Preston said, adding: "It is a concern."

Unless the owner files a request for a variance, which the Robinsons said they plan to do and which they said they believe would be approved. They also said they feel as though they have improved the neighborhood by removing the old house and vegetation from the property and making it easier for motorists to see around that corner parcel.

Mr. Preston told the board that it could take into consideration the fact that the county took some of the property for right-of-way and count it as a full one-acre lot.

But board members agreed that increasing the density at a major intersection could lead to traffic safety issues, particularly if children lived on that corner lot, and Mr. Adams said he felt approving the request could "set a precedent" and lead to similar requests.

They voted the application down 4-0. It now goes before the county commission for another public hearing on May 20, at which time the Robinsons will be able to make their pitch again.

In other business:

- Board member Glendon Patten was appointed vice chairman to replace Duncan Walters, who resigned recently due to a new job assignment that prevents him from attending meetings.

- Directed Mr. Preston and the board's attorney, Rich Komando, to draft a recommendation to the county commission seeking approval of a proposed revision of the county's land development regulations. The draft proposal was sent to commissioners last year but has been stalled ever since.

LPA members say they would like an explanation of why the commission has postponed action on what essentially is the guidebook used in making many zoning decisions.

BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Kids spurn teaching jobs

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Sherrie Raulerson might be a pretty good administrator as Baker County's schools superintendent, but her skills at teacher recruiting were somewhat lacking during a recent school board meeting.

The meeting, held at New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ in Margaretta on April 21, featured a number of neighborhood children from elementary through high school receiving awards for making the Principal's List or the Honor Roll. Mrs. Raulerson, who has made the awards ceremonies a prominent agenda item at every school board meeting, clearly was enjoying handing out certificates, gold Olympic-style medals and other prizes to each recipient.

But when she began asking each child to talk about their visions for the future she didn't quite get the response she had hoped for when she asked a leading question: "What do you want when you grow up — a teacher?"

Many students in the past have answered affirmatively. But not last week.

Not one student replied in the affirmative. In fact, a couple of them emphatically rejected the notion that they would end up a classroom teacher.

One girl, a student at Westside Elementary, immediately shook her head vigorously back and forth, signaling an adamant "No!" The audience laughed — politely, not uproariously.

Jacquez K. Ruise, a student at Baker County Middle School, didn't have just one career goal in mind.

After accepting his honor roll certificate he told the superintendent he wanted to go to Florida State University and study to become "a doctor and a lawyer."

"He wants to be a doctor and a lawyer," Mrs. Raulerson said, telling the youngster he was certainly intelligent enough to accomplish such an ambitious goal.

Anjani Good, a junior at Baker High who was honored for earning straight A's and making the Principal's List, immediately responded to the superintendent's question about whether she wanted to be a teacher.

"No! Oh, no!" replied the young woman, a flute and piccolo player in the school band who said her favorite subject is math. She said she had no specific plans beyond going to one of the major universities in Florida.

The only other Baker High Principal's List honoree, Elizabeth Mosley, said she knew specifically the path she wants to pursue: study medicine at FSU and get her degree in optometry. She also plays flute in the high school band.

Noting that two of the most academically gifted students at Baker High were also band members, Mrs. Raulerson said the link between music and academics has been firmly established.

"Research has shown that students who study music also do perform better academically," she

said, urging parents in the audience to help their children embrace music.

She also recognized the parents and grandparents in the audience and said they were to be congratulated for being there and "setting an example that education is important."

Afterward, Mrs. Raulerson said not everybody is cut out to be a teacher. Those who choose that path as a career and stick with it for many years are those who truly love teaching children, she said.

In other business the school board:

- Approved contracts with the City of Macclenny and the Baker County Board of County Commissioners for grant-funded summer internships with 10 to 15 students, a combined total between the city and the county, from May 1 to June 30 this year.

The city and county will provide training space, day-to-day supervision including a performance evaluation, placement and job assignment. The contract also calls for the governments to provide

job readiness coaching, payroll services and regular invoices to the school district for reimbursement of wages paid including withholding taxes and worker's compensation insurance premiums.

"This internship program gives students real world experience," said Ann Watts, director of career and adult education, which oversees the workforce internship program.

Not only will they go through the normal application, interview and selection process, but the students selected to participate in the program will learn that if they don't perform as expected the city and county may "terminate them if necessary," Ms. Watts said.

And somebody just might end up with a real job after the internship ends.

"It's possible," Ms. Watts said, "that one of those students can win a permanent position with one of those governments."

- Authorized the expansion of a turn lane behind the automotive mechanics department at Baker High for the logistics program, which was launched in 2012 to teach students about transportation and storage of goods around the world.

"It should cost less than \$10,000 to widen the turn lane so that trucks will be able to make the turn back there and get back out," said Marcelle Richardson, executive director for support services. "There's also going to be a shipping dock places back there for training."

Instructors give classroom instruction, lead project-based activities and offer industry guidance to build the new Global Logistics and Supply Chain Technology program at BCHS.

The program consists of four career and technical education classes. After successful completion, students earn a Global Logistics Associate Certificate worth 12 credits at Florida Gateway College or Florida State College at Jacksonville.

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Crime stats here jump 30% in '13

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Crime in Baker County ticked up last year by nearly 30 percent despite efforts by the sheriff's office to curtail the increase.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement tracks data by county on arrests and offenses in its uniform crime reports, which are issued roughly every six months — in December for the first six months of the calendar year and in April on the previous full year.

When the semi-annual report was released last December, Sheriff Joey Dobson issued the following statement: "Increase in crime is taken very seriously. Prior to the published UCR report, we were aware of the increase and took steps to address the issue." He said then that areas experiencing the spike in criminal activity saw more intensive patrols.

However, Baker County continued to see jumps in aggravated assaults, burglaries and thefts through the remainder of the year. The additional patrols may have had some effect, though.

So-called index crimes tallied by the state — murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle

theft — rose some 50 percent during the first half 2013 compared to the same period in 2012. But index crimes rose just 28.5 percent for the whole year.

Statewide, index crimes fell 3.8 percent last year.

Meanwhile, there were no murders here in 2013, and the county saw declines of 50 percent in forcible sex offenses, 55.6 percent in robberies and 6.3 percent in motor vehicle thefts.

The biggest year-over-year jumps came with aggravated assaults, which climbed 110.3 percent, followed by burglaries, which were up 92.2 percent, and larcenies, or thefts, up 11.7 percent.

The most common crimes reported last year were theft with 257 cases and burglary with 98 cases. Aggravated assaults totaled 90.

"I can assure the citizens of Baker County that we will continue to maintain our vigilance, and continue to search for new and innovative ideas to prevent crimes, and apprehend those who are responsible for committing crimes within our county," Sheriff Dobson reportedly told Jacksonville's *First Coast News*.

In an interview with Jacksonville's *Action News*, Sheriff Dobson reportedly said the crime rate for 2013 was the highest he's

seen and "we're not going to run from it."

He also pointed to a doubling of domestic violence reports last year, bolstering the aggravated assault figures.

According to the state's data, there were 100 cases of domestic violence in 2013, three quarters of them being simple assaults and 57 leading to arrests. The most common victims were spouses.

Among the other stats contained in the report by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for Baker County in 2013:

- Only about 20 percent of index crimes were violent in nature.
- Among the 1149 arrests made, 74 percent were of males and 26 percent were of females.
- \$372,281 worth of property was reported stolen while the value of property recovered was \$106,943. Jewelry and precious metals made up 22 percent of the total, the largest share behind miscellaneous items.
- The share of crimes cleared last year fell from 52.6 percent in 2012 to 42.2 percent last year.
- Drug arrests rose from 95 in 2012 to 147 last year.
- DUI arrests fell from 66 in 2012 to 52 last year.
- Arrests for sex offenses dropped as well, from 10 in 2012 to 3 last year.

Driving with 19 suspensions

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A Macclenny man with 19 license suspensions was arrested for driving on the afternoon of April 25 after a check with dispatch during a traffic stop revealed his license history.

Deputy Johnny Hodges saw Jonathan Anderson, 23, driving on North 5th Street and was aware he is not permitted to drive.

In a similar incident, James Howard, 23, of Sanderson was arrested for driving with a suspended or revoked license on the night of April 25 after he was pulled over for driving dangerously. Deputy Christopher Walker noticed the vehicle two cars behind him, driven by Mr. Howard, attempted to pass the

one directly behind him while driving down US 90 as another car approached from the opposite direction.

The car behind him had to hit the brakes to keep Mr. Howard from being involved in a head-on collision with the oncoming vehicle.

The suspect drove so close behind the officer that he couldn't see the car's headlights. Cpl. Walker allowed Mr. Howard to pass and then pulled him over.

Cpl. Walker informed Mr. Howard that his tag had expired and a check with dispatch showed his license was suspended six times for failure to pay fines and failure to appear in court.

In other license arrests:

- Heidi Conway, 25, of Glen St. Mary was arrested the af-

ternoon of April 25 for driving with a license that was suspended four times. She had just left a court appearance for the license suspension.

Deputy John Peterson watched Ms. Conway exit the courthouse and get into her car and back out of her parking space. He asked her to get out of her car before she could drive away.

Deputy Jeremiah Combs ran her name through dispatch and it showed her license was suspended for non-judgment, conviction for a tag being expired for six months or more, failure to pay traffic fines and for having an expired license.

Justin Johns was arrested on the evening of April 25 for driving on a license suspended six times after being pulled over for not wearing a seatbelt.

Tried to steal \$500 pool from store

The sheriff's department made three arrests and filed a criminal complaint against a fourth person the past week for shoplifting at the Macclenny Walmart.

One of those arrested, Danielle Anderson, 23, of Macclenny allegedly tried to leave the store with an inflatable children's pool and slide valued at \$500.

Deputy Jacob Satterwhite said store security observed Ms. Anderson place other items worth nearly \$200 in a shopping bag as she went around the store, including hair color, soft drinks, a DVD movie and T-shirts.

She was charged with felony theft after she attempted to leave through the garden center.

Deputy Justin Yingling arrested Justin Gray, 31, of Sanderson as he fled Walmart on foot north on SR 228 shortly after 6 pm on April 22.

Store security alerted police after Mr. Gray ran when an employee attempted to confront him as he left the store with \$53 worth of merchandise, including a water pressure regulator, .50 caliber pellets and an electric adapter.

The same deputy arrested Matthew Light, 25, of Glen St. Mary the evening of April 22 after he attempted to steal several Batman-themed items valued at \$31. He said he intended the merchandise for a

step-son.

Deputy Marc Heath said he recognized Isaac Simmons Jr., 23, of Macclenny as the person depicted in a surveillance video the morning of April 25 leaving the store with a \$100 computer printer.

