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Initial deficit in '15 budget \$2 million

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Baker County commissioners are facing the familiar task of filling a gaping hole in a new annual budget. Preparing the 2014-15 spending plan began last week like so many others — with insufficient funds to meet anticipated expenses.

The annual numbers-crunching process was launched at a workshop the afternoon of June 17 when County Manager C.J. Thompson presented a lopsided budget proposal with what he termed “sticker shock” — a \$2.5 million deficit that quickly became \$2 million in the wake of a proposal from the county’s health insurance carrier.

Mr. Thompson explained that his budget estimate of \$24,798,467 in revenue and \$27,350,027 in expenditures included a 3-percent pay raise for all county employees — the first in several years — and an expected 20 percent increase in health insurance costs for county employees would not materialize after all.

He said he recently received assurances from United Healthcare that premiums will remain unchanged for essentially the same coverage next year. The only thing the county had to do to maintain current insurance costs, he said, was agree to not seek bids from other insurance carriers this year.

The county solicited insurance bids the past two years in a row and United Healthcare was the successful bidder both times, including last year when insurance premiums rose 21 percent. The county paid 18 percent of the increase and passed on 3 percent to employees.

Even after deducting \$500,000 from the deficit a huge gap remained between \$24.8 million in revenue and \$26.8 million in anticipated expenditures.

The county manager said he was “exploring some different things” to lower insurance costs next year, including possibly offering multiple plans. Commissioners Mark Hartley and Adam Giddens said the county should consider reducing its contribu-

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Cedar Creek bridge to open this week

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‘Perfect storm’ at wreck scene

Three-plus hours to free woman from SUV

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County fire chief Steven Marfongella blamed a perfect storm of circumstances for a May 25 vehicle extrication that took more than three hours to complete.

Tiffany Ann Doss, 23, of Macclenny was the last of eight occupants in a 2004 Ford Expedition to be taken to the hospital from the scene of a wreck on U.S. 90 between Olustee and Sanderson.

The accident occurred about 6:15 p.m. as her fiancé and the Ford’s driver Shomari Wilcox, 27, also of Macclenny, were returning from Ocean Pond with five children and another adult. Drenching rain, lightning and some hail, mostly along a corridor south of the interstate, was moving through the county at the same time.

The driver lost control of the vehicle, which left the road and hit a tree as it rotated, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

The tree, which struck the front passenger seat where Ms. Doss was seated, was among the factors that Chief Marfongella said made the extrication complex.

When the accident happened Ms. Doss said she turned over her left shoulder to check on the children and that the movement likely saved her right leg. “That’s what kept it from getting cut off,” said the mother of two while recovering from three surgeries at UF Health (formerly Shands) in Jacksonville early this week.

Ms. Doss said she broke bones in both of her legs as well as two vertebrae, and a head injury required 11 staples. Mr. Wilcox and the other adult passenger, Daniel Thomas, 26, of Glen St. Mary suffered serious injuries, too. Only one of the other children was injured, according to the Florida Highway Patrol, though Ms. Doss said the 8-year-old was not hurt badly.

Her tentative release date is July 2.

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Accident Extrication Timeline



Photo by Joel Addington

Beating the heat in the St. Mary's

Brandon Stacy and his 8-month-old pit bull Molly lounged in the St. Mary's River the afternoon of June 20, one day before the official start of summer. Mr. Stacy said he's been frequenting the locale quite a bit of late, going four times in the past two weeks. “The people are friendly and it's pretty quiet,” said the Macclenny resident. “We usually go to the beach but this is a lot closer.” They were among about two dozen river worshippers near the Steel Bridge Rd. boat ramp at the time. Darrell Langford, 42, of Macclenny brought his family and two dogs to the river as well. His children swam and played in the river where Mr. Langford said he grew up. “I was raised right here,” he said. “We used to float down here all the time.” Mr. Langford said the family came to the St. Mary's River to “cool off” after riding four wheelers at home. Next on his agenda was catching some catfish. “It's a good swimming hole,” he said.

Brannan pays fee to enter clerk race

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The slate of local candidates for this year's election was finalized at noon of June 20, the deadline for qualifying by paying a fee.

The last candidate to do so was retired sheriff's deputy Chuck Brannan, who handed in a check at the elections office for \$5953 about 30 minutes before the cut off to qualify as the second Republican in the race for the next Clerk of Courts.

He is also the wealthiest of the clerk candidates with a net worth of \$1.4 million, according to election's office records. They also show his deputy campaign treasurer is his fiancé and assistant state attorney Lorrelie Pappel.

Mr. Brannan is currently employed by the Florida De-

partment of Agriculture and Consumer Services as a programs coordinator. He was given the post by the department's commissioner, Adam H. Putnam, a former republican Congressman.

Previously qualifying on the GOP side of the ballot was Jack “Jackie” A. Baker III, whose father, Jack A. Baker Jr., is serving as his campaign treasurer. Retired banker and large land owner John Kennedy was named deputy treasurer.

Jackie Baker's net worth is \$120,000 and he's employed by Country Federal Credit Union as a loan officer, records indicate.

Mr. Baker and Mr. Brannan, both Macclenny residents, will face off in the primary election on August 26.

There are five Democrats vy-

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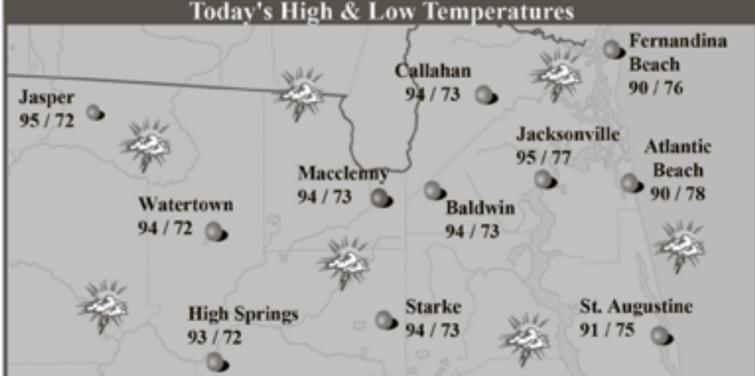


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Seven Day Forecast

Thursday	Scat'd T-storms High: 94 Low: 73
Friday	Scat'd T-storms High: 93 Low: 72
Saturday	Scat'd T-storms High: 94 Low: 72
Sunday	Scat'd T-storms High: 93 Low: 71
Monday	Isolated T-storms High: 92 Low: 71
Tuesday	Sunny High: 96 Low: 74
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny High: 94 Low: 75

Today's High & Low Temperatures



Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Mon, 6/16	88	68	91/70	0.00"
Tue, 6/17	88	66	91/70	0.00"
Wed, 6/18	86	66	91/70	0.00"
Thu, 6/19	90	64	91/70	0.00"
Fri, 6/20	91	68	91/71	0.41"
Sat, 6/21	93	68	91/71	0.00"
Sun, 6/22	90	70	92/71	0.69"

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon Phase
New 6/27	Thursday 6:28 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	Full 7/12
First 7/5	Friday 6:29 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	Last 7/18
	Saturday 6:29 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	
	Sunday 6:29 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	
	Monday 6:30 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	
	Tuesday 6:30 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	
	Wednesday 6:31 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	

St. Mary's River Levels

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	6.93 ft.	+0.43 ft.
Macclenny	4.69 ft.	+0.04 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM
Thu	11:15-1:15	11:45-1:45
Fri	12:34-2:34	12:04-2:04
Sat	1:21-3:21	12:51-2:51
Sun	2:07-4:07	1:37-3:37
Mon	2:52-4:52	2:22-4:22
Tue	3:35-5:35	3:05-5:05
Wed	4:18-6:18	3:48-5:48

Weather History

June 26, 1977 - "The Human Lightning Conductor," park ranger Roy C. Sullivan, was struck by lightning for the seventh time. He was first hit in 1942, and suffered six subsequent strikes.

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Initial deficit \$2 million

tions for family coverage. "We're going to have to do it, I think," said Commissioner Giddens, "but not for the current employees."

The county currently subsidizes 90 percent of health care costs for employees and 75 percent of the cost for families.

Mr. Thompson said he will research employee health insurance plans offered by other Northeast Florida counties and have information available for the next budget workshop at 3 pm on July 1.

Meanwhile, he gave commissioners hope that the budget won't turn out to be as bleak as preliminary figures suggest. He said the revenue numbers should be higher for the next year and he will "revisit special assessments" as another possible way to boost income.

"I'm optimistic we may have better revenues by the next board meeting and we'll have insurance increases backed out (of the budget picture) by then," he said.

Commissioners also agreed to invite constitutional officers to the next board meeting to explain why all their budget proposals were higher than last year, including a 26.44 percent higher budget for the clerk of court's office.

The total budget includes \$7,745,515 for all county departments, most of which are requesting more money for operations, including a 45 percent increase in planning and zoning to hire a part-time employee to assist in code enforcement.

"We have been inundated lately by code enforcement complaints," Planning and Zoning Director Ed Preston told commissioners. "I don't know why."

The fire department wants an additional \$10,000 for an outside storage building at Station 20 to house trucks to protect them from the elements and \$40,000 to match grants needed for new equipment and vehicles.

The fact that the county commission is, once again, facing a deficit in its budget was not lost on Ed Barber, a Macclenny land owner and environmental consultant who often offers his insight and views on county government.

"As Yogi Berra once said, 'It's déjà vu all over again,'" said Mr. Barber, who implored the board to not make the same mistake it has made the past several years in a row by using dwindling reserve funds to fill the deficit hole.

"This business as usual is going to put you in a bad spot months down the road," he said, suggesting the board find ways

to cut \$2 million out of the budget and not "raid the reserves."

"I believe we've got several tough years ahead of us and reserves are shrinking," Mr. Barber said.

After the workshop concluded at 5 pm, commissioners met in a regular bi-monthly board meeting with an agenda that included the following actions:

- Approved a South Florida company's \$6,400 bid for a feasibility study on the heating, ventilation and air conditioning needs at the county courthouse, which was more than \$12,000 less than a bid submitted by the county's HVAC consultant: Trane Inc.

The contract was awarded to Energy Conservation Engineering Inc. of Palm Beach Gardens for an air conditioning system assessment and Thermal Energy Storage, or TES, feasibility study. The county's estimated cost for the project is around \$400,000.

The project will end up costing even less than the bid amount after a \$2,500 rebate from Florida Power & Light Co. is applied to the total cost for a TES feasibility study.

"Thermal Energy Storage," the winning bid stated, "is a technology whereby an FPL customer can store energy during off-peak hours, when electricity is inexpensive, and use this cooling energy during peak hours when electricity is expensive."

"TES is an excellent technology for not only the FPL customer but also to FPL helping the utility to be able to meet peak electrical loads on their grid during peak hours while minimizing the building of new power plants ..."

FPL also offers other cost-cutting benefits to customers who choose TES as their HVAC option, including "very attractive electrical rates," according to the bid document.

- Received a list of building materials totaling \$2,305.19 that the Baker County Veterans Council says will be needed to repair docks and a bridge damaged by vandals at the Little St. Mary's River Park on the north side of U.S. 90 between Macclenny and Glen St. Mary.

The veterans council, a private nonprofit that offers various types of help to military veterans and their families in Baker County, has offered free labor needed to make repairs at the park and commissioners have agreed to buy the materials. The partnering venture is expected to save taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Milt O'Neil, commander of the veterans council and a re-

tired Navy veteran, presented the materials list, including pressure-treated lumber, steel brackets, bags of cement and miscellaneous hardware. Not included were prices for chain link fence material and steel brackets for the dock.

Mr. O'Neil said a team of volunteers, who are trained and knowledgeable in construction methodology, are ready to begin work on the project soon after July 4.

- Received a report on Baker County's participation in Relay for Life events sponsored by the American Cancer Society. According to Kristie Fletcher, a Relay for Life volunteer coordinator, 32 teams in Baker County were involved in this year's event, held May 16 at Baker County Middle School.

Since the fund-raising program began in 2002, Ms. Fletcher told commissioners, Baker County has contributed \$488,786 to the American Cancer Society from Relay for Life events, including a record \$54,000 this year from corporate sponsors, 75 cancer survivors and many other donors.

Brannan last to qualify; seventh clerk candidate

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ing for the clerk's job now occupied by Al Fraser, who is stepping down.

There's former two-term county commissioner and deputy clerk of courts Julie Combs of Sanderson. Her net worth is \$50,347.

Two other current deputy clerks in the democratic primary election — Sherri Dugger and Stacie Harvey, both of Macclenny — have net worths of \$1,181 and negative \$52,114, respectively.

Macclenny's Kenneth J. Roberts Jr., a retired sheriff's deputy and fencing business owner, has a net worth of \$117,425.

