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Wildcat baseball continues on a roll this summer

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Water has carved out below deck at Y pool

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First Coast YMCA is working to fix the cracked deck and erosion underneath it at the Baker Family YMCA pool on West Lowder Street in Macclenny, calling in engineers, contractors and the pool's original builder to evaluate the situation.

The problem was first noted on June 11, said First Coast's vice president of marketing and communications Michelle Moore. She said that's when contractors were contacted, but they weren't able to get to the site until this week.

The City of Macclenny notified the Y's part-time staffer at the pool early last week about flowing water undermining a portion of the south side of deck, which is where the fracture is located, said City Manager Phil Rhoden. The city taped off the cracked portion of the deck to keep pool goers away from the damage.

Mr. Rhoden said employees noticed the problem when leaving the city's wastewater treatment plant nearby. He said he believes the water may be coming from a damaged backwash line from the pool.

Ms. Moore, however, said the pool's builder, Parry Pools, examined the property on Tuesday, July 1, and reported the water was likely rain that drained through the crack. She said a swim meet scheduled at the pool last weekend was moved to an alternate Y pool in Fernandina Beach because of concerns about having a large group of people on the deck.

The pool has not been closed as yet.

"The pool is safe to swim in," said Ms. Moore.

The city's building inspector Claude Bagwell evaluated the area too, and told Mr. Rhoden initially there was no threat to life and safety, but that another inspection on July 1 was to confirm that assertion.

"The erosion goes significantly in there but Claude didn't feel like the pool was compromised," said Mr. Rhoden. He added late Tuesday that the extent of the damage was greater than initially

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Arrest for violet wood club beatings

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Six arrested, six still at large Undercover drug buys

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The sheriff's office rounded up six male suspects on felony warrants on June 25, most stemming from undercover drug buys during May.

Six additional suspects, including two females, are being sought, however. They are Jamie Dannette Sigers, Reginald Keith, Michael Corey Dollison, Tammy Wynell Crews, Rashaad Stephon Church and Ashton Lamonte Amerson. Most of them have previous felony convictions for drug and property crimes.

Among those captured last week are four suspects allegedly selling either crack cocaine or methamphetamine to confidential informants working with police.

Investigators Matt Yarborough and Mike Hauge conducted the stings, sending the informants to the buys with audio and video recording equipment as well as an audio transmitter, which allows them to listen to the buys from afar.

Those arrested last week in Macclenny and Sanderson as a result of the buys are 25-year-old Raymond Lee James, who goes by the alias "Lil Ray," Maxie Lee Wilcox, 30, Chester Ray Hadley Jr., 26, who uses the alias "Zec," and Bobbie Ozell Blue Jr., 24, also known as "Lil Bobbie," sheriff's records show.

Another suspect in the undercover investigation, Danielle Cory Ruise, was booked at county jail on June 27 on sale and possession of cocaine within 1000 feet of a church.

Mr. Blue of Sanderson is accused of selling \$40 worth of crack cocaine at 9765 CR 127, not far from his home address and within 1000 feet of Jonesville Park, the afternoon of May 9, Investigator Hauge said.

Mr. Hadley allegedly sold \$40 worth of crack cocaine the evening of May 27 in the area of Sanderson Circle and CR 127, and within 1000 feet of Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church.

Mr. Wilcox is accused of selling \$20 worth of the same drug at the corner of Martin Luther King Drive and Minnesota Avenue the evening of May 9. The location is less than 100 feet from Keller Inter-

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OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP



Bobby Blue Jr.



Chester Hadley Jr.



Danielle Ruise



Gordan Taylor



Raymond James



Maxie Wilcox Jr.



Kenneth Gainey



James Rhoden Jr.

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ARRESTED

Seven arrested in drug sweep
Three arrested on unrelated warrants



Robert Porterfield



Thomas Suggs Jr.

7
WANTED

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Public salaries: who's making what?

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Earlier this year when Clerk of Courts Al Fraser announced his retirement midway through his fifth term, many expressed surprise at the nearly \$100,000 annual salary the job pays.

No doubt it was a major drawing card luring the seven candidates now in the race to replace him in November.

The salaries of constitutional officers have been steadily creeping upward since the state took over the job of setting them decades ago, using a complex formula that takes into consideration a county's population among other things.

The system was put in place ostensibly to "standardize" elected officials' salaries across Florida's 67 counties, but it also took them off the hook politically since they can rightly claim they have no control over their pay levels.

It's also a convenient "foot in the door" for state "associations" of elected officials whose main job is lobbying the Florida Legislature. And making sure salaries stay on the high end is

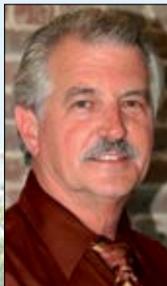
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Sheriff Joey Dobson

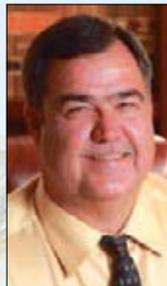
\$108,137*

* Mr. Dobson is a "double dipper" and collects also about \$81,660 in retirement annually



Clerk of Courts Al Fraser

\$99,222



Property Appraiser Tim Sweat

\$99,222



Tax Collector Gene Harvey

\$99,222



School Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson

\$99,222



Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford

\$81,718

County Commissioners
\$30,866

School Board members
\$26,262

TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY
Mayor Juanice Padgett
\$14,640
Town Councilmen
\$2280

BAKER COUNTY (Supervisory positions)

County Manager C.J. Thompson	\$70,000
Planning Director Ed Preston	\$69,000
IT Director Nick Frilling	\$57,044
Road Superintendent Robert Fletcher	\$56,246
EMS Director David Richardson	\$54,000
Building Official Bobby Griffin	\$48,926
Finance Director Debbie Perryman	\$45,803
Human Resource Director Cathy Williams	\$44,310
Fire Chief Steven Marfongella	\$43,000
Recreation Director Donald Combs	\$35,458
Maintenance Supervisor Brian Higginbotham	\$35,000
Library Director April Teel	\$32,125
Animal Control Director Georgia Monfort	\$30,115
Extension Director Mike Davis (county's share)	\$28,800
Veteran Service Officer Tony Esterling	\$24,960

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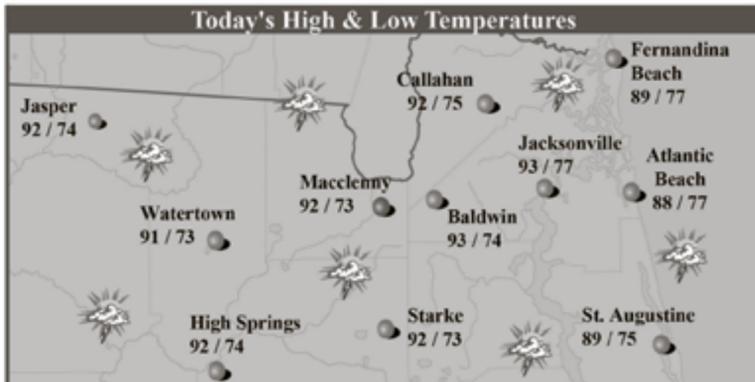
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The Baker County Press Weather

July 3, 2014

Seven Day Forecast	
	Thursday Scat'd T-storms High: 92 Low: 73
	Friday Scat'd T-storms High: 91 Low: 73
	Saturday Isolated T-storms High: 92 Low: 74
	Sunday Isolated T-storms High: 92 Low: 73
	Monday Isolated T-storms High: 93 Low: 71
	Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 93 Low: 69
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 92 Low: 70



Sun/Moon Chart This Week				
Day	Sunrise	Sunset		
Thursday	6:31 a.m.	8:34 p.m.		First 7/5
Friday	6:31 a.m.	8:34 p.m.		Last 7/18
Saturday	6:32 a.m.	8:34 p.m.		
Sunday	6:32 a.m.	8:33 p.m.		
Monday	6:33 a.m.	8:33 p.m.		
Tuesday	6:33 a.m.	8:33 p.m.		
Wednesday	6:34 a.m.	8:33 p.m.		New 7/26

Last Week's Local Almanac				
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Mon, 6/23	88	68	92/71	0.09"
Tue, 6/24	90	68	92/71	0.00"
Wed, 6/25	93	68	92/71	0.00"
Thu, 6/26	93	72	92/71	0.00"
Fri, 6/27	93	72	92/71	0.00"
Sat, 6/28	93	72	92/71	0.00"
Sun, 6/29	90	72	92/71	0.00"

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

St. Mary's River Levels			Hunting/Fishing Times		
	Now	Change	Peak Times		
Moniac, GA	6.60 ft.	-0.29 ft.	Day	AM	PM
Macclenny	4.57 ft.	-0.33 ft.	Thu	5:00-7:00	4:30-6:30
			Fri	5:44-7:44	5:14-7:14
			Sat	6:29-8:29	5:59-7:59
			Sun	7:16-9:16	6:46-8:46
			Mon	8:07-10:07	7:37-9:37
			Tue	9:01-11:01	8:31-10:31
			Wed	9:59-11:59	9:29-11:29

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July 3, 1987 - Lightning struck and killed three men playing golf on a course near Kingsport, Tenn. The three men had sought shelter from the rain under a tall tree on a small hill. Showers and thunderstorms produced heavy rain in New Jersey, including 5.2 inches at Trenton State College.

CITY OF MACCLENNY	
Mayor Gary Dopson	\$4200
City Commissioners	\$3600
City Manager Phil Rhoden	\$69,608
Fire Chief Buddy Dugger	\$58,822
Building and Zoning Director Mike Walker	\$35,067
Sewer Plant Operator	\$56,306 (plus overtime)
Assistant City Manager Roger Yarborough	\$52,000
Public Works Supervisor David Mette	\$49,920



Public salaries: Who's making what?

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one of their main responsibilities. All of Baker County's elected officials received generous 3.6 percent raises as of October 1, a start date that went largely unnoticed by the general public. The new rates constituted the largest increase in recent years, when salaries were kept static as the economy worsened.

County commissioners last week said they favored three percent raises in the new budget for all employees, the first since 2009, when it takes effect in October, one year after elected officials got theirs. It's unclear how much, if any, of the constitutional officers' pay will go up next year.

So, what is everyone making now?

This week *The Press* gathered up from public entities the current base salaries (not including benefits like health insurance and retirement) of elected officials and supervisory personnel. Have a look:

BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (Administrative positions)			
Associate Superintendent Robin Mobley	\$60,275	Principal, BCHS Tom Hill	\$79,056
Executive Director for Teaching & Learning David Davis	\$86,455	Vice Principal, BCHS Carrie Dopson	\$76,556
Executive Director for Support Services Marcelle Richardson	\$95,630	Asst Principal, BCHS John Staples	\$89,130
Director of Nutrition Services Cathy Golon	\$93,630	Asst Principal, BCHS Tonya Tarte	\$89,130
Director of Maintenance Denny Wells	\$61,071	Principal BCMS Sherry Barrett	\$80,739
Director of Auxiliary Services David Crawford	\$86,455	Vice Principal, BCMS Allen Murphy	\$79,597
Director of Transportation Johnnie Jacobs	\$76,406	Asst Principal, BCMS Gary Pelham	\$89,130
Director of ESE Nancy Crews	\$81,739	Principal KIS Jamie Johnson	\$66,277
Director of Adult and Vocational Ed Ann Watts	\$69,782	Asst Principal, KIS Denise Mann	\$82,345
Director of Special Programs Susan Voorhees	\$81,739	Principal, WES Lynne Fort	\$92,630
		Asst Principal, WES Kelly Horne	\$66,507
		Principal, MES Debbie Fraser	\$82,097
		Asst Principal, MES Doug Register	\$89,130
		Principal, Pre-K K Bonnie Jones	\$74,081

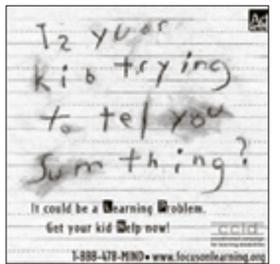
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That mission trip that was especially challenging, traveling sports teams, the tales of good deeds that should not go unnoticed, we want to know all about them.

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Erosion under YMCA pool deck

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thought, and the city will be monitoring an expansion of the area cordoned off by First Coast to ensure the area remains safe for visitors to the pool.

He said First Coast has agreed to enlarge the blocked area immediately with barricades to encompass the entire southern portion of the deck.

"If they can't make it safe to our satisfaction, we'll have to close the pool," the manager said.

Still, the pool is owned by First Coast YMCA, and fixing it falls to the Jacksonville-based nonprofit.

An e-mail from First Coast's vice president of asset management, Kathy Womack, to Mr. Rhoden on June 26 shows First Coast is addressing the dam-

age. "We have a new pool engineer that has just started with Y and he has a scheduled visit to the site ... and also a site contractor, Fickling Contracting, will be on site tomorrow. In addition we have asked the original pool contractor, Parry Pools, to complete an evaluation of the deck and the pool ... We will follow up with you and Mr. Yarborough (assistant city manager) on Monday after our reports," she wrote.

Ms. Moore said engineers and contractors didn't make it here until Tuesday.

She said a new retaining wall will likely be needed to fix the erosion and new decking to fix the crack.