A store employee who witnessed him exiting through the garden center also picked out Mr. Simmons from a photo line-up. He was named in a criminal complaint after police were unable to contact him.

In a non-shoplifting case, a 51-year-old Macclenny woman reported on April 25 that her Wells Fargo debit card was used earlier in the month to pay a \$179 insurance bill for an unknown person.

Drunk at Fraser ER on Sunday

A Macclenny man was arrested outside the emergency room at Fraser Hospital after ignoring several commands that he leave the premises the evening of April 27.

Deputy Chris Walker said he responded about 7:30 to a report that someone was drinking alcohol in the waiting area, and confronted Michael Prevatt, 32, who was holding a cup containing an alcoholic beverage.

The officer said Mr. Prevatt made a disparaging comment to a Jacksonville Fire and Rescue worker outside who earlier had advised him of the situation, then agreed to leave only to return shortly after and again attempting to confront the employee seated in a rescue ambulance.

Deputy Walker again ordered him to leave, and Mr. Prevatt then allegedly became confrontational and refused to calm himself. He was charged with disorderly intoxication.

A Sanderson man was arrested on the same charge the evening of April 25 when he refused to leave the parking lot of Gaskins Corner Store on US 90.

Deputy John Minkel said he went to the scene about 9 pm and confronted Aubrey Ruise, 55, seated on an ATV. He had slurred speech and was incoherent, and refused rides home from bystanders.

In a non-alcohol related arrest, Dennis Push, 46, of Jacksonville was taken to jail after a traffic stop near Sanderson the afternoon of April 26 when a county deputy learned he was wanted in Hillsborough County for failure to keep a court date.

Deputy Clements Leo said he was observing traffic at the perilous intersection of US 90 and Interstate 10 about 2:40 when a 2003 Chevrolet pickup driven by Mr. Push ran the stop sign on the eastbound exit ramp.

He was also booked at county jail for driving on a license with four suspensions and given a warning for the stop sign violation.

Charged with theft and re-sale of a pair of portable generators

Police arrested a Macclenny man for stealing two portable generators from a Glen St. Mary address earlier this month, then selling them to a third party.

Nathan Keene, 46, allegedly admitted to the theft during an interview with Deputy Chris Walker at county jail on April 26, a day after they were reported missing from behind a shed on the property of Marty Christie on Pine Top Road. He valued them at \$1200 each.

The victim gave Deputy Jacob Satterwhite the suspect's name, claiming he had the lock codes to a gate.

Mr. Keene gave police the name of a Jacksonville man he sold the units and two gas cans to, representing that he received the property in lieu of cash for work he had done for another man. The purchaser was contacted by Deputy Walker and returned the generators and cans on April 27.

The buyer paid \$350 for the items and said he received assurance from the suspect they weren't stolen.

In other property thefts, the former owner of a foreclosed residence on Tom Norman Road near Macclenny reported on April 25 she returned there and found over \$1000 in belongings missing.

Joyce Denley told Deputy Satterwhite a vacuum cleaner, collectible coins, rolled coins and tools were taken sometime after April 17 when she was last at the address. She gave the deputy the name of a home maintenance company that had been on the property.

Carol Rhoden reported that a weeder and edger valued at \$328 were taken along with two gas cans from the front porch of her residence on Geitgey St. in Glen St. Mary between April 19-22.

She gave Deputy Clements Leo the name of a possible suspect who lives in the neighborhood.

Police have only the first name of a person who may be responsible for the theft of a \$100 lawn mower from the back yard of Keisha Hillman on April 19.

A neighbor reported seeing the man remove the mower, and another neighbor on West Stansell Street told Deputy Michael Antonini the suspect sometimes does his lawn.

Fired at party scene to protest noise level

The sheriff's department arrested a Macclenny man early on April 27 for firing several rounds from a pistol in the direction of a neighborhood party to quiet the revelers down.

Deputy Chris Walker said he was called to the area just after midnight and told by Lisa Key, the homeowner on Fern St. off North Lowder where the party was ongoing that she heard shots fired in her direction. One sounded like it traveled over her head.

The officer then went to the residence on Lowder where Ms. Key and other witnesses said the shots came from, along with accompanying obscene yelling.

He encountered Dana Napier, 57, who initially denied discharging a firearm, then admitted it after Deputy Walker showed him shell casings on the ground near the front door. Mr. Napier, who the officer said had been drinking, then led him and Deputy John Minkel to a rear bedroom where the pistol lay on a bed.

He refused commands not to touch the gun and had to be subdued and handcuffed.

Mr. Napier was booked for discharging a firearm in public, a first-degree misdemeanor.

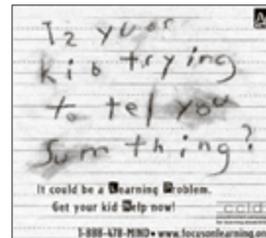
In another recent firearm-related case, the same deputy arrested Jason Simpkins, 34, of Glen St. Mary after responding the evening of April 21 to a report of shots fired in the neighborhood near Pine Top Rd.

The officer said he confronted Mr. Simpkins in a wooded area about 6:30 pm holding a .22 caliber rifle. An identity check revealed he is a six-time convicted felon and as such not allowed to have firearms.

The offense is a second-degree felony.

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Child Protection Team opens Baker County operation

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Child abuse victims and their families will now have a much shorter trek to get help from the First Coast Child Protection Team led by UF Health Jacksonville.

The team of doctors, counselors and investigators has been responding to cases of serious child abuse in six Northeast Florida counties, including Baker County, since 1978, when the organization, the first of its kind, formed.

Last week the organization announced it will provide services locally at the sheriff's office and county health department, saving clients the commute to facilities in Jacksonville as in years past.

Local officials including Sheriff Joey Dobson, health de-

partment administrator Kerry Dunlavey and Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson joined Margaret McGauley, past-chair of the team's board of directors, and one of its founders, Dr. Gerold L. Schiebler, and others for a short reception the morning of April 23 in the team's new space at the sheriff's office where suspected victims of abuse will be interviewed.

The space features several interview rooms, video monitoring equipment and a waiting area for family members. The health department has also set aside space for medical exams.

Valerie Stanley, the First Coast Child Protection Team's coordinator, said it took "a lot of community effort" to bring a satellite office here.

"It was an economic challenge for the community to get to appointments in Jacksonville. So it's easier," she said.

Not only will the locations here save victims and their families time and money, they'll also be more convenient for the employees of the agencies involved in child abuse cases like law enforcement and the state's Department of Children and Families.

"We have satellite offices in other counties, and we find if we have somebody we can place out here, then law enforcement can stay within the county and the families don't have to take a whole day off work," said Ms. Stanley. "We just can't afford to pay extra rent in all of the outlying counties we serve."

Finding affordable space that's convenient and can accommodate the need for privacy is challenging.

The team has satellite offices in Nassau County at the state attorney's office, at Flagler Hospital in St. Johns County



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Protection team founder Dr. Gerold Schiebler with his wife.

and at a government building in Putnam County. Ms. Stanley said the branch in Clay County, which periodically opens and closes, is "very dependent on the economic viability of space there."

Until recently, Baker County was the only county in the region without a satellite office.

Ms. Stanley said money was not a problem here, since the sheriff's office and health department are donating its space for the team's use.

"It's taken a long time, but we're thrilled to death to be here," she said.

The First Coast Child Protection team was the first agency to combine social service agencies and physicians to better investigate child abuse. It's a model that has been replicated nationwide during the last 30 years.

Last year the team saw between 40 and 50 Baker County children, a figure Ms. Stanley said should rise with the offices opening here.

"We know that by being here it will increase," she said. "When you're there and avail-

able, families can get here. In Putnam County we were seeing very few families, but when we were able to go out in the county we got a better response because we were local."

Manning the sheriff's office location will be case coordinator Arabia Davis, a certified forensic interviewer, said Dr. Randell Alexander, the statewide medical director for all the teams in Florida. He oversees 24 doctors, including Dr. Bruce McIntosh at the Baker County Health Department.

"The Child Protection Team is unique to Florida ...," Dr. Randall said. "We are really the envy of a lot of child abuse doctors around the country and the world."

He said for acute cases of abuse, for instance if a child is sexually assaulted in the middle of the night when physicians are not available in the satellite locations, the team will continue to handle them at the Jacksonville headquarters.

At the reception, Dr. Schiebler, described as one of the driving forces behind landing the team's Macclenny offices,

credited three-and-a-half years of lobbying by him and Mrs. McGauley for the change.

"For those of us from the rural parts of this nation, there are some things that are different in rural counties ... and we need to learn how to work well in the small counties because in the small county I was brought up in, unless you were a part of the small county, nobody told you anything. They wouldn't even talk to you," Dr. Schiebler commented. "I think this is a hallmark. I think it's a trademark for us to do more in rural counties in Florida ..."

Mrs. McGauley said she was excited about the move and the ability to serve children inside the county.

"The more services we have in Baker County and working together, it doesn't get any better than that. We're doing the best thing for the kids and that's the bottom line," she said.

"As superintendent I see a lot of sad things — issues with children ...," added Mrs. Raulerson. "We take for granted our blessings. We have children that have never even been to Jacksonville before, and for families, I'm sure that's an impediment to be able to get to Jacksonville, so this is a great blessing for many families. They'll be more comfortable here. I'm very appreciative. I know it will help a lot of children and families."

Ms. Dunlavey said: "It's been a long time coming. We appreciate everyone being willing to come together to serve the needs of this community." "Any time we have more services in our county that's certainly what we're looking for," said Sheriff Dobson.

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Ms. Roberson named to BCSB

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Governor Rick Scott appointed retired teacher Naomi Roberson last week to fill the vacant District 3 seat on the school board.

Former school board member Jesse Davis, who was elected in 2010, left the post when he moved to the Atlanta area for a new job.

Ms. Roberson said she may not run for the seat in the August 26 primary election due to an ongoing medical issue that affects her ability to walk.

"I am in the middle of a very serious health situation that if not resolved, there is no way I could campaign," said the 75-year-old Macclenny resident.

Between now and the end of her term in November, however, she said, "I will vote to the best of my ability for what is best for the children in the school district."

Her first school board meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Olustee fire station.

"I've never been able to truly let it go," Ms. Roberson said of her involvement in education. "I subbed quite a few years after I retired and loved every minute of it."

She also attended training with teachers last year on the new Common Core standards being implemented nationwide.

"I think it's wonderful material but I don't think they've given teachers enough time to work through what's expected of them," said Ms. Roberson.