Rounding out the clerk's crowded field is Sally Jo Register, also of Macclenny. Her net worth is listed as \$293,105. She's a veteran bank employee now with TD Bank NA.

District 4 county commission

First term county commissioner Adam Giddens was the only commissioner to draw op-

position this year. He will face James G. Bennett, who qualified by fee on June 11, in the republican primary.

Mr. Giddens serves as the chief financial officer of a Jacksonville-based security firm. His net worth is \$201,000.

Mr. Bennett, who recently resigned his position with the Florida Department of Transportation as an urban transportation development manager, works at his family's farm and feed store. His net worth is \$358,000.

Both men reside in Macclenny.

District 3 school board

Qualifying for the school board's District 3 seat are former schools superintendent Paula Barton, who is retired, and DeAnna Rewis-McDuffie, who is employed by Mark Broughton's Jacksonville payroll company.

Ms. Barton's net worth: \$913,586. Ms. Rewis-McDuffie: \$463,464. Both candidates live in Macclenny.

District 4 school board

Incumbent school board member Charlie "Artie" Burnett III of Glen St. Mary drew two opponents in his fight for a second term in the District 4 school board seat.

John Joseph "Jody" Anderson of Glen St. Mary and the brother of first-term county commissioner Jimmy Anderson qualified by petition for the race back in March. He is a manager with his family's roofing business. His net worth is \$31,100.

Also in the District 4 contest is Glen resident and Duval County Schools teacher Paul Scammacca. His net worth is \$18,000. Mr. Burnett, a state corrections officer, has a net worth of \$60,600.

School board races are non-partisan, but they are decided in the primary election.

For more information on the upcoming election, please visit the elections office website at <http://www.bakerelections.com>.

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"I just want to go home to my babies," she said.

Ms. Doss was monitored continuously by emergency medical personnel during the lengthy extrication, Chief Marfongella said. The victim confirmed that, saying she was given morphine for her pain and plenty of dry blankets to keep her warm and shield her from the rain.

"For a while it was raining, but I thought it was a plus because I could smell gas," Ms. Doss recalled, explaining the idea of gasoline and power tools scared her. "It (the rain) was a good thing, but a bad thing. I was freezing my butt off."

Fortunately the rain ceased about two hours into her ordeal.

Ms. Doss said she's claustrophobic and being pinned down for hours on end was very unnerving. She coped with humor, she said, so the first responders were calling her a comedian.

"I was trying to laugh it off," she said.

According to the fire chief, the placement of the tree, the way the Ford crumpled and mechanical problems all contributed to the delay in removing Ms. Doss from the vehicle.

"It was very difficult," said chief Marfongella. "We had a lot of injuries."

Still, looking back, he said he wouldn't have done anything differently, including requesting more help from the City of Macclenny fire department or requesting it sooner.

He said he summoned the

city's assistant chief Scott Crews to get "another set of eyes," but that no additional manpower or equipment would have sped up the extrication.

"It was just complex," said the fire chief.

He said after arriving on the scene, he made three different attempts at the extrication before finding success on the fourth try.

"It was just not working," said chief Marfongella.

His report of the incident shows he began by removing all the doors, with the exception of the front passenger door, then pried the roof back. The driver's seat was removed to access Ms. Doss' legs and feet and then her door was removed after the dashboard was pulled up, the report notes.

"We did everything we could to get her out safely," he said.

All told, the extrication took three hours and thirty-seven minutes. Such long extrications are not common, officials said.

"With one as complex as it was, that's what was taking the time, and not causing her (Ms. Doss) further injuries," said the chief.

Nonetheless, some have criticized him for not seeking more help with the extrication.

Mike Scott, a Baker County resident and paramedic with Jacksonville Fire Rescue, went so far as to call his conduct "criminal."

"He should have called for help within 15 minutes of knowing there was a problem," said Mr. Scott, adding that he blames both the fire chief and county EMS director David Richardson.

"I feel like they really dropped the ball on this one. They really put a black eye on fire service in this incident," he said.

For his part, Mr. Crews, the city's assistant fire chief who arrived at the scene at 9:43 p.m., did not fault chief Marfongella for his actions or lack thereof. He arrived with another firefighter from the city. The firemen from the county consisted of eight personnel from three units.

"We saw a few things they hadn't tried and fortunately they worked," said Mr. Crews. "I don't want to point a finger ... I wouldn't want to speculate on what they could have or should have done at the time."

The assistant chief described the extrication as unusual and confirmed it was a complicated

scene.

"Extrication is a tricky thing. There is no one way to do it. I hate to say it, but a lot of times you're just flying by the seat of your pants," he said. "They had made good progress. Sometimes it just takes a different set of eyes."

The extrication was completed at 9:53 p.m., dispatch records show.



THANK YOU!

I want to thank the people of Baker County for their support and confidence in me to continue to serve as Baker County Commissioner in District 2 for the next four years. Baker County is a great place to live and it is an honor and privilege to be able to serve you. I will do my best and serve as I did the past four years, seeking the Lord's guidance and direction in the decisions I have to make. Thank you again and God bless you!



Jimmy & Julie Anderson

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Cruise ship experience a bit varied from past

It's been a while since I've been on a cruise to the Bahamas and I definitely noticed that things have changed, both in me and the cruising industry in general.

I love cruises. It's not so much that I like being on ship-board with bingo parties and trivia contests. I just like being on the water.

Kelley likes being on a deck chair getting sun and reading while I just look around at the expanse of blue sky and ultra-marine water. I like the peace and serenity.

There's only one problem. There isn't much peace and serenity any more, at least not on the ship that I was on. You couldn't really find a place where there wasn't blaring music.

This was the first time that we sailed out of Jacksonville and it was so convenient.

Our first surprise when we checked into our stateroom was that we were surrounded by a "senior cruise." That didn't mean a bunch of 55+ seniors; it literally meant a Senior Cruise – the graduating class of an Alma, Georgia high school. There was no faculty member aboard, just a few parents.

Surprise, surprise, surprise!

We've been school teachers for more than 30 years, so we knew exactly what that meant. Once we reached the 12-mile limit, they were going to max out their on board credit with \$8.95 boat drinks.

We were in the middle of a Jimmy Buffett song.

The first night – or early morning – when they rolled in from the club at 4 am it got pretty wild out in the hallway. Imagine it and it was probably happening. Perhaps someone who wasn't a school teacher was not impressed and called security, because it quieted down after that.

We didn't particularly like it but we are nothing if not flexible. The reason we were on the cruise to begin with was it was our son-in-law Aaron's sister's graduation cruise and his whole family was on board.

Daughter Sara Beth continues on her recovery and we just wanted to be around for her amid the

hubbub of cruising. She is improving daily and while on board she sang with the band in a talent show in the main theatre.

One of the things that changed is that the captain

isn't really in evidence. Some years ago on this same ship there was a captain's cocktail party, where the officers rubbed shoulders with passengers drinking watered-down champagne.

This cruise the captain lined up in the coffee shop in what looked like a receiving line and stayed for about ten minutes shaking hands. He didn't even make an appearance at the dressy captain's dinner.

It was tasty and I got to try things I normally wouldn't have access to, like crab cakes and escargot – snails. I have an adventurous palate and got in the habit of ordering multiple appetizers.

I recall not loving Nassau the first time I was there twenty years ago and my opinion has not changed. What I did love was Coco Cay, the private island shared by Carnival and Royal Caribbean.

If I could stay on Coco Cay for a week I would be totally relaxed. It was gorgeous, with turquoise water and the occasional stingray gliding around your feet, a paradise. When we got back on the boat that afternoon we were so relaxed.

An interesting thing happened on the way back to Jacksonville. About mid-morning a different voice from that of the cruise director came over the intercom. "Bright Star, Bright Star, Bright Star! Deck

2 forward."

Nobody around us seemed to think it was the least bit unusual, but after years of doing school-wide emergency drills we knew this was their version of a "Wildcat Roundup."

We got our passport, wallet and found out where Sara and Aaron were located just in case. About 30 minutes later we were out on deck when a Navy helicopter showed up and circled the ship several times before flying off. Later, we heard someone had been locked in their cabin with security guards at the door.

Never a dull moment.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

United made no contact

Dear Editor:

I have read Mr. Tim Owens' comments [article in last week's edition "Hike in out-of-pocket insurance cost" by Mike Anderson] in reference to Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital's failure to execute a contract with United Healthcare so that the local school board would have this hospital in their insurance network.

Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital would like nothing better than to have our local school system in an insurance plan that we are contracted with. Baker County Medical Services, which operates Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital, considers it an integral part of its mission to help all of the businesses and citizens of Baker County to have access to quality medical care locally.

The information provided by Mr. Owens as it relates to discussions with him and United Healthcare is inaccurate. I have been the CFO at Ed Fraser for almost two years and not once have I been contacted by Mr. Owens about working out an agreement with United Healthcare.

To set the record straight, my last conversation, approximately six months ago, with United Healthcare about obtaining a contract with them was not only no, but "hell no." They stated they were not adding any providers to their network, and "we will not contract with the Baker County medical facilities."

Further, just after the first of this year, our primary care physicians, who were under contract, received notification from United Healthcare that they were being dropped from United Healthcare's panel for the AARP Medicare product and that the patients would be receiving letters explaining this and that the patients should find another doctor to treat them.

Baker County Medical Services strongly advised the patients to return to fee-for-service Medicare so they would have control of the choice of who their doctor was and not the carrier.

Every carrier that we are not contracted with has been offered rates that are the same as the carriers we are contracted with. We are a rural hospital, a low-cost provider that does not have high charges for services as compared to the other area hospitals. We want to make sure that we cover our cost of providing this community with safe, up-to-date and reliable healthcare services to all residents regardless of their ability to pay.

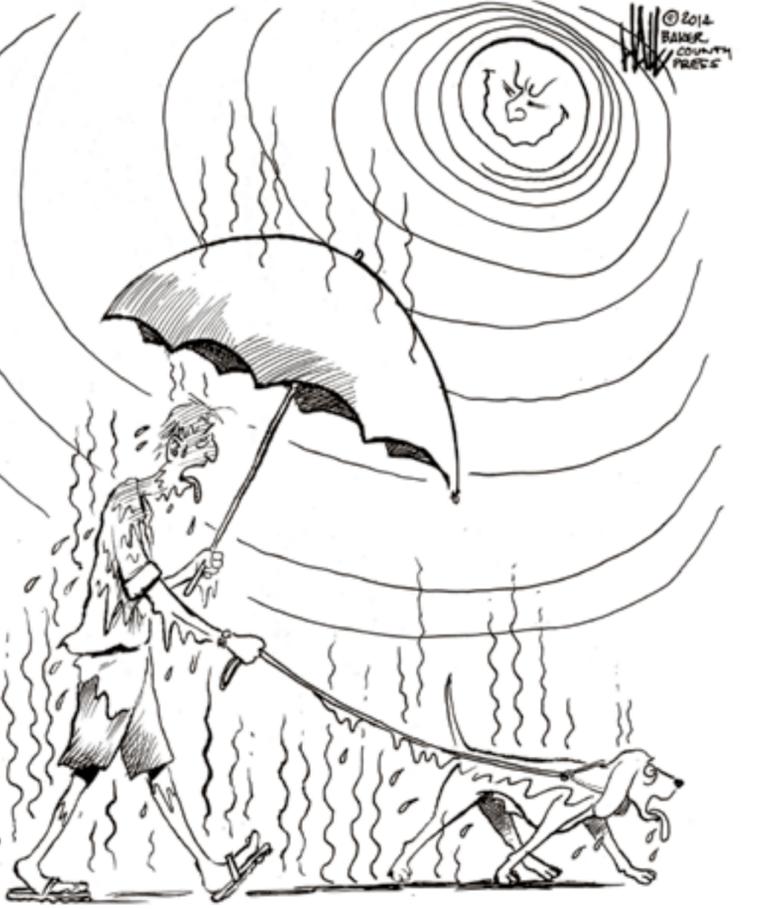
We cannot and will not contract with carriers that expect to pay lower rates than other carriers do. We currently have contracts with Blue Cross Blue Shield, CIGNA, AvMed and are working diligently to obtain contracts with AETNA and other major insurance companies.

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Chief Financial Officer
Baker County Medical Services

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Reactions to one judge's advice for bored teenagers

We posted quotations from a juvenile judge who admonished youth to get off their duffs and develop a sense of responsibility by being creative and looking outward to the needs of others (see our Facebook page). Readers reacted:

Steve Felecia Hodges: I agree with the judge. Teach them re-

sponsibility and that life ain't always about getting rewards. Rewarding them too much will almost always lead to them not wanting to do anything unless they will be getting a reward for it. What's gonna happen when they grow up and their parents are gone and they have to work everyday only to live paycheck to paycheck with no extra money to reward themselves. They need to learn to appreciate the little things in life first. Like the roof over their head, clothes on

their back and food to eat. The reward in that is knowing that you worked hard to provide for yourself and didn't have to depend on anyone to do it for you.

