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BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Calls for 10% spending cuts From current levels

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The Baker County Commission ended its latest budget workshop the afternoon of August 19 with a \$1.1 million deficit for the coming fiscal year and clear directives for City Manager C.J. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson was asked by board chairman Jimmy Anderson to bring back a revised budget with the county commission's portion of it reduced by 10 percent, but sparing any cuts to a road department that's wholly funded by gas taxes and grants rather than the general fund.

The chairman also told the county manager to request the same action be taken by constitutional officers, like the sheriff, tax collector, clerk of courts and others.

Commissioners James Croft, Adam Giddens and Jimmy Anderson all voiced support for the move at different points in the two-plus-hour meeting. But when it comes to constitutional officers, the commissioners have little recourse if their fellow elected officials scoff at the proposal, county officials said.

However, Macclenny resident and business owner Ed Barber, who favors no tax increase and further cuts to balance the budget, said the board has one strategy at their disposal: blaming any future tax increase on the intransigence of constitutional officers.

The sheriff, who was present for the workshop, said his agency cannot withstand a 10 percent cut in county funding.

That didn't come as a surprise to Mr. Giddens. He said he approached Sheriff Dobson about a much smaller reduction 1.3 percent reduction and got the same response.

Commissioner Gordon Crews said he anticipates similar reactions from other constitutional officers once they hear the proposal, first floated by Mr. Croft at the start of the 3 p.m. workshop in the commission's chambers on N. 3rd St. in Macclenny.

Mr. Croft suggested a 10 percent cut to the current budgets — those for the 2013-14 fis-

cal year — not the budgets as proposed for the 2014-15 fiscal year beginning October 1.

The latter budget includes a 3-percent raise for all county employees in all departments and a 14 percent increase in the county's millage rate to 8.29, or about \$8.29 per \$1000 of taxable property value.

The increase would equal \$761,399 in revenue for county coffers, budget documents show, or about \$400,000 short of the current deficit and the sum likely to come from reserves to balance the spending plan.

The commission voted 3-2 on August 4 to approve the higher tentative tax rate, with Mr. Giddens and Mr. Croft casting the dissenting votes. Final adoption is expected next month. Mr. Anderson reiterated after this week's workshop his vote in favor of the tentative rate does not mean he will vote for it during the hearings next month on September 4 and 16.

After setting the tentative rate, commissioners can reduce it going forward, but they're barred from raising it.

Commissioner Crews wants to see some additional options at the next workshop on August 28 at 3 p.m., beyond the 10 percent cut to county spending. He asked for budgets with no rate increase and with a half-mill rate increase.

Challenge accepted!

Wildcat head coach takes ice water bath for ALS

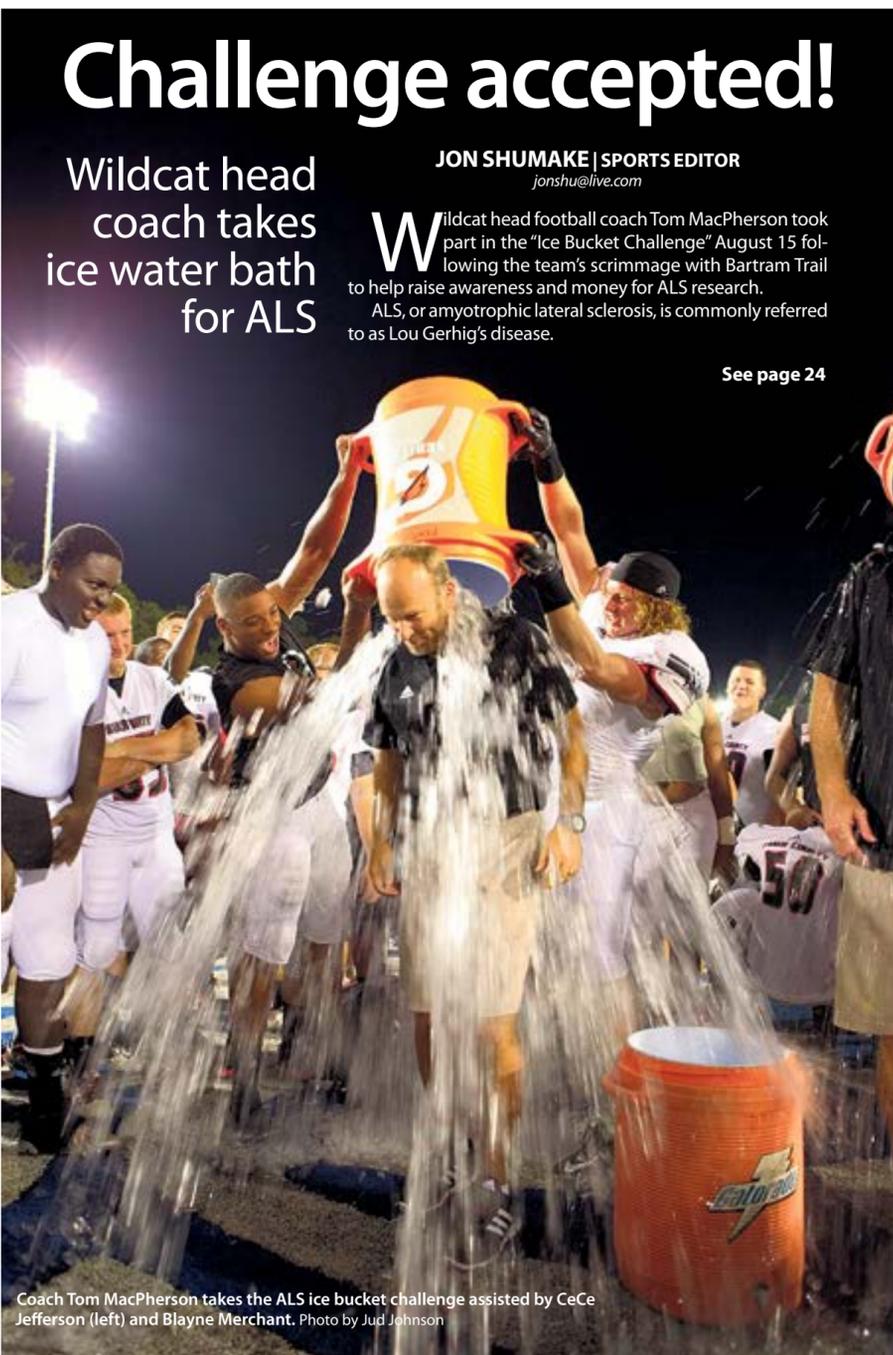
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Wildcat head football coach Tom MacPherson took part in the "Ice Bucket Challenge" August 15 following the team's scrimmage with Bartram Trail to help raise awareness and money for ALS research.

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease.

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Coach Tom MacPherson takes the ALS ice bucket challenge assisted by CeCe Jefferson (left) and Blayne Merchant. Photo by Jud Johnson

Teen arrested for attack on deputy

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A Macclenny teenager was arrested the afternoon of August 14 for battery on a police officer and resisting arrest with violence after she kneed a police officer as he was trying to arrest her for attempting to strike him.

Deputy Robert Simpkins responded to a residence on CR-127 and met with Shirley Chavis, who said her 16-year-old daughter became combative and argumentative when she tried taking her car away from her. The teen is currently a part of the juvenile diversion program in lieu of criminal prosecution after being caught shoplifting in July.

Ms. Chavis took the car to the location where she later met with the deputy to keep the juvenile from taking the car without permission. The teenager threatened to take the car from the location and drive it without permission or a driver's license, which is when her mother called the police.

Dep. Simpkins tried contacting the juvenile and asked her to exit the vehicle, but she refused to do so. He grabbed her wrist to escort her from the vehicle, but she snatched away and attempted to strike the officer with her other hand as she exited the vehicle. Dep. Simpkins pressed her against the jam of the door, and she thrust her leg backward and kicked

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Students return to campuses for another year of school

Students returned to the classroom Monday for the start of the 2014-15 school year. Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson (pictured below at center in a blue dress) handed out bible verses to teachers and students at the annual district-wide prayer meeting Sunday at Westside Elementary before the first day of school. Pictured on the first day are (clockwise from top left) fifth grader Ansley Hodges and third grader Carter Hodges; fourth grader Austin Rash, third grader Cameron Newmans and preschooler Zoey Newmans; second grader Deanna Paige, and Aiden Benoit, a fourth grader.

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Couple scams \$600 off elderly woman

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Seven Day Forecast

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 97 Low: 74

Friday
Scat'd T-storms
High: 97 Low: 73

Saturday
Scat'd T-storms
High: 96 Low: 74

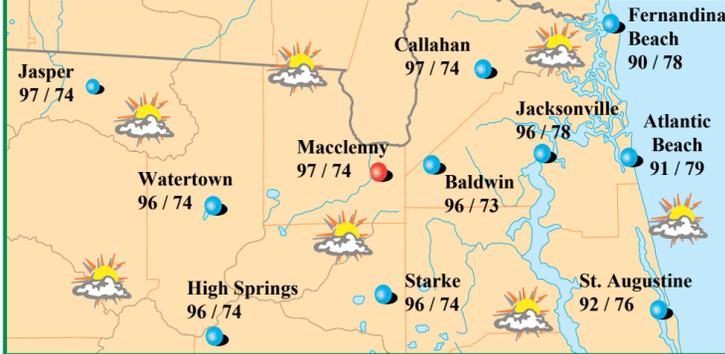
Sunday
Scat'd T-storms
High: 95 Low: 75

Monday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 96 Low: 77

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 96 Low: 74

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 97 Low: 75

Today's High & Low Temperatures



Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	
Mon, 8/11	90	72	92/72	0.00"	Precipitation0.23"
Tue, 8/12	84	73	92/72	0.00"	Normal precipitation1.59"
Wed, 8/13	86	73	92/72	0.11"	Departure from normal-1.36"
Thu, 8/14	90	72	92/72	0.00"	Average temperature80.4°
Fri, 8/15	86	70	92/72	0.12"	Average normal temperature81.9°
Sat, 8/16	93	72	92/72	0.00"	Departure from normal-1.5°
Sun, 8/17	93	72	91/72	0.00"	

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	
Thursday	6:59 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	Full 9/8
Friday	7:00 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	Last 9/15
Sunday	7:01 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	
Monday	7:01 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	
Tuesday	7:02 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	
Wednesday	7:02 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	

St. Mary's River Levels

	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	6.51 ft.	-0.27 ft.
Macclenny	3.38 ft.	-0.11 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM
Thu	8:46-10:46	9:16-11:16
Fri	9:33-11:33	10:03-12:03
Sat	10:18-12:18	10:48-12:48
Sun	11:02-1:02	11:32-1:32
Mon	11:45-1:45	---
Tue	12:58-2:58	12:28-2:28
Wed	1:41-3:41	1:11-3:11

Weather History

Aug. 21, 1987 - Early morning thunderstorms produced severe weather in eastern Iowa and west central Illinois. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 82 mph at Moline, Ill. and tennis ball size hail at Independence, Iowa.

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Battery on deputy by teen ...

him as he tried to place handcuffs on her. As the officer tried to back the suspect away from the vehicle to place her on the ground, she swung across her body with her left hand trying to hit the deputy in the face. She was holding a set of keys on a long leash that hit Dep. Simpkins in

the back of the head. She also grabbed the officer's arm, resulting in scratches and minor bleeding. He was eventually able to handcuff the suspect and had to be walked by Ms. Chavis and witness Marvin Parker. She cursed at them and attempted to lunge at her mother as if

she was trying to headbutt her, Dep. Simpkins noted. In a similar incident, a Macclenny man was arrested just after midnight August 16 on multiple assault charges after he threatened to hit his roommates with a sledgehammer and shoot police officers who responded to the scene.

Deputy Michael Hague met with Samantha Thorn and William Evans at CVS August 15 about a verbal altercation they had earlier in the day with James Jordan, 57. Both parties said Mr. Jordan threatened and cursed at them. They contacted the sheriff's office but police weren't able to locate him. Dep. Hague then responded to 10 W. Ohio Ave. Lot 7 to contact Mr. Jordan. The suspect turned down the officer's

request to speak with him and refused to answer the door. The deputy looked through the window and saw Mr. Jordan on a mattress in the front room. Dep. Hague then shined a light through the window and the suspect threatened to shoot him if he didn't stop shining the light. The deputy saw Mr. Jordan reach under his pillow as if he was reaching for a firearm. Dep. Hague took cover and Sergeant Shawn Bishari and Lieu-

tenant David Bryan arrived on the scene as backup. The officers entered the residence through an unsecured front door and Dep. Hague placed the suspect in handcuffs. The deputy found a small sledgehammer next to the mattress. Due to Mr. Jordan's level of intoxication, he was transported to the hospital to be medically cleared.