"It's going to be a major undertaking," said Mr. Rhoden.

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-Louis D. Brandeis

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Paula

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Eliminating the deficit

Apply heat to individual departments

IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

We're back on familiar territory.

Our Mike Anderson reported last week that the Baker County Commission finds itself again in the position of having insufficient anticipated revenues to balance next year's budget — that's called a "deficit" for you members of Congress.

County Manager C.J. Thompson estimated initially the shortfall at about \$2.5 million if the projected budget holds at \$27.35 million, then quickly scaled that back to \$2 million because health insurance premiums could hold at current levels if the claim level stays static, and the county plays nice with United Healthcare and agrees not to seek bids from other carriers.

Whoosh! A half-million disappears, but there's still \$2 million shortfall in this, the preliminary budget process. As those who follow the process are aware, budget incomes and outgoes tend to fluctuate before the cake finally comes out of the oven in September.

The plan to further narrow

the deficit gap may include requiring employees to fork over a greater portion of health insurance premiums for family coverage, a move that will likely result in howls of protest because it comes out of "take home." Those affected may want to look at it another way — join the chorus — because that's what a lot of us have already had to do.

Eyes will be on the county board, though, as it calls in constitutional officers to query as to why they have all sought more funds in the coming year.

Commissioners should ask each officer, first, for current figures on how much they have spent category-by-category so far in the 2013-14 fiscal year. They should take a hard look also at contingency money built into the current year budget. That's an important figure, and anything above what is held in reserve for "carry-over" until next year's revenues start to pour in should be scrutinized closely.

If requests for more staff are part of new budget requests, officers need to justify the reasons in great detail. If year-to-date spending hints at over-budgeting last summer, that should be questioned as well. All expenses not directly related to the day-to-day oper-

ation of a public office, things like travel, should come under the microscope.

All this might lead to constitutional officers and department heads accusing the commission of micromanaging their offices, but board members should make it clear early in the process that spending must be in line with actual needs and budget padding not allowed.

The goal? Avoid dipping into the county's surplus funds yet another year. Kicking the can down the road, if you will.

Can such line-item scrutiny erase what is now a \$2 million deficit? Maybe not, but it would be refreshing to see the board resolve that it be the goal this year, and the next and the next.

As the county manager hinted last week, the balancing act this year may not be that dire and anticipated revenues from state and other sources could be greater. Perhaps, and if individual budgets are pared down from present requests and more money does come in, it will mean one of two favorable outcomes.

Come into balance without raiding the kitty, or better yet, balance without the benefit of extra largess from higher up and actually add to the funds held in reserve.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Baker Youth Coalition, we would like to thank everyone who attended our first Summer Nights event on June 20. Our goal is to provide families with fun, drug-free events during the summer months. With close to one hundred people attending, in spite of the severe weather, we feel our "Human Hamster" races were a great success.

Special thanks to our volunteers who helped with setting up, running the event and the final clean-up of everything. Your assistance and support were greatly appreciated.

We invite everyone to attend our next event on July 11 at the county fairgrounds from 7-10 pm. Our main attraction will be Laser Tag, along with the return of the Hamster Races, bounce houses, recreational games and lots of incentives. Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded.

Vivica Gaskins
Kasyn Givens
Youth Coalition members

High school project fell short of 'rocket science'

Okay, here's the picture.

I'm staring out of a poster with a steely gaze and scraggly beard wearing fatigues and crossed bandoleers and below the picture in flaming letters is the phrase *Viva la Revolution*.

Okay, I admit it's pretty ridiculous and only mildly relevant to the story I'm going to tell you, but there was a time when I was in high school that could have gotten me in serious trouble in today's political climate.

It was actually completely innocent and not even my fault.

Most of the ridiculous things that I did weren't my fault. They were the fault of my best friend Tom Hagood.

I was a cautious teenager, clearly seeing the obstacles that lay in my path. Tom saw no obstacles at all to any of his hair-brained schemes. And he had a lot of hair-brained schemes.

Ironically, I had lunch with Tom a few months ago when

my daughter Sara Beth was in Atlanta at the Shepherd Center. Tom is a Methodist minister at a church in Decatur.

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

I mentioned this incident to him when we were reminiscing and his response was a shake of his head and the comment, "What were we thinking?"

We weren't.

So here it is. Tom decided to make a rocket that we would launch at Science Club.

It was just after New Years and we bought up all the left-over sparklers in Lake City at a bargain price. In the end we had about 500 sparklers.

Every night we sat in his room scraping the gray stuff off the sparkler wires into a metal pot. Five-hundred sparklers made a pretty decent sized pile of powder. To give it consistency Tom added a bottle of airplane dope, the stuff used to size the canvas that was stretched over the wings of big balsa wood model airplanes. Soon our propellant

was the consistency of oatmeal.

We packed the stuff into a tennis ball can we had painted red, white and blue. We fashioned a nose cone and fins out of plastic and "Voila" our first rocket.

The next day we took it to school and at lunch we dug a hole outside the back door of the science classroom and set it up for launch at the Science Club meeting after school.

This was in the days before caller ID. At least twice a week the school got bomb threats that would send us all to the track while the Lake City Police Department searched the property.

You see where this is going? Sixth period we had our second bomb scare of the week and probably our fifth of the month. We trudged out to the track and sat around while the administration and faculty and the LCPD searched the school.

Strangely enough, today was a little different. LCPD officers in flak jackets with shotguns all of a sudden showed up on the roof of Columbia

High School and an officer with a dog patrolled the halls. This looked serious.

About an hour later we were cleared to go back to class. Not long after that, Tom was escorted to the office. Neither of us made any connection to the rocket outside of the science classroom until Tom started to be grilled about it by the principal and police chief.

What saved us was the fact that Tom had mentioned the rocket to the science teacher and the fact that no one could imagine us doing anything the least bit malicious. Tom was president of student council and I was completely harmless. We both had spotless discipline records. Tom got a tongue-lashing and a warning not to bring anything flammable to school.

I was a nervous wreck when I heard about it. Tom was mad that Science Club had been canceled. That was the difference in our personalities.

Nowadays, in this political context we would have probably been arrested and expelled for having an explosive device and hauled off by Homeland

Security instead of the principal shaking his head and calling us goofballs. Which, of course we were.

That night we "launched" the rocket in Tom's back yard.

The success of our rocket is probably testament to why we are a teacher and minister instead of rocket scientists.

Our "rocket" never got off the ground. It did, however, make a "rocket's red glare" that was beautiful to see. That is, until it caught Tom's back yard on fire and we had to beat it out with brooms.

Okay, so that poster I mentioned isn't really appropriate. More appropriate would be my face with the flowing white hair and crazy eyes of Dr. Emmett Brown from *Back to the Future* holding a Mr. Fusion Personal Home Nuclear Reactor made from a Mr. Coffee machine and saying something about the "Flux Capacitor" and 1.21 Jigowatts of power.

Happy Independence Day and when you light a sparkler think of me.

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Tropical Storm Arthur a big deal?

Meteorologist Scott Cordero of the National Weather Service in Jacksonville reported Tuesday that winds are expected at 10 to 20 mph for inland counties in the region and Baker County is forecast to get .84 inches through the weekend, about half of which is expected on Thursday. Are you taking any precautions or making any preparations yet? What are they?

Adam MainMan Carey: Are you kidding me?

Melinda Crews Sorkness: two more squirts of hair spray.

Christopher Aptomollo: Just another Thursday.

Taylor Wild Man: Looks like I finally get a decent shower cuz it been dry out here.

LaTanya Jones: Do we need to take precautions other than flashlights 'cause here in Sander-son any kind of wind will cause lights to go out.

Louise Curtiss Smith: I thought we named hurricanes not tropical storms.

Curtis Tharpe: .84 inches of rain? LOL, I don't think I will be fretting.

BCSO drug sweep

Seven more suspects were sought in Baker County Sheriff's Office drug sweep last Wednesday. Readers reactions:

Theresa Rhoden: Lock 'em

up and throw away the key.

Track-life Youngin: FREE DEM BOIS!

Susie Davis Harvey: Praying they get their heart right with the Lord and kick this nasty habit that was brought on by Satan!

Callie Crosby: They love going to jail so the taxpayers can pay for them.

Crystal Sisk: Trash, pure trash. I am sick of my tax dollars paying for people like this. I say the whole time they are locked up they should do labor to pay their way. I have to bust my behind to pay taxes for them to continue to be thugs.

Cheryl Marcus Nipper: I'm beginning to believe we should use all our tax dollars and buy a tractor trailer slam full of the stuff and tell them all to go at it. It's the same ones so they obviously can't be rehabilitated. Just sayin'!

Shauna Scott Jones: I'm gonna guess meth was the drug

of choice after looking at their mug shots

Floyd Lee Crews: Addiction is a powerful disease. They all need help. But there is nothing you can do for them unless they want to be helped. A few of these used to be good people.

Carol Dinger: Where were all these creepy dudes hiding out? Never noticed any of them. Good riddance, scam bags.

Kryppie King Day: Need to be setting my homeboys free. This some bull.

Favorite beaches?

David Knight: I miss the beaches of the great St. Marys River!

Tammy Harvey Brownlee: Crescent Beach.

Shauna Scott Jones: Mickler's Landing. Lots of shark teeth for us to find.

BCSO's Operation Clean Sweep..

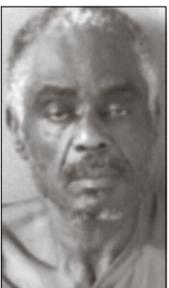
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mediate School and known for drug activity.
Mr. James is suspected of selling sixth-tenths of a gram of meth for \$30 from his Brent Lane address in Macclenny back in August of 2013, according to Investigator Yarborough.
He said in his report that the informant drove Mr. James to the intersection of Woodlawn Park Place and Woodlawn Road where the suspect left the vehicle to buy the drugs nearby. He allegedly called the suspect later to meet him back at his residence where the transaction would take place.
The investigator said the recording equipment stopped working, however, when Mr. James exited the informant's vehicle on Woodlawn.
Two of the suspects arrested in what the sheriff's office dubbed "Operation Clean Sweep," were not the result of undercover buys.



Ashton Amerson



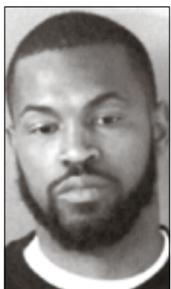
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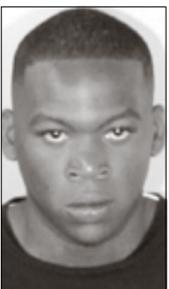
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It was a "selfie" posted to Facebook that led investigators to Mr. Gainey's doorstep on CR 250.
Police found photos of the suspect and Phillip Arnold Bennett III posing with guns and cash. Mr. Bennett was recently apprehended in Maryland and extradited back to Baker County on weapons and trespassing charges.
The photos were posted to

the Mr. Bennett's Facebook page on May 18, Investigator Hauge's report indicates.
The officer knew Mr. Bennett was a convicted felon and thus is not permitted to possess firearms. When he and other deputies conducted a "knock and talk" at Mr. Gainey's home on May 22, Mr. Gainey consented to a search of the residence that uncovered two rifles, marijuana and bags with

meth residue, the investigator said.
He noted Mr. Gainey agreed in May to cooperate in future narcotics investigations, but never did so. That led to a warrant for his arrest this month on the drug and weapons offenses. Mr. Gainey is a felon as well.
Mr. Taylor, meanwhile, was driving on CR 250 in Taylor on May 21 when investigators

in an unmarked vehicle approached his Ford F150 from behind and found the tag expired last year.
After a traffic stop and search of the vehicle, they found about 22 grams of marijuana and three hydrocodone pills inside. The investigators released Mr. Taylor from the scene on the premise he would assist them in the future in exchange for not being prosecuted. When that didn't happen, a warrant was sought for his arrest on the drug possession charges.
Three more suspects not involved in the drug investigations but with outstanding warrants were also taken into custody last week.
• Felon Robert Stephen Porterfield Jr., 36, of Glen St. Mary was arrested in a trailer park

off Woodlawn Road on weapons possession and dealing in stolen property charges. He's one of two suspects who were sought for allegedly stealing two handguns from Charles Pipkins' residence on South Lincoln Avenue in Glen St. Mary between mid-March and mid-May while he was in the hospital and selling them to Peter Kemp, also of Glen.
The other suspect, Darryl Manning, also a convicted felon, was arrested on the same charges the same day, April 14, the guns were reported stolen, court records show. Last month the state attorney's office dropped all the charges against him. A grand theft count against Mr. Porterfield was also dropped. He faces two counts of firearms possession and two counts of dealing in stolen property.
• James Allen Rhoden Jr., 24, of Glen St. Mary was arrested at his home on Charney Rhoden Road for forgery

and dealing in stolen property. He's accused of scrapping appliances reported stolen back in January from two trailers on Sunshine Lane.
• Thomas Marvin Suggs Jr., 40, of Macclenny was taken into custody at his home on Birdpond Road for violation of probation. He reportedly failed a drug test and to report to his probation officer. The probation stemmed from a burglary case on Benny Jo Bennett Road in Sanderson in May, 2013.