Jerome Reimer Jr.: I agree and disagree at the same time. Today's youth are spoiled and lazy; they expect everything to magically appear and money to fall from the heavens. Today's youth need to learn what it is to work for what you want if you want it bad enough. But after they've worked and have some free time I do believe they need a place to let off some steam. That keeps them from finding typical Baker County ways of doing so.

Michael Nickles: If only we sold beer on Sunday we could build a community center, the teens could work at the restaurants, a movieplex would come and the NFL may put a team here. Also if we sold beer on Sunday we would most likely become a mecca for hikers, doctors and astronauts.

LaTanya Jones: Teenagers have to have a little fun after work. That judge sounds like he wants teenagers to act like they're incarcerated 24/7. They need a reason to wanna do chores if they have a reward later like going swimming movies or skating.

Summer is here! What's the best thing about the season in Baker County?

June 21 was the summer solstice, the official start of summer. What is your favorite thing about

summer in Baker County?

Lisa Gullage Milton: Getting out of Baker County! Haha who doesn't love a vacation!

Chelsea Moore: No school traffic!

Tricia Bennett: All we have here in this little small town is traffic. Nothing is out here for kids to do so people have to go to Jax. The only excitement we have is to look at people walking down 90.

Em A Lee: Nights at church volleyball and baseball/softball games.

Carolyn Honeytree Briggs: The river and picking blackberries.

Jarred Altman: Enjoying the pool and patio with my family and taking the boat to Kingsley (not in Baker, but whatever).

John Holloman: The river.

Don Yonn: Fishing, slick racetracks, cold beverages and swimming.

Calendar years error

Last week's edition of *The Press* reported in error that the school board adopted the 2014-15 school calendar. The calendar adopted was for the 2015-16 school year.

For the 2014-15 school year, teachers will start August 11 and students on August 18, not August 17 and 24 as previously reported.

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This lot at the southwest corner of Mud Lake Road and CR 125 was rezoned for a higher density residential use.

Board overturns its LPA

Will permit 2nd unit on one acre

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

County commissioners last week went against the wishes of their appointed Land Planning Agency by approving a request to rezone a one-acre residential lot to allow two half-acre lots for rental trailers at the northwest corner of Mud Lake Road and CR 125.

The 4-1 decision, rendered after a brief public hearing on the evening of June 17, was contrary to the LPA's 3-1 recommendation of denial in May when critics said the proposal would constitute "spot zoning" by allowing a higher density than surrounding properties.

Although that was the same reason cited by Commissioner Mark Hartley in a motion to deny the rezoning last week, his motion almost died for lack of a second. After a lengthy pause, Commissioner Gordon Crews seconded the motion "for discussion."

A few minutes later the final verdict was in: Mr. Hartley was outnumbered by his four colleagues, who expressed mixed feelings about the issue but ultimately sided with Planning and Zoning Director Ed Preston.

Mr. Preston said staff recommended the rezoning application be granted because it was consistent with the county's Land Development Regulations and long-range comprehensive plan for future growth.

He further pointed out to the board that the property lies within the county's Urban Growth Area where new residential growth is encouraged. Mud Lake Road is the southernmost boundary of the Urban Growth Area.

The county encourages higher densities and residential growth on the north side of the road, Mr. Preston said, but discourages it across the street.

That seemed to be a convincing bit of information for Commissioner James Croft, who supported the rezoning although he said he could understand both sides of the issue.

"This is located in a growth area where growth is encouraged," Mr. Croft said. "They're in an area that has been targeted for that type of development."

Commission Chairman Jimmy Anderson said he, too, was "torn" because no other half-acre lots were within a mile away, but he could "feel for the owners, too."

The property's future land use designation of Very Low Density Residential, which permits one dwelling per acre, will be changed to Medium Density Residential, which allows up to four dwellings per acre.

The owners may now proceed with plans to add a second mobile home and septic tank on the property, which will remain zoned for single-family houses

or trailers. The only difference is the parcel will be divided into two separate half-acre lots in a neighborhood dominated by larger lots.

"The closest half acre residential lot is about a mile to the west," Mr. Preston told commissioners.

The applicants, Jacqueline and David Robinson, told the board that they encountered greater expenses than expected when they had to demolish an old termite-infested house on the corner lot and clear the site of trees and thick brush.

"It was a lot more than we had planned for," Mrs. Robinson said, adding that's why they sought the rezoning so they could add a second rental trailer to justify their costs.

About two miles south of Interstate 10, the parcel is surrounded by single family homes on lots one acre and larger and a mixture of residential and agriculture zoning, some of which restricts development to one dwelling for every 7.5 acres.

Although nobody in the audience objected to the rezoning at the June 17 commission meeting, the LPA board was urged by several Mud Lake Road homeowners on May 22 to reject it, arguing that doubling the density on the one-acre lot would be detrimental to the rural atmosphere of the neighborhood and could lead to similar requests.

"We would be setting a precedent for 1/2-acre lots in that area all along Mud Lake Road," said LPA member John Adams, who introduced the motion to deny the petition. "We would be opening the door for that."

Fellow board members Glen Patten, who was elected to lead the LPA as its next chairman, agreed and seconded the motion. The third member who voted against it, Joseph DeFee, said he shared "the same concerns."

The dissenting vote was cast by Philip Zamorra in his final official act as board chairman. He supported the planning director's recommendation to approve the rezoning, saying higher densities are "logically expected" at intersections.

Mr. Preston said the county's Development Review Committee, which includes public safety officials and other county department heads, "made no objections" after reviewing Mrs. Robinson's rezoning application on May 7.

In a less controversial case, the commission approved a request for a small scale land use and zoning change on a 1.92-acre parcel near the west end of Woodlawn Road to RCMH 1, which allows one dwelling per acre.

The property, which includes a dwelling built in 1991, is part of a 4.5 acre parcel currently zoned agriculture. The new designation changes the zoning to Very Low Density Residential.

Applicant Byjara Wilk resides on an adjacent 38.4 acre parcel south of the subject parcel and said she needed the rezoning to enable her to divide the 1.92-acre parcel out of her land in order to sell it.

"The subject site is within the Urban Growth Area and has residential land uses to the east and agricultural uses to the north, south and west," Mr. Preston said.

BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Preliminary approval of changes to rules for recipients of SHIP grants

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

The Baker County Commission is revising a state-funded housing program for low-income residents to raise the caps on financial assistance, strengthen fraud-prevention procedures and clarify how liens are paid off when applicants die prematurely.

The changes were authorized during a 3 pm workshop on June 17 to review the county's Local Housing Assistance Plan, or LHAP, which provides funds for new home construction or rehabilitation of existing dwellings for eligible applicants.

The improvements are funded by a state program administered locally known as the State Housing Initiative Partnership targeting elderly, disabled and other low-income applicants who presently live in substandard dwellings.

When commissioners expressed concerns over possible fraud in the program and suggested the county begin auditing housing contracts to ensure that applicants haven't sold or rented the taxpayer-funded property, County Manager C.J. Thompson said he would handle it.

"We can come up with something. It's not rocket science," Mr. Thompson told commissioners.

The LHAP had been scheduled for approval during a regular commission meeting following the workshop. However, the revisions will have to be incorporated in the document and brought back to the board for formal adoption at the next commission meeting on July 1.

Among the changes is an increase in the maximum amounts set for new construction and rehabilitation, which presently are \$61,500 and \$36,000, respectively. The new cap will be set at \$65,000 in both categories.

Commissioners decided to keep the lien terms the same: 20 years on new construction projects and 15 years on rehabilitation jobs. The lien amount drops to zero at the end of the contract period: 5 percent a year on new homes and 6.66 percent yearly on rehabs.

As long as applicants reside in the house for the entire duration of the lien they owe nothing. "It's not depreciation of the home," Mr. Thompson said. "It's loan forgiveness. It gives you credit for making the payment."

However, commissioners have recently expressed concerns because most SHIP applicants are elderly and may not live long enough to see the lien balance erased. That leaves their heirs to satisfy the lien by paying it off on their own, selling the property and paying it off, or placing someone in the home who meets SHIP's eligibility re-

quirements.

In the past, officials have interpreted the rules to mean that whoever inherits a SHIP home from a relative who died prematurely would only have to pay the balance of the lien at the time of death. However, county attorney Rich Komando told commissioners last month that in his opinion heirs would have to pay the entire original amount of the SHIP award if no member of the family meets eligibility criteria.

“Unless someone tells us we’re not going to know.”

—County Manager C.J. Thompson
Speaks to the potential for fraud in the SHIP program

"That's not the way it was done before Rich came here," Mr. Thompson told commissioners. "We probably need to clean the language up."

Current language states: "In the event of the demise (death) of the applicant(s) within the (20-year) lien period, the Deferred Payment Loan (DPL) will remain on the property. All heirs and successors will be held to the same rules and regulations as the applicant(s). The property may be sold; however, the lien shall be fully satisfied unless the new owner qualifies under the eligibility criteria..."

Commission Chairman Jimmy Anderson said he wants the new language to state unequivocally that the loan is forgiven 5 percent each year — period. Otherwise, he said it would be too much of a financial hardship on families who acquire ownership of a SHIP house 19 years into a 20-year lien and were required to repay the original grant.

"The main issue is making sure the SHIP funds are used fair and in the right way," he said.

To that purpose, commissioners asked the county manager and county attorney to draft new wording to ensure that SHIP contracts are closely monitored in the future to detect or prevent fraud.

Currently, there are no proce-

dures in place to make sure that original applicants remain in the house until the contract expires, or that they or their heirs don't later sell the house or rent it out.

"Unless someone (a neighbor or family member) tells us we're not going to know," Mr. Thompson conceded.

He credited *The Baker County Press* with informing the county about a SHIP house in Glen St. Mary last year that had been leased by town Councilman Dickie Foster a few years after it was built for his late mother.

A subsequent audit uncovered at least one other case involving a violation of SHIP rules, Mr. Thompson said, noting that the owner in that case immediately said: "I didn't know. Here, let me write you a check."

Also last week, commissioners tabled, for the second time, a proposed rehabilitation or complete re-build of Teresa Raulerson's home on Miltdale Road in Macclenny pending further review.

The \$39,000 price tag for extensive repairs to the home had become an issue of concern earlier this month due to an outstanding mortgage on the property and because the price exceeded the \$36,000 cap for rehabilitations.

Mr. Thompson told the board last week that the mortgage balance on the Raulerson home was \$63,467. Commissioners said they were reluctant to approve the deal because if the applicant defaulted on her SHIP loan, which is funded by taxpayers, the property could be sold to satisfy the first mortgage holder and the county would recoup nothing.

"They're still eligible," the county manager said. "It's whether it's a good business decision or not. We'd be secondary lien holders on this."

Commissioner Adam Giddens, chief financial officer of a family-owned security company in Jacksonville, said the county probably should just "walk away from this."

Until a final decision is made the county's building official will inspect the Miltdale Road home and report back with his findings next month.

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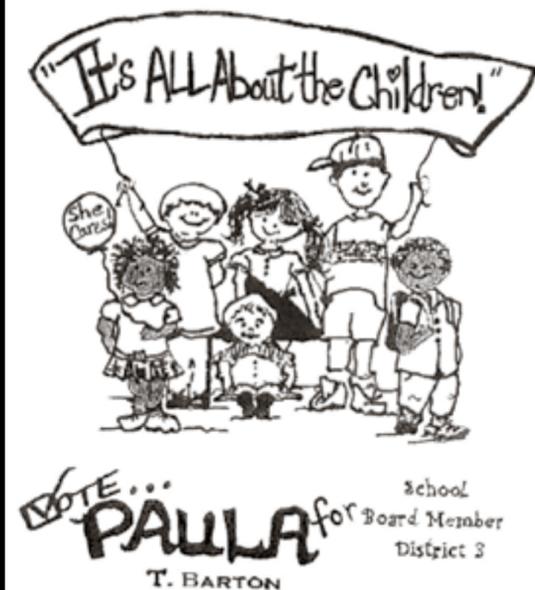
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Cedar Creek Bridge expected to open this week

Some loose ends involving a guardrail are the only thing standing in the way of the official opening of the new span over Cedar Creek on CR 127 north of Sanderson by the end of this week, just over two years to the day that the aging narrow span was washed out during Tropical Storm Debby. Rebuilding of the structure was possible with a \$1.6 million grant by the Federal Highway Administration and completion by contractor Anderson Columbia of Lake City was originally slated for this spring. The opening is good news for north-south motorists who have had to divert over to CR 229 via CR 124 the past 24 months. Gina Busscher, spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Transportation that oversaw the project, said the new structure has two 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot wide emergency lanes buttressed by 3.5-foot high concrete barriers.