She, along with two other men, submitted applications to fill the empty school board seat, but no appointment came until last week. The other applicants: retired sheriff's office investigator Chuck Brannan and retired civil service worker Leonard Davis.

Three other Baker Coun-

ty residents are seeking the District 3 seat in the August primary: Paula Barton, a former school superintendent for 12 years, and two political newcomers DeAnna Rewis-McDuffie and Clayton Rhoden. All live in Macclenny.

Ms. Roberson, a former English and reading teacher who retired from the system in 2001 after 33 years, also sits on the City of Macclenny's Zoning and Adjustment Board.

This is the second time she was tapped to fill a vacancy on the school board. The first time she served from March to November in 2003 to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Jeanine Harvey.

She is a member of the Retired Educators Association, and devotes volunteer time on the boards of the Citizens Support Group for the Stephen Foster Park, Heritage Park and as a member of the Olustee Citizens Support Group.

"I've never been able to let education go since I retired," she said.



Naomi Roberson

April 23rd county court cases

The following dispositions were ordered by Judge Joey Williams during regular session of county court (misdemeanors) on April 23:

- Randall E. Barton, driving on a suspended license; court costs.
- Tracy Benefield, petty theft; six-month probation, banned from Walmart and enroll in theft class.
- Cedric Benton, driving on a suspended and expired license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- April Brookins, driving on a suspended license; three-month probation, 30 days on electronic monitor.
- Clara Cobb, petty theft; 30 days in jail, six-month probation.
- Tammy Lee Combs, DUI and improper tag; 24 days in jail, six-month probation.
- Heidi Conway, two counts driving on a suspended license; six-month probation and 50 hours community service.
- Marlon Davis, driving on a suspended license; two days in jail, six-month probation, 30 days electronic monitoring, obtain driver's license.
- Eric Gombert, possession of drug paraphernalia; adjudication withheld, 12-month probation.
- Stacey Lee Gombert, possession of drug paraphernalia; adjudication withheld, 12-month probation
- Brooke Griffis, petty theft; six-month probation, attend theft and parenting classes.
- Richard Hartley, possession of marijuana; adjudication withheld, six-month probation.
- Cashmere Jones, battery; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Linda Kay Matelsky, petty theft; adjudication withheld,

six-month probation, two days in jail, attend theft classes.

- Danielle McHenry, possession of drug paraphernalia; \$150 fine and court costs.
 - Justin Miller, driving on a suspended license; 45 days in jail.
 - Michael C. Prevatt, improper exhibition of a dangerous weapon; six-month probation and anger management classes.
 - Dashaun Scaife, petty theft; five days in jail, six-month probation.
 - Teresa Stokes, petty theft; 30 days in jail, six-month probation and petty theft classes.
 - Ricky Tisdale, driving on a suspended license; adjudication withheld, six-month probation, license class, two days in jail and community service.
 - Shannon Waters, assault on a law enforcement officer; adjudication withheld, 12-month probation, anger management class, apology letter.
 - Shannon Waters, disorderly intoxication and disorderly conduct; adjudication withheld, six-month probation, no alcohol or drugs, attend addiction classes.
 - Wesley Zipperer, petty theft (2 counts), resisting arrest; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- PROBATION VIOLATION CASES**
- Kenneth Barnes, DUI; 90 days in jail.
 - Emily Barnes, resisting arrest; 61 days in jail.
 - Kimberly Barton, driving on a suspended license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
 - Brandy Calloway, DUI; 16 days in jail.
 - Dakota Canaday, possession of drug paraphernalia; 83 days in jail.
 - Christopher Cole, petty theft; 143 days in jail.

- Dalton Conger, no vehicle registration; 29 days in jail.
- Eugena Finley, disorderly intoxication; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Ricci Gaskins, driving on a suspended license; 74 days in jail.
- Alyssa Graves, driving on a suspended license, expired tag; 46 days in jail.
- Jason Patrick Griffis, violation of domestic violence injunction, criminal mischief; 197 days in jail.
- Lisa Harris, disorderly conduct; 60 days in jail.
- Christopher Henderson, battery; court costs.
- Edrick Jackson, no valid driver's license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Jason Luke, domestic battery; 66 days in jail.
- Shauna Mears, driving on a suspended license; 20 days in jail.
- Tammy Pecor, petty theft and resisting a merchant; 60 days in jail.
- Joseph Reed, domestic battery; 42 days in jail, 12-month probation and attend battery intervention class.
- Shelie Rhoden, driving on a suspended license; 36 days in jail.
- Jaleel Ruise, disorderly intoxication; 45 days in jail.
- Dominique Smith, battery; 51 days in jail.
- Ciara Stokes, driving on a suspended license and resisting arrest; 125 days in jail.
- Shawn Thomas, driving on a suspended license; court costs.
- Joshua Thornton, petty theft; 20 days in jail.
- Rhonda Tipton, petty theft; 45 days in jail.
- Russell Wood, driving on a suspended license with improper tag; 51 days in jail.

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Teri Collins (left) and Jade Gauthier package orders last week.

Launches food 'buying club'

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Last year Baker County got its first organic food store when Smart Market opened in Macclenny selling largely discounted products from wholesalers. Now the market has a new partnership that is expanding its selection and helping health conscious shoppers save on their grocery bills.

Smart Market owner Teri Collins has joined forces with one of her store's customers, Jade Gauthier, to create the Baker Whole Foods Buying Club, a local cooperative that started in late February that has grown its membership to 80 and its product list to more than 800.

"The buying club allows me to add a variety of organic produce and meats to Smart Market that I was not able to previously stock," explained Mrs. Collins. "As the store grows we will continue to add more. It is a great way for customers who are interested in joining the buying club to see the quality of what we offer. Some customers may not want to join but they can come in and get limited organic produce at very competitive prices."

She said the goal of the club is to help educate consumers who want to eat a healthier diet and to offer a more affordable way to do so.

Organic foods are those with minimal processing and no chemicals, hormones or other additives that are commonly found in mainstream grocery store products. Such foods, particularly organic fruits, vegetables and meats, are more

expensive than non-organic foods, often by 50 percent or more. Plus, the nearest retailers for many of these products are in other counties, adding the cost of a commute to the grocery bill.

"Baker Buying Club was created to provide whole, real, good food to the local community," reads the coop's Facebook page. "Our members enjoy wholesale pricing on organic and natural foods."

The buying club attempts to reduce the cost of organic foods by purchasing them in bulk directly from producers or wholesalers, and delivering them to Smart Market for pickup once every two weeks.

Membership in the club comes with a one-time \$65 fee, plus 10 percent of the cost of an order for processing and packaging. After that, the annual membership fee drops to \$25.

"It's similar to Costco in structure," explained Mrs. Gauthier, a New Hampshire native and mother of four who moved to Macclenny a year and a half ago.

"[The buying club] began out of necessity for my own family," she said.

Mrs. Gauthier was shopping at Smart Market and supplementing her groceries through a co-op in Jacksonville when it occurred to her and Mrs. Collins to partner, combining their resources and vendors to start a co-op for Baker County.

"It was a perfect match," Mrs. Gauthier said, adding that she and Mrs. Collins share a similar vision and philosophy for "being self-sustaining in Baker County."

The products available through the club are produced

in Florida or Georgia and the fruits and vegetables vary by what's in-season.

Among the club's vendors is a distributor of organic meats in Delray Beach, FL and an organic produce supplier in Sarasota, FL. A new vendor recently added was White Oak Pastures in Bluffton, GA.

"We spent three hours on their farm, even met the USDA inspector," she said of the fifth-generation family farm that's completely self-sustaining. The livestock is born, raised and butchered at the farm.

The club allows members to buy as little of a product as they want, as long as enough people order enough product to purchase at least one case of it.

"It's like Amazon," said Mrs. Gauthier. "Hardly anybody buys a whole case of something ... It's just a different way to shop."

For more information on the club, e-mail bakerbuyingclub@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

Princess for a day at FGC

Baker County girls will be given a chance to become princesses for a day on May 17, thanks to Florida Gateway College cosmetology students.

The college will host a Princess Party from 9 am-3 pm and girls between the ages of 3 and 10 are invited to attend. They will receive a new hairstyle - fit for a princess, of course - manicure, and make-up, along with a princess tiara and wand.

Attendees will also get the chance to meet and have their photos taken with princesses who will also be attending the party.

The party last fall was FGC's most successful yet, with nearly 100 local girls attending.

"This is something that lets your little girl feel like a princess for a day," said Niki Craft, a senior cosmetology student. "The nearest place to have something like this done is Disney World, and it's a lot more costly. This is an event that just makes them feel good and we haven't had anyone leave this event unhappy!"

The event is a fund raiser for FGC students to attend the Premiere Orlando International Beauty Event.

"It's an educational opportunity that allows us to see what's happening in the industry, as well as what else we can do in this career, aside from just hair," said Lindsay Parnell, Cosmetology Club president. "There are a lot of people for us to meet and so many new techniques for us to learn."

Cost for early registration is \$20 and is \$25 at the door. Space is limited and scheduling an appointment in advance is encouraged. To reserve a spot, call (386) 288-9610 or (386) 754-4264.



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Abigail Carpenter auditions in Live Oak.



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Tenesha Moore on stage during her audition.

Coming to the Suwannee Jam

Local singers chosen after April 18 audition

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Abigail Carpenter of Glen St. Mary and Tenesha Moore of Macclenny will perform at the Suwannee River Jam beginning April 30 in Live Oak.

They were among 19 acts to audition for the event the evening of April 18. Nine, including Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Moore, were selected by the judges to take the stage at the annual music festival.

"I'm excited," said Ms. Moore, 27. "It's a big opportunity for me."

The Bronx, New York native performs regularly at karaoke night at Calendar's in Macclenny and at Jacksonville's Ole Mexican Restaurant. She holds down two jobs to boot as a McDonald's crew trainer and a massage therapist.

Ms. Moore describes herself as a soulful singer and song writer who comes from a very musical family. Her mother Sheron Taylor was also a singer, song writer and dancer.

The singer's favorite genres include R&B, Latin and country music.

Ms. Moore has been singing since she was 8 years old and has auditioned for *American Idol* and *The X-Factor*.

She'll be on stage at the river jam on May 2 at 1:55 p.m.

Ms. Carpenter, 16, is a sophomore at the high

school, where she enjoys performing in plays on occasion. She also sings with her church group at Christian Fellowship Temple in Macclenny.

She is the daughter of Mandy and Mark Carpenter.

Even though the Glen St. Mary resident performs a lot, she says she still gets nervous before hand. And auditioning before a few hundred people didn't help either.

"I get nervous before all my performances but there was just a lot of good talent there," she said of the April 18 auditions, which were the second round. The first came at the Jacksonville Landing in front of a smaller crowd of mostly family and friends of contestants.