Driver of semi that killed man was local

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Mason Lewis Bryant of Macclenny was at the wheel of a semi tractor-trailer when it hit and killed a St. Augustine tow truck driver on the side of Interstate 95 in the early morning of June 28.
The Florida Highway Patrol is awaiting the results of a toxicology screen to determine if Mr. Bryant, 25, or the victim, Kit Irwin Tappen, 41, was drinking prior to the 3:15 a.m. collision near mile marker 323.
Charges pend the outcome of those tests, FHP reported, but none have been filed as yet.
Mr. Tappen was helping a motorist on the side of the road when Mr. Bryant drove past and struck the man with the rear wheels of the truck's trailer, FHP said. The disabled 2006 Pontiac was smashed as well.
The car's driver was not identified by FHP.
Mr. Bryant has a spotty driving history, court records show.
Back in the spring of 2007 he pleaded guilty to failing to report damage to unattended vehicle in Baker County. He was arrested for reckless driving here that summer and completed a six-month probation sentence in the fall. He was ticketed twice in 2011 and again in 2012, the latter of which triggered a temporary license suspension for failure to pay traffic fines.

8 months in jail

A circuit judge on June 24 sentenced a Glen St. Mary man to eight months in county jail in return for no contest pleas to two of three offenses he was charged with in May while he was on probation.
James H. Clark entered the pleas to a lesser charge of attempted possession of a controlled drug and felony driving on a suspended license. The state dropped a count of having the wrong tag on his vehicle.
Judge Mark Moseley allowed Mr. Clark credit for 61 days in jail since his arrest. His past criminal record includes lewd assault on a child less than 16, drunk driving and disorderly intoxication.
In the only other jail sentence handed down that day, Mikell McKenzie of Sanderson admitted to a probation violation and will serve a six-month sentence. The judge gave him credit for more than 300 days in jail.
Mr. McKenzie was arrested back in April for driving and never obtaining a license, and was on community control (house arrest) at the time, court records indicate. His past record includes sale of cocaine, marijuana possession and bringing contraband into the jail.
In cases that were handled during an earlier court session on June 17, Judge Moseley placed Matthew D. Crews on drug offender probation for three years after he pleaded no contest to sale of controlled drugs and possession with intent to sell.
Mr. Crews was also ordered to complete 75 hours community service and adjudication of guilt will be withheld if he successfully adheres to terms of the probation.
Also that day:
• Nina Fogarty pleaded no contest to attempted purchase of controlled drugs and was sentenced to 120 days already in county jail.
• The judge withheld adjudication of guilt in the case of William Padgett for trafficking in stolen property, grand theft and fraud, provided he complies with terms of a one-year probation.
• Jeremy Taylor pleaded no contest to growing marijuana and will be on drug offender probation 18 months.
• The judge allowed credit for 105 days in jail in the case of Charles Unartel Jr., who pleaded no contest to felony marijuana possession and having drug paraphernalia.
The credit comes off a nine-month sentence.
• A similar term in jail was ordered in the case of Hunter Ingalls, who admitted to violating probation stemming from 2013 cases of growing marijuana within 1000 feet of a church or business, and possession with intent to sell.
• Russell McDermitt had mere days remaining in the 60-day sentence given him in return for a no contest plea to violation of pre-trial release stemming from a domestic violence charge.

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Drunk driving arrest after he struck fence, drove away

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A Glen St. Mary man was arrested the evening of June 26 for drunk driving that resulting in property damage after he left the scene of a crash where he caused \$200 of damage to a fence.

Deputy John Minkel responded to 10880 Reid Stafford Rd. in reference to the single-vehicle crash and made contact with Jennifer and Shawn Martin. Mrs. Martin told the deputy Edward Saul, 43, struck her fence with his truck and then came to a stop before backing out and traveling south on Ridge Estates Drive. The suspect returned a few minutes later to speak with her.

The officer then contacted Mr. Saul, who told the officer he was traveling too fast to negotiate the turn at about 30 mph and didn't brake. He then lost control of his truck and struck the fence line. He backed out and then drove to his house on Ridge Estates Drive. When asked why he left the scene and then went back, Mr. Saul said, "It seemed like the right thing to do."

While speaking with the Mr. Saul, Dep. Minkel smelled alcohol on him and the suspect appeared under the influence.

The officer and Mr. Saul went to his residence, where Dep. Minkel found a grocery bag containing a case of beer in the passenger floorboard of the suspect's truck with several empty beer cans on the floorboard.

Mr. Saul then failed a field sobriety test and was taken to the county jail, where he blew a .187 on the breathalyzer. That's more than twice the legal limit.

In another incident, a Baldwin man was arrested the night of June 27 for driving on a license with seven suspensions.

Deputy Trey McCollough saw John Brown, 39, stop too far past a stop sign on Lowder Street and followed the suspect to the Walmart parking lot where he initiated a traffic stop.

Mr. Brown admitted to having a suspended license, and a check with dispatch confirmed the information and revealed the suspect was also listed as an habitual traffic violator.

In other traffic incidents:

- Julia Crews, 45, of Macclenny was arrested the

evening of June 25 for leaving the scene of a crash after she switched seats with a male passenger after she struck a vehicle occupied by three juveniles.

After the collision at 6016 Taft Rd., Ms. Crews stopped in the roadway and had passenger Daniel Sparkman drive away. Corporal Matthew Riegel located the vehicle near CR 125 and I-10, where Mr. Sparkman denied driving the vehicle when it hit the parked car. The corporal escorted the two back to the scene.

Ms. Crews was arrested after witness statements indicated she was driving the vehicle. She replied, "That's okay, I'll eat this one," when she was asked if she was driving at the time of the crash.

- Albert Smith, 44, of Jacksonville was arrested the early morning of June 28 for reckless driving at US 90 and Arnold Rhoden Road in Glen St. Mary after Deputy Chad Montean saw him almost crash his black convertible several times.

The deputy responded to a report of a driver who was unable to maintain a lane and driving with a turn signal activated. Dep. Montean located the vehicle, which then drove into the officer's lane of traffic before swerving back across the road and running off the shoulder. The officer turned around and got behind Mr. Smith, and he then saw the suspect almost crash into a ditch by swerving off the roadway and then back into its travel lane.

- Michael Myers, 62, of Macclenny was arrested the afternoon of June 24 for driving on a suspended license and having a license tag not assigned to the vehicle after he was initially stopped for not wearing a seat belt.

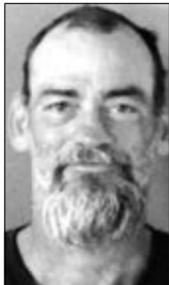
Dep. McCullough saw the suspect driving on 7th Street and learned the tag was not registered to the vehicle and expired in 2013.

The suspect said he knowingly attached an expired tag to the vehicle earlier in the day. While speaking with Mr. Myers, Dep. McCullough noticed the decal on the tag had expired, and it appeared as if it was taped on. Mr. Myers admitted that he shouldn't have done that and said he just bought the car from his friend, who didn't have a tag to put on it.

A check with dispatch showed that Mr. Myer's license had been suspended twice for an expired tag and for a non-judgment suspension.

Violent offender re-arrested for attack on hosts, girlfriend

A Macclenny man faces multiple counts of aggravated battery and a charge of domestic battery for attacking a Cuyler couple and his girlfriend near their residence late on June 28.



Daniel Bailey

Daniel Bailey, 41, who has a record of arrests for violent crimes dating back more than two decades, is charged with beating his hosts with a wood club following an argument at the address of Gary Langston, 29, and his girlfriend Melissa Thomas, 30, then pummeling girlfriend Christina Prince, 34, when she attempted to break up the fight.

Deputy Michael Antonini said when he arrived at the residence on Smallbranch Trail answering a disturbance call, he interviewed Mr. Langston and Ms. Thomas, both of whom were bleeding profusely from head wounds.

He also noted Mr. Langston's 2005 GMC vehicle had smashed into a tree off the driveway, a mishap he claimed was caused when he was run

off the road by Mr. Bailey.

Deputy Koty Crews stopped the suspect northwest of Macclenny based on the description of his 2004 Chevrolet held him for questioning as Deputy Antonini interviewed the victims, all of whom he said were intoxicated.

The women claimed they ran to where Mr. Langston's vehicle struck the tree following an earlier argument between the two men, and there the accused was attacking him with the club, which he then turned on Ms. Thomas.

The officer also noted that Ms. Prince had a severely swollen right eye, along with

bruises and swelling about her face and head.

Mr. Bailey was also charged with felony possession of several prescription pills that were found in a baggie lying on the dashboard of his truck.

He has an arrest record that includes multiple counts of aggravated battery and assault, disorderly intoxication, battery and possession of an alligator or alligator skin. A handful of the arrests resulted in convictions.

Deputy Antonini contacted the Department of Children and Families because children of Mr. Langston and Ms. Thomas witnessed the incident.

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Cops find man who fled traffic stop

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A Macclenny man was arrested the early morning of June 29 for resisting an officer without violence after he ran from the scene of a traffic stop and was found a couple of hours later.

Deputy Trey McCullough saw Michael Harvey, 37, driving with an inoperable left front head lamp and then straddle the painted middle line for about a quarter-mile. He initiated a traffic stop west of Glen St. Mary on US 90, and the suspect immediately exited the vehicle and fled. Dep. McCullough chased Mr. Harvey until he lost sight of him when the suspect entered the wood line. Other officers came to help Dep. McCullough as they canvassed the area and set up a perimeter.

Deputy Chad Montean found a male suspect walking on US 90 about a half mile from where the traffic stop occurred. The man was identified as William Brandon Deal, 24, of Ellabell, Fla., but he was released after not matching the description of the suspect.

After about an hour without locating the suspect, the deputy and Sergeant William Starling returned to the vehicle to contact the owners. The Chevrolet SUV was registered to Jason Walker, who is currently in county jail, and Brandi Harvey, who met with Dep. McCullough the following day. Several open beer bottles were found in the vehicle alongside Ms. Harvey's wallet, which contained a Hydrocodone pill.

About 45 minutes later, Dep. McCullough learned that Kenneth Barefoot wanted to report a suspicious man loitering in the roadway of E. Andrew St. and River Oak Circle, and the man was requesting a ride "out of the area."

The location is the first residential road in the direction Mr. Harvey fled.

Deputies McCullough and Robert Simpkins responded to the area. Dep. Simpkins located Mr. Harvey standing next to a white Chevrolet truck about a half mile east of the CR 125 and E. Andrews St. intersection.

Dep. McCullough spoke with Brett Dopson of Glen St. Mary, who was in the truck the suspect was standing by. Mr. Dopson said Mr. Harvey approached him and asked

for a ride to the area of Mud Lake Rd. because of a recent altercation with an unidentified male. The man also noticed a laceration on Mr. Harvey's face.

The suspect told officers he was in an altercation with his friend "Brandon" from Georgia. It was believed the man Mr. Harvey was referring to was Mr. Deal, who Dep. Montean had stopped earlier, but it wasn't verified.

In addition to the resisting officers charge, the suspect was also charged with driving without a license.

Ms. Harvey, the registered owner of the vehicle, met with Dep. McCullough the following day and said she and the suspect stayed at her residence in St. George, GA the night before the incident. She woke up around daylight the morning of June 29 and discovered her vehicle was missing and the suspect wasn't home.

In a similar incident, two women were arrested the evening of June 24 for resisting an officer without violence after they both tried to start a fight with one of the women's estranged husband's girlfriend.

Deputy Johnny Hodges met with Jodie Delp, 25, of Macclenny and Jessica Delp, 32, of Sanderson outside of the sheriff's office so he could escort them to the Northwood Apartments, where the younger Delp's estranged husband Bradley was staying with his girlfriend Kayla Bell. Jodie Delp wanted to get a key from him so she could give him the vehicle and he would return their 6-year-old child.

While backing out of the parking space, Jodie Delp began making remarks to her husband, starting a verbal dispute between the two. After Dep. Hodges warned them about their actions, Jessica Delp, who was in the passenger's seat, began cursing at Ms. Bell, who was standing outside the front door of her apartment. Jessica Delp ignored the deputy's warnings to stop and she started cursing at Ms. Bell and telling her she wanted to fight her.

Jessica Delp then tried climbing out of the window to approach Ms. Bell and ignored several more warnings from Dep. Hodges. The officer placed her on the ground as she tried resisting and put the handcuffs on her.

While handcuffing the older Delp, the younger suspect began a verbal altercation with Ms. Bell. Jodie Delp left her vehicle and

began running at her husband's girlfriend while cursing at her. Dep. Hodges tried stopping her, and he was eventually able to restrain her after a short foot chase just before she got to Ms. Bell, who retreated inside the apartment.

In another incident, a Lake Butler man was arrested the morning of June 29 for disorderly intoxication after he started cursing at the assistant manager of the S&S gas station on 6th Street when he was told several times they don't sell alcohol on Sundays.

The store manager told Deputy Christopher Clutter that Glenn Griffis, 28, tried to pull the chains that secure the glass doors of the beer cooler. Mr. Griffis left the store when asked, but returned later wearing different clothing and tried accessing the cooler once again. He caused a disturbance by cursing at the manager.