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Boy dies following snake bite

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The grandson of Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford died on June 20 following a week of treatment for a rattlesnake bite he sustained in Bryceville seven days before.

Brayden Bullard, 4, was bitten while in his family's garden with his father, who immediately rushed the boy to a fire station in Baldwin. From there he was flown to UF Health Shands in Gainesville and later transferred to Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville.



Brayden Bullard

Early in the week, after receiving anti-venom in Gainesville, his prognosis was good, but early Friday morning his condition worsened.

His funeral was held Wednesday morning on June 25.

To read tips for dealing with snakes in Florida, please see the University of Florida's publications online at http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_series_dealing_with_snakes_in_floridas_residential_areas.

Case dispositions ordered on June 18

The following dispositions were ordered by Judge Joey Williams in county court during regular session on June 18:

- Jason Byrd, driving on a suspending license; 25 hours community service, three-month probation.
- Jody Castleman, contempt of court; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Peggy Cook, lewd and lascivious behavior, indecent exposure; court costs.
- Leonard Dix, driving on a suspended license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Connor McLean, criminal

mischief and (2) petty theft; 60 days in jail.

- Cynthia Perez, expired driver's license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Juan Prince, petty theft; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Evan Rhoden, resisting arrest, reckless driving and improper tag; 12-month probation, anger management class, no weapon possession.
- Caleb Southard, disorderly conduct; 65 days in jail.
- Christopher Stokes, resisting arrest and disorderly intoxication; court costs.

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This logging trailer overturned on CR 229 South when the semi it was attached to ran off the roadway.

Log trailer overturns on CR 229 S.

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A logging truck ran off the road and its trailer overturned late in the afternoon of June 20 on CR 229 South, spilling pine trees onto the roadside and injuring the driver.

Justin Calyton Todd, 47, of Lake Butler was air-lifted to the UF Health in Jacksonville following the 4 p.m. accident. Florida Highway Patrol Trooper M.L. Orton's report shows

his injuries were non-incapacitating, however.

The 1999 International semi he was driving south failed to negotiate a curve just west of Ernie Bryant Road for an unknown reason and traveled off the pavement and over a culvert on the west side of the road, the trooper said, before coming to rest about 100 feet from 229.

The truck, owned by Gayle Wayne Fishburn of Lawtey, sustained an estimated \$10,000 in damage.

The careening semi smashed through Mary Pritchard's wooden posts at the end of her driveway, causing an estimated \$100 in damage. And it wasn't the first time that's happened.

Ms. Pritchard, who returned home from work shortly after the wreck, said a few years ago a similar collision occurred and it's common for vehicles to speed around the curve.

"It was just a matter of time," said Ms. Pritchard, who has lived at the location for 30 years.

When the trailer flipped, the tree logs came loose and hit two trees on Samuel Justin Hodge's property. The tractor, meanwhile, hit two metal wagon wheels and dented a culvert before stopping. Damage to his property was estimated at \$1000.

The driver, Mr. Todd, was cited for careless driving. Neither drugs nor alcohol are believed to have played a role in the crash, FHP reported.

Ignores court order, arrested

A Sanderson man was arrested on June 16 and charged with domestic battery and violating a court order to stay away from the residence of his estranged girlfriend on Boyce Rd. off CR 229 South.

Deputy Brandon Kiser arrested Kristopher Jones, 33, that evening, and he denied attacking Joevita Staley, 40, about 5 pm after she asked him to leave her residence. She called police after the incident during which she said she was pushed to the ground and struck numerous times about the head and face.

The officer said Ms. Staley was bleeding from the nose and had a large scrape on her right shoulder, but the ex-boyfriend had left the premises before he arrived. He located Mr. Jones three hours later at his Thornton Rd. address in

the same neighborhood.

The protection order banned him from being closer than 2000 feet from Ms. Staley's home.

In another arrest involving a boyfriend, Matthew Russell, 21, of Glen St. Mary was charged on June 18 for aggravated assault after he allegedly threatened to slash the throat of Karrie Donaldson, 21, at their residence on Lincoln Ave.

The suspect's sister called police following the mid-morning incident, and Deputy Koty Crews said Mr. Russell emerged from a nearby wooded area after his arrival.

Ms. Donaldson said she and her boyfriend argued after he struck and kicked a puppy that had bitten him on the nose. When he thought she was leaving with her baby,

he allegedly grabbed a kitchen knife and made the threat.

A criminal complaint named ex-girlfriend Nancy Lafaso, 47, of Jacksonville for vandalizing a camper trailer off Deerwood Circle near Macclenny in the early morning of June 20.

Terry Martin, 43, told Deputy Jeremiah Johnson he and Susan Green, 50, were in the trailer just before 1 am when Ms. Lafaso used a sledge hammer to break a door glass, then entered and smashed a television against a sink before throwing it outside.

He also used the hammer to smash a half dozen other windows, and threatened to kill Ms. Green before driving off in a red Chevrolet Blazer.

The complaint alleges criminal mischief, burglary and theft of the hammer.

Roger Rowe Jr., 45, of Macclenny was arrested for aggravated battery with a metal pipe following an incident in the same Deerwood neighborhood the morning of June 18.

The suspect, upset over an alleged relationship with his wife Cheryl, 47, allegedly attacked Jay Blanchard, 46, a neighbor, after driving up to his residence in his work truck.

Mr. Rowe told Deputy Trey McCullough he was reacting to Mr. Blanchard making suggestive comments and whistling at his wife when he drove by her residence.

Deputy Jeremiah Combs filed complaints for battery after collecting conflicting versions of an altercation between neighbors at Pine Oaks Circle off CR 121 the evening of June 19.

Travis Roberts, 37, is accused of shoving Crystal Rowland, 30, down the front steps of his trailer before chasing her off following an argument that also included Jennifer Williams, 28, the suspect's girlfriend.

Ms. Rowland in turn is charged with pushing Ms. Williams as she left the trailer. She said the accused came to her residence seeking to purchase drugs and became angry when she was unable to.

Stolen dolly recovered

Police arrested a Macclenny man on June 20 and charged him with selling a car dolly that he rented in Kansas in 2012 and never returned.

Andrew Thornton Sr., 42, was charged after he was unable to produce documentation of his claim that he had been in touch with U-Haul on the disposition of the equipment valued at \$3500.

The sheriff's department was contacted that day by a representative of the rental company, who claimed the dolly was at Sam and DJ's auto lot in Glen St. Mary. It along with a truck were rented from a location in Colby, Kansas more than two years ago, and the truck was recovered at a local mini-storage.

U-Haul's records showed Mr. Thornton as the person who rented the units, and he had a Topeka, Kansas address at the time.

An employee at the used car lot in Glen told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite it was purchased in February, 2013 for \$250. The report did not specify how U-Haul learned of its location.

Deputy Satterwhite noted that Sam and DJ's had a sale document in which Mr. Thornton represented himself as the owner of the dolly. He was contacted and questioned at his home on Woodlawn Cemetery Rd., and claimed he tried unsuccessfully to return it to local U-Haul dealers.

He was booked on the second-degree felony charge. In another recent arrest, Christopher Rountree, 32, of Macclenny was charged with trespassing at a vacant residence on CR 139B.

Mikell Bennett, who lives nearby and whose mother once occupied the mobile home, called police the evening of June 17 to report a suspicious person standing on the porch.

Deputy Clements Leo said Mr. Rountree did not respond to knocks on the front door when he arrived to investigate, and instead approached from the rear of the residence. He claimed a third party asked him to mow the grass, and Mr. Bennett countered that the person did not have authority to do so.



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Shoplifting suspect had prescription pill

A Jacksonville woman who was detained for shoplifting at the Dollar General in Glen St. Mary on June 17 was also charged with felony drug possession.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said Lisa Ambrose, 52, produced a Hydrocodone pill from a pants pocket after she was taken to jail for walking out of the store about noon with hand lotion and an over-the-counter pain reliever stashed in her purse. Value of the stolen items was \$6.

Ms. Ambrose drew an additional charge of bringing contraband into the jail after a partial pill was discovered hidden in her underwear. The possession and contraband counts are both felonies.

In other recent arrests, Deputy Jeremiah Johnson charged Kimberly Moran, 50, of Lake Butler with possession of a crack pipe, a misdemeanor, after questioning her outside the Kangaroo store on US 90 in east Macclenny.

The deputy said he observed Ms. Moran park her 2000 Ford pickup diagonally across parking spaces in front of the store the evening of June 19. She stayed parked there for some time without entering the store and, when questioned, said she stopped to purchase candy because of low blood sugar.

She consented to a search after the deputy became suspicious when Ms. Moran claimed she was visiting friends in the area, but could not name them. The officer found the pipe concealed in a cigarette pack.

A traffic stop the evening of June 20 in the same neighborhood resulted in the arrest of Charles Clemons, 21, of Macclenny for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Deputy Clements Leo said he stopped the suspect's 1999 Dodge pickup truck for a burnt-out headlight and taillight and detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the interior. He found two partially smoked "joints" on the console and on the floorboard.

In a warrant-related arrest, Deputy Marc Heath took Atari Wilcox, 32, of Glen St. Mary into custody late on June 17 on an Alachua County warrant for grand theft.

The officer acted on a tip that the fugitive was at a Linda St. address in Macclenny.

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Certificate Number: 07-00618

Year of issuance: 2007

Description of property:

A lot beginning 534 feet west of northeast corner of SE1/4 of SW1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 32 in Township 2 South of Range 22 East, then run north 311 feet, then run west 133.5 feet, then run north 311 feet, then run east 133.5 feet to place of beginning, all in Section 32, Township 2 South, Range 22 East.

All of said property being located in Baker County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Lewis Moore

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on Thursday, October 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Baker County District School Board will hold the following public hearing on Monday, July 21, 2014, at the District School Board Room located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The following items will be considered at the public hearing:

- 2.02 Organization, Membership and Officers of the Board
- 2.16 Prohibiting Discrimination, Including Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
- 2.18 Strategic Planning
- 2.20 Wellness Program
- 4.01 Student Progression Plan
- 4.02 The Curriculum
- 4.013 Academic Acceleration
- 4.017 Early High School Graduation
- 4.06 Student Clubs and Organizations
- 4.09 Athletics
- 4.22 Participation of Home Education, Private School and Virtual School Students in Extracurricular Activities
- 5.03 Student Assignment
- 5.101 Bullying, Threats and Harassment
- 5.17 Student Injuries
- 5.30 Special Dietary Needs
- 6.35 option 2 Use of Sick Leave by Family Members or Employees
- 6.53 Suspension with Partial or No Pay
- 7.06 School Food Service Funds
- 8.22 Safety Belts
- 8.24 Meal Patterns
- 8.25 Free and Reduced Price Meals
- 8.251 Summer Nutrition Program
- 8.255 School Breakfast Program
- 8.400 Sale Price of Meals

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The documents will be available for preview on Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) at the Superintendent's Office located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida beginning Wednesday, June 11, 2014. You may also access the document on our district website at www.baker.k12.fl.us.

Sherrie Raulerson
Superintendent of Schools
6/19-7/16c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 13000132CA

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEES, LIENOR, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DIXIE HODGES A/K/A DIXIE LOU HODGES, DECEASED, et al.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 13000132CA of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, and, HODGES, DIXIE, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, Main entrance, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063, FL, at the hour of 11 a.m., on the 30th day of July, 2014, the following described property:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE NORTH 89°21'08" EAST AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 8, 1318.66 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0°27'02" EAST, 40.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID POINT BEING IN THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. S-23A; THENCE NORTH 89°21'08" EAST AND ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 227.61 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0°27'02" EAST, 1267.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°19'10" WEST, 227.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°16'45" WEST, 727.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°27'02" WEST, 560.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED this 3rd day of June, 2014.

AL FRASER
Clerk Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: GREENSPOON MARDER, P.A., 100 West Cypress Creek Road Trade Centre South, Suite 700 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-491-1120

IMPORTANT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 339 E. MACCLENNY AVENUE, MACCLENNY, FL 32063, 850-747-5141. At least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 02-2013-CA-000118

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND TRUSTEES OF DAVID F. THOMPSON, DECEASED; TONYA THOMPSON, AS KNOWN HEIR OF DAVID THOMPSON, DECEASED; DAVID LEE THOMPSON, AS KNOWN HEIR OF DAVID THOMPSON, DECEASED, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: TONYA THOMPSON AS KNOWN HEIR OF DAVID THOMPSON DECEASED CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 17870 ANNE RD GLEN SAINT MARY, FL 32040

DAVID LEE THOMPSON AS KNOWN HEIR OF DAVID THOMPSON DECEASED CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 405 NEWPORT ST PERKINS, OK 74059

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND TRUSTEES OF DAVID F. THOMPSON, DECEASED CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 10875 OSCEOLA RD GLEN ST MARY, FL 32040

You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Baker County, Florida:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 02 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 1893.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 02 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 348.68 FEET, TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF OSCEOLA ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 575.15 FEET, TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE WITH THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF TIMBERLAND ROAD, THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 348.68 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, 575.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TOGETHER WITH A 1974

commonly known as 10875 OSCEOLA RD, GLEN ST MARY, FL 32040 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Michael L. Tebbi of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900, on or before July 11, 2014, (or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: June 11, 2014.