Ms. Carpenter is not sure exactly what she'll sing at the river jam, but it will surely be her favorite genre: country music. She's a fan of Garth Brooks and other "older" country tunes.

Ms. Carpenter is scheduled to perform two sets on May 3 at noon and 1:30 p.m. One is 20 minutes and the next 30 minutes.

"It's a long time, but I've done it before," she said.

After graduation from BCHS, Ms. Carpenter hopes to continue her singing and complete an associate's degree. If music doesn't pan out, she says, her backup plan is becoming a beautician.

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'Memory Man' at Chamber

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David E. Coffill of Scottsdale, AZ, also known as the "Memory Man," was in Macclenny last week to plug his upcoming "Ultimate Recall Memory" workshop in Jacksonville and demonstrate his uncanny ability to recall names and other random information.

Mr. Coffill, who has appeared on national television with the likes of Geraldo Rivera and Alex Trebek, presented at the Baker County Chamber of Commerce's monthly lunch and learn event the afternoon of April 22.

He also urged his audience to exercise their mind and memory. He said just like muscles in the body, the brain needs to be challenged or it will wither over time.

"If you don't use it ..." started Mr. Coffill before some 20 attendees at the luncheon continued in unison, "... you lose it."

Conversely, people who practice memorization techniques and exercise their brains with crossword puzzles or other thinking games are more likely to dodge or delay mental ailments that commonly affect the elderly like Alzheimers disease, dementia and senility, he said.

Mr. Coffill noted that such illnesses are more common in the U.S. and symptoms tend to appear at an earlier age here. The prevalence of technological devices like mobile phones and navigation equipment has weakened our memorization skills, he argued.

"We used to remember telephone numbers and directions. Now we just store them [in cell phones] and use GPS," he said. Mr. Coffill also explained



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David E. Coffill addresses Chamber members.

how memory became his life's work.

He was teaching at a junior college in 1983 after his discharge from the military when he saw a newspaper advertisement for a memory class that boasted it could improve his memory by 300 percent. That enticed Mr. Coffill, who was struggling to remember his students names.

"I was absolutely blown away," he said of the class.

The Memory Man, who was introduced to the attendees before his presentation, began by asking everyone in the room to stand and then sit when he called out their name.

And he nailed them all.

Another demonstration came when he asked the audience to call out 15 random words, which he was able to correctly recite twice — once with the words in the order they were given, and again in a random manner a few minutes later. Audience members were asked to call out a number, 1-to-15, or one of the words, and Mr. Coffill then gave the

matching word or sequence number, again with 100 percent accuracy.

"You will be able to do that, too," he said, if they attended his workshop, which carries a \$199 ticket price, or two for \$299, with children 10 and under free.

Mr. Coffill described the "disc system" of memory he created as a way of teaching the brain to function like a computer that stores information so it's easily and quickly retrievable, akin to how we all know our birthdays and where our toothbrushes are located.

Chamber member Lori Dugan of First Coast Women's Services indicated she would like to attend and asked if Mr. Coffill's memory technique can help recall lost memories.

With the proper use of relaxation and meditation, Mr. Coffill said, it's possible.

"You'll be surprised at what you can bring to the surface," he said.

For more information on the workshop, please call 1-800-875-7530.

Author's journey as single mom

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First-time author and 1987 BCHS graduate Lakisa Green Ross returned to her alma mater for a book signing for her novel "Behind the Mask, True to Self" on April 19.

The 106-page novel tells the story of a woman's journey through life as a single mother after leaving an abusive relationship. Ms. Ross said she received the inspiration to begin writing about 10 years ago after being around a woman that was showing a positive attitude about being a single mother.

The idea to start writing wasn't the only part of the novel that came from her life. After she finished the book in August 2013, Ms. Ross realized the character's life mirrored what she was going through at the time.

"I never knew how it was going to end when I started writing it," she said. "When I finally finished it, someone read it and said, 'Is this book about you?'" At the point when she made that comment, I looked at some of the things that was going on in the book was actually going on in my life at the time.

"It kind of gave me a full-circle feeling on how I feel about being single and how I go about my daily life."

She said she decided to return to Baker County for the book signing after the experience she had at her class' 25-year reunion in 2012.

"I thought wouldn't it be a good place to start this because Baker County has always been home to me," Ms. Ross said. "I look at it as something I can fall back on for being comfortable and being myself."

Ms. Ross was working on a children's book before she began writing the novel. She was inspired for the children's book, titled "Still Friends," after substitute teaching at an elementary school and watching the kids interact with one another.

The Jacksonville resident said she wanted to write the book, which is due out on May 15, to give the children something they could grow with.

"I felt that we need to learn to be able to get along with one another and give our kids something to look forward to," she said. "Give them something to know that just because we have different attributes we can still get along as friends. We can still work together and bring about a positive change."

Ms. Ross said she is working on other books and she plans on making it a full-time job very soon.



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First time author Lakisa Green.

Shortage of hospice volunteers

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Joy Ruhe rarely gets a break.

The Glen St. Mary woman usually spends at least four to eight hours every day caring for her daughter Kelli Dowling-Carter, who suffers from a rare combination of two congenital diseases that cause her to be bedridden the majority of the time.

Mrs. Ruhe relies on VITAS Innovative Hospice Care to help her take care of her sick daughter. A nurse comes by every Monday and Friday and a home aide stops in three days a week, each staying for less than an hour.

A volunteer would give Mrs. Ruhe a longer break from her daily cycle and give Ms. Dowling-Carter someone to socialize with. Unfortunately for families like theirs that need this help, the number of volunteers with several Baker County hospices is almost nonexistent.

VITAS, which opened its Macclenny office in August 2012, doesn't have any volunteers in the county other than Kandice Miller, who is a receptionist at the hospice's office, and her husband.

Mrs. Miller used to close the office to sit with Ms. Dowling-Carter for a couple of hours once a week, but she has since been told she has to stay at the office during business hours.

She still finds time to spend with Ms. Dowling-Carter every other week.

"I sit there and provide her company with someone who's her age," Mrs. Miller said. "She has such a positive attitude and makes me feel positive about things."

Mrs. Ruhe said having a volunteer come in about once a month would help her and her daughter tremendously and give Mrs. Ruhe a chance to spend time with her husband.

"With a volunteer, I know my daughter is enjoying [having company] while we get to go shopping together or dinner for a few hours," she said. "They don't have to do anything



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Joy Ruhe (left) and her daughter Kelli Dowling-Carter

for her. It's just a visit."

Ms. Dowling-Carter enjoys hearing other people's stories and feeds off other people. She said she looks forward to every Monday because she gets to hear her nurse's stories from the previous weekend.

The hospice has tried recruiting across the county by handing out flyers, giving presentations at churches and with events with the Chamber and the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency. Although there has been some initial interest from people signing up, there have yet to be many people who follow through with the process, Mrs. Miller said.

VITAS pays for a TB test and background check and Mrs. Ruhe said hospice can reimburse volunteers their money for travel depending on the distance they had to go.

Still, finding new volunteers has been a slow endeavor.

But VITAS isn't the only hospice agency that has trouble keeping up with the demand for respite volunteers.

Only one of Community Hospice's 926 volunteers from the five counties it serves is in Baker County. The hospice sends volunteers from western Duval County to supplement the lack of help.

"We have so many wonderful people in Baker County and

it just blows my mind that volunteerism isn't there because I know what an amazing county this is," Mrs. Ruhe said. "I've seen it in action. Neighbors go to neighbors' aid. Maybe they just don't know it's a need."

Many of the volunteers at VITAS are college students who need the volunteer hours. Mrs. Ruhe said there are high school students or older parents in Baker County who could provide a "ray of sunshine" for patients like her daughter if they volunteer.

There are other options for potential volunteers other than sitting in with patients, including being a pet therapy volunteer or a clerical volunteer in the hospice's office. Community Hospice also has two thrift shops in Orange Park and on Beach Blvd. that are also staffed with volunteers.

Although the number of volunteers continues to be an issue, Mrs. Ruhe has already made her mind up to help the hospice that has cared for her daughter for the past six months when the time comes.

"When Kelli's gone, you can bet your bippy I'll be a volunteer," Mrs. Ruhe said. "I would just love to do something for VITAS, but definitely a volunteer because I know how valued that is."

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FFA sponsor Greg Johnson (far left) with the middle and high school poultry teams.

Poultry team first in state!

The Baker County High School FFA poultry judging team placed first in the state in the career development center event held on April 12 at the University of Florida.

The middle school poultry team placed second of 31 teams, missing the state title by a scant five points.

"I am extremely proud of both teams and all team members for their hard work in preparing for this event. Team members came to the high school for practice twice a week since January to pre-

pare," said FFA sponsor Greg Johnson of BCHS.

The contest includes a management exam, parts identification, exterior egg grading, interior egg grading, ready-to-cook carcasses, two classes of past production hens and oral reasons.

The BCHS team will be recognized in June at the Florida state convention. The team consisted of Jesse Lambright, who tied for 2nd high individual, Kayla Long who was 4th high, Hunter Burnsed and Hunter Davis. This is the

fourth time the high school has won this contest and it will also compete at the national convention in October in Louisville, KY.

Sarah Crews was high individual for the middle school, and team members were Nick Howell, Jared Crews and Cooper Hodges. There were only 18 points that separated each team members from both teams. They also will be recognized also at the state convention.

Variety of 4-H summer camps

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 registration 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 ac-

tivities.

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>.

All ages are as of September 1, 2013.

Retiree gala!

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.

Money is due by May 15 to give the caterer an accurate count.

40th reunion

The Baker High Class of 1974 will hold a 40th reunion on Friday, August 8 with a dinner cruise aboard Lady St. Johns in Jacksonville.

Space is limited so make reservations now by calling 904-396-2333 (identify yourself as a member of the BCHS Class of '74).

For more information, contact Mary Kay Walker Unkelbach or Alana Harvey via Facebook.

30th reunion

The Baker High Class of 1984 will hold a 30th reunion on Saturday, June 21 at Calendars in Macclenny starting at 7 pm.

The deadline to send in a \$30 payment per person is May 21. Mail to Tamela Hodges Gallo at 288 W. Ohio Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063.

Rotary pageant meeting

The Baker County Rotary Club will sponsor the historical Miss Baker County Pageant on May 10 at the BCMS auditorium. The pageant is open to girls ages 3-20, with five separate age divisions.

Prizes will be awarded in each division, with the senior division receiving a \$250 scholarship. Contestants will be judged based on evening wear stage appearance for all age divisions. The senior division will also be judged on interviews, GPA and community service.