The suspect told the officer he was trying to buy some energy drinks and that he had to move the racks that were placed in front of the alcoholic beverages in order to get to the drinks. Mr. Griffis also said he tried entering the cooler several times to get beer but he knew that he could not.

Dep. Clutter detected an odor of alcohol coming from Mr. Griffis and the suspect's eyes appeared bloodshot and watery.

A check through dispatch revealed Mr. Griffis had several warrants out of Virginia for contempt of court for failure to appear for DUI.

In a similar incident, a Clearwater man was arrested the evening of June 23 for disorderly intoxication after he wouldn't stop harassing a female employee of the Citgo on CR 125 in Glen St. Mary.

The employee told Sergeant Ben Anderson that a man, later identified as Kevin Steele, 33, kept asking her to follow him to his car, and said he smelled of alcohol. She then took the trash out to the back dumpster and the suspect pulled his car up to her and began yelling at her.

Sgt. Anderson pulled his car in front of Mr. Steele's and the suspect immediately exited his car and attempted to open his trunk. After several verbal warnings were given, Mr. Steele finally stopped trying to open it. The sergeant could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming off the suspect and the man had to reach out to his vehicle to steady himself.

Case dispositions from June 25 court

The following dispositions were ordered by Judge Joey Williams during regular session of county court on June 25.

- Denise Dover, petty theft; 10 days in jail.

- Destinie Exline, petty theft; six-month probation, hold sign in front of store, petty theft class.

- James Fletcher, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia; six-month probation, 25 hours community service, 24 hours Give Back to Baker (GGB), 30-day electronic monitoring.

- Jared Griffis, driving on a suspended license; five days in jail, six-month probation, license school and obtain license.

- Bryan Harrington, petty theft; 60 days in jail.

- Patrick Harris, driving on a suspended license; six-month probation, 50 hours community service.

- Matthew Henderson, DUI; three days in jail, six-month probation, six-month license suspension.

- William David Johns II, driving on a suspended license and violation of domestic violence injunction; failed to appear, warrant issued.

- Willie Mack, driving on a suspended license; failed to appear, warrant issued.

- Jason Morgan, disorderly conduct; six-month probation.

- Johnny Padgett, driving on a suspended license; 45 days in jail.

- Shelie Rhoden, driving on a suspended license; six-month probation, 30-day electronic monitoring, 24 hours

GGB if not employed.

- Andrew Thornton Sr., petty theft; six days in jail.

- Michael Waters Jr., trespass and resisting arrest; 30 days in jail.

- Christopher Williamson, marijuana possession (two counts); 30 days in jail, 12-month probation, \$300 fine.

- James Wilson, no valid driver's license; six-month probation.

- Wesley Zipperer, petty theft (two counts) and resisting arrest; failed to appear, warrant issued.

Probation violations:

- Dakota Canaday, possession of drug paraphernalia; failed to appear, warrant issued.

- William Davis, driving on a suspended license; failed to appear, warrant issued.

- Chasity Ellis, petty theft; 50 days in jail.

- Thomas Griffin, driving on a suspended license; failed to appear, warrant issued.

- Brian Harrington, disorderly intoxication; 55 days in jail.

- Justin Allen Harvey, petty theft; 60 days in jail.

- Jacqueline Hollings, resisting arrest and petty theft; failed to appear, warrant issued.

- Georgina Keaton, false report or commission crime; 66 days in jail.

- Christina Knox, resisting arrest and disorderly intoxication; 180 days in jail.

- Justin Maxwell, reckless driving; 115 days in jail.

- Georgina Tillman, petty theft; 66 days in jail.

Traffic stop results in arrest for having meth

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A Macclenny man was arrested the early morning of June 28 for possession of methamphetamine after a search revealed residue of the drug inside pill capsules he had in his pocket.

Deputy Robert Simpkins initiated a traffic stop on Celinda Long, 34, of Glen St. Mary on W. Macclenny Avenue for driving with an expired temporary license plate. As he spoke with the driver, Deputy Trey McCullough arrived on the scene as backup and contacted the two passengers. The officers received consent to search the vehicle and Dep. McCullough conducted a pat down on passenger Joshua Thornton, 28, who kept reaching into his pocket. The deputy felt a large bulge in the pocket, and Mr. Thornton told him it was the prescription pain medication Dilaudid.

Dep. McCullough pulled out the black container that contained four yellow capsules, but they didn't match the pills the suspect had described. The officers found methamphetamine inside the pills, but Mr. Thorn-

ton denied knowing that the pills contained the substance. He told the deputies he bought the pills from an unknown black man in Orange Park.

In a similar incident, a Jacksonville man was arrested the night of June 24 for possession of marijuana and driving without a license after an officer stopped him for driving dangerously.

Deputy Christopher Clutter watched as Dylan Crews, 19, struck the curb while turning right onto Lowder Street from US 90 and noticed the suspect was driving too fast to safely make the turn. The deputy caught up to the suspect at the Exxon gas station near the intersection. The suspect appeared to be hiding from Dep. Clutter by lowering his head behind other customers.

Mr. Crews told the officer he didn't have a driver's license and a check with dispatch revealed he was never issued one. He was handcuffed and the deputy found a small bag containing marijuana in the suspect's pocket during the subsequent search.

In other similar incidents:

- Edward Gregory, 30, of Macclenny was arrested the

night of June 29 for possession of marijuana after police went to his house to locate him for questioning in reference to another incident.

Investigator Matt Yarborough and Lieutenant Brad Dougherty responded to 310 E. Florida Ave. to speak with the suspect. A pat down revealed Mr. Gregory had about five grams of marijuana and a glass smoking pipe in one pocket and a handmade pipe and a metal capsule with marijuana in the other pocket.

- Jesse Carter, 19, of Macclenny was arrested the night of June 29 for possession of marijuana after a deputy caught him throwing a bag onto the ground when the officer was driving toward him.

Deputy Chad Montean saw the suspect walking down N CR 23A and wanted to check on his well-being because the area isn't commonly used by pedestrians. The officer turned his patrol car around and then witnessed Mr. Carter kneel down and throw a small bag onto the ground.

After speaking with the suspect, Dep. Montean picked up the plastic bag from the ditch and found it contained mari-

juana. Mr. Carter initially denied throwing anything, but he eventually admitted to it once the officer told him he witnessed it happen.

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Thanks again,
Dear Griffis



Chase ends in west Jacksonville

JOEL ADDINGTON
MANAGING EDITOR
reporter@bakercountypress.com

A Jacksonville man led police on a high-speed chase through Macclenny and into Jacksonville the morning of June 27 after authorities say he tried to hit two Baker County deputies during a traffic stop on McIver Street.

The suspect, Joseph Jacob MacQuarrie, 18, is set to be sentenced on July 8 for an accidental shooting here last November. He also has a suspended license. It's unclear whether either of those circumstances prompted him to run from officers.

Deputies reported that Mr. MacQuarrie ran several stop signs, cut off other motorists on Interstate 10 and attempted to run down two sheriff's office deputies, Jeremiah Combs and Ben Anderson, immediately following the initial traffic stop as well as multiple patrol cars during the ensuing pursuit from Macclenny and into the Marietta area of west Jacksonville.

The incident began about 10:50 a.m. when Deputy Combs spotted a 2004 Mitsubishi Endeavor leaving the My Fuel gas station at U.S. 90 and 6th Street, which matched the description of a car reportedly piloted by a reckless driver.

The officer stopped the Mitsubishi in front of the Emily Taber Library where the suspect failed to produce a driver's license.

According to deputies, he revved his engine once while the officers were trying to verify his identity with a portable fingerprint scanning device and apologized for doing so and saying it was an accident. He then allegedly put the vehicle in gear and jerked to steering wheel to his left, causing the deputies to dodge the moving car.

The chase headed east through Macclenny before returning to South 5th Street and onto Interstate 10 where the Florida Highway Patrol and Jacksonville Sheriff's Office joined the pursuit at speeds of 85 to 95 mph.

FHP used stop sticks to disable the Mitsubishi and Mr. MacQuarrie continued to

flee on foot. A K-9 officer caught up with him, taking him to the ground, where Deputy Combs said he tased the suspect because he wouldn't show officers his hands.

He was arrested by FHP and booked into the Duval County jail.

Now Mr. MacQuarrie faces felony charges of fleeing police and aggravated assault both in Baker and Duval counties. He also has misdemeanor counts for resisting an officer without violence and driving with a suspended license.

The suspect is scheduled to be sentenced next week for the accidental shooting of his 13-year-old half-brother last November. He is charged with possession of a firearm by felon, tampering with evidence, improper exhibition of a weapon and culpable negligence in the shooting.

He has entered a plea of no contest in the case, in which he allegedly hid the gun following the shooting and lied about what transpired at his fiancé's mother's home on Tom Wilkerson Road.

Semi-truck stolen from lot at motel

A tractor-trailer laden with frozen foods bound for the Walmart Distribution Center in Macclenny was stolen during the early morning of June 28 from the parking lot of the Econolodge motel off Woodlawn Rd. in the south city.

Based on statements made by the vehicle's owner Sergey Lyubezhanin, 38, of Utica, N.Y. and a motel employee, police believe the rig was driven off the property between 12:30-1:30 a.m. The parking area is not equipped with surveillance cameras.

The trailer was located parked on Interstate 95 in mid-Florida later that day, but the tractor portion, a 2007 Peterbilt, has not yet been lo-

ated. According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the frozen foods were still in it.

The report by Deputy Trey McCullough quotes FHP as saying two persons were arrested in connection with the theft, but it says nothing of the circumstances of their capture.

In other thefts, Lillian Ellis reported a burglary at her residence on Mack Ruise Rd. in Margaretta and the theft of an estimated \$1000 worth of jewelry from two bedrooms.

Ms. Ellis told Deputy Robert Simpkins she was away from about noon on June 27 to the evening of June 29 and returned to find a burglar bar ripped from the window of a

rear bedroom. A jewelry box containing mostly rings was looted.

She also said another box was emptied in the master bedroom, but Deputy Simpkins noted there was no sign of forced entry elsewhere in the house, and the door to the rear bedroom was locked from the outside, barring entry to the other rooms.

Mrs. Ellis' husband remained in the area during that time period, but was unavailable for questioning.

Dillon Hartsfield reported two cell phones went missing overnight June 28 from his E. Ohio St. residence in Macclenny. He gave Deputy Michael Antonini the names of

two persons at the address the previous evening, and the one interviewed — a 14-year-old girl — denied involvement.

Contact was not immediately made with the second person.

Robert West reported the theft of a chain saw valued at \$230 from a shed near his residence on River Oak Circle east of Glen St. Mary.

Mr. West told Deputy Tony Norman the theft likely took place between June 17-24, and gave him the name of a potential suspect who had been on the property during that time span.

Battered girlfriend flees house

Police arrested a Macclenny man at his Stone Rd. residence near Macedonia on June 26 for domestic battery on his live-in girlfriend after she told him she was leaving him that morning.

Margaret McKenzie, 29, told Deputy Daryl Mobley that Jared Fama, 21, had abused her both physically and verbally the previous evening and struck her several times about the face and head when he discovered her packing her belongings.

She quoted Mr. Fama as saying, "I will duct tape you to the house and you will never leave." She then said she broke away and ran to a nearby road and caught a ride to her residence off CR 23-A where she called police.

Deputy Mobley said he observed some bruising on Ms. McKenzie's arm and face, and a bump on the back of her head.

Meanwhile, the boyfriend remained inside his residence when summoned by two other deputies, then came to the

door after he was seen peeking from window blinds. He denied all of the girlfriend's allegations.

In other similar incidents:
• A complaint for aggravated domestic battery was filed the evening of June 24 against Rachel Rafford, 36, for allegedly striking her daughter Clairissa Smith, 18, in the face and stomach. The daughter is pregnant.

Both parties gave conflicting versions of events that started at their Dolphin Ct. residence with an argument over doing household chores. Deputy Jeremiah Johnson named the daughter in a complaint for simple battery.

• A similar complaint was filed by Deputy Michael Antonini naming Catherine Hutchins, 41, for allegedly throwing a tiki lamp at her step-mother Tonya Daniels, 37, of St. George, GA during a confrontation the evening of June 26 at a residence on Gilford Davis Rd. west of Glen St. Mary.

Ms. Daniels said she and

her husband, who is the accused's father, went to her address in an attempt to reconcile their stormy relationship. Instead, an argument broke out and Ms. Daniels said she was struck on the shoulder.

Deputy Antonini, however, examined several tiki lamps at the scene and said none bore evidence of being thrown or broken. His report notes that both parties were intoxicated after the 5 pm incident.

• Deputies Mobley and Chris Walker arrested Cody Sorrell, 19, at his residence on Ash Rd. southwest of Macclenny the afternoon of June 26 for domestic battery on his 14-year-old sister.

Tom Heppner, a sheriff's department employee, called police after he witnessed Mr. Sorrell twice pick up the girl and throw her onto Black Jack Rd. in the same neighborhood. Interviewed later, the brother insisted he dropped the girl, and went to the location to bring her back home.