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When it's time to sink or swim, he sinks like a rock

"You need to tread water," my wife says to me.

"Glurb," I reply.

Have you ever seen those pictures of alligators with only their eyes showing from out of some murky swamp?

That's me in the pool.

To say that I don't swim very well is a rank understatement. I sink really well. I swim very poorly.

I have acquiesced to get in Kelley's parents' pool on this hot late summer day. Kelley is always trying to get me into the pool but with limited success. I'm appreciative, it's just that I don't like to sink.

She has done her best by giving me a pool noodle. I'm supposed to wrap my arms around this piece of foam and it will hold me up in the water. That's the theory, but this K-Mart pool float is no match for me. Remember the image of the alligator in the swamp. That's me all over. The alligator in the swamp.

I have what is known as negative buoyancy. I don't know if that's an actual term, but that's what I call it. What it means pure and simple is that I can't float.

You know how kids delight in taking a big rock and chunking it into a lake or river to get a big splash? I'm the big rock.

When we were first married my wife couldn't believe I did not know how to swim. At family pool parties, I wouldn't get in the water. She wanted to know why not.

"I sink."

"No you don't," she said. "If you just relax you will float."

"Not me."

"Even you."

"Okay, I'll show you."

Splash — the rock goes into the pond, and like the rock in the pond it goes straight to the bottom.

I cross my legs Indian style and sit on the bottom of the pool and wave to people. It's true. My son Dylan has the same problem though not to my degree. He has to furiously tread water to keep afloat.

After that, Kelley taught me how to swim. I had tried to swim when I about 8 years old, but it didn't take. I went through swim lessons but the culmination was swimming the length of the pool. I did fine all through the early stages until we got to the swim the pool part.

I'd do great until I got about halfway across the pool. At that point, I realize I'm halfway across the pool in deep water. I panicked and stopped kicking and paddling.

Naturally, I sunk like a stone. The instructor had to pluck me out of the water coughing and gasping. So I didn't go near water again for years.

My wife was scandalized by the fact that I was in my twenties and couldn't swim. So she taught me.

Weelllll, she taught me the minimum level skills. I could jump in the pool, take a deep breath and maybe, maybe get to the end of the pool before I hit the bottom. If I had to go farther than my one breath took me, I was in serious trouble.

People worry about sharks. Not me — if I fell out of a boat I'd sink so fast sharks would never have a chance at me. I would be a blur. One shark would say to the other, "Did you see that?"

"See what?"

If I'd been on the Titanic and they told me to jump off the boat because it was sinking I would say, "Big deal, I'll just ride it down. At least I can have a shrimp cocktail before I become a shrimp cocktail. Me and Leo Di Caprio. "I'm the king of the world! Glub, glub." But not King Triton.

"Okay," my wife said to me one day in frustration. "I taught you how to swim, but you won't get into the water. Why is that?"

"I don't like to be damp."

She gave me an odd look. "You're just weird."

I don't know what's weird about that. After all, there's nothing damper than sitting on the bottom of the pool.

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Know the signs of ovarian cancer ...

Dear Editor:

September is ovarian cancer month, and there's a lot that needs to be told about ovarian cancer. First the American Cancer Society figures on average that one in 75 women will get ovarian cancer. Most of the time it does not show any signs or symptoms until stage 4 so you need to know what to look for. The signs are: abdominal pressure, fullness, swelling or bloating; persistent indigestion, loss of appetite, persistent fatigue, pelvic pain or discomfort and low back pain.

If you experience any of these symptoms you need to go to your doctor and get checked out. If I had known what to look for, maybe I could have caught my ovarian cancer earlier, but I put it off thinking it was just that I was getting older and was nothing to worry about. Boy was I wrong. I was diagnosed in 2010 and am now in my fifth round of chemo. I was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer, which is right up where you don't want to be. I had surgery which lasted five hours and the cancer had already started to spread.

I want to let all women know what to look for and get checked out for this silent and deadly disease and hopefully save some lives. There's a blood test called CA-125 which is called a tumor marker. This can save your life.

The color of ovarian cancer month is teal, so wear your teal so that we be a united front against this disease and help spread the word to all your female friends and relatives.

Patricia Allen
Macclenny

Applauds EMS vote by board

Dear Editor:

As we all know, on August 4, 2014, the Baker County Board of Commissioners faced a very difficult task. The issue at hand was the RFP for privatizing of BCEMS. As citizens and county employees, we all understand that they had a very hard choice to make, as to finding ways of balancing the county budget. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Commissioners for their hard work and allowing the concerned citizens and employees to speak and hear their concerns on this issue. We also would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the many citizens who attended this meeting to show support and or spoke on this matter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

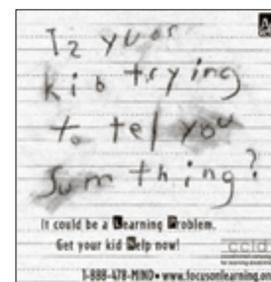
Bill Lowery
Macclenny

Hall earns 2nd place

Ed Hall, whose cartoons are featured on this page each week, added to his list of accolades for work he did in 2013 by winning second place for a portfolio of cartoons from *The Baker County Press* in the Society of Professional Journalists' 2014 Sunshine State Awards this week.

Mr. Hall also won a first place award from the Florida Press Association's Better Weekly Newspaper Contest in July for his editorial cartoon titled "Plan A" depicted a pair of pants being zipped up.

Congratulations, Ed!



Buyer beware: rural lifestyle has its price

JESSICA PREVATT | STAFF

In the past few months I've seen a lot of complaints on *The Press'* Facebook page regarding dirt roads. Baker County is full of them. I grew up on dirt roads. I share other's frustration when I go out to visit my parents and see where some irresponsible ATV driver has been on a four-wheeler or dirt bike doing donuts and digging massive ruts in the middle of the roads. Four wheelers operated by irresponsible kids and adults are the bane of most people who live on dirt roads.

Dirt roads aren't the most convenient way of getting around, but the county road department does a pretty good job at maintaining miles of them with their aging equipment. Now, that's not to say they do a perfect job. Culverts have a way of disappearing over time which in turn causes a mess when it rains ... but ... that's part of living on a dirt road. You expect to have to drive slowly and maybe have to take the long way around if the main road washes out. The good news is, it's usually fixed within a day or two.

Another thing is people need to do a little research before purchasing property in rural areas. A little bit of common sense can go a long way in saving money and heartaches down the road.

For starters, if the property is cheap, there's a reason. It's probably low-lying and thus prone to flooding, access to the property could be via a dirt road or it's so far out, there are no utilities nearby. I know there have been property owners out here who rooked buyers by promising the road was going to be paved or maintained by the county, when there was no such agreement in place. The key is not taking the sellers word for it. If the county has a plan to pave the road, it's in writing somewhere. Find it.

If you are in search of solitude and don't mind living miles away from another residence then there is probably some pretty cheap property available. The problem is the cost to develop it enough to live there may be cost prohibitive.

I read a story about a family who was unable to pay FPL the money needed to run power lines to their house. The amount was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$27,000. FPL has to cover their cost to provide the power that far from their existing infrastructure.

Problem is, the monthly bill would take a few lifetimes to cover the expense of running those lines with no guarantee the property owners will not change their mind and move in five years, shut off the power and FPL is left with equipment making them no money.

I sympathize with those property owners, but that should have been one of the first things they checked before buying secluded property. As much as I like the idea of having a few acres of woods between me and the neighbors, it still needs to be pretty close to other houses and a gas station. Maybe they can find a low interest government loan to help with the cost. There's plenty of government grants available. Google it. Just don't look to our local government.

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BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Students, teachers reflect on first day

Teachers' contract approved

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The school board met Monday night following the first day of school, which offered a chance for Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson to invite students, principals and teachers from each school to review how their 2014-15 school year kicked-off.

The superintendent, who visited each campus on August 18 before the 6:30 p.m. meeting, and said she had the heel blisters to prove it, said the county's six school sites were bustling but organized.

"It's like they never left," commented Mrs. Raulerson. "Everybody was just up and moving."

High school senior Matt Chisholm said he had a great first day. "And praise the Lord, the AC was working," he said.

His classmate, Karli Payne, got choked up after the superintendent, who taught Ms. Payne as a preschooler, recounted a moment she shared with the

child so many years ago.

She said the youngster was quite the perfectionist and always worried she would make a mistake. So, Mrs. Raulerson shared a book with her and her classmates in which Sesame Street's Big Bird learned it was OK to make mistakes.

This week, the superintendent presented the same book to Ms. Payne, who said she hopes to be a teacher one day.

Ms. Payne hasn't chosen a college yet, but said she wants to "touch the lives of children like Ms. Sherrie has done for me."

The middle school's Kylie Carter was "a nervous wreck" on the first day of school, she said, because she didn't have any classes with her friends. But by day's end, she said she realized she'd grown up with the students in her new classes and they represented an opportunity to build new friendships.

Macclenny Elementary's second grade teacher Charita Hurst said she had mixed feelings about the first day of her last year as a teacher.

The 30-year veteran of the profession said while she's looking forward to retirement, she will miss impacting the lives of so many children who have come through her classroom.

Third grader at Westside Elementary Lilly Kate Elledge recalled how she "had a snowball



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Above, Karli Payne accepts children's book from the superintendent. Below, Matt Chisholm talks about his first day as a senior at BCHS.

fight" and "played on the iPad" during her first day of school. Her principal Lynne Fort was quick to point out she was actually doing math with the mobile device.

After about 40 minutes of reminiscing, the school board tackled its agenda, including approving unanimously 4-0 (board member Naomi Robinson was absent) the district's contract with the teachers' union.

Union president Angela Callahan thanked the board for its cooperation during the recent negotiations. She said the vote by members of the Baker Coun-



Arrested after staggering in roadway

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A Macclenny man was arrested the early morning of August 16 for disorderly intoxication after an officer caught him unable to keep his balance while walking in the middle of the roadway.

Deputy Michael Hague found Michael Perry, 38, staggering in the street in the area of Martin Luther King Blvd. and US 90. The suspect became belligerent when contacted by the officer and said he was walking home from the bar. He cursed at the officer several times as he refused to give Dep. Hague his name.

Mr. Perry finally gave the deputy his name but cursed at him while doing so, and he was transported to county jail.

In a separate incident, a Macclenny man was named in a criminal complaint August 12 after he bought regulated metal without proof of ownership from a customer several days before.

Lieutenant Brad Dougherty originally met with Scappy Pappy's Recycling owner August 7 about customer Robert Raulerson, 20, attempting to sell him guard rail and I-beams. He refused to purchase the items because Mr. Raulerson didn't have the proper documentation, so the customer left and headed in the direction of American Recycling, which is owned by Tim Hughes, 46.

Mr. Hughes told the lieutenant he had just purchased metal from Mr. Raulerson. Investigator Mike Clark found storm grating that had been purchased in the same transaction as the guard rail and I-beams at

American Recycling.

All of the items were restricted regulated metal that needed a proof of ownership for a secondary metal recycler to purchase them. Mr. Hughes gave the officers a transaction form when requested but didn't provide proof of ownership because he said the metal wasn't guard rail. He told the police Mr. Raulerson said it came from a bridge he was working on in Nassau County as scrap.

After informing Mr. Hughes that the items were guardrail, contact was made with Anderson Columbia, the company Mr. Raulerson obtained the items from. A representative confirmed Mr. Raulerson's story. The police told Mr. Hughes to put a hold on all the guard rail pieces and storm grate.

Investigator Rodney Driggers discovered Mr. Hughes paid about \$166 in cash for the items instead of a check or an automatic funds transfer as required. The suspect met with police the next day and admitted the metal was guard rail.

In another incident, police responded to Lewis Colvin Road August 11 in reference to a tractor that had been shot and caused about \$500 in damage.

Deputy Daryl Mobley saw the tractor had damage to the door and a single hole in the glass on the left side, while the right side window was shattered. Owner Jimmy Bielling said he recently fired an employee and the two had words after the firing, but he said he wasn't sure who damaged the tractor.