The Rotary Club would also like to recognize past Miss Baker County title holders. If you are a previous Miss Baker County/Miss Macclenny title holder, please call Cyndi Ray at (904) 616-4723 to sign up to participate in this event.

All proceeds from this pageant are used to support the Rotary Club's annual senior scholarship and dictionary projects. This is a not-for-profit event.

Deadline for scholarships

May 30 is the deadline to apply for one of two college scholarships available to Baker County residents who did not attend college after high school graduation.

Applicants must plan to attend a college or other post-secondary training institute and have either a regular high school diploma or GED for at least three years. They must also demonstrate a financial need, complete 24 semester hours within two years.

For other details, contact Shirley Crawford with the Baker County Education Foundation at 259-0428.

'Possum in the Park' May 10

The Baker County Rotary Club and Macclenny Lions Club are co-sponsoring the "Possum in the Park" benefit on May 10 at Celebration Park in Glen St. Mary.

With proceeds to the Dreams Come True Foundation that benefits seriously ill children, the event includes a 5K "Possum Trot" run, bluegrass music, classic car and tractor exhibits and more.

Runners and walkers can register for the 5K at possuminthepark.org. The site also has further details.

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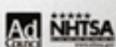
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Most go outside county for counseling services

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The Tampa-based social services nonprofit Lutheran Services Florida, which oversees millions of dollars in mental health and substance abuse provider contracts in 23 north Florida counties, including Baker County, for the Florida Department of Children and Families has identified a number of gaps and barriers to such services in the area.

After conducting focus groups and surveys with a few hundred providers and clients as part of a needs assessment, Lutheran found that a lack of funding, transportation options, group and individual counseling and psychiatric care were the areas of most need in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, according to a presentation by Lutheran's community engagement specialist Michael Blessing on April 10 in Macclenny.

The Gainesville-based circuit stretches from Baker County west to Lafayette and Hamilton counties and southwest to Levy and Dixie counties.

Mr. Blessing presented the findings of the needs assessment, tailored to Baker County in many ways, at the monthly meeting of the Baker Prevention Coalition, a nonprofit focused on preventing substance abuse among local youth, at the health department.

For instance, he said, the study determined that most of the adult mental health and substance abuse services for Baker County residents were supplied outside the county. Specifically, 86.8 percent of mental health services and 63.6 percent of substance abuse services were provided elsewhere.

That was not the case for children, however.

The share of Baker County's youth clients who got mental health services outside of the county was just 13.1 percent. All of those receiving substance abuse services got them here.

The geographic data was based on the 2012-13 fiscal year, when the state hospital ceased offering community-based mental health services and the county's former provider for substance abuse services lost its contract to River Region Human Services of Jacksonville, a subcontractor to Lutheran. During the transition, Lutheran vice president Tina St. Clair said, many of Baker County's clients were referred to treatment outside the county.

"I think now with River Region in place, they have the capacity to serve people in county," she said.



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Lutheran's community engagement specialist Michael Blessing.

Mr. Blessing said he found the mix of income and poverty figures for Baker County intriguing.

The median household income here was about \$47,000 and on par with the statewide figure, putting Baker above two-thirds of the counties in Lutheran's management region.

"What's interesting is there must be some people here making a lot more money than others living here, so that may be throwing it off," said Mr. Blessing, alluding to the wide gap between the poorest and wealthiest families in the county.

But Baker County is in the bottom third of Lutheran's 23 counties in terms of the percentage of 25-year-olds without a high school diploma, at about 19 percent, not including GEDs.

With high school dropouts earning significantly less income than graduates, that data point may be one of the reasons why financial hardship was the most commonly identified barrier to accessing mental health and substance abuse services in the needs assessment.

Beyond money, transportation was the second most commonly identified barrier, with nearly 40 percent of respondents indicating it as a hurdle to accessing mental healthcare and almost 27 percent indicating the same for substance abuse services.

To address the issue, one of Lutheran's strategic goals to be presented to the state legislature, is exploring funding opportunities to provide trans-

portation to clients and alternative service delivery methods that do not require transportation, like so-called tele-medicine, Mr. Blessing noted.

Lutheran counted 427 clients in Baker County in the 2012-13 fiscal year. The majority of services accessed by the group that year related to adult substance abuse.

The number of clients receiving individual outpatient services represented 34 percent of those served and the number in group outpatient services represented 14 percent. Another 12 percent of the adults receiving substance abuse care were provided intervention services. Just more than 2 percent required emergency or crisis support services.

Mr. Blessing said the goal is to reduce the share of emergency services and increase outpatient and preventative services to drive down the cost of care.

Provider funding second-lowest

Though funding data presented by Mr. Blessing was not broken down by county, it showed that the region managed by Lutheran received the second-lowest per person funding of the seven regions in Florida.

Lutheran is being paid approximately \$92.6 million per year, which equates to \$25.57 per person, from the state and federal governments.

"Basically we're one of the lowest per person funded re-

gions," said Mr. Blessing.

The highest paid "managing entity," Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc. in southwest Florida, meanwhile, is getting more than \$30 per person with an annual contract topping \$163 million.

When managing entities were created by the state a few years ago to consolidate contract management duties in the private sector, rather than the state performing that function, the scheme was touted as a way to improve efficiency through competitively bid contracts.

But the first contract awards to the managing entities, including Lutheran, were not really competitive, Mr. Blessing said.

"When the managing entities were created the contracts were kind of laid out — this money is already going to them and this money is going to them ... It's not yet, but it's going to be competitive," he said. "There are already people taking me out to lunch and giving me cigars."

Among the four DCF circuit regions that Lutheran oversees, the combined area of circuits 3 and 8, which includes Baker and Alachua counties among others, has the second-lowest per person funding at \$26.20.

In the Fourth Circuit, which encompasses Duval, Nassau and Clay counties, the figure is \$27.80 per person. The Fifth Circuit with Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Lake and Hernando got the least amount at \$20.90 per person.

But, while circuits 3 and 8 receive 15 percent of Lutheran's funding, it only accounts for 10.8 percent of all the clients served across all of Lutheran's circuits.

"Now we want to go out in the community and see where the money can be better spent," Mr. Blessing said.

Florida as a whole lags behind most other states in terms of state funding for mental health and substance abuse

treatment. However, the state is at or above the national average in related outcomes like suicide rates, alcohol-related traffic fatalities and violent crime.

Going forward, Lutheran intends to address funding equity across the 23 counties it oversees by forming a work group of providers, experts and others to determine an equitable funding formula and define how funding inequity affects clients and providers.

Mr. Blessing encouraged the meeting's attendees to gather in Gainesville on April 25 for Lutheran's second planning meeting on the needs assessment. He said the results of the process will be presented to state legislators.

Tracie Sides, the Prevention Coalition's director, echoed those sentiments, saying the coalition was the only Baker County agency represented at the first planning meeting.

Prior to Mr. Blessing's presentation, Mrs. Sides announced that the coalition recently applied for a federal grant to keep the coalition funded for the next few years.

"This was a huge learning experience for us," said the director.



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Funeral next Tuesday for Lisa Parker

Lisa Elizabeth Parker, 47, of Sanderson died on Thursday, April 24, 2014. She was born on July 19, 1967 to Sharon Maxwell and the late Henry Maxwell in Jacksonville. She graduated from Baker County High School with the class of 1985 and at an early age became a member of Trumpet in Zion Fellowship in Jacksonville where she served faithfully with the war ministries.



Lisa Parker

Mrs. Parker is survived by husband Isaac Parker Sr. of Sanderson; children Tameka (Julius) Aquila, Isaac Jr., and Michael Parker; grandchildren Daija, Tzion, Nio, Jaden, Julius II, Faith and Ivan; her mother; sisters Stephanie (Norris) Donaldson, Penny Maxwell, Gail Maxwell (Anthony), all of Sanderson, Brenda Johnson and Annisha Maxwell; brother Anthony (Adelina) Johnson, all of Jacksonville; five aunts and two uncles; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at 11 am at her church at 6007 Seaboard Ave. in Jacksonville. Visitation will be on Monday, May 5 from 6-8 pm at the Faith Bible Church in Sanderson. Arrangements are by Toston-LaFrans' Funeral Services of Jacksonville.

Graveside rites

The graveside service for Annie Schulz of Starke will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny at 11 am on Thursday, May 8 with Pastor Earl Green officiating.

Ms. Shultz, 89, died at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab on April 14.

First anniversary

The Forgiven Church in Macclenny will observe its one year anniversary with a special service on Friday, May 9 at 7 pm. There will be a short service with Marshall Combs as the special guest.

The church, formerly St. James Episcopal, was founded by Dr. Velma Childers. It is located at the corner of South 5th and Minnesota Ave.

Wendel Scoles, 82, of Glen St. Mary dies

Wendell W. Scoles, 82, of Glen St. Mary died on April 2, 2014. He graduated from the former Macclenny High School in 1949 and received a master's degree in education from the University of Florida after completing service in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Scoles was predeceased by parents Claude and Mae Prevatt Scoles. He is survived by brother Bob Scoles of Glen St. Mary and sister Joann Scoles Younger of Orange Park.

A private funeral service will be held later and burial will be at Taylor Cemetery.

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6:00 Evening Worship Service

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The tour group learns about the fast-growing winged elm tree from county forester Andy Lamborn.

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Earth Day at the Ag Center

County forester Andy Lamborn led a tour group through the arboretum and teaching garden at the Ag Center the evening of April 22, which was Earth Day. The small group learned all about the dozens of trees that have been planted there since it was created in 2010, including one of the more unusual: a newly-developed and genetically-modified loblolly pine tree, which Mr. Lamborn said is a prettier than the more common long leaf pine and more resistant to fire. It was developed by Arbor Gen, a maker of biotechnology tree seedling products and one of the largest providers of conven-



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Mr. Lamborn shows off an American holly, a popular landscaping tree.

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A visitor feels the leaves on the winged elm.