Three in SUV wanted in S.C.

Three out of the four occupants of an SUV that ran out of gas early June 25 on Interstate 10 near Glen St. Mary had outstanding warrants in South Carolina, and the driver had a revoked license as an habitual offender.

Two of the occupants were also arrested for possession of cocaine and all but one for resisting arrest by giving county deputies false names.

Deputy Sgt. Ben Anderson initially made contact with driver Shawn Pedro, 36, of Jacksonville about 2:40 am as the suspect was purchasing gas at the Citgo on CR 125 at the interstate.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson gave Mr. Pedro a ride back to his 1998 Mercury SUV parked off the eastbound lanes, and once it got underway again the officer saw the vehicle stop near three others walking on the road shoulder.

One of them, Marcus Coleman, 26, of Barnwell, S.C. quickly got into a rear seat of the SUV and the deputy noted

the other two acted nervously when questioned. Both Jabaar Glover, 28, and Timothy Roberts, 33, of Denmark, S.C. gave the deputy false names, as did Mr. Coleman.

Sgt. Anderson was called to the scene to administer a "live scan" on their fingerprints but before he did so they revealed their identities.

Mr. Glover was wanted for burglary and a sex offense with a minor, Mr. Roberts for unspecified "crimes against a person" and Mr. Coleman for failure to appear in court.

Deputy Johnson charged Mr. Coleman with possession of a plastic baggie containing cocaine that was found concealed in a cigarette pack. Mr. Pedro faces a similar count after police found a baggie stuffed into a crack in the rear seat of a patrol car that transported him to jail.

In other recent arrests related to warrants, Deputy Trey McCullough took Stacy Lee Gomert, 40, into custody at her residence on Cow Pen Rd.

on June 29 on a Baker County warrant for violating probation.

• Deputy Jacob Satterwhite responded to an alarm at the Citgo station west of Sander-son off I-10 before dawn on June 26 and arrested Jacoby Gibson, 19, on a warrant from Liberty County, Texas for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• Georgina Keaton, 33, of Glen was already in county jail when she was served on June 25 with a Clay County warrant for petty theft.

• Jail inmate Michael Waters Jr., 26, of Macclenny was served with a warrant from Charlton County, GA for driving on a suspended license.

• Inmate William Davis, 44, of Glen was served with a bond surrender on a charge of driving on a suspended license.

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LEGAL NOTICES



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

CASE NO: 2014-TD-002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that OCTAVIO LIM the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate 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 south 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.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2014.

Al Fraser
Clerk of Court
Baker County, Florida

By: Julie B. Combs
Deputy Clerk

6/19-7/10c

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 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

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

AL FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk of Court,

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MEETING DATES

Notice is hereby given that the Baker County Hospital Authority Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 4:00 pm is rescheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 4:00 pm. The joint meeting with Baker County Medical Services will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The meetings will be held at the Commerce Center 20 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063.

The public is invited to attend.

V. Todd Ferreira, Chairman Baker County Hospital Authority.
7/3c

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:

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Dated this 3rd day of June, 2014.

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Clerk Of The Circuit Court
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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
Defendants(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 Courthouse, 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. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of 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, PHETERSON & BLEAU
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 13000009CA

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff
vs.
DEREK K. EMERSON , et al.
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a judgment dated May 28, 2014, entered in Civil Case Number 13000009CA, in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff, and DEREK K. EMERSON , et al., are the Defendants, Baker County Clerk will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida, described as:

LOT 62, 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.

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Front Door, Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063 at 11:00 AM, on the 28th day of August, 2014. 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: June 3, 2014.

AL FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

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Unemployment inches up slightly

May jobs numbers for Baker County

12,744 in labor force (+1.7% since April and +2.9 percent since May 2013)

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689 unemployed (+11.4% since April and -17.1% since May 2013)

Baker County's unemployment rate moved up slightly — just half a percent to 5.4 — in May, the latest jobless figures from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity show.

The figure has been declining through the first half of 2014 and the small increase comes as an estimated 219 new workers joined the labor force and the number of employed workers in the pool grew by an estimated 148 people.

The number of unemployed workers rose by an estimated 71 individuals, however.

That means there is more than twice as many new workers finding jobs than not finding them, according to the figures, which are culled from surveys by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Chamber of Commerce director Darryl Register said the increase could be attributed to more students and college graduates entering the job market this time of year.

He also said he believes there are jobless workers not reflected in the data.

"I think there is still some number not being counted ... The professionals say it could be between 5 and 10 percent, but there's no way to put a number on it."

Overall, the chamber direc-

tor said the local economy is doing better today than in recent years.

"The economy is definitely moving in the right direction, but it will be a while until we get back to what we thought were the good times," he said, adding that new retail stores opening here like Hibbett Sports and Dollar General is reason to view the future of the county's economy positively.

Baker County has the fourth lowest unemployment rate in the six county region consisting of St. Johns (4.9 percent), Nassau (5.2 percent), Clay (5.3 percent), Duval (6.2 percent) and Putnam (7.9 percent) counties.

The state and national jobless rates also inched up in May, estimates show.

The Jacksonville metro area has gained some 21,000 jobs this year, CareerSource's regional job report states, with most of the gains coming in leisure and hospitality sector, followed by professional and business services jobs and trade, transportation and utility jobs.

The U.S. rate rose two-tenths of a percent and the Florida rate climbed four-tenths of a percent, both to 6.1 percent.

All the figures above reflect unemployment numbers not adjusted for seasonal shifts in the labor market.

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Mr. Jones in front of store that has been closed for two years, long past the grace period in the zoning law.

Favors re-opening of store

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

It took a death in his family and a stroke two years ago to force Hance Jones to close the country store and gas station he had operated on CR 229 in a remote corner of Baker County for almost half a century.

Now, with his health restored, he wants to reopen Jones Store and continue serving the sparsely populated community several miles south of Sanderson. He said former customers can hardly wait.

"Everybody's been aggravating me about it," Mr. Jones said, noting that the next closest store is over five miles away.

All he has to do is get the county commission to approve an application for a land use and zoning change at a public hearing at 6 p.m. on July 15. He already has the backing of the county's Land Planning Agency, which reviews zoning proposals.

The LPA board recommended on June 26 that the .23-acre store site, which is part of Mr. Jones' 8.3-acre homestead and surrounded by agricultural land, be rezoned to commercial general and the future land use designation be changed from agriculture to commercial.

The advisory panel supported Mr. Jones' petition despite a recommendation of denial from Planning and Zoning Director Ed Preston, who said approving the request would constitute "spot zoning."

Even so, he said, his office has received nothing but support for Mr. Jones.

"I've had no objections," Mr. Preston said, and everybody who has heard about the proposed reopening of the store has said "the sooner the better."

Mr. Jones opened his convenience store and gas pump in 1966, long before the county adopted its comprehensive plan and Land Development Regulations, which control and regulate growth. It was allowed to stay in business but was considered a "non-conforming use," Mr. Preston said.

"It always has been operated as a store but it has never been zoned commercial," he explained to the LPA board, adding that if the store had been closed for less than 90 days it could reopen legally.

But once a non-conforming use ceases to be used for its original purpose for 90 days or longer, it must conform to current land use and zoning regulations, Mr. Preston said.

The 90-day rule "is arbitrary, but it is pretty standard" in most counties, he said.

Land for miles around the store is restricted to residential and agricultural use and zoning regulations allow no more than one dwelling for every 7.5 acres.

Nonetheless, Mr. Preston said he sympathized with Mr. Jones.

"It's a country store and it serves a useful purpose," he said.

"But our code does not recognize that."

Maybe not. But four members of the LPA did, including Philip Zamarron, whose motion to approve the application and send it on to the county commission was unanimously approved 4-0.

"There is a community need and the community has voiced their opinion that they would like to see it open," said Mr. Zamarron, who said he first realized the store was no longer open last year.

"I was driving out that way about a year ago and thought I'd be able to get a soda there and there was nobody around," he said.

If approved by the county commission the commercial zoning would apply only to the store parcel, which measures 100 feet wide by 100 feet deep. In addition to a cinder block building, the property includes a storage shed and an above ground gasoline storage tank.

Though clearly contrary to the county's zoning code, the LPA decision received only a mild warning from its legal adviser, John Kopelousos, one of three Orange Park lawyers hired by the county last year.

"It's clear that this is not a permissible use," Mr. Kopelousos said. "It's classic spot zoning. But you don't have anybody objecting to it."

Basically, he told the panel

that "if nobody challenges it you can do it."

If that were to happen, he said, he would be unable to successfully defend the board's decision. Therefore, he offered the board a "practical, non-legal solution" — grant Mr. Jones the rezoning he needs and later adopt new zoning language to allow it.

The board agreed to have the attorney and Mr. Preston draft an appropriate zoning amendment to present to the county commission later, possibly deleting the 90-day rule regarding non-conforming uses.

If the issue isn't addressed now it is bound to come up again as the county begins to grow, as it certainly will, said Mr. Kopelousos, who was involved in drafting zoning and land use laws during Clay County's booming development over the past quarter century.

"It's going to explode out here in the next 25 years," he said. "Baker County is in a transition period."

Mr. Jones said state inspectors have been to his property and found the septic tank and fuel storage tank in good condition and he never had the electric service to the building disconnected.

All he needs to begin stocking his store shelves with groceries and order his first truckload of gas is permission from the county commission.

City park highlight of July 4th

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Kaylee Padgett has been dancing and waving brightly colored pool noodles in front of her mother's Macclenny fireworks store in the run-up to Independence Day.

"Every Fourth of July and New Year's since eighth grade," said the soon-to-be sophomore at Baker High the morning of June 27.

She said her favorite music to listen to is country, but it can be too slow to be effective at pulling in customers. She needs music with more pep.

"If you're pumped up, then they get pumped," said Ms. Padgett of potential customers, adding the store has deeply discounted fireworks.

For those seeking a bigger bang from their Independence Day activities, however, there's two public fireworks displays planned this weekend in the area.

Fireworks, food and craft vendors and live music will descend upon Memorial Park for the annual Chamber of Commerce July 4th celebration on Friday.

The fireworks display will begin after dark about 9 pm, but the event starts at 5 pm on West Boulevard North.

On tap will be lemonade from Jim Geiger, ribs and snow cones from Parker's Ribs, sausage dogs and cajun cornbread from Shark Bites food truck,

barrel train rides courtesy of the City of Macclenny, cotton candy, nachos and popcorn from Liam's Courageous Heart; a raffle by the Baker County Veterans Council, fruit chillers, boiled peanuts and pork skins from Terry Iron Kettle; plus flip-flop, jewelry and wood-working craft vendors.

Chamber director Darryl Register said the fireworks will be donated by Phantom Fireworks and ignited by the Macclenny fire department. The musical entertainment he described as "quasi-karaoke" is being provided by Helen Taylor, who organizes similar shows at the annual Christmas parade, he said.

The forecast shows their may be some showers with a 30 percent chance of rain expected that day, according to the National Weather Service. The agency is forecasting a high near 94 degrees, but dropping to 72 degrees with a 20 percent chance of rain Friday evening.

Souls Harbor Church of God will host its "freedom celebration and fireworks show" the following day on July 5 beginning at 7 pm with free food, drinks and prizes. Music will start at 8 pm and fireworks at 9 pm.

It's located in Glen St. Mary at 10028 Stasi Rd.

In addition, First Baptist Church of St. George is having a 4th of July Celebration from 11 am to 3 pm.

All churches in the surrounding area are participat-



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON
Kaylee Padgett

ing. There will be guest speakers, live music, kids games, rides, hamburgers and hot dogs and plenty of dessert. The church is located on 1st Street in St. George, GA.

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Student FCAT scores are available for grades 3-8 at Macclenny Elementary School, Westside Elementary School, Keller Intermediate School, and Baker County Middle School. Come by your school's front office Monday-Thursday 8 am-3 pm to pick up your child's score report.

NOTE: Baker County High School's report cards, FCAT and EOC score reports are also available.

Florida Forestry Service offered these tips for minimizing the risk of property damage and injury from fireworks.

- Light fireworks in a cleared area free of any vegetation or debris.
- Remove any debris from roofs or decks where fireworks may land.
- Always have a water source nearby in case of a fire.
- Aim fireworks away from people, homes and wooded areas.
- Do not allow young children to handle or light fireworks.
- Never use homemade fireworks.
- Discard used fireworks in a bucket of water.

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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 found by contacting the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's State Revolving Fund Loan Program at (850) 245-8358 or on-line at www.dep.state.fl.us/WATER/wff/cwsrf/index.htm. For more information on Town matters, contact Town Hall at (904) 266-5031 or 10 US Hwy 90 West, Baldwin, Florida 32234.

KENNETH ROBERTS

FOR CLERK OF COURTS

Thank you to everyone who helped make our campaign kick off so successful! It was a blessing to see the tremendous amount of volunteers and supporters who came out to show their support for our campaign!

I would like to say a special "Thank You" to all of the brave men and women who serve and have served in the military. Your courage and selflessness to keep this country the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave is appreciated and your efforts are never forgotten. Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July!