Mr. Bielling called Dep. Mobley shortly after he left the scene saying the radiator had

also been shot. The deputy saw damage to the radiator but there weren't any bullet fragments.

In other recent incidents:

- Deputy Matthew Riegel responded to 410 W. Minnesota Ave. Lot 8 in reference to damaged property by a bullet after the owner heard numerous gunshots shortly before she called the police.

Annie Moore told the officer she thought the gunshots came from the area of Martin Luther King Drive and W. Minnesota Avenue but she couldn't find anyone shooting. She showed the deputy an entrance hole on the outside of the mobile home that continued into the interior. The projectile continued through a box against the wall and through the doorway of the living room before hitting another wall.

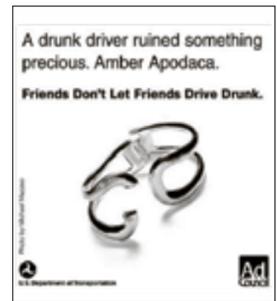
Ms. Moore was less than 10 feet away from the path of the projectile while she prepared dinner.

- A resident of the state hospital escaped the afternoon of August 16 after he climbed the perimeter's fence and entered a wooded area near SR-121. The K-9 unit was able to locate the patient at about 8:30 pm in a wooded area near Southern States Boulevard and Stewart Road.

ty Education Association, the union, was "overwhelmingly" to accept the contract, which includes \$600 bonuses for teachers in addition to annual "step" raises based on seniority.

She also urged the board to work on the district's employee health insurance coverage to reduce premiums. She said the increase in premiums this year outstripped the raises for some teachers.

"As a unit, we really need to research our insurance," said Mrs. Callahan.



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Elderly woman scammed for \$600

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Active warrants were issued August 18 for a Sanderson man and woman for theft and exploitation of the elderly after they allegedly scammed a Macclenny woman out of almost \$600 by using her checks while claiming to buy her groceries.

Investigators Rodney Driggers and Tracy Benton, along with victim advocate Jessica Morrison, responded to the 74-year-old's residence August 15 after learning about possibly fraudulent checks and the woman's missing medication, purse and checkbook.

The woman said Casey Stewart, a former employee of the Council for Aging, and her boyfriend Christopher Johns, both 29, would stop by about twice a week to help her around the house.

The 74-year-old said she never pays the two for their services even though they ask for money, but she does give them money to buy them and her groceries. The victim said she has given the suspects two or three checks worth about \$100 and she signs them after Ms. Stewart fills them out. She told the officers she gave the two a check the previous day, but she wasn't sure for how much or if

they brought back groceries. Inv. Benton found only a handful of microwavable dinners in the freezer and the cabinets were also almost empty. Several items in the refrigerator were also several months out of date.

The police also asked the elderly woman about her missing medication, and she told them it was in a bag in the dishwasher. The officers found three medication bottles that had a filled date of August 8 with the general quantity being 60 pills, but one of them was empty and another had only one pill.

Jackie Wright, who heads up the Council of Aging, told Inv. Driggers that an employee of TD Bank in Macclenny was working on gathering copies of the checks to determine who was writing and signing them. The employee told Mrs. Wright she thought the signatures on the check were forged after comparing them to a withdrawal slip, but Inv. Driggers couldn't determine if that was the case after comparing the signatures with one he gathered from the victim.

The investigators met with the employee and reviewed the four checks that were dated July 8, August 13 and August 14 and totaled \$400.

Since August 14, the victim's purse and checkbook had gone missing. The bank employee said she has a pending check of \$100 on the bank computer that has come through the bank for processing. She also has a pending debit transaction of more than \$90 at Winn-Dixie/Harvey's. The 74-year-old doesn't have a debit card but the transaction could have been made using a check and scanning it in the machine as a debit transaction, which is common for a business like Winn-Dixie.

Inv. Driggers then met with the on-duty manager of the grocery store, who couldn't locate the transaction. Winn Dixie recently purchased Harvey's, and the Lake City store still registered as Harvey's.

The on-duty manager in Lake City couldn't access the computer to check for the transaction, but did say the store holds all checks for seven weeks.

Mr. Johns was scheduled to meet with Inv. Driggers August 15, but he and informed the officer he and Ms. Stewart were unable to do so. The two finally met with Inv. Driggers in the early afternoon of August 19.

In other property crimes:
• A Macclenny man was arrested the afternoon of August

12 for shoplifting after he was caught opening packages in Walmart with a pocket knife and concealing the items.

Store security personnel told Deputy Ryan Yingling that Mark Martinez, 23, entered the automotive section and began cutting open the packages. The suspect allegedly took a light, soap and a knife that totaled almost \$61. Security found the light and soap in Mr. Martinez's pocket and the knife in the purse of Paige Miller, who was with the suspect. She denied any knowledge of having the knife.

In a similar incident, police responded to Souls Harbor Church of God August 16 in reference to an American flag being stolen and letters from the church's message board being removed.

Pastor Daniel Sturgill told Deputy Daryl Mobley that he noticed the letters of the sign were missing around 11 pm the night before and found them on the ground.

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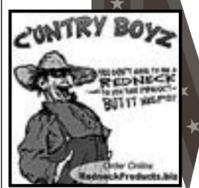
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City woman arrested for DUI

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A Macclenny woman was arrested the afternoon of August 17 for driving under the influence after a complaint she was driving recklessly reached police and she failed a field sobriety test.

Deputy Daryl Mobley followed Malissa Tubberville, 30, as she turned into the driveway of a residence on Tom Wilkerson Road after he responded to the area following the complaint.

Dep. Mobley contacted complainant Deputy Randy Davis and Phil Rhoden, who said they observed a blue Ford on SR 121 strike the center divider in front of McDonald's. They added the vehicle crossed the center line on the road multiple times and almost struck several vehicles head on.

Ms. Tubberville said she was on her way home with a TV she picked up and said she struck the curb because she was reaching behind her to keep the television from falling. She appeared unsteady on her feet with slow, mumbled speech, according to the police report, and she agreed to perform a sobriety test.

She told the officer she took a Lortab pill she was prescribed about four hours beforehand. Mrs. Tubberville failed the walk and turn and the one legged stand before she was arrested.

In another driving incident, a Macclenny man was arrested the night of August 15 for being behind the wheel with a license

suspended five times. He was pulled over for impeding the flow of traffic.

Deputy Michael Hague noticed a Ford car stopped in the area of Martin Luther King Street and Minnesota Avenue and made contact with driver Zeldia Graham, 40. Ms. Graham told the officer she didn't have her license and a check revealed it was suspended for failure to pay fines and was revoked indefinitely in April 2013.

In a similar incident, a Macclenny man was arrested the night of August 16 for driving on a license that was suspended twice after being stopped by an officer who knew he had a bad license.

Dep. Hague conducted a traffic stop on Lee Battles, 24, after he pulled into a residence on Grissholm Street. A check with dispatch revealed the suspect's license had been suspended for failure to pay fines. Mr. Battles was also cited on July 20 for driving on a suspended license.

In yet another incident, a Glen St. Mary man was arrested

the night of August 17 for violation of probation after he admitted he had been drinking when he returned to retrieve his SUV that was stuck in a ditch.

Deputy Marc Heath responded to Turner Cemetery Road in reference to a possible wreck and found an unoccupied Chevrolet SUV in the ditch. While attempting to contact the owner, Jason Harris, 26, exited one of two vehicles parked next to the SUV. He was uneasy on his feet while he walked toward the officer and stumbled several times, according to the deputy's account.

Mr. Harris told Dep. Heath he was driving the vehicle alone when it got stuck and went to get help from his brother to get it out. The officer learned the suspect was on probation and one of the conditions was Mr. Harris couldn't consume alcohol. The deputy could smell alcohol on the suspect and noticed his speech was slurred.

When asked, Mr. Harris admitted to having two drinks earlier in the night.

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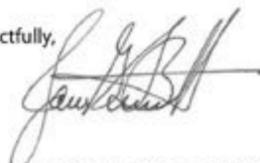
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Ground broken for COA bus garage

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Last week the county signed its contract with F&G Construction General Contractors to begin work on the roughly \$2 million transportation center for the Council on Aging following a groundbreaking ceremony at the project site.

A group of about 50 local public officials, as well as representatives from the Council on Aging (COA), the contractor and the Florida Department of Transportation, which is funding the facility through a grant to the county, gathered at the southwest corner of Buck Starling Road and Willis Hodges Road for the ceremony.

"Calling this project a headache would be an understatement," said County Manager C.J. Thompson, alluding to significant hurdles in getting the project designed and funded.

The 9-acre property the COA purchased in 2008 for a new senior center behind Winn-Dixie has soil and drainage problems that will be addressed as part of the project. Access to the 5 acres on which the transportation center will sit is from two dirt roads that the city and county are partnering to pave. The county also had to scale back the size and design of the transportation center, which came in over budget when it was bid earlier this year.

But thanks to a lot of hard work and cooperation by the stakeholders, Mr. Thompson said, the facility will soon become a reality.

Mike Dillon, executive vice president of F&G, said he estimates the job will start in the coming month and be finished in the spring of 2015.

Bob Lambright, a member of the COA governing board, said it's probably been eight years since the board began making plans for a new senior center



Posing for photos with golden-painted shovels are (l-r) county commissioner Jimmy Anderson, Barbara Yarbrough, Gene Lamp and Janell Damato.

to replace the current center in downtown Macclenny, where seniors congregate for meals, games, music and other social activities.

But over the years, the project has been amended considerably.

Funding for the new senior center has been elusive thus far, so the transportation center will consolidate only the COA administrative and transportation functions under one roof.

The COA is the designated transporter of elderly, low-income and disabled residents in the area. It now manages a fleet of buses housed off West

Lowder Street to take riders to college, work, shopping and doctors visits both locally and outside the county to Jacksonville, Lake City and Gainesville.

The transportation center project will include construction of a metal building with landscaping, irrigation and an asphalt parking lot.

It was last month that Mr. Thompson announced the scope of the over-budget-project was whittled down to within \$10,000 of the available funding, about \$2 million. When the first set of bids for the project were rejected in April, they were more than \$1 million over budget.

The county re-bid the transportation center, separating the site development work from the construction work into separate bids in an effort to bring down costs. The winning construction bid from F&G of Jacksonville was for roughly \$1.8 million. The site work went to Hager Construction, also of Jacksonville, for \$974,836.

Both sums were reduced considerably, however, after the companies were selected by the county. The site work budget is about \$600,000 and the construction budget is about \$1 million, a cost break-down from Mr. Thompson, the county manager, shows. The county is also using some \$274,000 for site material.

The project is being funded through a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation that was approved in 2010. About half the land the COA purchased in 2008 was deeded to the county at that time because only local governments were eligible for the grant funding and the COA is a private, nonprofit organization.

Still, the COA has been using other grants since about 2006 to fund site location and acquisition efforts, Mr. Lambright explained.

He said the COA paid a California consultant about \$50,000 to recommend a site. He said the firm selected the location behind Winn-Dixie because it was close to the interstate, shopping centers and a traffic light.

COA used additional grant funding, about \$500,000, to purchase a little more than 9 acres there, about half of which will be reserved for the future senior center.

"Today may be insignificant but the future of people coming and going from this place will be very significant," said Mr. Lambright after the ground breaking ceremony.

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THE TRUTH CONCERNING ADAM GIDDENS

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens:

As a general rule, my only involvement in local politics is to carefully examine the qualifications, experience and character of a candidate in order to make an enlightened, intelligent decision on the best person for the office they seek. However, a political ad in last week's Baker County Press warrants a response since I feel the ad unfairly compromises **Adam Giddens'** candidacy in the **District 4 County Commission race**. On its face, it contains an unfounded supposition. Since I "know the truth" surrounding the "facts" of why Mr. Giddens sought election four years ago, I feel compelled to submit this brief statement to correct any conclusion one might draw based on the suppositions and innuendos in the ad.

Mr. Giddens purchased a home previously owned by my son in Copper Creek that is right next door to me. Since I have been acquainted with, and friends of, the Giddens family for many years, I was very familiar with **Adam's qualifications, character, and eligibility as a Certified Public Accountant who graduated magna cum laude from Florida State University with a Master's Degree in Taxation**. With the annual Baker County budget of \$27,000,000.00, I felt Adam's education and expertise as a C.P.A. qualified him as an excellent potential Commission candidate. Consequently, I stepped across the yard one day and surprised him with the prospect of becoming a Republican candidate for the open County Commission seat in District 4 four years ago. His response was: **"I will pray about it, talk to my family, and get back with you."**

Following that conversation, I left the next day on a two-week vacation to Texas. The day I arrived back home, Mr. Giddens met me in the driveway to let me know that he had decided to pick up the packet, fill out the paperwork and run for the vacant County Commission seat we previously discussed. Immediately, a coalition was formed to assist him in the race.