AL FRASER
CLERK OF THE COURT

By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Kass Shuler, P.A., P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org

6/19-26c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 02-2013-CA-000076

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. ;

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL A. HATHCOX, WILLIAM S. HATHCOX, ET AL;

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 1, 2014, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 339 East Macclenny Avenue, 1st Floor, Macclenny, Florida 32063, on October 7, 2014 at 11:00 am the following described property:

LOT 68, CYPRESS POINTE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 90 THROUGH 92, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 525 S ISLAMORADA DRIVE, MACCLENNY, FL 32063-4260

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org

WITNESS my hand on 12th day of May, 2014.

AL FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk of Court,

MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. Attorney for the Plaintiff 100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD, STE 1045 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 Telephone: (954)644-8704; Fax: (954) 772-9601 ServiceFL2@mig-defaultllaw.com ServiceFL2@mig-defaultllaw.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2014-CA-000025

TITAN BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANDRES R. VILLAR, M.D., P.A., a Florida corporation, REBECCA K. VILLAR, and ANDRES R. VILLAR,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 28, 2014, in the above-styled cause, I, Al Fraser, as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 229 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida, 32063-2294, at 11:00 a.m. on July 30, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

A PART OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH RANGE 22 EAST: A PART OF THE N 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 5, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 5 WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 121 (A 120.00 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY); RUN THENCE S 0°15'48" W ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 46.82 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ROWE-BARBER ROAD (A 60.00 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 87°33'18" E ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 190.00 FEET; THENCE S 0°15'48" W 100.00 FEET; THENCE S 87°33'18" W 190.00 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 121; THENCE N 0°15'48" E ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LYING IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Parcel Identification Number: 053S2200000002

Address: 1419 South Sixth Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org

Witness my hand and seal of this court on 6th of June, 2014.

AL FRASER
As Clerk of the Court

By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Barry B. Ansbacher Florida Bar No. 792901 Zachary R. Roth Florida Bar No. 106649 8818 Goodbys Executive Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32217 Tel: 904.737.4600 Fax: 904.737.4700 6/19-26c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 02-2008-CA-000248

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CLAYTON LEE BLACKSHEAR, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure date May 28, 2014 and entered in Case No. 02-2008-CA-000248 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP is the Plaintiff and CLAYTON LEE BLACKSHEAR; LINDA D BLACKSHEAR; ROLLING MEADOWS OF MACCLENNY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 30th day of July, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 4, ROLLING MEADOWS, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 5526 HUCKLEBERRY TRAIL SOUTH, MACCLENNY, FL 32063

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 3, 2014.

AL FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Invoice To: Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

**See Americans with Disabilities Act Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org

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Invitation to Bid

For the purchase of 1 new Compact Excavator

The Baker County Board of Commissioners will be accepting bids until July 15, 2014 at 3:30p.m. Specifications may be obtained at the Baker County Administration Office at 55 North 3rd Street, Macclenny, FL 32063. All bids submitted shall be on forms provided and returned in a sealed envelope with Compact Excavator clearly marked on the envelope. The Baker County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

6/26c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 02-2012-CA-000188-axxx-xx

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARGUERITE L. MCDOWELL; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 28th day of May, 2014, and entered in Case No. 02-2012-CA-000188-axxx-xx, of the Circuit Court of the 8TH Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and MARGUERITE L. MCDOWELL, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 399 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL., 11:00 AM on the 30th day of July, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN, PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING, SITUATE AND BEING IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO-WIT:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN GOVERNMENT LOT 19, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 19; THENCE N 87°52'47", E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 19 AND THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FIVE CHURCHES ROAD TO A POINT A DISTANCE OF 683.62 FEET; THENCE N 00°27'17" W TO A POINT A DISTANCE OF 330.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE W 87°52'47" E TO A POINT A DISTANCE OF 115.68 FEET; THENCE S 00°27'17" E TO A POINT THIS POINT BEING ON THE SOUTH LINE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 19 AND NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF FIVE CHURCHES ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 330.0 FEET; THENCE S 87°42'47" W TO A POINT A DISTANCE OF 115.68 FEET; THENCE N 00°27'17", W TO A POINT A DISTANCE OF 330.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

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

Under the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2014.

AL FRASER
Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Choice Legal Group, P.A. P.O. Box 9908 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310-0908 Telephone: (954) 453-0365 Facsimile: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438 6/26-7/3c

A, R&R, Inc. 11837 N SR 121 Macclenny, FL 32063

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction on July 11, 2014 at 10 am at A, R&R, Inc. 11837 N SR 121, Macclenny, FL 32063:

2005 KIA Spectra Vin # KNAFE121055080253

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2013 CA 000070

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANGELA J. HINSON, ET AL

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 28, 2014 in the above action, the Baker County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Baker County Florida, on November 13, 2014 at 11 a.m., at the East door of the Courthouse located at 339 East Macclenny Avenue, 1st Floor, Macclenny, Florida for the following described property:

LOT 8, BLOCK 1, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 53 & 54 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 716 Long Drive, Macclenny, Florida 32063

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

DATED: May 21, 2014

AL FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk of Court

Prepared by: WARD, DAMON, POSNER, PHTERSON & BLEAU 4420 BEACON CIRCLE WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33407 FORECLOSURESERVICE@WARDAMON.COM

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237 or email ada@circuit8.org at Alachua County Courthouse, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 711; if you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TOWN

The Town of Baldwin Proposes to Construct Reclaimed Water Piping from Wastewater Treatment Plant to JEA's Brandy Branch Facility

Subject to an Administrative Order issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the Town of Baldwin must eliminate the Town Wastewater Plant's surface water discharge by October 2017. The Town intends to reroute this treated effluent as reclaimed water from the Plant to JEA's Brandy Branch Facility along US-90 for use as cooling water. The Town has received financial assistance from the FDEP under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program.

Any resident who is interested in obtaining more information or has any questions regarding the proposed effluent disposal project should plan to attend a Public Hearing on the proposed project scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

General guidelines on the funding source for the project can be

Youth program seeking recruits

JOEL ADDINGTON
MANAGING EDITOR
reporter@bakercountypress.com

Florida Youth Challenge Academy — a free program at Camp Blanding for teens at-risk of not graduating from high school or getting into trouble with the law — is seeking applicants for its program and adult mentors to remain in contact with teens once they leave the program.

Gene Tanner, a recruiter for the nonprofit program, made his plea at the last Baker Prevention Coalition meeting on June 12.



Gene Tanner

He said the program gets about 500 applicants per year for some 200 slots, but a portion of those taken in regularly quit the voluntary program or get kicked out for misbehavior, making recruitment in communities across Northeast Florida a necessity.

The last class of teens graduated on June 7 had 173 participants.

Mr. Tanner described the state and federally funded program as non-coed and "hands off," meaning corporal punishment is not permitted.

The five-and-a-half month residential portion of the program takes in applicants ages teens 16 to 18. Teens have periodic home visits, including a family day six weeks into the program.

Mr. Tanner said the program's goal is to turn at-risk youths and high school drop outs into productive citizens who exit the program ready for school, military service or a job, whether it's paid or volunteer work.

"These kids love to pick up trash," he told the coalition members.

Unlike other youth programs targeting at-risk teens, Florida Youth Challenge Academy does not take teens already in the criminal justice system with pending cases. Teens cannot be court-ordered into the program, he said.

"If you know someone who could benefit from this, send them my way," said Mr. Tanner, a 25-year veteran of U.S. Army.

He said the program, which began in 2001, would welcome its next call this week.

Mentors are needed to help keep the teens on track after they leave the highly-structured routines the program is built around.

The teens live in barracks, they wear uniforms, they wake about dawn and go to bed at 9 p.m. daily. Their days consist of volunteer labor and classes to earn a high school diploma or credit to take back to their home schools.

Mentors must be at least 25 years older than their assigned teen and attend a one-day training. They meet with the teens weekly for a year upon their graduation from the residential program.

For more information on the Florida Youth Challenge Academy, please visit <http://floridayouthchallengeacademy.org/> or call (904) 682-4033.



Purchase this photo at www.bakercountypress.com Photo by Joel Addington
This mount won a first place novelty ribbon.

Accolades for two Glen taxidermists

JOEL ADDINGTON
MANAGING EDITOR
reporter@bakercountypress.com

Glen St. Mary's Droptine Taxidermy left the Florida State Taxidermy Association's annual conference this month with four first place ribbons, six second place ribbons, one third place ribbon and a trophy for the best hog mount in the state this year.

Drop Tine's team of Casey Davis and his apprentice Steven Beagle submitted the contest entries.

He was particularly proud of the best hog mount award. It features a hog's head with a six-foot timber rattle snake in its jaws. His mount of a deer torso displaying the interior of the deer's chest cavity with an arrow through its heart won



Photo by Joel Addington
This won best hog mount.

a first place novelty ribbon as well.

It was Mr. Davis' third conference and his second as a professional taxidermist. It was Mr. Beagle's first time at the event and he won best amateur overall.

"The stuff we took this year rocked them," Mr. Davis said of the judges at the June 5-7 conference in Gainesville.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Baker County Board of Commissioners will be holding two workshops on July 1, 2014 at 3:00pm and 6:00pm. A budget overview presentation and workshop for FY 2014/2015 will be held at 3:00pm and recreation advisory board workshop will be held at 6:00pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the potential establishment of a County recreation advisory board. Both meetings will be held in the Baker County Commission Chambers located at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063.
THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

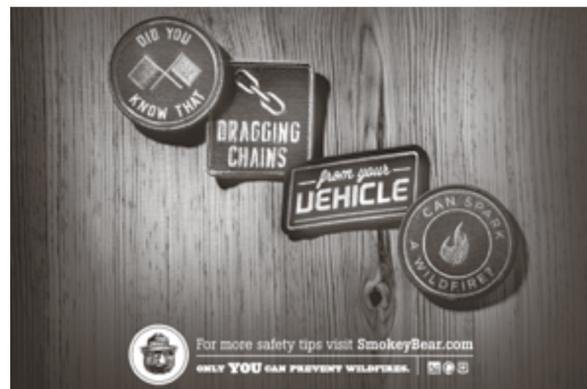
HAVE A HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
Please be advised that City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2014 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.
City of Macclenny
118 East Macclenny Ave.
Macclenny, FL 32063
Tel. 259-6261

Workshop on recreation board

The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public workshop regarding the creation of a recreation advisory board on Tuesday, July 1 at 6 pm.

The workshop will be held at the commission chambers located at 55 N. 3rd St. in Macclenny. The purpose of the recreation advisory board is to provide vision, guidance and direction on recreation to the county commission.

Any member of the public with interest in any aspect of public recreation is encouraged to attend. The board is soliciting feedback on the draft charter, by-laws and roles and responsibilities for the recreation advisory board. They are available for review by calling 259-3613.



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TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COMMUNITY:

As your county commissioner, I have gone into the county chambers these last four years and made every decision with great prayer and conviction for what I think is best for the future of Baker County and the people who live here.

I come from a family of hard-working people ranging from pastors and schoolteachers to successful businessmen, war veterans and public servants. Work ethics, strong personal values and commitment to GOD, FAMILY and COUNTRY are hallmarks of who we are. I came up through our school system here in Baker County and grew up here, go to church here and still live right here- and I want to CONTINUE making a positive difference in my hometown as your commissioner. I will campaign to my fullest and I ask for your support both by prayer and by vote. Thank you for letting me serve in this capacity and I look forward to continuing to serve as your commissioner. On August 26th I would appreciate your vote to re-elect Adam Giddens, County Commissioner District 4.



Re-Elect **ADAM GIDDENS**
County Commissioner District 4

QUALIFICATIONS:

- COUNTY COMMISSIONER** -Certified through the Florida Association of Counties
-Serves on the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council
-Member of the Small County Coalition
-Current County Commissioner
-Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce
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Service Wednesday for Brayden Bullard

Brayden William Bullard, 4, of Sanderson died on Friday June 20, 2014 at Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville. He attended Children's Elite Daycare for the past two years and enjoyed watching Tom and Jerry cartoons every evening before bed with his mom and Mr. Chandler.