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Kenneth Roberts, Democrat, for Baker County Clerk of Courts.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meetings Monday & Friday at 8 pm
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40th reunion

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

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

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

'79 class reunion

The Baker County High School Class of 1979 plans its 35th reunion on Saturday, July 26 at Calendars in Macclenny starting at 5 pm.

The cost is \$30 per person and deadline for registration is July 17. Send payments to Kay Stewart, 16150 Crews Rd., Glen St. Mary, FL 32040.

For more details, call 904-955-3645.

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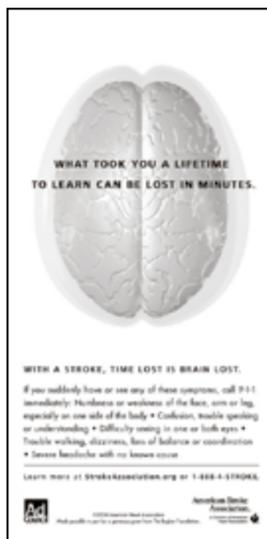
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Questions needed for Q&As

The Press will be featuring Q&As with the candidates running for local office in an upcoming edition prior to the August primary.

Please send us any questions you'd like the candidates to answer, or any issues you'd like them to address before voting. We'll be soliciting suggestions through mid-July.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE BAKER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny Florida, to consider for transmittal to the Department of Economic Opportunity a proposed amendment of the Baker County Land Development Regulations in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3202. The ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioners office, address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance which is titled as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-XX
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BAKER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; AMENDING AND REVISING ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, AND XI OF THE BAKER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND ARTICLES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioner's office, address stated above. In accordance with Section 286.0105, F. S.: if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-3613 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

The Baker County Press will be closed Friday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day

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2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

This report will be mailed to customers only upon request and is also available at City Waste Water Treatment Plant and on the City's website at www.cityofmacclenny.com

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from five wells. The wells draw from the Floridian Aquifer. Our water is obtained from ground water sources and is aerated and chlorinated for disinfection purposes. Aqua Mag is added for corrosion control at City of Macclenny.

In 2013 the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are no sources of contamination identified for this system. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp

This report shows our water quality results and what they mean.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Richard Harris or Walter Sloan at 904-259-4491. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall at 7pm.

The City of Macclenny routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2013. Data obtained before January 1, 2013, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l) – one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L) - measure of the radioactivity in water.

"ND" means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

City of Macclenny

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radiological Contaminants/City of Macclenny							
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	6/2011	N	5.4	ND-5.4	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants							
Antimony (ppb)	6/2011	N	0.3	ND-0.3	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Arsenic (ppb)	6/2011	N	1.5	ND-1.5	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	6/2011	N	0.016	0.012-0.016	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Flouride (ppm)	6/2011	N	0.88	0.46-0.88	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive that promotes strong teeth when at optimum levels between 0.7 and 1.3 ppm
Lead (ppm)	6/2011	N	7.8	ND-7.8	NA	15	Residue from man-made pollution such as auto emissions and paint; lead pipe, casing and solder
Nickel (ppb)	6/2011	N	0.8	ND-0.8	NA	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations. Natural occurrence in soil.
Nitrate (ppm)	6/2011	N	0.32	ND-0.32	NA	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion from natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	6/2011	N	22	11-22	NA	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil

Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	01/2013 to 12/2013	N	0.8	0.3 to 1.5	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	9/2011	N	16.98	11.04-27.43	NA	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	9/2011	N	37.96	36.55-38.91	NA	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90 th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (Tap Water) (ppm)	9/2012	N	0.32	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	9/2012	N	0.0012	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Macclenny is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We at City of Macclenny would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.



Photos by Leigh Dubie and Anna Denise Lewis



'Great Race' rolls through Baker County

Participants annual nine-day race of antique vehicles from Maine to Florida rolled through Baker County the morning of June 28 after leaving Savannah on the way to Jacksonville one day before reaching the finish line at The Villages. The image above at right was photographed by Anna Denis Lewis in the Burger King parking lot on South 6th Street while the others by Leigh Dubie were captured as the cars headed east on Mud Lake Road.




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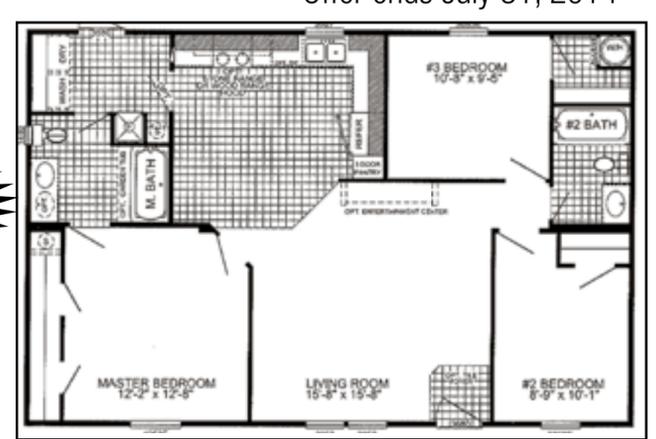


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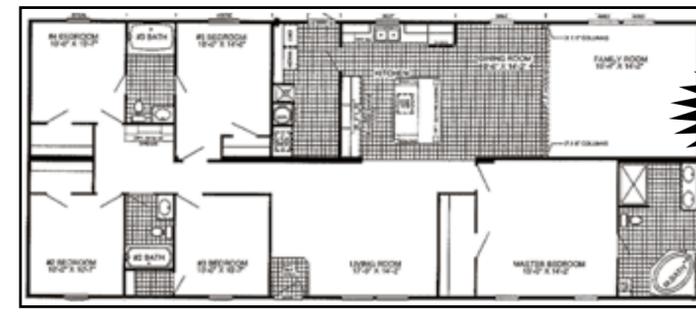
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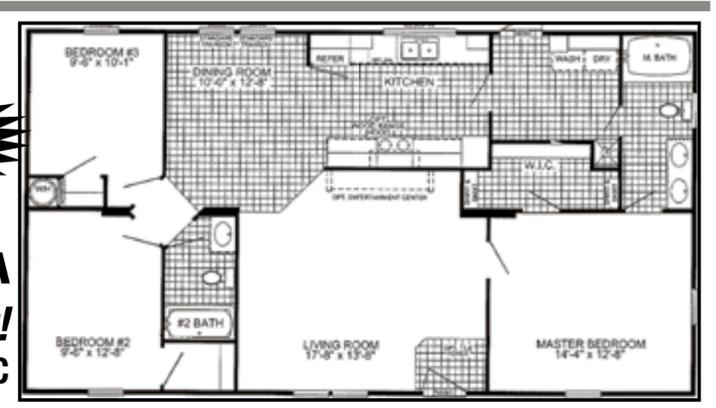
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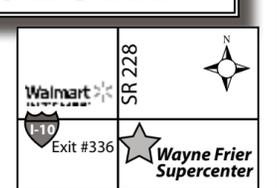


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Funeral Thursday for Carole Chauncey

Carole Ann Chauncey, 57, of Glen St. Mary died on Monday, June 30, 2014 in Baptist Hospital South with her family by her side. Carole was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany on January 26, 1957 to the late John Hightower and Peggy Sivley Hightower. She lived in Baker County most of her life and enjoyed fishing, gardening, bluegrass music, watching Nascar racing, Florida Gator football, and most of all attending every event her grandchildren were participating in. Carole graduated from Baldwin High School in 1974.



Carole Chauncey

She was predeceased by her father and her brother Johnny Hightower. Other than her mother of Hartsville, AL, she is survived by her husband of thirteen years, Terry Dell Chauncey of Glen St. Mary; sons Ronald Eugene (Serina) Stafford, John Michael (Bryana) Stafford, all of Cuyler; Joey (Kimberly) Chauncey of Sanderson, Jennifer (Dan) Roach of Fleming Island; 11 grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, July 3 at 11 am in the chapel of Ferreira Funeral Services in Macclenny with Pastor David Ragan officiating. Interment will follow at Macedonia Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday July 2 from 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

Funeral held Friday for Jack Earnest

Jack Wayne Earnest, 58, of Jacksonville died June 23, 2014 at his residence with family by his side. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia on August 1, 1955 to the late Buford Earnest and Ann Bradberry Earnest. Jack was dedicated to his country and he proudly served in the United States Navy. He was a very talented man and a jack of all trades. He was passionate and proficient with his woodworking skills, and constantly used them to assist others. Jack was an avid Gator fan who enjoyed tailgating with family and friends. He enjoyed staying busy and doing yard work and, above all, enjoyed spending time with his family and seeing them all happy. Jack was a loving, friendly man who never met a stranger. He had several relatives in Baker County and will be missed by his loving family and friends.



Jack Earnest

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Charles Earnest. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Lynn Saucer Earnest of Jacksonville; children Matt and Jaclyn Anne Earnest, both of Jacksonville; brothers Dorsey (Peggy) Earnest of Palmetto, GA and Ray (Becky) Earnest of McDonald, GA; sister Sharon (Eddie) Sheets and sister-in-law Pat Earnest, both of Fayetteville, GA.

The funeral service was held on Friday, June 27 at 2 pm at West Meadows Baptist Church in Jacksonville with Rev. John A. Raulerson and Larry Saucer officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Lillie Green of Orange Park dies at 74

Lillie Florence Hargis Green, 74, of Orange Park died on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 after a long illness. She was born in Drum, KY on October 2, 1939 to the late George F. Hargis and Lucretia Hargis and moved from Kentucky to Orange Park six years ago to be closer to her family.

Mrs. Green will be remembered as a kind, generous person who positively touched the lives of those around her. She enjoyed family get togethers and adored her eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She is also survived by son Terak (Sandra) Dilbeck of Macclenny and daughter Brenda (Brian) Hartshom of Orange Park.

A memorial service was held on June 30 at Lakeside Church of Christ in Orange Park.

Funeral next Monday for Glenn Jones

Glenn Allan Jones, 55, of Macclenny died on June 29, 2014 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Middleburg. He was born on August 1, 1958 in Tripoli, Libya to Marion L. Jones and Joyce E. Hanson Jones. Mr. Jones moved to Macclenny seven years ago from Jacksonville, FL. He was a dedicated Publix Supermarket store manager for 23 years until his retirement in 1998. Mr. Jones always put others before himself, and was always willing to lend a helping hand and take his shirt off his back for others. He loved to play golf and softball, enjoyed fishing and most of all spending time with his family.



Glenn Jones

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife of 35 years, Dalena "Dee" Turner Jones of Macclenny; his parents of Jacksonville; son Michael (Amy) Jones of Jacksonville; daughter Michelle (Jerome) Reimer of Macclenny; brothers Randy Jones of Jacksonville and James (Tammy) Jones of Maryland; sister Sandra Wilson of Jacksonville; grandchildren; Shane, Susan, Emmalee, Jonathan, Emily and Jubilee; mother and father-in-law Marion D. and Mildred Turner of Jacksonville.

A celebration of Mr. Jones' life will be held on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 1 pm in the chapel of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny.

Naamon Mobley, 62, buried in Madison

Naamon Mobley, 62, of Olustee and former resident of Madison, Florida, died on Monday, June 16, 2014 peacefully at his residence after a brief illness. He was the third of eight children born to the late Willie James Mobley Sr. and Jeny Ethel Mobley.



Naamon Mobley

Mr. Mobley was baptized at an early age and served three years in the United States Army. He enjoyed fishing and repairing cars in his younger life. In his later years he enjoyed gardening, watching western movies and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of thirty-five years, Cora Mobley; children Spencer Taylor (Dawn), LaSonya Wise, Seanetta Robinson (James) and Naamon Lamont Taylor; grandchildren Chquan Wise, Latesha Robinson and Nataushia Taylor; brothers Theodore Roosevelt Mobley (Amy) of Orlando, Anthony Mobley (Angel), Willie James Mobley Jr., Robert Louis Mobley and Vincent Mobley of Sumter, FL; sisters Barbara Ann Jackson (Anthony) and LaKaylya Dionn Smith; many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Mr. Mobley was held on Saturday, June 28 at 2 pm at Cooks-Cooper Funeral Home in Madison. Interment followed at Oakridge Cemetery in Madison. Cooper Funeral Home of Lake City was in charge of arrangements.

Emma Lou Tew, 88, dies on June 27

Emma Lou Tew, 88, of Macclenny, died on Friday, June 27, 2014 at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital in Macclenny. She was a daughter to the late George Tennyson and Emma Stevens Chesser. Mrs. Tew lived in Macclenny since 1994 and had previously lived in Washington County, Florida and Callahan, Florida. For seventeen years she was a bookkeeper with the Nassau County School Board and she also worked at the Pentagon in Washington in the 1950s. She attended the First Baptist Church of Callahan, loved to work in her yard and gardening, watching birds and spending time with her family. Mrs. Tew was preceded in death by her husband Gerald C. Tew and grandson Troy Bauler.