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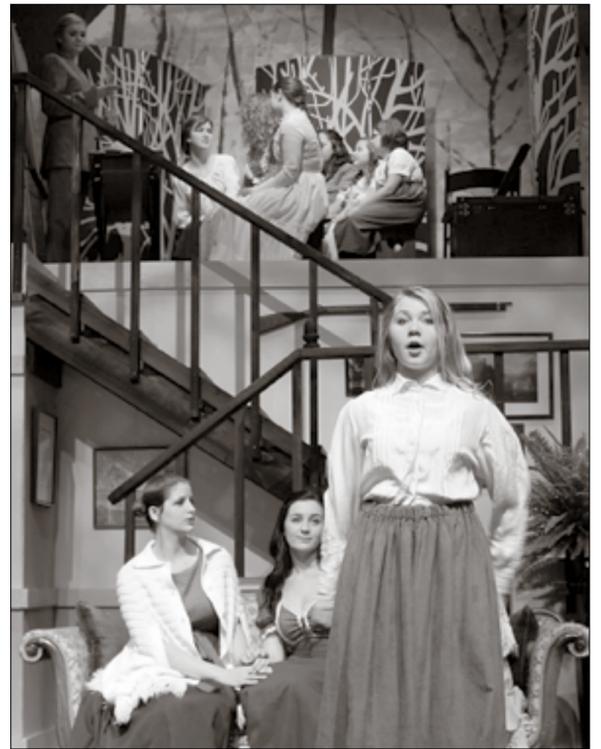
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Amy (Lori Ann Bliss) tells a story while Marmee (Hannah Nolen) and Meg (Maci McDuffie) look on in the BCHS production of Little Women.

Second weekend for 'Little Women'

The BCHS drama production *Little Women* continues into its second week after a very successful first weekend run. The Louisa May Alcott classic saw capacity evening crowds.

Little Women is the story of a family of four girls growing up in Civil War-era Massachusetts. They struggle with life, love and making their way in the world. The story centers around Jo, an aspiring writer who is outspoken and constantly at odds with people but maintains her sense of humor and love of life.

The show runs Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. There is no Friday show. Reserved tickets in the first three rows are available by calling the high school at 259-6286. General admission tickets are on sale at the door.

BCHS will be presenting its 30th annual Thespis Awards on Saturday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium, and current and future drama students are invited. There will be the traditional awards ceremony for the current drama performers as well as short performances from past shows.

If you are a former drama student and want to attend please contact the BCHS front office by May 6.

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The Lady Cats high five following their 1-0 win over Clay April 24.

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Kylie Holton looks to throw to first.

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Ponte Vedra ends BCHS' post season

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The Lady Cats' incredible season came to an abrupt end with a 10-0 home loss to the nationally ranked Ponte Vedra Sharks in the Region 1-5A Semifinals on April 29.

Ponte Vedra blew the game open to take a 9-0 lead with a six-run sixth inning that included a grand slam and a two-run home run blast. Morgan Podany's grand slam was her second home run of the game after connecting with a two-run shot in the fourth.

"It felt like the wind was kicked out of us a little bit," coach Franklin Griffis said about Ponte Vedra's big inning. "They still fought and played well, but we just couldn't get those timely hits we usually get."

The game remained a scoreless tie through the first two innings before the Sharks took the lead in the top of the third after some miscommunication in the outfield by the Lady Cats. A ball was hit to deep right centerfield and the ball dropped between the two outfielders attempting to make the catch, allowing the hitter to pull out a stand-up triple. She was batted to home during the next at bat.

Pitcher Mackenzie Wingard was hit in the face by a line drive in the same inning. She was able to deflect the ball enough to avoid serious injury, but the ball still hit her in the cheek. Being the warrior that she is, coach Griffis said, she wouldn't let him pull her and remained on the mound until Corley Sweat replaced her in the sixth inning.

Podany's two-run home run in the fourth inning gave the Sharks a 3-0 lead, but the Lady Cats had a chance to knot it up in the bottom of the fifth. Kylie Holton was at the plate with runners on the corners with two outs when Ashton Alford was caught stealing second base to end the inning.

Coach Griffis said the team usually steals a base to distract the defense to allow a run

to cross, but it didn't work out during the game.

"We were trying to produce something and create some offense," he said. "She got caught in no man's land and there wasn't much she could do. It's a tough situation."

The small fifth-inning rally was the team's best chance to get into the ball game as the usually high-powered offense was held to just two hits by Ponte Vedra's pitcher Avery Geehr. Jennifer Hodges posted the girls only two hits with a bunt in the first inning and a sixth-inning single.

Even with the loss, coach Griffis is proud of the way the girls played all season.

"The season was a success," he said. "We broke a lot of records and won a lot of games. A lot of teams would like to be in this situation."

The Lady Cats edged out visiting Clay County 1-0 on April 24 in the Class 5A Regional Quarterfinals to advance to play Ponte Vedra.

Holton's hot streak from the district tournament carried over to the postseason and her fourth-inning RBI double proved to be the difference maker in the tight game.

"She came through with a big hit," coach Griffis said. "It's a good time for her to get hot."

Holton's clutch double came on a night where hits were scarce for both teams. The Lady Cats managed only three hits in the ball game, while Wingard held Clay's batters to just two hits in her complete game victory. She carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning before a leadoff single broke it up.

Wingard kept the Lady Blue Devils off balance at the plate all night by mixing up her pitches and struck out eight batters.

"Mackenzie did a wonderful job, especially after coming off an injury from the district tournament," coach Griffis said. "The rest helped her. She came out and pitched a fantastic game by changing her speeds a little and changing the placement of the ball."



PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Macy Jackson catches the fly ball in last week's win in the regional quarterfinals.



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Delicia Washington gets a double.

Wildcat lifters co-state champs

From page 1
beat him."

Merchant cleaned the 305-pound lift soundly, but he dropped the weight behind him on the jerk after moving his feet too quickly. He was disappointed to come up just short, coach McDonald said, but the experience of being so close to an individual title will help him next year.

Jackson, on the other hand, was 30 pounds behind the leader going into his final lift and coach McDonald wasn't comfortable letting him try to make up the difference. Instead, they tried to let him set a personal record with 315 pounds.

Valdez was able to clean the weight, but he wasn't able to lift it past there. He wouldn't give up and attempted to front squat the weight four times before coach McDonald told him to dump it.

Brandon Harvey broke the school's record for the clean and jerk in the 129 class with a 230-pound lift, which clinched him for third place after his 200-pound bench press. He attempted to add another 10 pounds to the record on his final attempt to move into first place, but he was unable to complete the lift.

Four-time state qualifier Dalton Dyal, who was the only lifter remaining from the 2011 championship team, broke two of his own school records en route to a sixth place finish. His 295-pound clean and jerk and 585-pound total were enough to set new school marks. He also set a new personal record with a bench press of 290 pounds.

Jacob Stalvey also scored points with a sixth-place finish in the 169 class with a 275-pound bench press and a 300-pound clean and jerk for a 575 total.

In addition to the lifters

scoring, two other lifters set personal records at the state meet. Heavyweight Elisha Lee set new personal marks with a 365-pound bench press, a 290-pound clean and jerk for a new personal best total of 655-pounds.

Kaleb Carter in the 199 class set a new personal best total of 600-pounds after a bench of 320 and a clean and jerk of 280.

Other lifters competed hard but weren't able to place high enough to score points.

Hunter Chambers finished one spot higher than Brody Crews in the 219-pound class based on body weight as they both ended up with 585-pound totals. Cody Miller finished with a 360-pound total in the 119 class. In the 169, Thomas McElfresh lifted his way to a 530 total. Tyler McCray scratched all three of his clean and jerk attempts in the 183 class, but he was able to post a bench press of 315-pounds.

Coach McDonald said the boys gelled as a team and rallied together after the passing of former Wildcat weightlifter Ray Mangiafico, who was a member of the school's 2011 championship team. The tragic death refocused the coach with the camaraderie he had with the lifters and brought the team together.

Now the team that had to overcome all the adversity has a happy ending.

"We got a lighted ride right through the county by the Baker County Sheriff's Office and the guys were going nuts hanging their medals out the window," coach McDonald said. "I'm sure we got people looking at us like we were crazy. The community has been so good to us by helping us get to where we are. It feels good because this is our home and this is what we brought back."



Photo courtesy of David Crumme
From left are Michael Johnson, Ross Crumme and Dylar Davis.

Trio of youths on 'pro bowl' squad

JOEL ADDINGTON
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Three Baker County youths were selected to play in this Sunday's Florida Spring Youth Football League pro bowl game in Tarpon Springs.

Michael Johnson, 13, Ross Crumme, 11, of south Macclenny and Dylar Davis, 13, played in the eight-one-eight league in the 11-13 age division for the North Florida Spartans, which won its district title before falling in the second round of the state playoffs.

"Eight-on-eight football is really getting a lot of attention for those kids who want football year round," said David Crumme, who was named a coach for the pro bowl game as well. He's the youngest player's father.

"It is fast paced, and hard hitting and is played on a field that is 40 yards wide and 80 yards long," he said by e-mail. "It was our first year in the league and the kids played hard and really bought in. We ended up winning the district championship and were one game away from the state championship.

"It is a big honor for the players that were selected and they will represent Baker County to the fullest."

The players will be at Winn-Dixie Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. raising money for the trip to Tarpon Springs.



Photo by Becki Crews

From left at the drug take-back at Winn-Dixie April 26: Ryan Brannon, Chase Wright, Mallory Rhoden, Sandi Brannan, Matt Yarborough and Brad Dougherty.

Five bags of meds collected at 'take-back'

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Along with other law enforcement agencies across the country, the Baker County Sheriff's Office and other community partners participated in national Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 26 at Winn-Dixie from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The day is used to encourage residents to turn in their unused or expired medications for secure destruction by police.

Investigator Matt Yarborough and Lt. Bard Dougherty of BCSO were joined by those involved with the Baker County Prevention Coalition, a nonprofit group targeting a reduction in drug and alcohol

use among area youths, for the take-back event, which collected five brown paper bags of medicines.

Becki Crews of the coalition's staff said the take-back drew high participation compared to previous years. "Most people were elderly folks, in which it seemed they cleaned out medications no longer needed or expired," she said by e-mail.

The pills were to be taken to the Baldwin steel mill to be melted down with other evidence from the sheriff's office.

Other volunteers who participated in the take-back were teens Chase Wright and Mallory Rhoden, Ryan and Sandi Brannan, and prevention coalition staff director Tracie Sides

as well as Winn-Dixie pharmacist Lonna Wilkes.

Residents can turn in medications any time of the year in

the sheriff's office lobby during normal business hours.



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Winn-Dixie pharmacist Lonna Wilkes poses for a photo.

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Cats second in district 4-3 loss to Stanton in title game

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The Wildcat baseball team is the district runner-up for the second straight season.

The boys fell to Stanton 4-3 on a walk-off double in the District 3-5A championship game at Terry Parker on April 24. The Cats allowed Stanton to tie the game at 3-all in the bottom of the sixth before the Blue Devils won it in the final frame.

"It's tough losing a game like that," coach Fred Matricardi said. "We couldn't get big hits when we had runners in scoring position. It wasn't our best game, but that's baseball."