Based on the facts stated above, I can unequivocally assure the voting public and citizens of Baker County that the lengthy ad published by **his opponent, James Bennett, is deceptive, misleading, and a complete distortion of facts** which I frankly find reprehensible from someone seeking public office in Baker County. I am extremely disappointed that in a neighborhood where the residents are commonly treated with "brotherly love," a friend and neighbor would purchase a quarter-page ad to attack another "good neighbor" in order to gain **"public support"** or **"garner votes"** based on an **indefensible, unjustifiable supposition**.

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Motorists busted with drugs

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Two Sanderson men were arrested the early morning of August 17 on separate driving without a license and felony drug possession charges after they were pulled over for driving with a malfunctioning headlight.

Sergeant Shawn Bishara stopped driver Chancey Blackburn, 25, and vehicle owner Kenneth Goethe Jr., 35, on Interstate 10 just before 5 a.m. Mr. Blackburn admitted he never had a license and a check with dispatch revealed he also has a suspension for failure to pay a traffic fine. The officer learned Mr. Goethe's license was also suspended.

While speaking with Mr. Blackburn, Sgt. Bishara noticed Mr. Goethe moving around in the front of the vehicle and dig his hands into his pocket. The suspect exited the vehicle when Deputy Marc Heath arrived on the scene to give him a ride home, but Sgt. Bishara saw a white capsule-shaped pill in the floorboard where Mr. Goethe was sitting.

The pill was identified to be

Acetaminophen and Hydrocodone and Mr. Goethe admitted he didn't have a prescription for the medication.

In a similar incident, a Sanderson man was arrested just after midnight August 17 for possession of marijuana after police found 1.5 grams of the drug during a search after finding him asleep in his car.

Corporal Matthew Riegel found Barry Brown, 20, in a vehicle in the parking lot of the BP Station on Macclenny Avenue. The officer began speaking with the suspect and saw a handful of small zip-close bags spread across the floorboard and next to the driver's seat. Mr. Brown eventually admitted to smoking marijuana and said he knew what the bags were for after initially saying he didn't know.

Mr. Brown reached for the center console several times while Cpl. Riegel was speaking with him. The officer asked the suspect to exit the vehicle after the third time he reached for it.

The suspect began emptying his pockets as requested but Cpl. Riegel could tell Mr. Brown was separating items in his pockets before pulling them

out. The corporal performed a pat down and felt an additional item in Mr. Brown's pocket, which was another small bag that contained the small amount of marijuana.

In another incident, a Sanderson man was arrested the early morning of August 17 for misdemeanor possession of marijuana after he admitted the weed an officer found during a search of a car was his.

Deputy Michael Hague was on a property check at the Baker Manor apartment complex when he saw two men in a Ford Ranger. John McNutt, 22, exited the driver's side of the vehicle and said he and his friend Daniel Highsmith, who soon also approached the officer, were in the vehicle smoking a cigarette. Dep. Hague asked to search the vehicle since there usually aren't people out at the complex at night and the two agreed.

Dep. Hague found a marijuana cigarette in the floor just below the gear shift and Mr. McNutt admitted it was his when questioned. The deputy continued to search the vehicle and found a small plastic bag with marijuana in it.

Boyfriend made threats Raises wrench, warns not to call 911

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A complaint was filed against a Macclenny man August 14 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and battery after he allegedly threatened to kill his girlfriend while holding a wrench during an altercation earlier in the day.

Deputy Michael Antonini responded to a residence on CR-122 in reference to the disturbance and met with Jessica Hudnall, who said her boyfriend Dustin Crews, 24, woke her up in the morning and started a verbal altercation on the back porch.

She said Mr. Crews cursed at her during the altercation and used his hands to cover her nose and mouth, which prevented her from breathing for a few seconds. While being suffocated, she said she was beating on the back of the residence and window to try alerting her three daughters about what was happening.

She managed to push his hands away and threatened to call the police. Mr. Crews then allegedly picked up a 12-inch wrench from a bin of his belongings that was outside. He cocked the wrench back in a manner suggesting he was going to strike her with it and threatened to kill her if she called the cops, according to Dep. Antonini's report.

He put the wrench down when she didn't call the police but the verbal altercation continued. Ms. Hudnall said he then used his hands in a motion that suggested he was going to choke her but his grandmother arrived at the residence. Mr. Crews took his belongings, including the wrench, and left in his grandmother's vehicle.

Ms. Hudnall said Mr. Crews has recently been using meth, but no drug-related items were found in the house.

Dep. Antonini tried contacting Mr. Crews at his grandmother's residence on Labeuna Avenue and found a bin that matched Ms. Hudnall's description. The deputy was unable to contact anyone and left a note, and was later contacted by Mr. Crews' grandmother. She said she drove him to a residence across the state line on SR-121 but couldn't provide a phone number.

In a similar incident, a Sanderson man was arrested the night of August 14 for domestic violence after he allegedly slapped his girlfriend across the face during an argument.

Deputies Christopher Clutter and Johnny Hodges responded to the incident on Jack Duggar Road as Dep. Clutter

spoke with Bobby Barnes Jr., 33, and Dep. Hodges talked to Vicki Crews, 40. Mr. Barnes told the deputy that only a verbal disagreement occurred between the two of them.

While speaking with the adults involved, two children were crying hysterically outside. One of the children told Dep. Clutter she saw Mr. Barnes slap Ms. Crews across the face in the living room. The other juvenile backed up the story and said she could hear her father and Ms. Crews arguing in the bedroom before the teenager saw him slap the victim in the living room.

Ms. Crews gave Dep. Hodges the same story and Dep. Clutter saw redness on her cheeks that may have resulted from a slap, per the report.

In another incident, a Macclenny man was arrested the night of August 11 for violating a domestic violence injunction after his wife reported that he threw a knife in her direction and held a gun to his head.

Diana Johnson spoke with Deputy Marc Heath at the sheriff's office and said she and her husband Jeremy Johnson, 41, were involved in a verbal dispute August 10 due to his medication abuse. She said Mr. Johnson threw a knife at the wall next to where she was walking through the living room and then laughed about

the incident. Police were called but peace was restored and Mrs. Johnson said no action was necessary.

She said on the morning of August 11 he held a gun to his head and threatened to kill himself several times before throwing the gun at her. She told the officer her husband is a convicted felon and found the gun she keeps hidden from him, but that he also has a rifle he has access to in their closet.

Dep. Heath and Sergeant Shawn Bishari responded to the Woodlawn Cemetery Road residence for a well-being check. Dep. Heath learned that Mrs. Johnson has a non-expiring active domestic violence injunction against her husband that has been active since 2008. She said she wasn't aware it was active and they've been living together for five years.

Mr. Johnson admitted to a verbal altercation occurring but denied all the other incidents his wife told Dep. Heath about. There was no evidence supporting the incidents Mrs. Johnson described and Mr. Johnson was arrested for the injunction violation and firearm possession by a felon.

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Bondi targeting synthetic drugs

Says they are aimed at youths

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Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi stopped in Macclenny the afternoon of August 14 following a meeting in Jacksonville on the proliferation of synthetic drugs, their marketing to youths and the new technology used to consume them.

She brought the same message to the Baker County Chamber of Commerce and its members for the 1 p.m. visit with local business and civic leaders. Ms. Bondi said the synthetic drugs made overseas with colorful cartoon-filled packaging and candy flavors to appeal to children can often cause serious illness.

"It's so out of control. You're the first (schools) superintendent to hear about this. This is the newest thing. This is unreal," she said pointing to Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson who was seated to her right. "They're putting synthetic drugs into fountain pens and kids are taking them into schools. Have you heard about this?"

Public health officials have been warning about so-called e-cigarettes that contain liquid nicotine that's vaporized and inhaled using a similar device that looks like a pen, lip stick or mascara.

"These come in fruit and candy flavors. There's banana split, cotton candy, sweet tart, cola and pina colada," reads a recent press release from the Baker Tobacco Free Partnership and Students Working Against Tobacco, SWAT, on e-cigarettes. "One maker says 30,000 flavor combinations are possible."

"Although they may look attractive and smell good, e-cigarettes are unregulated and contain nicotine. All the major tobacco companies own e-cigarette brands and they are marketing them just like they used to market tobacco before the practices were banned. E-cigarette liquid nicotine is poisonous and a teaspoon of it can kill a small child. Another concern is that e-cigarette cartridges can be filled with other liquefied drugs and inhaled."

The attorney general warned that's what's happening with synthetic drugs, which are also known as "spice," "K2" and other names. She made this plea to Chamber members last week — visit her office's website, myfloridalegal.com, to get educated on synthetic drugs and what they look like.

"We're seeing it all over the state," said Ms. Bondi, whose is running for re-election in the fall.

She's drawn two Democrat challengers in George Sheldon, a former deputy attorney general and former secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families, and Perry Thurston Jr., a state representative from Fort Lauderdale, who are facing off in the primary August 26.

The attorney general also updated the roughly 30 people in the Chamber's new conference room about her offices efforts to combat pill mills,



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Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi at the Chamber last week.

human trafficking, business-to-business scams as well as Medicare and Medicaid fraud. Following her talk, community leaders had the opportunity to share with the attorney general their concerns.

First to speak up was Lyons & Lyons accountant Clay Lyons.

Mr. Lyons said as a taxpayer and CPA he's worried about residents filing fraudulent tax returns.

He explained he's encountered local residents who have used tax preparers in Jacksonville to file "grossly fraudulent" returns. He said when he called the attorney general's office about the matter he was bounced back and forth between her office and that of Adam Putnam, the commissioner of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, another cabinet level post like the attorney general's office.

"I had an 80-something-year-old lady come into the office," Mr. Lyons said. "They had her in college. They had her with two dependent children and with the earned income [tax credit] she got back like \$8,000 or \$10,000."

"Don't get me going on what they're doing with Obamacare," responded the attorney general, a staunch opponent of the federal healthcare law. She went on to say that complaints about the filing fraudulent tax returns are "mainly federal, but we can connect you with the right people."

Nancy Wright, executive director of the Baker County Council on Aging, used the opportunity to address a side effect of Florida's Republican-led move to "managed-care" for low-income residents enrolled in Medicaid, including many of the Council on Aging's clients.

Mrs. Wright said the private HMOs, or health management organizations, now running the Medicaid program statewide

are pushing enrollees to use cheaper private van or taxi services to get to medical appointments rather than the nonprofit council's fleet of buses.

"We are struggling big time with the transportation portion (of managed care). It should have never been included. It was working in the State of Florida. (Now) it is a nightmare ...," said Mrs. Wright.

She requested five minutes with the governor to explain how seniors here use the cheaper services to get to Duval County and then call the council for a ride back because they're dissatisfied with the service.

"They're talking about the lower cost, I get it. But they are not making the other bus transportation agencies jump through the same hoops that we are," Mrs. Wright said. "You send a yellow taxi out from Duval County, they have not had to have their buses inspected like we have. They're drivers have not had to go through level 2 background screening like we have. We just want to ask the governor to cut the transportation part out."

Ms. Bondi agreed to work on the issue, to which Mrs. Wright gave her thanks.

Next the attorney general turned to the controversial issue of Florida's 2008 voter-approved gay marriage ban. The law has been ruled unconstitutional by multiple judges in Florida and around the country. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on the issue in the future, which is just what should happen, according to Ms. Bondi, who has appealed the recent Florida rulings.

She said last week that she swore an oath to the state constitution and since it includes the gay marriage ban, she will defend it.

"Whether you believe in something, that's not my business," said Ms. Bondi. "But six years ago, 62 percent of

the voters passed a law. A law that outlawed something. We have something in our country called the separation of powers. I'm not the judiciary. Can you imagine if one person was? Can you imagine if I could pick and choose ... I'm the attorney general. I'm a member of the executive branch. And it's my job to defend the constitution of Florida and the United States. Therefore, the Supreme Court needs to decide this issue."

Opponents of the same-sex marriage ban argue it violates the U.S. constitution's equal protection and due process clauses.

Ms. Bondi wasn't the only high-ranking public official in town during the last week.