Emma Tew

Survivors include son Douglas L. Tew of St. Petersburg; daughters Sharon T. (Malcolm) Adams of Callahan, Nancy T. (Andy) Lee of Hilliard and Karen T. (Gary) Bauler of Clearwater; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Monday, June 30 at 10 am in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Mr. Paul Adams officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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Patricia Ann Raulerson, 63, of Moniac

Patricia Ann Griffis Raulerson, 63, of Moniac, Georgia died June 27, 2014 at her residence. She was born in Gainesville, Florida on December 12, 1950 to the late Elisha Griffis and Irene Woods Griffis. Patricia was raised in Union County where she graduated from Union County High School in 1970. After high school, she began working at Northeast Florida State Hospital in Macclenny and while working there she met the love of her life, Max Raulerson. They married on December 31, 1976 and moved to Moniac. She continued her education at Lake City Community College and earned an associate degree in mental health. Patricia loved helping people and enjoyed her career at the hospital. She retired after 35 years of service as a supervisor.



Patricia Raulerson

In 1987, Patricia and Max had daughter Jessica. They both enjoyed being parents and loved raising her. Patricia loved her family and enjoyed working on crafts. She enjoyed making jewelry, sewing, woodworking and making her home beautiful with home décor. Her loving husband of 36 years, Max Raulerson, also died on June 27, 2014 shortly after her death.

Patricia is survived by her loving daughter of Moniac; brothers Roger and Earl (Edith) Griffis, both of Lake Butler, FL; sisters Peggy Griffis of Jackson, MS and Susan (Lloyd) Roark of Lake City.

A joint funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 2 at 11 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel in Macclenny with Pastor Randall Griffis officiating. Interment followed at Brown Cemetery in Starke.

Max Raulerson, 71, dies on June 27

Max Raulerson, 71, of Moniac, Georgia died June 27, 2014 at his residence shortly after the death of his loving wife of 36 years. He was born in Moniac on October 3, 1942 to the late Douglas Raulerson Sr. and Cleo Canaday Raulerson and was a lifelong resident, attending school and graduating from St. George High School in 1962. In 1962, Max started a career as a mental health staff member at Northeast Florida State Hospital where he met the love of his life, Patricia Ann Griffis, who he married on December 31, 1976.



Max Raulerson

In 1987, they had a daughter Jessica and they both enjoyed being parents and loved raising her. Max retired after many dedicated years of service at NEFSH. Max was very friendly and sociable and he loved being around people and helping others. He enjoyed gardening as he had many garden projects and yard work. Most of all, Max loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, sister, Ella Higdon and his half-brother Billy Taylor.

Max is survived by his loving daughter Jessica Irene Raulerson and brother Douglas (Kathleen) Raulerson, both of Moniac; his sisters Gail (Leonard) Davis of Macclenny and Maxine Burned of Baker County.

A joint funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 2 at 11 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel in Macclenny with Pastor Randall Griffis officiating. Interment followed at Brown Cemetery in Starke.

Funeral held Saturday for John Walker

John William Walker, 62, of Macclenny died on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the Acosta-Rua Center for Caring in Jacksonville following an extended illness. He was born on July 4, 1951 in Live Oak, Florida to Auvil "Bo" Walker and Betty Byrd, and resided in Baker County since childhood. He was a member of the NRA, the Road to Calvary Church in Glen St. Mary and enjoyed fishing and hunting when his health allowed. John enjoyed restoring cars, the Florida State Seminoles and he loved El Caminos. He was preceded in death by brothers Mike, Dan and Lawrence Walker; step-father Early Byrd; step-mother Gladys Walker; and special dog Remmy.



John Walker

Survivors other than his parents include his daughter and son Sarah (James) Craft and Clayton (Shalan) Walker, both of Glen St. Mary; sister Debbie (Jeff) Bryson of Perry, FL; brother Larry (Jean) Walker of North Carolina; grandchildren Hamp, Memphis, Braxton and Lilly; several nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends Beth and Ted Willoughby.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, June 28 at 11 am in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Rev. Tommy Anderson, pastor of Road to Calvary Church, officiating. Interment followed at Canaday Cemetery, St. George, GA.

Thanks so much

The family of Leslie Weathington would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers and prayers, and the nurses who were here for him. I really appreciate the gentle care he received, and the love and compassion I received from my family, the nurses, Jamie, Cathy, Jan and especially Margaret. They are so full of love and compassion. A special thank you to Pastor Bobby Ray Crawford for the very loving sermon. Thank you all and may God's blessings always be with you.

Jane Weathington

Thanks so much

During the recent heart-wrenching loss of our precious Maggie, we found it painful to look in any direction. Looking behind us defined the reality of what we were losing. Looking in the present was to see Maggie leaving us. Looking ahead made us fear life without her. It was in looking beside us that we found comfort.

Beside us were so many incredible friends and family offering care, love, prayers, and helping hands. From Mayo's 3rd floor transplant unit nurses and Dr. David Salek, to the angels of Hospice, Jeana Smith, Catherine Thomas, Scott and Anna Duren, all that was humanly possible was done with extraordinary care and compassion.

As our hearts were breaking, our Macclenny Primitive Baptist Church family provided the solace of true faith. Elders Jim Sandlin and David Crawford so eloquently helped us celebrate the loving nature of Maggie's spirit and soul. Victoria McKenzie and Roosevelt Ruise provided a moving tribute to our Maggie in song and music.

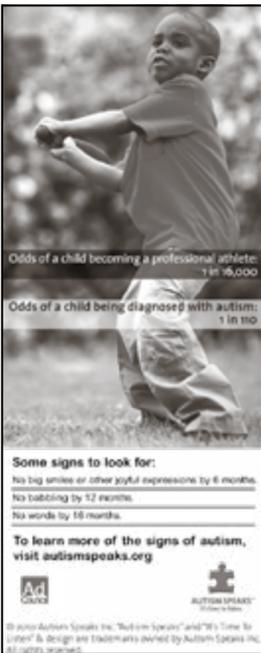
In addition to the love and support from our precious families and friends, we were blessed with the love and warmth of our second family, Sheriff Joey Dobson and the men and women of the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

For these people, Maggie's friends and fellow artists, and everyone in our community who said a prayer for us, hurt with us, and loved us, we will be eternally grateful! Thank you all for being beside us.

Joey and Karen Shook
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Family Day

The Emmanuel church of God in Christ in Macclenny is sponsoring a Family and Friends day on Sunday, July 6 starting at 5 pm. The church is located on South 8th St. Everyone welcome, and for more information contact Betty Brown at (904) 303-3558.



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From left are Christine Horn, Frances Frost, Mary Finley and Marilyn Hodges at the Relay For Life wrap party.

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Fetes record-breaking year

JOEL ADDINGTON
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Thirty participants in this year's Relay For Life fundraiser gathered at the Woman's Club the evening of June 26 for a wrap party to celebrate their record-breaking efforts with dinner, desert and games.

This year's event, the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and held last May, raised more than \$52,000 with cash still coming in, said Lea Rhoden, who oversees relay events here and in Clay County.

That's compared to about \$47,000 and the most ever raised in the event's 13-year history in Baker County. The number of participants has also ballooned five cancer survivors in 2010 to 85 this year.

Ms. Rhoden was also proud to say Baker County's total surpassed all four for the relays held in Clay County.

Baker County, with a population of roughly 27,000, raised just shy of \$2000 for every man, woman, child and inmate here.

Fleming Island, meanwhile, with a similarly sized but more affluent population, raised about \$45,000 this year, Ms. Rhoden said. Orange Park has almost 9000 people, but ample corporate sponsorship opportunities, and raised a meager \$6275. Middleburg raised some \$16,000 and Oak Leaf about \$25,000, she said.

A big corporate supporter in Baker County has been Walmart, which has an incentive program that donates money for each hour its employees volunteer at a relay fundraising event.

"All they have to do is go to relay. They don't actually have to raise any money," said Ms. Rhoden.

Another wealthy corporate partner is DuPont, which accounted for some \$12,000 of Baker County's total, including \$2000 given on the day of the relay last from auctioning of old equipment.



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Attendees play a guessing game prior to their meal.

Then there was all the smaller teams of friends, family or coworkers who chipped in, too.

"That's what sets this community apart, the community buy-in," she said.

Recognized at the wrap up party last week were the top team and top individual fund-

raisers. DuPont raised \$12,371 for the top team honor while Kelly Lowery from the Holy Walkamolies team raised \$1302 for the individual award.

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OKEFENOKEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge will be offering archery throughout the summer months through a series of programs called "Oke Archery Days." Thanks to a generous donation by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources — Wildlife Resources Division, the refuge has acquired a complete archery range including 12 bows, arrows, and targets, among other equipment. "The archery equipment will be a great asset to the refuge and will enhance the programs we are able to offer," says Refuge Ranger Sarah Wyatt. "It will be a family-friendly way to introduce kids and adults to the sport of archery."

The programs will be geared towards children 5-15 years old, but will welcome all ages, even adults. All archery programs are free with all equipment provided for use during the program.

No prior experience is necessary, so the programs are well suited for beginners.

Instructors will show participants how to properly use a bow and arrow and will provide opportunities for the participants to demonstrate their marksmanship ability throughout the session. Pre-registration is required, and a parent/guardian must be present with their child for the duration of the 1.5 hour program. Limited space is available. Participants are welcome to attend one program or multiple programs to continue practicing their shooting skills. Dates are as follows:

The dates for the upcoming sessions are July 12 and 16 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. They will also take place August 1 and 2 at the same time.

Participants will meet at the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center located within the east entrance to the refuge, 11 miles southwest of Folkston, GA. Programs are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather. Although the program is free, a \$5 refuge entrance fee (or comparable refuge-specific or America the Beautiful Pass) still applies.

For more information, or to register, contact the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center at 912-496-7836, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

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FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service is accepting applications for the Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Program.

The sign-up period will end July 18 and is available for non-industrial private forest landowners.

"The southern pine beetle is one of the most destructive forest pests in the Southeast," said Adam Putnam, commissioner of the department, which oversees the forest service, in a recent press release.

"By taking preventative measures now, Florida's private landowners can greatly reduce their risk of timber loss during future outbreaks."

Periodic outbreaks can rapidly kill millions of pine trees and deplete tens of thousands of acres of timber resources. The most recent series of major southern pine beetle outbreaks resulted in an estimated \$59 million in timber loss between 1999 and 2002.

The Southern Pine Beetle Assistance Program is offered for private lands in 44 northern Florida counties, including Baker County.

The program provides incentive payments for the following:

- Conducting a first pulpwood thinning.
- Conducting prescribed burning operations.
- Conducting mechanical underbrush treatments.
- Planting longleaf or slash pine.

"Since 2005, we have assisted many private forest land owners through this program," said Jim Karels, Director of the Florida Forest Service. "More than 150,000 Florida acres have been treated for southern pine beetle prevention."

To learn more about this program and obtain an application form, contact a local Florida Forest Service office or visit www.FreshFromFlorida.com/SouthernPineBeetle/Prevention.

Qualified landowners may apply for no more than two approved preventative practices per year.

10-11 LL boys moving on

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The Baker County Little League All-Star teams continued to have mixed results in the final week of June as one squad advanced to sectionals while several others were eliminated.

The 10-11 baseball team was the most successful of the county's representatives as it rolled to a District 11 championship June 28 in front of a home crowd by a combined score of 24-10.

Coach Jason Combs' boys blew by Jacksonville Beach 16-6 before doubling up Yulee 8-4 to win the title. The team combined for five home runs over the two games, including three from Caleb Combs. Cason Milton and Kyler Holton each also added a long ball.

The coach said the team received good pitching performances by Justin Brown in the first game and Weston Johns in

the second.

With the district win, the boys advanced to sectionals July 12 in Rockledge.

While the 10-11 boys have already punched their ticket to the next round, the major division baseball team started its tournament off in a big way with a 3-2 route over St. Augustine June 28.

The Baker County boys are scheduled to play Callahan Wednesday, with the winner moving on to play to victor Highlands and the hosting Navy Ortega League July 5.

The senior baseball team is on the brink of elimination in Arlington after a 7-2 loss to San Mateo in its opening game June 28. The team tried to keep its district hopes alive Tuesday against the host team, where the loser was eliminated and the winner advanced to play San Mateo Wednesday.

Although some of the county's teams have had success, four other teams have already

been eliminated from tournament play.

The junior baseball team was sent packing from St. Augustine after a 3-2 opening game loss to Callahan June 28 and a 7-0 defeat to Yulee Monday.

The 9-10 softball and baseball teams also had early exits from their tournaments. The softball team fell to Yulee 12-6 in St. Augustine June 24. On the same date in Hilliard, the 9-10 baseball first team was eliminated following a close 10-9 loss to Callahan, and the second team was defeated 12-7 by Elm Street to end its tournament run.

The final tournament to start will get underway July 5 as the senior division softball team travels to St. Augustine for a three-team one-day pool play tournament that also features Hilliard and Yulee.

Check next week's edition for full results.



Photo courtesy of Nancy Venturelli

Baker Girlz undefeated in GA

The 12 year old and under Baker Girlz went undefeated and were crowned champions on June 28 in Waycross, Ga at the Coastal Georgia Sports Association fastpitch tournament. Seven teams including two from North Florida competed in the tournament. The Baker Girlz defeated North Florida Pride 5-4 in the championship game. The team, pictured above, are (front from left) Emily Mobley, Abby Hodges, Kendall Manucy, Sara Keves, Megan Danese, Cheyenne Kinghorn, (back from left) coach Shaun Keves, Cassi Beaver, Katie Brassart, Kyra Crafton, Emily Mobley, Jenna Venturelli and assistant coach Scott Brassart.