The Cats committed four errors that kept Stanton in the game. Tyler Wendel's RBI double in the top of the first gave the squad an early 1-0 lead, but Stanton took a 2-1 advantage in the bottom of the third after two Baker County errors in the inning.

The boys regained the lead in the sixth inning with another RBI by Wendel but they couldn't hold onto it with Stanton scoring a run in each of the final two innings.

Starting pitcher Jordan Kennedy still threw well despite the loss and struck out six Blue Devil batters.

"We wanted to win the district for these guys, especially after all the injuries, but we're proud of where we're at," coach Matricardi said.

With the loss, the team must now travel to District 4 champion Clay County in the Regional Quarterfinals of the Class 5A playoffs. The Blue Devils were the last team to beat Baker County before the district title game when the Cats narrowly lost 3-2 after walking in the go-ahead run on March 28. The boys had a chance to tie in the seventh inning, but Clay's third baseman made a great play on a Zach Rafuse hit to end the game.

The Wildcats will face the same pitcher in the Regional Quarterfinal as they did in the regular season match-up. Coach Matricardi said the experience from the regular season contest should help the Cats in the postseason.

"I like our match-up," the head coach said. "We just have to pitch and play defense. Hopefully we can get an opportunity to scratch a few runs across."

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From the winning team: Mason Sweat (center foreground), Hunter Bell (left) and Jarrell Rodgers.

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Chamber golf tourney last week

The Chamber of Commerce's annual golf tournament drew 80-plus players this year, some of whom are pictured here. See page 17 for a recap of results from the April 25 event, including who won first and second place and who nearly lost a toe. Visit www.bakercountypress.com to see video from the tournament.



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Garrett Milton places his ball as Tim Seymour looks on.



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Hunter Bell finishes up the 14th hole.



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Former Cats win golf event

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A group of mostly former Wildcat baseball players won this year's annual Baker County Chamber of Commerce golf tournament at the Bent Creek course the morning of April 25.

Bradley Stone, vice president of Stone Transportation in Macclenny, along with Jarrell Rodgers, Mason Sweat and Hunter Bell finished in first place with a score of 60.

All but Mr. Sweat, a senior at BCHS and baseball team manager, played ball for the Wildcats.

They won T-shirts and a free foursome at Bent Creek.

"We had a pretty good team, so we knew we had a chance to win it," said Mr. Stone.

In fact, his teammate, Mr. Bell, who pitched for Wildcats as did Mr. Stone, said he expected to finish on top soon after arriving at the 14th hole.

"We're definitely in it," he said. The margin of victory couldn't have been slimmer, however.

Finishing in second place with a final score of 61 were Ed McCall, Barry Jennings, Bill McCormack and David Poitevant.

Eighty-four players participated in the annual fundraiser for the Chamber under sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s. Many raved about the great weather and the course itself.

"It's always in good shape," said Mr. Bell. Chamber director Darryl Register called it "a perfect day for golf."

He said he expected the tournament to raise about \$6000.

Despite injuring a toe setting up for the event, Mr. Register still played 18 holes, aided by a handful of aspirin.

To see video from the tournament, please visit www.bakercountypress.com.

May school activities calendar

May 1, 2014
Baker County High
Teacher Cadets to UNF
Drama Production Aud. 7:30 PM

Baker County Middle
FCAT Math 6th Grade
PK/Kindergarten Ctr.
Kindergarten Transition Visit to Macclenny Elementary

May 2, 2014
Baker County High
Grad Bash
Special Olympics
Drama production Aud. 7:30 PM

Baker County Middle
Special Olympics at BCHS with Youth Power Volunteers

Westside Elementary
2nd & 3rd Grade Field Day

May 3, 2014
Baker County High
Track State @ UNF
Drama Production Aud. 7:30 PM

May 4, 2014
Baker County High
Drama Production Aud. 2:00 PM

May 5, 2014
District-Wide
School Board Meeting (Olustee Volunteer Fire Department) 6:30 PM
Teacher Appreciation Week

Keller Intermediate
Asthma Classes 1:15 PM

Macclenny Elementary
Gates Testing

Westside Elementary
Gates Testing

May 6, 2014
District-Wide
Teacher Appreciation Week

Keller Intermediate
Parent Night for Puberty Class 5:30 PM

Macclenny Elementary
Gates Testing

Glee Club 8:00 AM
Ms. Sullivan - Living Museum
Performance 6:30 PM

Westside Elementary
Gates Testing
SAC Meeting 8:00 AM
Fundraiser Collection

May 7, 2014
District-Wide
Early Dismissal
Teacher Appreciation Week

Baker County High
Club Day

Baker County Middle
1/2 AR Points Due

Macclenny Elementary
Gates Testing
Just Say No Club 8:00 AM

Westside Elementary
Gates Testing

May 8, 2014
District-Wide
Teacher Appreciation Week

LEGAL NOTICES



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-00001

BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP

Plaintiff,
vs.
BELINDA SUE TROUT A/K/A BELINDA SUE TROUT KIRK, et al.
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 02-2012-CA-000001 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida, wherein, Plaintiff, and, BELINDA SUE TROUT A/K/A BELINDA SUE TROUT KIRK, et. al., are Defendants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Main entrance, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063, FL, at the hour of 11:00 AM, on the 14th day of July, 2014, the following described property:

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DATED this 16th day of April, 2014.

AL FRASER
Clerk Circuit Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:
GREENSPOON MARDER, P.A.,
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4/24-5/1c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 12000244CA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff
vs.
CURTIS WILLIAMS; SYLVIA WILLIAMS; ET AL
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 27th, 2014, and entered in Case No. 12000244CA, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff and CURTIS WILLIAMS; SYLVIA WILLIAMS; ET AL, are defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the courthouse located 339 East Macclenny Ave, Macclenny, FL 32063, SALE BEGINNING AT 11:00AM on July 14th, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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Dated this April 16th, 2014.

Al Fraser
Clerk of Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

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Date at Sanderson, Florida, this 24th day of April, 2014.

World Honey Market, LLC.
5/1c

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 02-2014-CA-0076

PATRICIA L. FISH, as Trustee of the BENJAMIN F. FISH REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, And PATRICIA L. FISH, as Trustee of the PATRICIA L. FISH REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST,

Plaintiffs,
vs.

MARY C. GERMAIN, Deceased, And TIMOTHY M. JORDAN, not known to be dead or alive, And MELISSA ORALLS, And all unknown grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming By, through, under or against them, and if dead, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all unknown grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and, if dead, or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective estates, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against those unknown natural persons, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, creditors, lienors or any other party claiming by, through, under, or against any corporation, existing or dissolved, or other legal entity named as defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties, or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in and to the lands hereafter described.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MARY C. GERMAIN, Deceased TIMOTHY M. JORDAN, Not Known to be Dead or Alive Last known address: 20035 Noah Raulerson Road, Sanderson, Florida 32087

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Verified Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on FRANK E. MALONEY, JR., P.A., Attorney, whose address is 445 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063; (904) 259-3155, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice and on or before the 25th day of May, 2014, and to file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on FRANK E. MALONEY, JR., P.A., attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 25th day of April, 2014.

T.A. "AL" FRASER
CLERK OF COURT
By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Frank E. Maloney, Jr., P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff,
445 E. Macclenny Ave.,
Macclenny, FL 32063
5/1-22c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Florida, will conduct a Public Hearing and adoption of the proposed Ordinance whose title herein after appears, to be heard Tuesday, May 20, 2014 commencing at 6:00pm, at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL. A copy of the proposed Ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the County Administration Office, Macclenny, Florida. On the date mentioned all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to this proposed Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2014-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE VII OF THE BAKER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDRs); AMENDING ORD. 2005-45 AS AMENDED BY ORD. 2006-06, AND AMENDING 2010-10 TO EXTEND THE IMPOSITION OF A TEMPORARY, 365-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING A REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation of an interpreter to participate in these proceedings should contact the County Commissioners Office at 904-259-3613, at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.
5/1-8c

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.

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.
4/17-5/1c

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to reissue a formal determination of the landward extent of wetlands and other surface waters (File No. FD-02-0242988-002) to the Dupont Titanium Technologies c/o Laura Mills, Kleinfelder, 1174 Camp Ave., Mount Dora Florida 32757, for the property located in Sections 35 and 36, Township 2 South, Range 22 East and Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, and 26, Township 3 South, Range 22, East, Baker County. The site is generally located in eastern Baker County near the Baker/Duval County line, and is separated into two large irregularly-shaped parcels. The northern parcel is bound to the north by U.S. Interstate Hwy 10, and to the south by the Seaboard Coast Line railway. The southern parcel strides both the east and west side of State Road 228, beginning approximately 3.2 miles south of the intersection of U.S. Interstate Hwy 10 and State Road 228, and ending approximately 5.2 miles south of the intersection of U.S. Interstate Hwy 10 and State Road 228. Both the northern and southern parcels range less than 1.5 miles east to west. The Department's file on this matter is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, Mining and Mitigation Program, Room 640, Bob Martinez Center, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400.

Persons whose substantial interests are affected by the above proposed agency action have a right pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, to petition for an administrative determination (hearing) on the proposed action. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, within 21 days of publication of this notice. A copy of the petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the formal determination petitioner at the address indicated. Failure to file a petition within the 21 days constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to an administrative determination (hearing) pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S.

The petition shall contain the following information: (a) The name and address, and telephone number of each petitioner; the petitioner's name and address, the Department's File Number and the county in which the project is proposed; (b) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the Department's action or proposed action; (c) A statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department's action or proposed action; (d) A statement of material facts disputed by petitioner, if any; (e) A statement of facts which petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; (f) A statement of which rules or statutes petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wants the Department to take with respect to the Department's action or proposed action.

If a petition is filed, the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate agency action. Accordingly, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any decision of the Department with regard to the formal determination have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding. The petition must conform to the requirements specified above and be filed (received) within 21 days of publication of this Notice in the Office of General Counsel at the above address of the Department. Failure to petition within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to request a hearing under Section 120.57, F.S., and to participate as a party to this proceeding. Any subsequent intervention will only be at the approval of the presiding officer upon motion filed pursuant to Rule 28-5.207, F.A.C.

5/1c
Notice is hereby given:

Ashley G McLoon
Last known address of:
8465 Glen Williamson Rd
Macclenny, FL 32063

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Macclenny, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. If further assistance is needed, contact the Supervisor of Elections at the below listed address or call 904-259-6339.