U.S. Rep. Ander Crenshaw, who is also facing re-election this year, but has a primary opponent on the August 26 ballot in Ryman Shoaf, toured the Baker County Sheriff's Complex, Northeast Florida State Hospital, Macclenny city hall, the school board office and the county courthouse, according to a schedule from his press office.

Rep. Crenshaw and state Rep. Elizabeth Porter, yet another Republican up for re-election this year, are expected to be at Heritage Park on Saturday morning for breakfast at 10 a.m. to meet with constituents, *The Florida Times-Union* reported this week.

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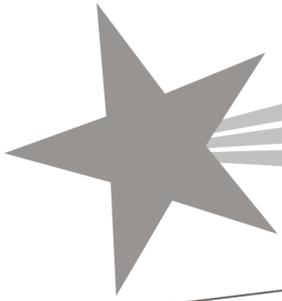
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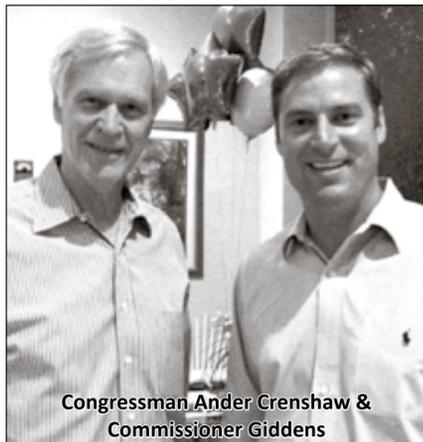
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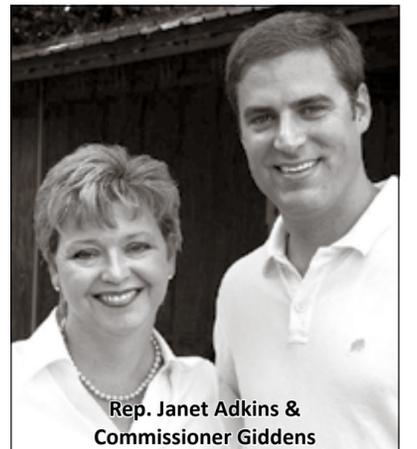
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MACCLENNY CITY COMMISSION

Fourth Dollar General coming to the county

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If you thought Dollar General had enough stores Baker County, you'd be wrong, at least from the growing and publicly-traded company's point of view.

The Goodlettsville, Tennessee-based Dollar General, which recently bid to purchase rival Family Dollar for some \$9 billion in cash, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, plans to build its fourth store in north Macclenny.

The Macclenny City Commission approved on first reading last week an ordinance rezoning a roughly 2-acre parcel at the southwest corner of the intersection of North 5th Street and CR 23B from Residential Single Family to Commercial General to accommodate the new store.

The Dollar General on south 6th Street is about 2 miles from the proposed north city site, while the most recently built Dollar General on SR 121 South is about 3.5 miles from the proposed site. There is also a Dollar General in Glen St. Mary.

The company has been expanding its footprint to become a more convenient option for shoppers of discounted household goods, foods and beverages, as well as beer, wine and cigarettes.

"I wish we would have invested in Dollar General," quipped Mayor Gary Dopson when the measure came up at the August 12 city commission meeting.

Before the 5-0 vote to approve the new zoning and future land use designation for the property owned by Keith Rhoden, the mayor was interested to know what uses are permitted in areas zoned Commercial General.

Assistant City Manager Roger Yarborough said the zoning allows for retail sales of food, beer and wine, clothing, electronics and the like. Also permitted are bakeries and hair salons. Permitted with an additional hearing and approval by the city's Zoning Adjustment Board are day care centers, movie theaters, warehouses and other kinds of businesses.

Given the wide-range of permitted land uses, Mayor Dopson recommended conditioning any approval of the new zoning on the sale or lease of the land to Dollar General for a new store. In other words, if the commission approves the zoning and land use change, and Dollar General subsequently backs out of the project, the mayor wants the zoning and land use to revert back to its residential designations.

He also asked for a complete list of permitted uses when the changes will be heard for final approval next month.

The new Dollar General store is slated to be 9100 square feet, said a consultant representing the company at the meeting.

City leaders also heard a presentation from Bill Lowery and Paul Dickinson, who are helping to organize a veteran's appreciation event tentatively set for November 15.

"We have a very ambitious goal," explained Mr. Lowery. He said organizers hope to raise \$10,000 for the inaugural event and draw 400 of the county's roughly 2700 veterans to the affair to accept "thank you medals."

"We feel like the vets in this community need to be recognized," said Mr. Lowery.

More than \$3000 has been raised in three months of planning thus far, according to Mr. Lowery.

The event will begin with a 5K walk/run in the morning to be followed by a parade on U.S. 90. There's also to be military exhibitions of memorabilia from the Civil War, World War II and other military conflicts since at the fairgrounds.

Three bands have already agreed to play at no charge. Guest speakers, including a Purple Heart recipient from Perry, GA, will be featured as well. Organizers are searching for other veterans with medals. Mr. Lowery said the county's veterans affairs office, headed by Tony Esterling, would not release a list of local veterans with medals because of federal healthcare privacy laws.

Commissioner Vernon Bennett, an Army veteran, agreed to lead the parade as its marshal after Mayor Dopson, also a veteran, declined the invitation and suggested Mr. Bennett was better suited for the honor.

"We're hoping this is really huge and it continues," said Mr. Lowery.

In other business that evening:

- Commissioners approved an agreement with the county to partially fund and provide bidding and project oversight for the retrofitting of 25 pump stations. The retrofit will allow them to be hooked up to generators should power be lost in the city.

The county was awarded a grant to fund the project, but the grant requires the city contribute \$14,065 to the effort

since all of the lift stations are located within city limits. City Manager Phil Rhoden said about half the contribution will be in-kind services and the other half cash from the city's sewer and maintenance budget. He said the retrofit will cost about \$42,000 in all.

City Fire Chief Buddy Dugger explained that only a few of the city's larger pump stations have built-in generators but other generators are "on call" to power the remaining stations in case of a power outage.

The city has about 40 pump stations in all, he said.

City officials expressed some dismay that they were not informed earlier of the county's grant from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

- Mr. Rhoden announced the city is now eligible to apply for grants from the state's Small County Outreach Program, or SCOP, which previously had not been open to municipalities. "It's not a tremendous amount of money out there," he said, but the application deadline is September 10.

SCOP supplies funding for road improvement projects.

- Commissioners voted 5-0 to renew the health insurance plan from United Healthcare

for its employees.

Tim Owen, the city's health insurance broker, said the carrier agreed to renew the existing insurance policy with no benefit changes, but with a 5.9 percent increase in premiums, which is below the 8 percent increase the city had expected.

Mayor Dopson said he voted for the plan reluctantly. "Of all the insurance companies, I hate United the worst," he said.

The mayor sits on the board of directors of Baker County Medical Services, which manages Fraser Hospital. The insurer, which is the largest in the U.S., does not have a contract with the hospital, which means city employees and other United customers are not covered for treatment at the hospital.

The mayor said that's because the reimbursement rates United pays for treatment, if accepted by the hospital, would not cover the facility's actual costs.

"Baker County Medical Services would lose money," said Mr. Dopson.

He said about 25 percent of the hospital's patients are indigent and can't pay their medical bills while another 25 percent are on Medicare, which has low reimbursement rates as well. He added the hospital is dependent on the 50 percent of patients with private health insurance to survive.

Mr. Owen said there's hope, however, that United and the hospital will come to terms. He said United would be submitting a new proposal to Baker County Medical Services by the end of the month.

The first public hearing on the city's tentative millage, or property tax, rate and budget is set for September 9 at 5:45 p.m., just prior to the regular city commission meeting at 6 p.m. The tax rate and budget will up for final approval on September 23 at 5:45 p.m.

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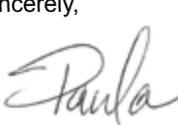
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BAKER COUNTY CANDIDATE Q & A

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What personal qualities make you uniquely qualified for the office you're seeking?

A. Giddens: I have real world experience in managing a private sector company with over 350 employees. I have four years experience as a commissioner and thorough knowledge of the issues facing our county. I have the analytical skills, fiscal knowledge, business background and the right education for this job. I have a strong moral upbringing, conservative values and make decisions based on prayerful consideration. I am a proactive, independent thinking county commissioner who looks at all angles of an issue before making a decision.

J. Bennett: Strong leadership skills, ability to find solutions to complex challenges, honesty and integrity.

What is your position on sand mining in Baker County?

J. Bennett: Strongly opposed. The benefits are very small, the consequences to our natural resources and future generations is considerable.

A. Giddens: I have not and will not give a blanket endorsement to sand mining. I believe in looking at issues based on their individual facts and data and then making an informed, prayerful decision. I have publicly stated that I do not favor well-drilled sand mining because of concerns of water withdrawal. The only sand mining that I ever voted on was to be done with Macclenny's treated reclaimed water on already mined land near a landfill, thereby preventing the water from being dumped into Turkey Creek and ultimately the St. Mary's River. No well was to be drilled, ever! The City of Macclenny Commissioners, on a unanimous 5-0 vote, supported the use of the city's reclaimed water, as it would have helped the city save \$700,000 in infrastructure costs. Furthermore, it would have broadened our tax base and created jobs.

What type of new development would you support in Baker County, and what type of new growth or development would you oppose in Baker County if elected?

A. Giddens: I oppose any development that adversely affects our environment or moral climate. My primary focus is attracting new businesses first to increase our tax base and provide local jobs for our citizens. Look at a list of the top tax paying entities in our county and you will quickly see it is businesses. They also require the least services. For example, the police are hardly ever called to Walmart Distribution Center, but they're called to neighborhoods all the time. But, Walmart DC pays several hundred thousand dollars per year in property taxes! That's what we need! I am not for making our county the bigger bedside community of Jacksonville by increasing "rooftops," traffic and service needs. Smart growth is capitalizing on our current hardworking workforce and our high and dry land ready to be developed for industrial complexes. Baker County is poised for growth due to its close location to a port, a lot of developable land, strong workforce and location near major interstate corridors. We need this type of growth in order to attract the support businesses that include recreational facilities, places for our youth, and the restaurants that we all want to come. Then, more people will move and build homes in our county.

J. Bennett: I supports new development in the areas of industrial, warehousing, manufacturing, retail, commercial and small businesses. I'm opposed to any industry that has future negative impacts to our county's natural resources or community objectives (such as "gentlemen's clubs").

What will be your top three priorities in office and how do you plan to pursue them if elected?

J. Bennett: (1) Revise the current land development regulations (LDRs) to address unnecessary restrictions that are impeding smart growth. How? By reviewing and identifying critical items in the current LDRs and work with the Local Planning Agency and fellow commissioners to revise these requirements. (2) Work to address/eliminate the impact fees that create impediments to appropriate developments occurring in our county. I would identify the components of the impact fee structure that are detrimental to developments and work with my fellow commissioners to provide long-term relief in order to allow developments to advance here in the county. (3) Pursue further developments that have long term benefits (jobs) for our county. I would continue to work with other entities, such as the Florida Department of Transportation, the Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville Port Authority, etc. to identify projects that enhance our county's ability to attract businesses and to recruit business interested in our area.

A. Giddens: We are in very tough financial times but I have never and will never forget that our citizens are also in tough times on their household budgets. Therefore, my top priorities will continue to be: 1. Continuing to balance the budget during these toughest of economic times since the Great Depression is a top priority. 2. Avoiding lay offs of county employees. 3. Avoiding further depletion of reserves that will bankrupt the county.

Through a concerted effort, we've balanced the budget every year. Our county agencies realize the seriousness and have cut spend-



Adam Giddens

Incumbent District 4 county commissioner Adam Giddens, 30, is the chief financial officer of Giddens Security. He lives in Macclenny and holds a master's degree in accounting. He also graduated from the Florida Association of Counties' Certified County Commissioner program.



James Bennett

District 4 county commission candidate James G. Bennett, 46, of Macclenny is a former urban transportation development manager with the Florida Department of Transportation. He plans to work for the engineering consulting firm Atkins starting in September. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

ing, and we're keeping taxes low. These efforts must continue. We will have to use reserves to help balance the budget, because it is our rainy day fund. Let's get through the rainy day.

If elected, what type of tax and/or fee incentives would you support for new and existing businesses?