Brayden Bullard

Brayden was full of life. His favorite color was green, he loved the outdoors, catching frogs, playing in the dirt, hunting and fishing with his dad, eating oatmeal cream pies and dill pickles. He was an inquisitive young boy, always asking questions and wanting the answers immediately. He never met a stranger, was never greedy and always shared. He enjoyed jumping up on his grandfather's lap while riding the tractor around the farm and playing with his dogs BoBo and JoJo.

He was predeceased by his maternal great-grandparents Ulys and Thelma Davis; great grandfathers F.M. Bullard and Shannon Davis.

He is survived by his father Blake William Bullard of Bryceville and mother Julia Elizabeth Crawford Bullard; stepfather Chandler Rhoden of Sanderson and step-sister Mackenzie Lee Rhoden; maternal grandparents Darrell and Nita Crawford of Macclenny; paternal grandparents Fred and Diane Bullard of Bryceville; great-grandparents Tommy and Gayle Crawford of Macclenny, Marion Bullard, Silas and Sarah Pittman, all of Baldwin; aunts and uncles Clay Bullard of Jacksonville, and Carlos and Jennifer Victoria of Macclenny.

A celebration of life services was held on Wednesday June 25 at 11 am at the Christian Fellowship Temple with pastors Chris Drum, Dan Search and Donnie Williams Sr. officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was on charge of arrangements.

Service for Hollie Gotcher, 41, on July 1

Hollie Layne Gotcher, 41, of Glen St. Mary died on June 21, 2014 at her residence. She was born in Irving, Texas on October 28, 1972 to Danny Lon Gotcher and the late Pollie Maxine Gilbreath Gotcher. Hollie was a resident of Baker County for the past eight years. She was a jokester who loved life and enjoyed making people laugh. Hollie was always the life of the party. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Other than her mother, she was preceded in death by sister Darla Jayne Gotcher.



Hollie Gotcher

Hollie is survived by her loving father of Glen St. Mary; daughter Eden Celeste Lawson of Sanderson; many friends.

The funeral service will be conducted on Tuesday July 1 at 3 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel in Macclenny. Interment will follow at Macedonia Cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Nashville group

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday
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Memorial later for Glenda Ketchum

Glenda Propes Ketchum, 52, of Glen St. Mary died June 23, 2014 at her residence with family by her side. She was born in Jacksonville on November 7, 1961 to the late Preston Reed Propes and Naomi Ruth Richards Propes. Glenda was a resident of Glen St. Mary for the past 29 years. She was an avid Bulldog fan who enjoyed surfing the Internet, traveling to California and shopping at flea markets. Glenda loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Teddy Propes.



Glenda Ketchum

She is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, Lindsey Keith Ketchum of Glen St. Mary; children Kevin and Jennifer Ketchum of Glen St. Mary, Kerry Ketchum and James Rhoden of St. George, GA, Amanda Mixon and Roger Sheely of Glen St. Mary and Naomi Allen of NC; brothers Daniel and Eugene Propes of Jacksonville; sisters Sandra Propes of Jacksonville, Brenda and Dale Carmine of VA, Patty Propes of Jacksonville, Roben Allen of NC, and Barbara and William Reynolds of Wauchula, FL; grandchildren Victoria, Jennifer and Kevin Ketchum, Jr., Lindsay, Audrey and Alec Rhoden, Brooklyn Sheely and Madyson Ketchum; 23 nieces and nephews; special friend Marc Coleman of Bakersfield, CA.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.



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Garrett reunion

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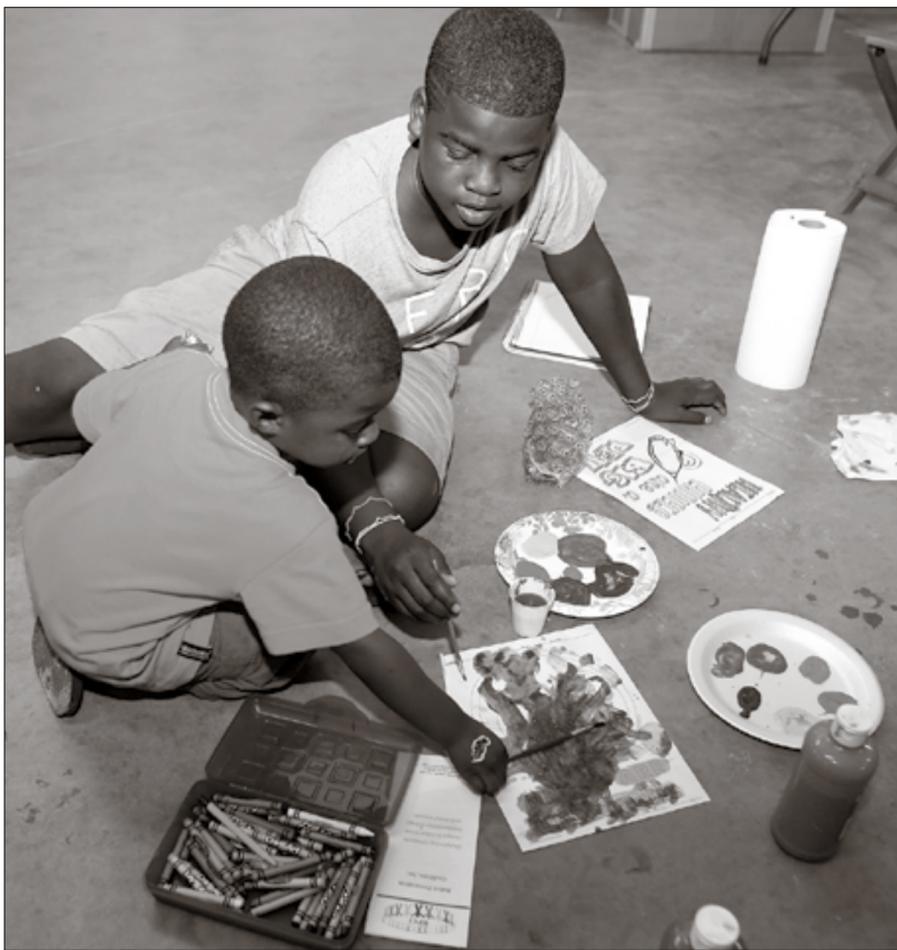
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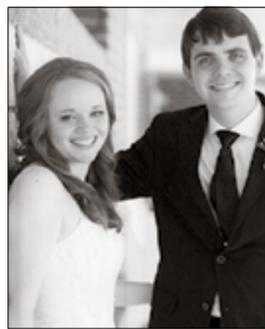
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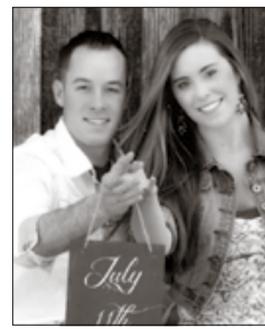
Wed on June 14

John and Karen Rambo of Macclenny and Dr. Todd and Lisa Hazelton of Lakeland, FL are elated to announce the wedding of their dear children Caroline Rambo and Andy Hazelton on Saturday, June 14, 2014.

The wedding during which all of the couple's ten siblings took part was held at the First Baptist Church of Macclenny, followed by a reception at the Ag Center.

Following a honeymoon in Puerto Rico, the couple will live in Tallahassee where they are both pursuing advanced degrees at Florida State University.

Andy seeks a doctorate in meteorology and Caroline a master's degree in Spanish.



Mr. Worley and Ms. Dale

July 11th vows

Shawn and Tammy Dudley of Glen St. Mary are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Kelsey Dale to Ron Charles Worley, the son of Ron and Carol Worley, also of Glen.

The ceremony will take place on July 11, 2014 at Fort George Island, FL. Mr. and Mrs. Worley will reside at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

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Ms. Paige

UCF graduate

André Tamara Paige of Lake City will graduate from the University of Central Florida in Orlando on August 2 with a bachelor's degree in business and a minor in psychology.

Ms. Paige is the daughter of Lanay M. Lewis of Lake City and the late Ardris D. Paige of Sanderson. She is a 2009 graduate of Columbia County High School.

Her grandparents include Barbara Paige of Sanderson, Larry White of Atlanta, Algenon and Margie White and Aaron and Verdine Lewis, all of Lake City.

'Drug-Free Summer Nights'

JOEL ADDINGTON
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A number of local organizations partnered to bring the first of two "Drug Free Summer Nights" events to the fair grounds last weekend.

Sponsored by the Baker Prevention Coalition, a nonprofit grouped focused on curbing drug and alcohol use among juveniles, and its affiliated Youth Coalition, which spearheaded planning for the family-friendly event to celebrate living a fun and drug-free lifestyle, the evening affair on June 20 featured limited human hamster ball races, games and promotional booths.

Storms forced participants in doors, the prevention coalition's Beckie Crews said it was great to see the community pull together for the event.

"Everyone still hung around and viewed the vendor booths and supported the Rotary Club and Camp S.T.Y.L.E. by purchasing snacks ... Of course, the downside to the whole thing was rain," she said by e-mail.

On the menu were funnel cakes from Rotary, lemonade, slushies, candy and pizza.

Children played inside with items from goodie bags prepared by the coalition, including balloons, stress balls, bouncing balls, pencils, erasers and note pads. Three adults, among the 97 attendees at the event, won \$25 gift cards and three youths won other prizes through raffles.

Ms. Crews credited the Youth Coalition and the high school's Anne Lewis for their "huge" role in promoting and



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 Morgan Tucker in the hamster ball.



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 Pam Gerald shows what smoking does to lungs.

pulling off the event.

"With students who possess strong minds like these individuals, Baker County is truly blessed and has a future to look forward to," she said.

Other event partners included the health department's anti-tobacco program, the Nassau County Alcohol Crime & Drug Abatement Coalition and the BCHS majorettes.

The next event is planned for July 11 at the fairgrounds from 7 to 10 p.m. Laser tag will be featured.



Photo by Joel Addington

CNAs line up for free lunch at MNR

Northeast Florida Community Hospice partnered with Grannie's Chicken, a Jacksonville-based food truck owned by James Altman, to supply free lunches to certified nursing assistants, or CNAs, at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab the afternoon of June 12. Community Hospice funded the lunches of fried chicken and battered fries as a way to show its appreciation for the work CNAs do in the region. Similar events were held in Jacksonville, Orange Park, St. Augustine and Fernandina Beach the same day. This is the second year of the event, which is timed to coincide with National Nurses Week.

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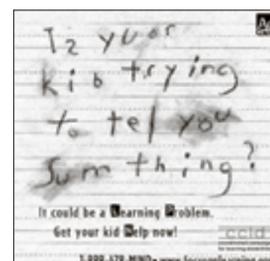
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The Wildcat football team played the first of three scheduled seven-on-seven drills when it hosted the Oakleaf Knights June 23, showcasing the progress players have made since the spring game at First Coast.

Both teams ran about 60 offensive plays during the practice with the first team playing the majority of the snaps while the backups and younger players were worked in.

The seven-on-seven drills give the team extra field time to learn the schemes against dif-

ferent looks. The Cats also got to see how much they've improved since the spring game, and head coach Tom MacPherson noticed a big difference.

"Obviously we were way better tonight than we were in the spring game," the head coach said after the practice concluded. "We're not anywhere near where we want to be yet but we definitely got better. My expectations for Baker County football are always going to be extremely high. I set those expectations for myself and what I think my coaching staff can do. We're never going to settle for anything less than what we think our kids are capable of, and we're getting better."

The coaching staff reshuffled the receiving corps since the spring game to make the unit as productive as possible and cut down on the number of two-way players. Incoming freshman Seth Paige, a relative of former Wildcat playmaker and current North Carolina Tar Heel Kendrick Singleton, has shown enough athleticism to play on the outside with Reggie Givens. With Givens and Page on the outside, Zach Rafuse moved into the slot, allowing Blayne Merchant to be a backup on offense so he can get a break while still starting on defense.

The new alignment paid off as the offense moved the ball consistently and clicked on a few big plays. Quarterback Jacob Carter completed a little less than half of his passes and connected with Givens for two touchdowns, including a beautiful deep pass that sailed just over the Oakleaf defenders. The senior quarterback would have had a higher completion percentage, but the wide receivers dropped about 10 passes. The coaches can live with the drops for now, coach MacPherson said, as long as the ball is being put in the right place by the quarterback.

Carter wasn't without his mistakes, though. He threw three interceptions and several of his passes were out of reach for his receivers. Coach MacPherson liked what he saw from his quarterback for most of the night, but he knows there is still room for improvement.