Nita D. Crawford
Baker County Supervisor of Elections
P.O. BOX 505
Macclenny, Florida, 32063
5/1c



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FOR SALE

Gun Safe. Browning Pro-Steel for 12-15 long guns. 3 adjustable shelves; nice condition. \$750. Hole In The Wall. 259-6568. 5/1p

Gold's Gym StrideTrade Climber exercise machine \$250; E.Z.Go electric golf cart \$2000; sofa and chair set \$400; electric scooter for handicap \$600. 259-2226 or 904-408-9619. 5/1-8p

Husqvarna YTH lawnmower. 24 HP, 48" cut; automatic, front guard; garage kept. \$500. 904-307-1298. 5/1p

Keystone Fifth Wheel with 2 slides; kept under RV cover. Very clean; many extras. Must see. \$22,500. 904-672-8272. 5/1p

MOVING: Entertainment center, Haverty's 40"x75", closing doors-\$300; bedroom suite, chest, dresser with mirror, queen/double headboard/frame with almost new double mattress-\$300; Tiller, Craftsman 6.0 HP, 14" counter rotating tires, less than 15 hours use, like new - \$400; North Star 2500 psi pressure washer, never been used - \$250; Freemotion Elliptical trainer - new \$1200 - \$250. 904-275-2337. 5/1p

32' Winnebago Motorhome. Too many features to list. \$28,000. 904-588-5894. 4/24-5/1p

Plant Sale. Sands Farm, 6698 Sandsdale Road. 259-6891 or 904-303-1501. Landscape and blooming plants. If we don't have it, we can get it! Monday-Friday 9-5. Saturday 8-4, located across from Moody's on US 90. 4/24-5/1p

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

Kenmore frostless refrigerator, white \$125; TV cabinet with opening up to 42", large storage area \$150; family size round oak dining table with 5 chairs \$200. 904-710-7294. 5/1p

Artists. Oils, acrylics, water colors, Canvases, drawing pads and much more. On sale now. The Office Mart, 110 S. Fifth Street, 259-3737. t/c

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Office Supplies, printer and fax cartridges, rubber stamps and much more. We specialize in hard to find items. The Office Mart, 110 S. 5th Street. 259-3737. 4/28t/c

MISCELLANEOUS

Big Barn Auction. Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m., Stasi Road, Glen. Tools, dinette sets, chairs, recliners and lots of miscellaneous. AU 913/AB 516. 904-509-5478. 5/1p

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. 5/1-8p

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. gobucs13@aol.com. 3/27-5/29p

Home Improvements- porches, decks, remodeling-any home repair. Licensed & Insured. 904-591-2640. 10/17t/c

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We install 6" seamless gutters. Pressure washing. 259-7335. 8/11t/c

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. 5/1p

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

AUTOMOBILES

1980 Chevy Scottsdale. Original paint, wheels, wood bed, strong inline 6; pictures on craigslist. By owner, Glen St. Mary. \$3200. 259-5027. 5/1p

2006 Dodge Charger R/T, red. Tan leather seats, sunroof, very low miles, clean history, well maintained; smoke free. \$13,500. Call Dwayne 904-861-9011. 5/1p

Oldsmobile Bravada, 2002. Extremely low miles and in prime condition! Best deal on the lot for only \$4,985! Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Nissan Pathfinder, 2003. All the ride and what a steal of a deal for only \$6,994! Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Nissan Altima, 2006. Looks and rides like new with a clean history. Only \$7,999! Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Pontiac G5, 2009. A true diamond in the rough. Locally owned and was garage kept. Need to sell today for only \$9,500. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Ford Focus, 2012. You can get the best gas mileage with this extra clean ride. Take it home now for only \$9,775. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Pontiac Bonneville, 2004. This literally is the cleanest car I have for sale. It's a pearl white diamond and looks like it never left the showroom floor. \$9,950. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Chrysler Town & Country van, 2008. Very nice ride and perfect for getting the whole family around easily. Only \$9,984. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

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Nissan Versa, 2011. Best in class on gas mileage and it's like new. Only \$11,594 or payments for \$185. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

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Dodge Grand Caravan, 2012. The perfect van for getting the family around town and out of town. Can't beat this deal for only \$12,330. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Hyundai Sante Fe, 2008. Excellent SUV for hauling what you need to move and for also saving on gas. Only \$12,490 or payments of \$210. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Chevrolet Silverado, 2004. This is all the truck and it will get'er done! Only \$13,986 or payments of \$230. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Acura TL, 2007. Extra clean all the way around and loaded. Cleanest Acura TL in all of Florida for only \$14,350! Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Chevrolet Colorado, 2010. Trucks like this one don't grow on trees and it won't be sitting here long. Grab it while you can for \$14,500 or payments of \$250. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Ford Fusion, 2011. Clean as a whistle and very low miles. Only \$14,500 or payments for \$250. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Chevrolet Equinox, 2010. Clean history and locally owned. This is the best deal in town for only \$14,775 or \$255 a month. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

GMC Acadia, 2007. One of the best SUV's you can get your hands on! A very clean ride for only \$14,930 or payments for \$260. Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

Buick Enclave, 2011. CXL trim level and loaded. Drives like new and is the best deal in town for only \$14,990! Call (352) 436-4733. 5/1p

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

ANIMALS

Dogs: all types from puppies to adults. Animal Control, \$65 adoption fees will apply. 259-6786. 11/20t/c

HELP WANTED

Notice to readers:

The newspaper often publishes classified advertising on subjects like work-at-home, weight loss products, health products. While the newspaper uses reasonable discretion in deciding on publication of such ads, it takes no responsibility as to the truthfulness of claims. Respondents should use caution and common sense before sending any money or making other commitments based on statements and/or promises; demand specifics in writing. You can also call the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP to find out how to spot fraudulent solicitations. Remember: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. -The Baker County Press

Laborers and framers needed. Must have own transportation. Call 352-235-2381. 4/24-5/1p

Part time experienced office help needed in Macclenny. Computer skills and customer service; Quick books a plus. Fax resume to 259-5311. 5/1p

Burnham Construction, Inc. is currently looking for experienced and qualified skilled workers: Pipe Layer, Tail Man, Hill Man, Laborers, Excavator and Bull-Dozer Operators. Pre-employment checks include drug testing, criminal background, and review of DMV record. Burnham Construction, Inc. is a Drug-free, Smoke/To-bacco-free, and Profanity-free workplace. If you are interested in working in this type of environment, please email your resume to mailbox@burnhamconstructioninc.com or visit our website www.burnhamconstructioninc.com to fill out an application or you may apply in person-between 8:30 am - 4:00 pm M-F at 151 S. 7th Street, Macclenny, FL 32063. You must provide references. 5/1p

Experienced painters needed. Peacock Painting, 259-5877. 2/21t/c

Three full time positions available: Pipefitter's Helper-Plumber's Helper-Carpenter's Helper. Commercial and industrial work. Must have good driving record and pass background check. DFWP 904-388-4799. If interested, complete and submit online application at www.gatewaycontractinginc.com. No walk-ins. 4/17-5/8p

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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

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REAL ESTATE

Notice to Readers

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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

3 BR, 2 BA home for sale by owner. Lease to own option with 6% down, \$1050/month. 808 Fox Run Circle. Beautiful pond view, enclosed garage for large family room; nicely fenced. \$127,000. 904-504-0773. 4/24-5/8p

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.3/13t/c

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

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. 7/18t/c

Lots for sale, Copper Creek, \$25,000 and Glenfield Oaks subdivisions. \$32,000 each. Call 904-813-1580. 2/7t/c

3 BR, 2 BA 2300 sf house FSBO on 1 acre, fenced; in Macclenny II. Huge rooms plus 2100 sf garage. Must see! \$199,000. Call Emily 904-673-5985. 5/1-29p

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. 5/1p

NEAR BOONE, NC 2+/-ac. tract 350ft of rushing streams 3000ft elevation private and secluded underground utilities and paved roads from only \$9900. Call 1-877-

DEADLINES

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YARD SALES

Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 13488 E. Tall Pine Road. Boy's clothes 10/12, men's small-3XL, women's small-2XL, household items.

Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Stasi Road at Big Barn. Furniture, clothes, cookies, chips, knick-knacks and much more.

Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 9536 S. SR 228. Mito Fundraiser. Furniture, new Cello, toys, clothes and lots more.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 7698 Mud Lake Road. Fishing equipment, clothes, miscellaneous.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 511 Fox Run Circle. Moving sale. Living room set, futon, TV console, TV, computer console, storage cabinet, kitchen items, tools, plants and more items.

Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 10050 Stasi Road, Glen, behind Souls Harbor. Multi-family; lots of items.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-?, 5926 Woodlawn Cemetery Road. Multi-family; sewing machine cabinet, clothes, hydrangeas, angel trumpets, handmade items (bibs, blankets), glassware (Redneck glasses) etc.

Friday evening 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 5979 Copper Court, Copper Creek subdivision. Furniture, toys, TVs electronics, gas grill, clothes and more.

Saturday, 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Multi-team yard sale. Macclenny City Hall parking lot. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Saturday, 7:00 a.m.-?, 7758 Winder Road. Rods, reels, tools and lots of good things. 904-654-7841.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-?, 718 Long Drive. Furniture, household, small appliances, clothes and much more.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Dogwood Street, Macclenny II, follow signs. 4 families; lots of stuff. Don't miss it.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 495 South 5th Street. Tools, furniture, clothes, and many other miscellaneous household items.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-?, 600 Big Oak Court, Apt. 119, next to Moose Lodge on Lowder. Moving sale.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-?, 7611 West Mt. Vernon Street, Glen.

717-5263 ext. 91.

5/1p

FOR RENT

2 BR, 2 BA doublewide on 5 acres on Crews Road. Service animals only. \$800/month plus \$500 deposit. Call Michelle 904-588-2589. 5/1p

2 BR, 2 BA on 1 acre in Glen, with 1 year lease. Service animals only. \$650/month plus \$650 deposit. 912-843-8139. 4/24-5/1p

2 BR, 1 BA house on 1 acre in Macclenny. \$700/month plus \$1400 to move in. 904-397-0410. 4/24-5/1p

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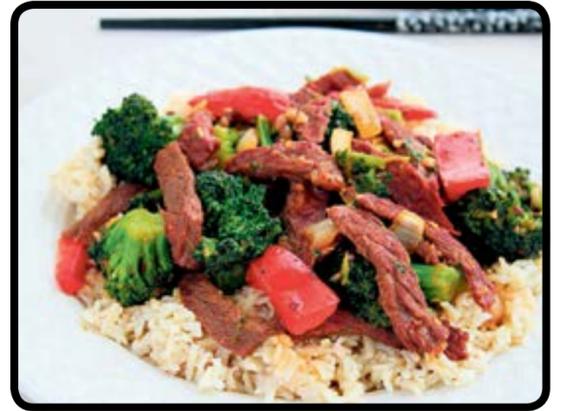


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