A. Giddens: I continue to support zero impact fees to attract new businesses to build in our county. This will create jobs and growth, thereby increasing the tax base resulting in helping the county meet its budget. I also support property tax incentives to attract businesses that create jobs. One incentive I support is property tax credits (rebates) to businesses that create a certain number of jobs that pay at or above our county's average income. For example, if a business creates 300 jobs that pay \$35,000 on average, let's give that company an incentive to locate in Baker County by giving them a credit on their property taxes for the first few years they are here, as long as they meet the jobs requirement. Having them come and create those jobs will help our economy grow, thereby increasing the tax base and bringing in revenue to the county.

J. Bennett: I support providing local businesses with bidding preferences as well as short-term real estate tax breaks. This would mean hold the current taxes level for a 3 to 5 year period after small, local businesses re-invest for expansion. This approach does not have any detrimental effect on the county, but has a tremendous benefit to encourage small business to expand so they can hire new employees.

If elected, what would you do to grow and expand recreational activities for youths and their families?

J. Bennett: Recreation is important to our county as it provides our youth with opportunities to learn sportsmanship and teamwork, while also providing exercise. The individuals involved in these activities, whether it's the parents, coaches or just volunteers, each have a better understanding of what is needed in their respective sport. I believe the input from those individuals will be critical in expanding recreational activities. I support the latest concept of a recreational board in order to provide guidance for needed changes. The structure and oversight responsibilities will be critical in order to ensure success. This guidance should expand to more than only youth activities, but should encompass our parks and other recreational amenities as well. It is important to seek guidance from those individuals that have the knowledge and skills in the area of these activities.

A. Giddens: Due to the fiscal situation we are facing, funds are limited for expansion. The key to expanding our recreational activities will be private/public partnerships and grants. We got Shoal's park from a grant. As a current county commissioner, I've been working on developing the new Recreational Advisory Board. This board will be put in place to promote and expand recreational facilities, seek out grants, partnerships, and collaborations to meet Baker County's recreation needs, and assist in developing, implementing and monitoring a long-term Recreational Master Plan.

How would you protect the rural character of Baker County while priming it for new growth in the future?

A. Giddens: I oppose any development or business that adversely affects our environment or moral climate such as medical waste incinerators, well-drilled sand mining, gambling institutions, Internet cafes, etc. We need to attract businesses whose morals and values align with our own. Our land development regulations have in place formal procedures that allow commissioners to review potential businesses needing zoning changes on a case-by-case basis through public hearings along with public input. In these meetings I weigh the pros and cons to determine if the company would enhance our economy as well as protect our character.

J. Bennett: The county's Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Regulations both provide protections to where development can and cannot occur. Changes to these documents should be made with considerable thought and deliberation. Smart growth principles can be followed to allow our county to grow without compromising the core values that we hold dear in Baker County. Our rural lands should remain pristine. However, growth enables local business to succeed, which creates jobs, which improves the tax base, etc.

The county budget has needed millions of dollars from reserves to balance in recent years. Would you have done anything differently to balance the budget, and if so, what?

J. Bennett: I believe the county budget will be a considerable issue this year and for several years to come. I believe there must be more thorough review of the overall budget to ensure all costs that are not absolutely essential are cut. While this is not a popular subject, the citizens of the county expect our elected officials to be good stewards of their tax dollars. The citizens expect the county commission to ensure each tax dollar is needed and used wisely.

A. Giddens: I'm thankful that we've balanced the budget every year I have been in office. Departmental budget cuts have been made every year, we have not had to make mass county employee layoffs, and taxes were not raised. I continue to look for ways to cut out unnecessary expenditures, bid services out for lower prices, and look for ways to become more efficient. I know what it is like being in business in the private sector, and strive to run the county's budget in a similar manner.

What do you believe is the cause of the budget deficits and what would you suggest the county do to alleviate them in the future?

A. Giddens: Since 2008, our economy has been struggling both nationally and locally resulting in budget deficits. By continuing to cut spending, offering incentives to attract new businesses to increase our tax base, and being proactive we will restore our reserves and alleviate budget deficits.

J. Bennett: There has been very little success in attracting new residents or businesses in recent years. While it is clear the economy has been challenging, there have been no changes to any of the county's practices to reverse the current trend. The answer to the budget deficit is to increase the tax base (not increase taxes). This is done by removing obstacles that are preventing smart growth from occurring.

What in your view is the appropriate tax, or millage rate for Baker County and why?

J. Bennett: There is no "magical" tax rate. The citizens do not expect the county to set a rate and it never change. What is expected of our elected officials is that each of them reduce all expenses that are not absolutely necessary. The public is willing to pay for services when appropriate. However, the public should not be expected to pay for extras simply because the county has the authority to raise taxes to generate more revenue.

A. Giddens: Our millage rate at 7.29, and revenue from taxes, is among the lowest in Northeast Florida. A county's millage rate must reflect the ability of its citizens to pay that amount. I have not voted for an increase because I believe it would burden our citizens.

What changes would you support, if any, to the county's special assessment fees?

A. Giddens: At the present time I do not support any changes in special assessment fees unless there is an equal reduction in the ad valorem taxes — meaning a neutral shift to fees.

J. Bennett: Special assessment fees apply to every household. They are for specific purposes. Special assessments require everyone using the service to pay their share. This is different than a property tax (millage) as the service being provided (EMS, garbage, etc.) is the same regardless of the value of the property. Assessments should be reviewed on a routine basis to determine if adjustments are needed. There are times when new technologies allow for more efficient operations and the assessment could be lowered.

CLERK OF COURT (D)



Julie Combs

Democrat Clerk of Courts candidate Julie Combs, 58, of Sanderson is a deputy clerk of courts. She holds a high school diploma.



Sherri Dugger

Democrat Clerk of Courts candidate Sherri Dugger, 51, of Macclenny is a deputy clerk of courts and was certified by University of North Florida's legal secretary program in 1996.



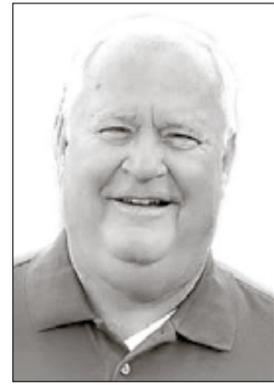
Stacie Harvey

Democrat Clerk of Courts candidate Stacie Harvey, 39, of Macclenny is a deputy clerk of courts and holds a high school diploma.



Sally Register

Democrat Clerk of Courts candidate Sally Register, 56, of Macclenny works for TD Bank and holds a bachelor's degree.



Kenneth Roberts

Kenneth Roberts, 65, of Macclenny is the owner and operator of Ken's Fencing and a retired sheriff's deputy. He holds an associate's degree in management.

What personal qualities make you uniquely qualified for the office you're seeking?

J. Combs: Experience, knowledge, a public record of accountability, approachable and well known in the community.

S. Dugger: For the past 18 1/2 years I have had the privilege of working at the Baker County Clerk's Office. I have gained much experience in the following areas: misdemeanor, felony, trial clerk, jury duty, juvenile, criminal traffic, circuit recording, value adjustment board, circuit civil, county civil, family law, child support, probate, guardianship (auditing accounting reports), appeals, monthly/quarterly reports which provide the necessary data to appoint judges and assist in the 8th judicial circuit.

I have great communication and teamwork skills and with this current experience as well as past experience in the legal field I believe I am uniquely qualified to be your next Clerk of Courts in Baker County.

S. Harvey: As a mother of two year old twins, I have become a professional multi-tasker and am able to handle several chores all at once. I feel that I am a people person and strive to make each person as comfortable as possible while handling business at the clerk's office. I am dedicated as evident in the fact that I have only been employed by one employer for the past 19 1/2 years. I am knowledgeable of both criminal and civil matters as I have been fortunate enough to work in 11 of the different divisions of the clerk's office.

S. Register: I have 27 years in finance, I am honest, dependable and I care about people. I also have 37 plus years in customer service experience.

K. Roberts: I have a diverse background of experience and knowledge gained from being a public servant to the people of this community. My decades of law enforcement, teaching, business operations and community volunteerism have provided me with personal qualities that make me uniquely qualified to be your clerk. I am sensitive to the needs of the citizens of Baker County and understand that their needs are a top priority. I understand that your time and money are valuable and that the service we provide you should be excellent. I am also compassionate and genuinely concerned for the associates that work at the clerk's office and will treat them with the respect and professionalism that they deserve. My leadership abilities and legal knowledge are both qualities that will allow me to run the clerk's office efficiently and serve the community effectively.

What will be your top three priorities in office and how do you plan to pursue them if elected?

S. Dugger: 1) Improve customer service by providing innovative training for our clerks to allow them to better serve you. My plan is to conduct a survey in the surrounding counties and gather information on training procedures. Develop and implement a plan to train staff effectively utilizing the statistics as well as statutory requirements by law. 2) Educate the public. Attend local organizations informing them of available services as well as updates and changes to legislation. 3) As the comptroller it would be my duty to collect fines, court costs and filing fees in the most efficient and effective way to increase our collections and decrease uncollected assessments. I will take at look current procedures and implement ways to improve collection services.

S. Harvey: 1) Training. At this time most deputy clerks are trained to handle only criminal or civil divisions. It is my vision that all deputy clerks be cross trained to the extent of being able to answer questions from citizens no matter which division they are assigned. Some candidates state that they will require mandatory training through the state but contrary to this, there is no such mandatory training as set forth by the State of Florida. Training for deputy clerks must be designed by each county's Clerk of Courts and tailored to suit that respective county. 2) Technology. The current Clerk of Courts has already begun the integration of new technology in to the Clerk's Office in the form of computer systems. I will not only continue to explore but I will openly welcome technology that will provide ease and comfort for the citizens of Baker County while doing business at the

Clerk of Court's office. 3) Accessibility. Many have expressed concern that when calling for information from the Clerk's Office that they are unable to speak to a deputy clerk. It is my full intent to dedicate a phone line in which an operator will answer during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This operator will in turn provide one of two services: answer whatever questions the citizen may have or dispatch the call to a deputy clerk in that respective division.

S. Register: *Having a good staff and my learning every position.*

K. Roberts: 1) Accountability. It is my commitment to the people of Baker County to run the clerk's office with the professionalism, accountability, and personal service that the citizens deserve. My staff and I will be friendly and accountable to give you first class service. We will never forget that this is a public office and we are here to serve your needs. 2) Training and personnel development. I will grow and develop the clerk's office with technology enhancements, mandatory employee continuing education, and employee-cross training so this office can provide knowledgeable and personal service to you the people of Baker County. A performance matrix will be developed to ensure the county is maximizing their personnel by ensuring county employees are successful and services are being provided efficiently. 3) Being understanding and sensitive to the needs of the citizens of Baker County. The clerk's office is a service to the community and providing excellent customer service is an important priority for me. Being a public servant goes beyond Monday through Friday. It is a responsibility and duty that requires 24 hours a day commitment. I am making that commitment to you. I will always be available to help you with any questions concerns you may have.

J. Combs: Maintaining the open door policy that has always been the gateway to the Baker County court system. Treat everyone with the dignity and respect that they deserve. No socio-economic barriers. Improving telephone communications. Minimal staffing and individual phone lines have resulted in many missed calls. Your call is important. My goal is to explore and institute a central operator/message center to eliminate this problem. Extensive cross-training is needed to improve customer service. The current staff is well trained in their respective positions, however, due to minimal staffing many times those persons may be unavailable. I aim to provide the opportunity for each group to master each desk in their group and then branch out to the other groups and learn theirs as well. The Clerk of Courts is also responsible for producing, recording, indexing and distributing the official minutes of the Board of County Commissioners. It is my goal to train a clerk in these responsibilities also.

What prompted you to run for clerk of courts?

S. Harvey: After 19 1/2 years of service at the Clerk of Court's office I have worked at nearly every desk and position. With that type of experience, this is no longer a job but more of a career. I feel that I have the most knowledge and experience and that clerk of courts is the next reasonable step for me and the only room for advancement in clerk's office.

S. Register: Hearing that the position of Clerk of Courts was available and I knew I had the qualifications for the job.

K. Roberts: My desire and passion is to work for the people of Baker County. Obtaining the office of Clerk of Courts is an opportunity that would allow me to further serve Baker County and our citizens. I have always been involved in public service within our community through law enforcement, teaching and coaching. I understand that navigating the clerk's office can be intimidating and confusing for many people. I want to make the experience as easy as possible for the average person.