"I was happy with his reads for about 75 percent of the time tonight," coach MacPherson said. "A couple of his bad reads cost him. We have to learn



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Reggie Givens makes the catch.

sometimes to either take a sack or run with the ball or throw it out of bounds, so when he does make a bad read it's not a turnover."

Givens didn't only shine offensively, but he made an impact on defense, too. He intercepted two throws, one of which was a terrific diving effort. Givens also broke up five other Oakleaf pass attempts.

Even though Givens is the Cats' best free safety, the coaching staff is trying to prevent him from playing too many snaps because of his contributions on offense. Incoming freshman Curtis Harmon received some reps at free safety and showed flashes of potential with tight coverage on a few plays.

The Cats now have two more seven-on-seven practices to close out the week. They traveled to Bartram Trail June 24 and will host Clay June 26. Coach MacPherson said he hopes to see fewer mental mistakes that will give the other team big plays.

The chance to play different teams in seven-on-seven drills is a "huge" learning experience for both the players and the coaches, he said.

"You can never play enough football," coach MacPherson



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Sean Mulkey looks for running room.

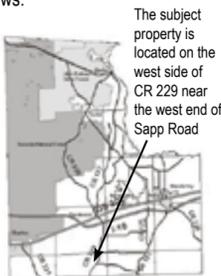
son said. "You can never see enough football. You can never get enough reps. We're playing programs that are established, so as far as we're concerned, we're a little bit behind the curve because we're a new coaching staff. Right now, it's still a learning experience for everybody."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinances, whose title herein-after appears, will be presented in a public hearing to the Baker County Land Planning Agency for review on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible. A second public hearing for a decision by the Baker County Board of County Commissioners will be on July 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM. Both public hearings will be held at the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. Copies of said ordinances may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioner's office address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinances which are titled as follows:

ORDINANCE 2014-

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.91-1, AS AMENDED, REGARDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WITH RESPECT TO ONE PARCEL OF LAND, BEING .25 ACRES IN SIZE, RELATING TO SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY HANCE BRINCE JONES; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE B TO COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING .25 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY HANCE BRINCE JONES FROM AG 7.5 TO COMMERCIAL GENERAL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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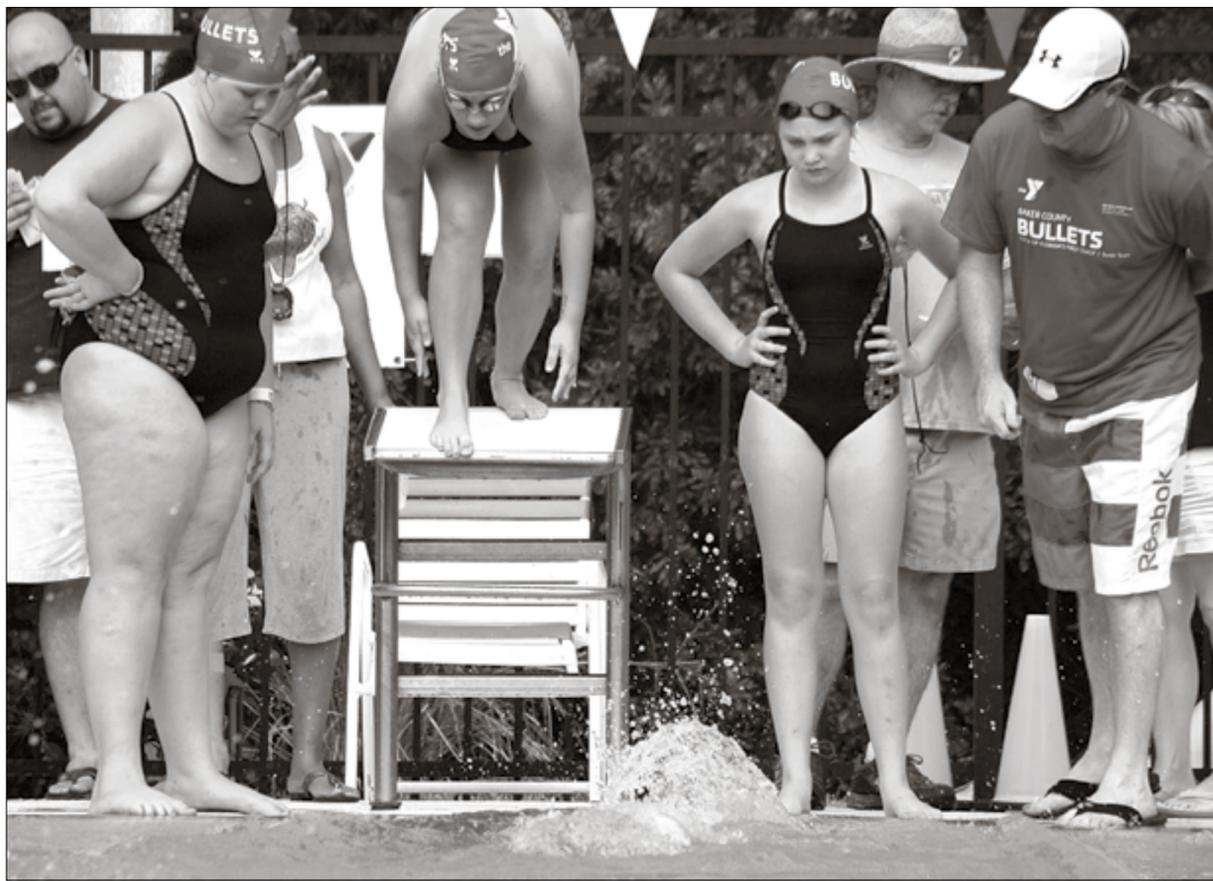
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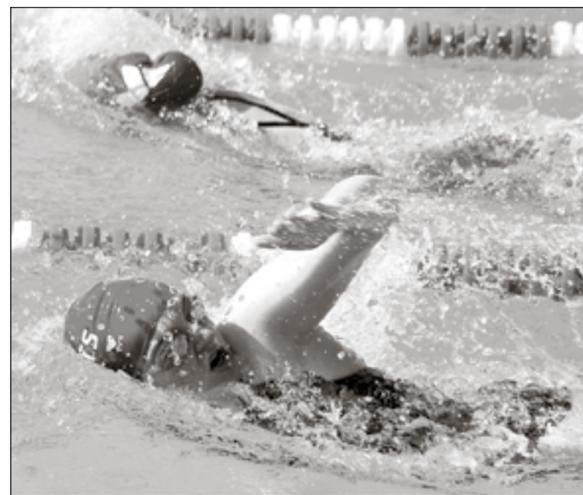
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Relay team (from left) Aspyn Elliot, Elizabeth Dillard, Lori Ann Bliss, Karlee Nelson (in the water) and coach Trevor Nelson.

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Karlee Nelson in the 50-meter freestyle.



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Maya Harrington dives into the pool.

Bullets finish second in inaugural

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The Baker Bullets hit the pool for their first meet of the season June 21 at the Barco-Newton YMCA in Fleming Island and came away with a second-place finish out of three teams.

Baker finished ahead of the Johnson YMCA team, which only brought two swimmers, but was outmatched by the more than 70 Clay Kingfish swimmers. Even though they were outnumbered by about 50 swimmers, the Bullets still put forth an impressive effort.

Jack Putney led the team with four first-place finishes in individual events.

Putney, William Nickles and Caleb Richardson swept the top three positions in the 7-8 boys' 25-yard freestyle. Kate Putney and Addie Bliss finished in second and third respectively in the same event for the 6-and-under girls. Alexander Citrullo posted a second-place time in the event for the boys' 6-and-under division.

Jack Putney also came in first in the 7-8 boys' 25-yard breaststroke with a time of 26.40. James Richardson finished about seven seconds behind him for third. Citrullo finished atop the event for the 6-and-under boys with a time of 1:12.82, while Kate Putney and Bliss once again finished

in second and third in the event for the 6-and-under girls.

Jack Putney rounded out his first-place finishes with a time of 2:04.66 for the 9-10 boys 100-yard individual medley (IM) and a time of 2:48.08 in the event in the 8-and-under division.

Seth Crawford's time of 34.90 helped him edge out teammate Landon Prevatt for the top spot in the boys' 11-12 50-yard freestyle. Prevatt rebounded and defeated Crawford by less than a second in the boys' 13-14 100-yard IM with a time of 1:36.77. The two took the top two spots in the 11-12 50-yard breaststroke when Prevatt claimed first place with a time of 49.73, beating out Crawford by less than two seconds.

Lori Ann Bliss and Aspyn Elliot finished in first and second, respectively, in the girls' 50-yard butterfly after Bliss posted a time of 38.28 seconds. Kyler Wilkerson came out on top of the same event for the 9-10 boys with a time of 57.99 seconds.

Bliss also finished atop the girls 13-14 50-yard freestyle with a time of 30.94 seconds, beating out third-place finisher Karlee Nelson by less than two seconds.

In the girls' 6-and-under 25-yard backstroke, Kate Putney came in first with a time of 29.23 seconds and Addie Bliss

finished in third. Citrullo came out on top of the boys' 6-and-under division in the same event with a time of 39.56 seconds. William Nickles also finished atop the event for the 7-8 boys with a time of 28.41 seconds.

Nelson and Lori Ann Bliss took second and third in the girls' 13-14 50-yard breaststroke. Brandon Wheeler came in third in the event in the boys' open division.

In the 50-yard backstroke, Crawford came in first for the 11-12 boys with a time of 47.05. Nelson came in second while Bliss finished third for the 13-14 girls. Wilkerson also took third place in the same event for the 9-10 boys.

Prevatt claimed the top spot in the 11-12 boys' 50-yard butterfly with a time of 44.79.

Nelson and Samantha Dillard both came in second in the 100-yard IM for the 13-14 and 11-12 girls, respectively. Hannah Johnston took third place in the event for the 9-10 girls.

Cheyenne Croft came in second in the 9-10 50-yard backstroke, while James Richardson finished in the same position in the 7-8 boys' 25-yard backstroke.

Presley Turner ended up in third place in girls' 7-8 25-yard breaststroke, and Wilkerson also posted a third-place finish in the 9-10 boys' 50-yard freestyle.

While the individual swimmers had a nice day, the relay teams also had some solid showings.

The boys' 8-and-under 100-yard freestyle relay team of Nickles, Collin Richmond, James Richardson and Jack Putney finished atop the event with a time of 1:59.05. The 8-and-under girls team of Kate Putney, Avery Wilkerson, Addie Bliss and Turner came in second in the event.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, both the 13-14 girls' team of Nelson, Dillard, Elliot and Bliss and the open boys' team of Prevatt, Kyler Wilkerson, Crawford and Brody Klingler came in second place. The 11-12 girls' team of Zoe and Maya Harrington, Alexis Liston and Dillard finished in third in the event.

The Bullets will take to the pool for their first home meet June 28 when they host McArthur and Williams in a tri-meet.

Yellow team clinches local tee-ball crown

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The Baker County Little League tee ball season capped off June 21 with a four-team all-star tournament at the Knabb Sports Complex, and the Yellow team won the championship in a close game over the Red team.

Three players from each regular season team were selected as all-stars and were then divided into four teams. Two qualifying games were played early in the day, and both the Red and Yellow teams edged out their competition by one run to advance to that night's championship game.

For some, it was the first time they came out on top this year.

"He was very excited," said Krista Gainey about her son John. "It was the first game he actually got to win all season. It was worth sitting out there for that."

The two teams who lost the early games met in a consolation game before the championship was decided.



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John Gainey takes a swing.



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Trenton Newmans at the plate.

The title game was a close back-and-forth contest with both squads reaching the five-run rule in almost every inning. The Yellow team held the Red squad to only two runs in the top of the first, which proved to be the difference maker as it gave the Yellow boys the chance to win in the bottom of the final inning. After the lead-off batter ran his way

to third, he was batted home to break the tie and give the kids the victory.

Gabe and Autumn White, whose son Kaden was on the championship team, thought the tournament was a great way to finish their son's tee ball experience.

"It's a good ending and a nice night," Mrs. White said. "It's a lot more competitive than some of the games during the season."

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Big Cat Academy sliding practice

Varsity baseball coach Fred Matricardi's Big Cat Academy Baseball camp came to a close June 19 as the kids dove on water-covered tarps for sliding practice. The kids splashed down on the makeshift slip-and-slide to work on their sliding technique, but it was also a nice way to cool off under the hot sun and end the four-day camp. The attendees dove head-first, feet-first and on their knees as coaches sprayed them with a water hose to make sure they got as much distance as possible. The final day of camp ended with the coaches handing out "retro" Wildcats baseball jerseys (at right) to the Camper of the Week in each group. Pictured above is Wesley Crockett.



LL all-stars have mixed runs

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The 2014 District 11 Little League all-star tournaments began June 21 and the three Baker County teams that played thus far have had mixed results.