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Seth Paige fights his way to the catch.

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John "Boo" Crawford runs down the receiver.

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Cats continue to improve Faster QB reads, release targeted

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The Wildcats continued improving on the gridiron with a solid showing June 26 against Class 5A runner-up Clay High School in seven-on-seven drills, but the team is far from a finished product.

Both the offense and defense rebounded nicely after getting off to slow starts against the Blue Devils and played well throughout the second half of the practice. Quarterback Jacob Carter completed more than 60 percent of his throws during the team's final six possessions for four touchdowns and no interceptions. The defense combined for eight interceptions on the night, including five from free safety Mason Batten.

"Early on, we had trouble catching the ball, but our reads got a lot better," coach Tom MacPherson said after the drills. "Our spacing with our routes got a lot better. Defensively, our communication got a lot better. We started to win some balls in the air and intercept some balls, which was nice. As far as the progression from spring game to Monday to Tuesday to tonight, I think it was phenomenal. I think we are really getting better."

However, the team wasn't without its faults on the night. The wide receivers struggled to hang onto the ball during the practice and dropped almost 10 passes, one of which went directly into the hands of a Blue Devil defender for an easy interception.

Coach MacPherson was once again happy with the Carter's reads, but not the amount of time it took him to make them. The quarterbacks have to be able to read the coverages sooner and get the ball out of their hands quicker, the head coach said.

Defensively, the coach also wants to see better coverage against deep passes as the summer rolls along. Although the defense picked off eight passes, they allowed Clay receivers to get behind them for five touchdowns and had a tough time stopping the wheel route out of the backfield that resulted in several big gains for the Blue Devils.

The coaches can live with the opposing offense completing short passes, but the deep balls could cost them games in the fall.

"I'm still not happy with the amount of receivers behind us on defense in coverage," coach MacPherson said. "We're giving up too many long balls. We can rally to some of the short throws, but the long balls are going to get you killed in a hurry."

The drills against Clay came two days after the Cats traveled to Bartram Trail for additional seven-on-seven drills. Coach MacPherson said the Bears did different motions and shifts that his team wasn't used to, but it wasn't a bad practice overall.

The Cats will return to practice July 7 and host coach MacPherson's former team, the Ridgeview Panthers, for seven-on-seven drills the following day.

Eyes national world series

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Macclenny's Caleb Scott has been selected to compete in the Baseball Factory's Pirate City National World Series in Bradenton later this month.

The catch: the 15-year-old athlete needs some \$3000 for the trip. He's been soliciting donations online and raised \$750 thus far.

Mr. Scott has been playing baseball for about a decade, including for the middle school's Bobcats this year. The soon-to-be freshman at the high school also played basketball and football for the middle school.

He said his favorite sport is football because he enjoys the action and excitement of the games, particularly when the crowd is rooting for him.

"It's so entertaining," he said of the sport. "It's exciting to hear the fans."

The same goes for his second favorite sport.

"When you hit a home run or something like that, it's really exciting to hear the crowd cheering," he said.

In both sports, Mr. Scott gets to use his talent for running fast.

"Normally, they have me in the outfield. I like it because I can run down anything that comes to me," he says.



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Caleb Scott on the mound.

He also enjoys working hard, and most importantly, the camaraderie with fellow teammates.

The teen spoke to *The Press* while on his way to baseball tryouts at the high school the afternoon of June 19.

What are his goals?

"I want to be somebody," he said. "I want people to know me."

The Deerfield Road resident made the Baseball Factory team after being invited to a tryout last April in Tallahassee. The 20-year-old organization is based in Maryland and does similar tryouts around the country. Its web site boasts that 99 percent of Division I

college baseball programs have at least one Baseball Factory alum on their teams.

Mr. Scott hopes to be one of those student athletes someday and calls the Pirate City National World Series, which will run from July 25-29, "a once in a lifetime opportunity," shows his profile page at <http://www.gofundme.com/8uajdo>.

"We will be competing against the best players and teams in the country and will be coached by professional baseball players and pro scouts. I've trained for years with the hopes and dreams of playing with the best," it reads.



Sean Mulkey gets his hands on the ball.



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Mason Batten comes down with one of his three interceptions.

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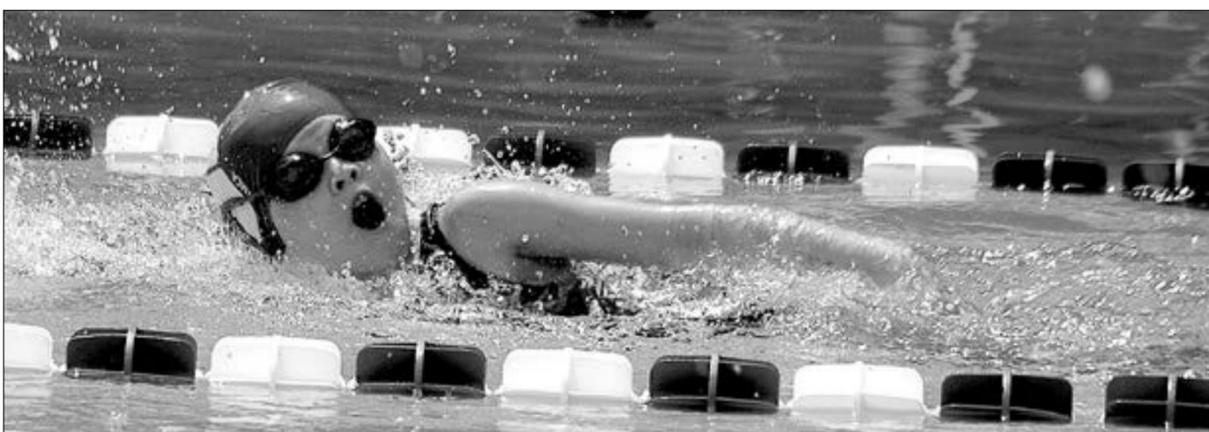
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BCHS Wildcat Kyrie Holman in the backstroke.



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Hannah Johnston during the 50-meter breaststroke.



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River Neri competes in the 50 freestyle.

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Bullets finish second in Fernandina

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For the second straight meet, the Bullets came in second out of three teams June 28 at Fernandina Beach when they finished behind the McArthur Y and ahead of Williams.

The meet was originally scheduled to be the team's 2014 home debut, but the cracked pool deck caused it to be moved to Fernandina. The state of the Baker County pool puts the remaining two home meets in jeopardy.

Even with the unusual circumstances, the team still competed well, especially in relay events, despite being outnumbered by McArthur. The final point tallies were McArthur 1063, Baker 396 and Williams 324.

Both the Bullets boys' 8 and under 100-meter team of Alexander Citrullo, James Richardson, William Nickles and Lane Joiner and the girls' 11-12 200-meter relay team of Zoe Harrington, Briana Thornton, Samantha Dillard and Alexis Liston won their events. The boys finished with a time of 2:23.10 and the girls ended with a time of 3:38.29.

In the 200-meter relay, the Bullets also had third place finishes from the open boys' team of Kyler Wilkerson, Seth Crawford, Landon Prevatt and Josh Ossmann and the 13-and-over girls' team of Lorian Bliss,



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Bullets swimmers Mya Harrington, Zoe Harrington and Alexis Liston start their longest race of the day.

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Elizabeth Dillard, Kyrie Holmon and Aspen Elliott.

The Bullets also had success in individual events.

The team swept the top two spots of the 11-12 boys' 100-yard freestyle as Crawford edged out Prevatt for first place with a time of 1:17.45. Liston came in second place in the same event for the 11-12 girls. Ossmann for the 13-14 boys' and Cheyenne Croft for the 9-10 girls finished in third place in the event in their divisions.

Crawford also finished atop the 11-12 boys' 50-yard backstroke with a time of 45.71. Wilkerson came in first place of the event for the 9-10 boys with a time of 57.20.

William Nickles came in first in the 7-8 boys' 25-yard butter-

fly with a time of :32.80.

Dillard and Thornton took second and third place, respectively, in the 11-12 girls' 50-yard butterfly. Wilkerson posted a second place finish in the same event for the 9-10 boys.

In the 25-yard backstroke, Nickles finished in second place and James Richardson came in third for the 7-8 boys.

Holmon came in second place in the 50-yard freestyle for the 13-14 girls. Wilkerson in the 9-10 boys', Prevatt in the 11-12 boys' and Ossmann in the 13-14 boys' divisions also finished in second place in the same event. Thornton came in third place in the event for the 11-12 girls.

Johnston finished in second place in the 9-10 girls' 50-yard breaststroke. Nickles took sec-

ond place in the 7-8 boys' 25-yard freestyle. Prevatt claimed second place for the 11-12 boys' in the 50-yard breaststroke, and Ossmann finished in second in the 100-yard backstroke for the 13-14 boys.

The Bullets had a couple more third place finishers to round out the individual results. Addie Bliss finished in third place of the 6-and-under girls' 25-freestyle, and Elliott claimed third in the 13-14 girls' 100-yard butterfly.

The Bullets have a week off before they return to the pool for their third meet. The meet is scheduled to be held at home July 12 against St. Augustine, but it could be moved due to the damage to the pool.

Baseball continues to roll this summer

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Coach Fred Matricardi's Wildcat baseball A-team remained unbeaten during the summer schedule as the boys have won six more games by a combined score of 64-27.

Landon Boyette hit go-ahead two-RBI hits in both games of the team's July 1 home doubleheader against Middleburg to help catapult the boys to victory. The Cats held off the Broncos 6-5 in the first game and stopped a late surge to win the second game 7-5.

After falling behind 2-0 in the first game, Boyette drilled a two-RBI double to deep left field in the midst of a five-run rally to give the Cats a 3-2 lead in the third inning. Kennedy added another run in the bottom of the fifth to extend the team's lead.

The Broncos wouldn't go down quietly, however, as they clawed their way back into the game with three runs during the fifth and sixth inning to pull within one. Middleburg had runners on second and third with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, but the final batter struck out to end the game.

The second game went much easier for the Cats until the closing frame when the Broncos made things interesting. Boyette's second two-RBI hit of the day, this one a single, gave the team a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the third. Justin Waddell padded the lead with a two-RBI triple in the bottom of the fifth, and he later scored on a wild pitch.

Baker County led 7-2 entering the bottom of the seventh when Middleburg's offense came alive. The Broncos scored three quick runs to close the score to 7-5 and had the go-ahead run on base with two outs. Pitcher Bryce Watson showed poise by navigating his way out of the tight situation to seal the win for the boys.

The doubleheader came about a week after the boys went on the road June 25 and put away the hosting Terry Parker Braves 11-5. Boyette, Dylan Hall and Andrew Dehart all swung the bat well, coach Matricardi said, and the team had good showings on the mound and each pitcher saw an inning of action.

The game at Parker came a few days after

the boys returned home from a two-day trip to South Georgia State College in Douglas, Ga., June 20 and 21.

The team won three games and tied one during the road trip. Cameron Wilson threw four innings and allowed only one hit to help give the team a shutout 10-0 win over Middleburg. The Cats won both games over the Punishers travel team and Metter, Ga., by the score of 15-6. Hall, Boyette, Waddell and Jordan Kennedy all had multiple hits during the wins.

The only game the squad hasn't won so far was a 1-1 tie with Oakleaf in Douglas. The Cats scored the tying run and coach Matricardi wanted to keep playing, but the game was called after regulation and ended in a tie.

In addition to the four games, South Georgia State College offered Kennedy and Zach Rafuse scholarships.

The two current Wildcats could join former teammates Mikal Flores and Jared Crews, who both signed with the school earlier this year, if they decide to sign there. Coach Matricardi is happy about the pipeline that is developing between Baker County and South Georgia and said it would give kids a great opportunity to go to college and continue their education and baseball careers.

Overall, the coach is excited about what he's seen so far during the summer.

"We have a lot of experiencing coming back," coach Matricardi said. "I'm expecting a good year this year. We'll hopefully make



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Owen Register narrowly makes it to first.



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At right is Landen Boyette at the plate. Above is Mikal Flores stretching for the out.

it a little bit further than we have been. If we stay healthy, we'll have a chance to be really good."

While the A-team has gone unbeaten thus far, the B-team hasn't had the same success and have lost three out of four. The team lost both games of a doubleheader July 1 at Oakleaf.

The boys dropped their first game to Waycross 6-2 before responding with a 11-5 win over Camden. Caleb Scott and Josh Haygood, who were key players on the BCMS Bobcats' conference title team, played well in the opening games, and are two of 13 incoming ninth graders who made the B-team.

Even with the poor overall record so far, coach Matricardi said the upcoming crop of JV players looks "promising" and they'll get up to speed quickly.



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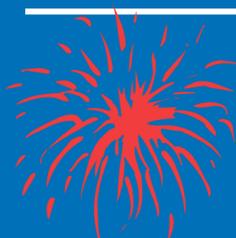
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