J. Combs: I am motivated by a servant's heart. For many years I have witnessed first-hand the citizens that utilize the clerk's office. I have an understanding of the services they seek. The clerk's office is more than a court handing out a sentence; it is the lifeline of its citizens. I love my county and my neighbors. I am a public servant, and I desire

to preserve the heritage of service that has always been the mainstay of the Baker County Clerk's Office.

S. Dugger: After much prayer and discussions with my family, I decided to run for clerk. My passion for people, leadership abilities and much experience at the clerk's office I believe will continue to lead Baker County into an effective, productive and thriving community.

What are the most important traits or skills a clerk of courts should have?

S. Register: Experience in bookkeeping and record keeping. Also the clerk should be a caring people person, be fair and be able to get along with everyone. The clerk should be able to be a good listener and be able to make sound decisions.

K. Roberts: Leadership, knowledge, commitment and accountability.

J. Combs: Basic knowledge of the judicial system, basic knowledge of county government in relation to auditing and finance, leadership, and identifying and inspiring the development of specific strengths and knowledge of employees.

S. Dugger: Experience of the day-to-day operations at the clerk's office. The clerk's office position is a "service position" which requires a "servant's heart!" I serve the people of Baker County on a day-to-day basis at my job, my community and my church. Important traits include, being a good listener, compassionate, ability to encourage, communicate and motivate others.

S. Harvey: Knowledge of the job, an approachable yet professional personality, experience in the field and common sense.

If elected, what would you work to change about the clerk of courts office?

K. Roberts: I would continue to improve the clerk's office by establishing technological enhancements that would better serve the people of Baker County and help the clerk's office run more efficiently. Employee cross-training and mandatory education would be implemented to ensure that the associates of the clerk's office are provided with the knowledge and tools to assist in both criminal and civil matters. A performance matrix will be developed to ensure the county is maximizing their personnel by ensuring county employees are successful and services are being provided efficiently.

J. Combs: Telephone communications and cross-training of deputy clerks.

S. Dugger: I believe that communication is very important between staff and leaders. I would strive to find ways to implement effective communication procedures between all parties. Also as a current deputy clerk I believe that more training will provide better services to the people of Baker County. These are two issues that I would work to improve at the clerk of court's office.

S. Harvey: Technology is constantly evolving the world of the clerk's office and I have been fortunate enough to see this first hand and have been an intricate part of the new computer system that has been implemented. I look forward to continuing this trend and helping usher in new technology and explore ways to help make the customer service of the Baker County Clerk's Office faster and more efficient.

S. Register: I believe Mr. Fraser has done a tremendous job over the years and I want to carry on in the same manner.

Describe your experience managing large staffs and/or budgets...

J. Combs: As a former county commissioner for District 1, I had the opportunity to actively participate in the county budget process. At the end of my first year on the Board of County Commissioners the budget was adopted at \$22,920,556.00, with 8.96 mills. After serving 8 years on the board, the budget was adopted at \$31,918,349.00 with 7.4397 mills. When I left in 2008 Baker County had a cash reserve of nearly \$14 million dollars.

S. Dugger: Over the past seven years I have worked in a small business with up to 30 people in my care. I have directed many leadership conferences and monthly training meetings for the

Southeast Region of Florida. I have been a part of leadership committees over the majority of my tenure at Premier Designs Incorporated. I also have to keep accounting records of this business. I assist my husband with quarterly accounting records for his business which is located in Macclenny. With these management skills I believe I can lead our clerks productively and effectively.

S. Harvey: The current staffing level of the Baker County Clerk of Court's Office consists of 10 deputy clerks, a finance manager, and the Clerk of Courts. After working in this office for the past two decades, the staff has become more like a family group rather than an office of 12 but with my years of experience, many of the other deputy clerks look to my knowledge and know-how for guidance and I have been glad to assist them in their needs. As a wife and mother of three, I am accountable for all of the household bills and making sure that payments are made. In this tough economy, every penny must be accounted for. The budget of the Clerk's Office should be no different. Money should be monitored closely and the Clerk of Courts themselves must be held accountable for the financial decisions made daily. With budgets as tight as they are, there is no room for error or overages.

S. Register: I have handled other people's money, balanced their accounts and advised them of opportunities for growth and at the same time opportunities to better fit their needs. I also work daily making management decisions at my job.

K. Roberts: I have had several positions that required me to manage large staffs and budgets. During my tenure at the Baker County Sheriff's Office, I served in numerous roles that required me to manage employees and assist with budgeting. I was the Chief of Detention Center, Chief of Courtroom Security, and Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff. I assisted in preparing budgets, purchasing, jail management and operations. I have also owned and operated a successful fencing business for over 31 years, which has required me to be of good stewardship in managing the company's budget.

Describe any legal experience you may have...

S. Dugger: Eighteen-and-a-half years at the Baker County Clerk of Court's Office working in the majority of the departments and experience in all departments at the clerk's office. Two years at a local attorney's office which specialized in family law, domestic, circuit, probate, guardianship and real estate closings and transactions. Worked at NEFSH for 7 years in which I had the privilege to attend Behavior Management Classes as well as work in the legal field for mental health residents.

S. Harvey: For the last 19 1/2 years, the Clerk of Court's Office has been my home. I have been fortunate enough to clerk for seven different judges and work in eleven different divisions; felony, misdemeanor, juvenile, criminal traffic, child support, family law, probate, guardianship, drug court, mental health, and appeals.

S. Register: I have had 27 years in the banking business and during this time I have handled cases with fraud checks, charged off accounts, power of attorney, mortgage deeds, warranty deeds, trusts and estates.

K. Roberts: Baker County Sheriff's Office for 20 years as dispatcher, deputy Sheriff to the rank of lieutenant, assigned to investigations, evidence control officer, chief of detention facility, training officer, chief of courtroom security, and administrative assistant to the sheriff. I've been guest speaker throughout the state, presenting on small rural jails housing high profile inmates. I was also a teacher with the law academy at Baker County High School and worked for the Florida Department of Corrections.

J. Combs: I do not per se possess any legal experience as I am not schooled in the law; however, I do possess many court system related attributes in such areas as county civil, small claims, circuit civil, family and probate. I am the Official Records clerk in the clerk's office and my knowledge in that area has been enhanced by my real estate background. I was a state licensed real estate agent in the 1980s. I have experience in real estate research, and have worked temporarily in a local attorney's office.

CLERK OF COURTS (R)



Jack Baker III

Republican Clerk of Courts candidate Jack A. "Jackie" Baker III of Glen St. Mary is a loan officer at Country Federal Credit Union. He holds a high school diploma and studied business and finance at Florida Gateway College.



Chuck Brannan

Republican Clerks of Courts candidate Robert C. "Chuck" Brannan, 52, of Macclenny is a retired sheriff's deputy and program coordinator for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Florida.

What personal qualities make you uniquely qualified for the office you're seeking?

J. Baker: I have the ability to focus and commit myself to this office and the citizens of Baker County. My people skills and my desire to work cooperatively with others do uniquely qualify me for this position. However, it is my ability to work with people and the problems they face that especially qualifies me. I am not so unique or different that I cannot relate to those around me. I have the natural ability to relate to real people in meaningful ways.

C. Brannan: A combination of a four-year college education and lifelong dedication to continuing training, leadership and supervisory skills, court system experience, career and board appointed budget experience, a lifetime commitment to community service, honesty, mature judgment, passion about issues and protecting the public's interest.

What will be your top three priorities in office and how do you plan to pursue them if elected?

C. Brannan: Customer service, accountability and guarding the interests of this county and its citizens. It will utilize improved technology for easier public access while remembering personal face-to-face interaction can never be replaced. I will accept responsibility as the leader of the Clerk's office and ensure proper management of the office. I will guard the county's interest by exploring ways to improve the efficiency of the court system and always keep the county first as it relates to public funds and never forget strategic planning for future productivity and savings.

J. Baker: My number one priority as comptroller of taxpayer funds is to ensure the funds are properly safeguarded, while producing the highest interest yields possible. Higher yields make the county less dependent on our tax dollars.

Secondly, I will make sure all citizens who call or step into the Clerk's office are provided the public service they deserve. Every employee will be cross trained to effectively provide accurate and professional service in a willing manner.

Lastly, I will look for innovative means to improve the efficiency of the Clerk's office. I will diligently look for ways to cut costs in the clerk's budget, being ever mindful that it is the taxpayer's money.

What prompted you to run for clerk of courts?

J. Baker: I made a career move from a larger corporate entity to a local credit union because of a desire to help more people here at home. I realized the position I am seeking offers even more opportunity to help the citizens of Baker County, while utilizing my financial experience. This position also follows a logical progression, at this stage in my career. This office would be my main focus.

C. Brannan: I have always been involved and had an interest in public service. I also have always felt that capable citizens need to be involved citizens. I'm at the point in my life where I have the opportunity to make a difference as an elected official. I have always believed that the true measure of our worth is the value of our service to our communities. We can all make a pledge to make our community a better place to live and work.

What are the most important traits or skills a clerk of courts should have?

C. Brannan: They should be an administrator, a leader, and have knowledge of the court system and budget matters. However, it's not just about being clerk. It's about being an elected official, a constitutional officer, a representative

of the people, our county and the community.

J. Baker: Experience in the financial industry and a proven track record for providing excellent service to the public; commitment to treating every taxpayer with the respect and the professionalism they deserve.

If elected, what would you work to change about the clerk of courts office?

J. Baker: With my emphasis on public service I would like to install a central phone line so that all calls would be answered and directed by a live person. This personal touch is helpful to people who aren't sure which area of the office they need. No changes would be made for the sake of change. An analysis would be made to determine the quality and efficiency of how services are delivered. Then, only changes that enhanced the operations of the clerk's office would be made.

C. Brannan: We currently have an efficient and friendly clerk's office. I will continue to make it even more user-friendly for the public and attorneys through expanded online access and work to make your in-person visit to the courthouse more efficient through cross-training of clerks and more in-service training.

Describe your experience managing large staffs and/or budgets...

C. Brannan: I spent 29 years in law enforcement and the court system. I have supervised as many as 18 persons doing law enforcement, court-related, court security, secretarial and fiscal duties, such as budget, human resources, inventory and audit. In addition, I have served for 13 years on two different gubernatorial appointed college boards that oversee combined budgets and investments totaling well over \$43 million annually and we have never received an adverse audit finding. We make tough personnel, academic, facility and budget decisions each month without having raised tuition and fees for our students in several years.

J. Baker: Working in the financial industry I have the experience of working with business owners and people every day concerning their budgets and financial needs. No one in this race has ever been the Clerk of Courts before. Like all Clerks who came before me, I intend to learn it as they did. My background in finance, working with large amounts of money and a work history related to clerical duties, staff and public service will bring a positive enhancement to the Office of Clerk of Courts.

Describe any legal experience you may have...

J. Baker: The only people with "legal experience" would be an attorney or judge, of which I am neither. I do, however, know how to work with all members of the judicial system in a cooperative way. I do know the clerk's office is responsible for the accurate and safe record keeping of the cases in our court system. My experience in the financial industry has required extensive training in record keeping and documentation. I am extremely capable of providing exceptional service to our court system.

C. Brannan: Since being elected by the student body at the University of Florida in 1984 to the Student Traffic Court, I have been continuously involved in court systems whether it be collegiate, federal, state or local for 29 years. My life's career has literally been spent on the courthouse block in public service as a Deputy U.S. Marshal and Deputy Sheriff. No one locally has worked as many cases, testified in depositions, hearings, trials, before grand juries or served as the state's witness more than myself. At the time of my retirement last October, I was the longest continuously serving deputy sheriff in the history of Baker County, holding every rank from Deputy to Chief of Investigations.

County commission cont'd

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How much money do you believe the county should keep in reserves from year-to-year?

J. Bennett: The county should keep a minimum of 25 percent of the budget.

A. Giddens: We must maintain the amount required to keep the county's business going for one quarter of a year, and to keep our credit rating.

How should the county spend its motel/hotel room (bed tax) money?

A. Giddens: The primary use of bed tax money must be to promote and advertise tourism in an area. The current Tourism Development Board's original intention is for the funds to be used towards a Civic Center. I respect and support their vision. The civic center could be used to attract visitors to our county who would spend money at our restaurants, stores and gas stations. It could be used for county-wide functions as well.