The lone win of the tournament season so far belongs to the 9- and 10-year-old softball team, which blew by San Mateo 19-7 in the opening game in St. Augustine.

The girls couldn't keep the momentum rolling, however. They were shut out by the host team 11-0 two days later. The team will need to find a way to rebound to keep its tournament hopes alive when it plays Yulee on June 24. With a win, the girls will move on to play the loser of the game between Callahan and St. Augustine, but a loss would mean an early end to their tournament.

Both teams representing Baker County in the 9- and 10-year-old baseball tournament in Hilliard are on the brink of elimination after a pair of opening game losses. The Baker County first-team lost 18-6 to Navy Ortega League's second team, while

the second team fell to Mill Creek 21-1.

The first team was scheduled to play Callahan June 24, which lost 13-3 to San Mateo in the first game. If Baker County wins, they advance to play the Highland first team Wednesday. The second team will play Fernandina Beach's Elm St., who lost to St. Augustine 13-3, for the chance to take on Hilliard June 25.

While some teams could be close to finishing their tournaments, four others will begin June 28.

The only tournament Baker County is hosting is for 10- and 11-year-old baseball. The one-day pool-play tournament also features Yulee and Jacksonville Beach and the games are scheduled for 9 am, noon and 3 pm.

The remainder of the all-star baseball teams will have to travel throughout the area to play their games.

Baker County will play Callahan in the junior division tournament, the major division team will take on St. Augustine at the Navy Ortega league, and the senior baseball team will play San Mateo for the chance to compete against the hosting Arlington the following day.

Check next week's edition for full results.

Lady Cats 'grew' despite 1-3 showing at JU camp

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The Lady Wildcat basketball team traveled to JU to play four games during a camp June 21 and 22, and coach Chris Chisholm was happy with the way the girls grew together as a team despite only winning one game.

The girls split their two Saturday games as they lost 54-39 to Buchholz and rebounded to beat Mandarin 39-34 later in the day. Buchholz played a physical game, which led to sloppy play and careless turnovers for the Lady Cats.

The ladies stepped up their physicality in the late game and played tough defense, which coach Chisholm called the difference maker between the two games.

On Sunday, the Lady Cats dropped both of their games against a team from St. Petersburg and an AAU travel team from Bloomington, S.C. The coach said the girls worked hard and kept the game against Bloomington close, but his team's inexperience kept them from winning the game.

The JU camp gave the team an idea of what they need to work on and the motivation to keep practicing while they wait for the season.

"They beat me to practice today," coach Chisholm said the Monday after the camp. "They're working hard. We lost three seniors, so we need to come up with a couple more ball handlers."

The best part of the weekend for coach Chisholm didn't come on the court, though, but at the dinner table. After the camp Sunday the team had a meal at Golden Corral, which the coach called a bonding experience and said it brought the girls closer together as a team.



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Above is Jada Jackson and below Delicia Washington.



Four make All-First Coast

Holton picked for first squad

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Four Lady Cat softball players who were pivotal to the team's fourth straight district title and run to the Class 5A Regional Semifinals were named to *The Florida Times-Union's* All-First Coast team.

Seniors Kylie Holton, McKenzie Wingard and Branda Jarvis along with sophomore Delicia Washington were selected to the team based on their outstanding play during the season. Coach Franklin Griffis is proud that so many of his players were honored by the area.

"It's exciting for the program and for the girls to be recognized," he said. "To have that many from one team is a nice accomplishment. It was indicative of our season because we shared the wealth instead of hinging on one person."

Holton was the lone Lady Cat to be named to the first team, marking her second straight appearance. The slugger led the Cats in home runs (9), doubles (12), RBIs (47) and slugging percentage (.962).

Being selected to the All-First Coast first-team wasn't the College of Central Florida signee's only postseason accolade. Holton was also named the North team's MVP during the 25th annual Florida Athletic Coaches Association All-Star Softball Classic in May.

"It's good for her," coach Griffis said of the honors Holton has received. "It's nice to see that hard work pay off for her."

After being selected to the All-First Coast first-team for basketball earlier this year,

Washington was named to the second-team for softball. The dual-sport star had an incredible sophomore campaign as she led the squad in runs scored (40) and stolen bases (22), while she was second on the team in batting average (.462) and home runs (5).

Coach Griffis is excited for what the future has in store for the recent University of Florida commit.

"She's going to be able to contribute a lot over the next two years," he said. "She's such a great athlete that she'll be able to contribute to softball for two years."

Wingard was named to the third-team All-First Coast for her impressive effort on the mound. She pitched her way to an 18-4 record with a 2.08 ERA. Her 109 strikeouts on the season helped her throw six shutouts.

Rounding out the team is Jarvis, who was an honorable mention. The senior first baseman led the team in innings played (153.667) and tied for the team-high in triples (2). The dependable hitter was also second in doubles (8) and third on the squad with 20 RBIs.

Coach Griffis said even though it's never part of the team's goals, he's always happy to see players receive individual awards, especially for the seniors.

"We don't talk a lot about individual goals and stats, it's a lot of team talk," he said. "It's still nice to be recognized by area coaches and their contributions and ability to the team. I'm kind of sad I won't be able to see [the seniors] in that role anymore, but to see them get all the individual awards and accolades means a lot to me as a coach."



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Brewers win pee-wee championship

The Brewers won the Baker County Little League pee-wee championship with a 14-2 overall record after they won both halves of the season. The championship game was to be played between the winners of both halves of the season, but it wasn't played since the Brewers finished on top of both. The boys breezed by most of their competition as they outscored their opponents 156-84 during the season. In the above photo are (front from left) Dalton Johnson, Colby Cooper, Nathan Crawford, Jayden Larry, Landen Lauramore, Adam Starling, Joe Levister, (middle from left) Jace Rhoden, Aden Starling, Austin Davis, Cedrick Larry, Caden Conner, Braxton Burnsed, Carson Boyles, (back from left) coaches Bobby Crawford, Shane Rhoden and Shane Conner.

Attended UF camp last week

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Coach Charles Ruise's Wildcat basketball team was one of close to 100 teams that competed at a camp at the University of Florida June 20 to 22 and the coach was pleased with the development of his players.

The Cats played against some of the toughest teams in the state, including Bartow, Haines City and Colonial high schools. The stiff competition forced the players to step up their game earlier in the summer than they're used to because the camp was held a week earlier than normal. Playing against the tough competition will only make the team better in the long run, the coach said.

The camp gave the Cats a chance to develop their younger players while keeping their veteran players in game shape. Returning players Darius Fisher, Michael Evans and Antwan Major showed their leadership skills during the camp while incoming players gave the coach hope for the future.

"We saw a lot of the new ones taking on the role of lead guys and younger guys stepping up," coach Ruise said. "We collectively stepped up and did a good job. I was very impressed by their output."

The Cats will attend another camp at the University of North Florida beginning on June 26. "We're working hard and making strides this summer so when the season rolls around we'll put ourselves in an opportunity to win a district championship and bring it home to Baker County," coach Ruise said.

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Blown lead means uphill battle for US team

Had you have asked me going into the USA/Portugal match at the World Cup if I'd have been happy with the USA finishing with a 2-2 tie with the #4 ranked team in the world, I would have jumped up and down.

Sure enough at the end of the game I was jumping up and down, but in frustration. The USA had come from behind to lead 2-1 with 20 seconds left in the game when midfielder Michael Bradley gave up the ball and the best player in the world, Cristiano Ronaldo, sent in a beautiful cross that was headed in for the tying goal.

The USA needs a win or a tie against Germany on Thursday to go into the next round.

When the World Cup in Brazil began, no one gave the USA a chance of moving on, not with Germany and Portugal in its group and a very feisty Ghana. But the US beat the Ghanaians and tied the Portuguese. A win against Portugal would

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have sent them through, but now they have it all to do against the Germans. Start to finish it has been an exciting cup. The USA's nemesis in this hemisphere, Costa Rica, has shocked everyone and two of the world's top teams, Spain and England, have gone home without winning a game. Love it.

If you haven't been to see the Jacksonville Suns this season, this is absolutely the best time to go to the Baseball

Grounds. The Suns are currently just a half-game off first place with the first half of the season coming to a close.

This coming week they will be facing the Chattanooga

Lookout in a five-game home stand. The Lookout are a game off the pace in the North Division of the Southern League so both teams are playing good ball.

The Suns are the double AA franchise of the Miami Marlins and have one of the Marlins' top prospects, Jose Urena, heading up a very good pitching staff.



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Red squad nabs pee wee all-star title

The Red Team won the Baker County Little League Pee-Wee All-Star championship June 13 with a 12-11 victory in the title game. The "Big Reds," as the boys called themselves, won all three of their games en route to a combined score of 46-29. In the above photograph are (front from left) Adam Starling, Colby Cooper, Hayden Hunt, Landen Jacobs, Reece Taylor, (middle from left) Jace Rhoden, Caden Conner, Aden Starling, Tyler Cline, Austin Davis, Nathan Crawford, (back from left) coaches Shane Conner, Shane Rhoden and Bobby Crawford.

Looking Back

Archived snippets from 75 & 25 years ago from THE BAKER COUNTY PRESS

The Press introduces a feature looking back at what Baker Countians were reading 75 and 25 years ago this month. The snippets are pulled from our archives:

June, 1939-75 years ago

- The big news in the June 2 edition was the arrest of a man named Carl Andrews for the murder of friend Paul Raulerson, whose bullet-ridden body was found in a burning car south of Fort White, FL in Gilchrist County. The newspaper quotes Mr. Andrews as telling Deputy W. W. Burnsed, "Bill, it looks like I got into something that I won't get out of in a long time."
- June 15 is the date that the City of Macclenny will begin impounding stray cows and pigs that are roaming the streets. Violators will have to pay a penalty to get their livestock back.
- The Aid to the Blind program assisted 12 blind and near-blind Baker County residents in June. Total outlay \$154.
- The Press advertised annual subscriptions. Price one dollar. Single copy price 5 cents.
- A crowd of about 150 turned out in Macclenny to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the founding of the Lions Club. The event was held in the dining hall of the Hotel Annie downtown, followed by a dance at the clubhouse.

June, 1989-25 years ago

- The Board of Public Instruction decided to reduce the salaries of both teachers and bus drivers for the coming year due to a shortage of funds brought on by "poor tax collections" the past two school terms.
- The Macclenny Cash Store (phone number 4) advertised white bacon at 12 cents a pound and ten pounds of grits for 23 cents. Three bars of Lux soap went for 20 cents.
- The Macclenny and Sanderson chapters of the Future Farmers returned from the state convention in Gainesville, having won first place in judging sheep and second in judging beef cattle.
- A funeral date was set for J.J. Combs Sr., 73, of Glen St. Mary. He represented Baker County in the 1913 session of the Florida Legislature and was a former member of the Board of Public Instruction. Mr. Combs was also a founder of the Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church.
- The 21-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sweat of Jacksonville died when he was run over by a car containing his father and uncle, who were leaving on a fishing trip. The boy's parents were natives of Baker County.
- The comedy-drama entitled "They Made Me a Criminal" was showing for an extended three nights at the Baker Theatre. The newspaper assured readers it will "amuse all who see it."
- The Baker County Commission paid these amounts from the funds indicated: \$2937 from the general fund; \$163 from fine and forfeiture and \$11,956 from the road and bridge fund.
- The U.S. Forest Service gave belated approval for a natural gas pipeline to cross 23 miles of the Osceola National Forest going west to east through Baker County.
- The Glen St. Mary Supermarket advertised three pounds of ground chuck for \$6.27; pork chops at \$1.39 a pound, ten pounds of ground beef at \$13.90 and chicken leg quarters at \$4.90 for ten pounds.
- The Baker County Commission set a workshop to further discuss hiring a county manager.
- The school district was criticized for failure to pay an architect for the design phase on the new Baker County High School during fiscal year 1986-87 when the service was rendered. He was not paid until the \$17 million grant that paid for the new school in Glen St. Mary was approved. His fee: \$712,000.
- The Navy was looking at an undisclosed land mass in Baker County for a "touch-go" carrier landing strip for training pilots, replacing the one near Whitehouse that has come under fire due to jet engine noise. The project never got off the ground.
- Ken Reagh Chevrolet in Macclenny advertised new custom vans for \$19,945, Camaros for \$11,738 and S-10 picks for \$7448.
- The football coaching staff at Baker County High School realized the practice field at the new campus in Glen would not be ready in time for the fall, so it planned to remain at the old field near the present-day middle school.
- The Pinctop fire tower west of Glen St. Mary was deemed the second driest reporting station in the 13-county area that comprises the Suwannee Valley Water Management District. It recorded just under 22 inches of rain from April, 1988 to May, 1989.

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