J. Bennett: One must first recognize the purpose of the tax: to generate funds to be used to attract more tourism type activities to the county. These funds could be used to promote activities in our county such as sporting events, promotional materials, etc. It could also potentially be used for recreational activities for our youth when these activities bring additional visitors to our county. There is potential to use these funds to build new ball fields provided these fields primary use is for events that bring new visitors, such as travel ball teams.

What would you do to improve Baker County's dirt roads?

J. Bennett: The county has limited funding to pave roads. However, there are state funded programs that provide funds for paving dirt roads and constructing new roads. Until such time

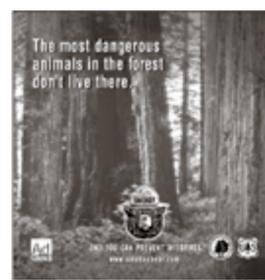
that sufficient funds can be attracted to paving the existing dirt roads, the county should ensure they are maintained through routine grading. Additionally, low areas along dirt roads should be considered for drainage improvements so that in heavy rainfall periods these roads do not become impassable.

A. Giddens: Our road department maintains our many dirt roads with limited resources. Whenever a complaint arises in my district, I go to the site to help resolve the issue whether it be applying millings, grading, digging drainage ditches, etc. Our road department has always been quick to help, and I publicly commend their hard work. It is important for emergency vehicles to have access to our citizens when necessary. This budget cycle we were able to plan for a new dozer transport truck as our current one is over 18 years old. We are also acquiring a 15 foot batwing mower to help maintain the mowing of our roads. I believe over time, and as the budget allows, we need more funding to put millings on dirt roads. This will decrease our time and maintenance costs as well as make the roads better to drive on.

What's your position on the Sunday alcohol sales ban?

A. Giddens: This is a controversial topic that I believe should be put before the voters as a referendum. Simply stated, let the citizens decide.

J. Bennett: I do not believe the ban on Sunday alcohol sales is a critical impediment to our county attracting new businesses. I believe the majority of our county residents respects the current ban. The ban is often blamed as the reason we "can't get a decent restaurant" in our county. I do not agree with this belief. Cracker Barrel, for example, doesn't sell alcohol on Sunday (or any other day of the week) and we do not have a Cracker Barrel here! The fact is that these major restaurants require a high density of people in close proximity in order to ensure there is sufficient business all day long. When we have enough people, we'll get the restaurants!



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SCHOOL BOARD DIST. 3



Paula Barton

District 3 school board candidate Paula T. Barton, 62, of Macclenny is retired and a former superintendent of schools in Baker County. She holds a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of North Florida.



DeAnna Rewis-McDuffie

District 3 school board candidate DeAnna Rewis-McDuffie, 43, of Macclenny is the general manager of Cable Junction Zip Line Adventures, a park under development in Sanderson. She holds a bachelor's degree in business marketing from the University of Phoenix.

What personal qualities make you uniquely qualified for the office you're seeking?

P. Barton: I have a proven record of making decisions based on the best interests of children. My most precious personal assets are my five grandchildren. They will receive their education in the Baker County public school system. I will personally work to ensure that they and all other children receive a quality education. My 34 years of continuous service to the Baker County School System is evidence of my personal commitment and dedication to education. I have integrity and have demonstrated my ability to provide ethical leadership and encourage family and community involvement throughout the Baker County School System. I know how to listen to people and how to work together with them to provide a quality education for children.

D. Rewis-McDuffie: I have one daughter, Sydni, who will be entering Keller Intermediate School this fall. As Sydni's mother and a concerned parent who has been volunteering in her classrooms since kindergarten, I want to take my interest in helping the children in her classroom and expand it to making a difference in the lives of school children in our district. I will listen to all parental concerns as if they were my own.

Another quality I will bring to the office is my loyalty. I am fiercely loyal to our community and I am proud to be a product of the Baker County school system. I believe in the power of education because I know what it has done for me. I believe we have schools with teachers that prepared me not only for college but also to be a small business owner. I want to give back to our schools by serving our students, parents, and employees. I will act and make decisions as fairly as possible always keeping in mind what is best for our students and community.

Last, I am dependable and have a work ethic that was instilled in me by my parents and grandparents. I will attend all meetings and workshops. I will listen and consider all sides of an issue. I am willing to tweak a system we already have in place or try something new. As a school board member I will work for every child as if he or she was my own.

What will be your top three priorities in office and how do you plan to pursue them if elected?

D. Rewis-McDuffie: Safety is always a top priority for every parent, employee or community member where its schools are concerned and I am no different than any other mother. Safety is first. With that in mind, I would like to arrange bringing in guest speakers to each school throughout the year that would address issues that are currently plaguing schools across our nation such as bullying, texting and driving, the dangers of drugs/alcohol and teen depression just to name a few. I am dedicated to making sure we have defibrillators on site at every school event and sports practice fields to insure the safety of our student athletes and fans. I will also partner with the Orange Park Medical Center to bring in healthcare professionals who will teach one man rescue CPR training to every high school junior and senior for one never knows when he or she may be able to help another person or perhaps save a life. I will pursue these plans by going through the proper school district channels. Communication is my next priority in our school district. First and foremost is the communication between our homes and our schools. Because our children's well being and education is so important, the lines of communication between those who spend the most time with them is vital—parents and teachers must be engaged in an ongoing conversation about their students, not just a phone call or note when there is a problem. With the idea of communication being vital, it also applies within our schools. The lines of communication must be open between our teachers and staff and their administrators. A faculty and staff that understands the administration's policies and expectations will work together for the greater good of our children. A faculty and staff that feel appreciated for the work they do or that they are heard when a problem arises, will give their best when educating our children. Mentoring is my third top priority. A child cannot have enough positive role models. The variety of experiences a mentor brings to the table can inspire a young mind to explore avenues they once thought to be unattainable. Furthermore, a child can realize they have self worth and can be of value to others.

P. Barton: 1. Increased state funding. I will work diligently to lobby the legislature in Tallahassee to increase funding for public education. I will encourage the elimination of unfunded state mandates. I will actively work to pursue state grants that provide additional funding to our district. 2. Develop a strategic district plan. I will cooperate with the superintendent, school board members and employees to develop and implement a five year strategic district plan. The plan would address increased academic achievement, educational facilities, student population growth, student needs (educational, health, nutritional, enrichment/athletic opportunities), school safety and adequate funding. 3. Safe and drug free schools. I will support an increased safety and drug free schools plan of action. I will encourage and support school board policies that enforce safe and drug-free schools. I will support the continuation of cooperatively working with the Baker County Sheriff's Office in providing School Resource Officers at schools. I will support the continuation of deputies living on school properties and providing security for district facilities.

How many school board meetings have you attended in the last year and what have you learned from them?

P. Barton: I began regularly attending school board meetings in September 2013 following the resignation of the former school board member. I have attended a total of 23 school board meetings and public workshops. While attending the meetings, I have learned the school board and superintendent have a positive working relationship and efficiently carry out the business of education as required by Florida statutes.

D. Rewis-McDuffie: I have attended approximately 13 meetings in the last year. I have seen the way the board works as far as policy and procedure is concerned. I have seen there is not much community input with very few citizens questioning or listening to the board's discussions. I wish more people would attend the meetings because there is so much good about our schools and the meetings often highlight our students and outstanding programs in our district. We need more parent and community involvement.

If elected, what would you work to change about the school district?

D. Rewis-McDuffie: Communication is key in any business or organization. As a school board member I would work on communication in all levels of our district—most especially from our schools to our homes. More family involvement is essential. Parent nights are common in elementary school but need to be continued in middle and high school. I am interested in expanding our open houses so they are several times a year and essentially are evening programs hosted by our middle school and high school guidance departments which would inform/educate parents and guardians about grade point averages, credit hours, scholarship opportunities and requirements for colleges. If we can inform/educate our middle schoolers about graduation and college requirements, then we should have better prepared high school graduates.

Another issue is funding technology. Our students live in a technology-driven world, so our school system should provide them with the opportunities to use the same type of technologies employers will expect. Students who are college bound also need to be tech savvy especially where research is concerned. Preparing our students to successfully compete in the 21st century for the best careers involves 21st century technology so working on district bandwidth capabilities as well as incorporating better web-based research and e-texts should be part of the school board's focus.

With a rise in the number of charter schools, our public schools have suffered a loss in building funds. Our small, rural district has relied on state funding to build our last two schools. Without these funds we can't afford the much-needed repairs or renovations without dipping into our general fund. There are always needs at each of our campuses. The board has to find a way to continue to fund repairs or new building projects without "breaking the bank." I would like to research all the options.

As a member of the school board I would also work to improve our student and teacher morale. When I was a student in our school system I was proud to be a Wildcat. Often times I hear teenagers dissatisfied with school. Our school age years should be some of the happiest ones. With all the high stakes test accountability, our students and teachers have stress filled months preparing for and taking tests. Our teachers need to feel appreciated and valued for the job they do and our students need to have days where they are learning for the pure joy of the experiences — not because it is the focus of a standardized test.

P. Barton: I would work to strategically change the Pre-K/Kindergarten through 5th grade configuration. Currently, the grade configuration is the Pre K/Kindergarten Center, 1st through 3rd grades (Macclenny Elementary School and Westside Elementary School), and 4th through 5th grades (Keller Intermediate School). In order for a new grade configuration consisting of Pre-K through 5th grade to occur, a new elementary school is needed. When the timing is right, I would cooperatively work to secure state special facilities funding to construct a new elementary school. The newly constructed elementary school, as well as, Macclenny Elementary School and Westside Elementary School would be grades Pre-K through 5th grade.

If elected, what would you work to maintain or enhance about the school district?

P. Barton: I would work to encourage and support increased family and community involvement in our school system.

D. Rewis-McDuffie: I believe maintaining our student mentoring programs is essential. So many of our students need a positive role model in their lives. This program, which is at every school in some form, could be even more diversified to include more students and a wide variety of mentors. I would like to see pastors and public servants involved as well as retired teachers and business professionals or members of our Lions, Rotary and Woman's Clubs who could positively mentor our students.

Currently our system offers credit recovery at BCHS for struggling students and I am interested in suggesting a peer tutoring program for our students who want or need extra help in certain subjects. The peer tutors could be BCHS honor students who are trying to earn the community service hours necessary for a Bright Futures scholarship. Students helping students would seem like a win-win situation.

I would like to see a stronger emphasis placed on our current partnership with Gateway Community College to promote the certificate and technology programs available to our students. We are a blue collar community with limited jobs, expanding our programs for non college bound students could enhance their chances at getting jobs in our ever changing workforce field.

Would you support moving open houses to the evening rather than the current daytime schedule, and why or why not?

D. Rewis-McDuffie: I would support moving open houses to the evening to make them more convenient for our working parents.

P. Barton: Open Houses through the years have been held during the day and at night. The schools have scheduled the Open Houses that historically have been at the best attended times. It is a challenge to accommodate everyone's schedule. I will support the leaderships' schedule recommendations for Open Houses.

What is your position on charter schools in Florida?

P. Barton: My position on charter schools as it pertains to our school district at the present time is opposition. Currently, our district has not received any application requests for a charter school. My opposition is based on funding. Charter schools are funded by the state and would decrease the funding allocated to our school district.

D. Rewis-McDuffie: Given the information I have on charter schools, I am not in favor of them because they take away funding from our public school systems. Since the Baker County School District is a public one and we have no charter schools in our county, why would a school board member be in favor of charter schools?

What is your position on standardized testing in Florida?

D. Rewis-McDuffie: Personally, I don't like it because of the undue stress it seems to put on our children and teachers, but I recognize it's necessary to track student growth. There needs to be a measure of growth and accountability. However, testing seems to have gotten out of hand because of the focus on school grades. All of that means pressure on our children and our teachers.

P. Barton: I am in total opposition to high stakes testing in Florida (FCAT). I believe in assessing a child's knowledge and educational accountability. I support a system of fair state assessment without the pressure that is created for children, teachers, staff, and educational leaders. Our state could save millions of dollars by eliminating the high stakes standardized tests.

What is your position on prayer in public schools?

P. Barton: I totally support prayer throughout our school district. The Lord continues to direct and protect our school system.

D. Rewis-McDuffie: I am absolutely in favor of student led prayer in our public schools. We have enjoyed that privilege in our county for as long as I can remember. I would not change that.

What prompted you to run for school board?

D. Rewis-McDuffie: I am a concerned parent who wants to be actively involved. I have a goal to make positive changes in our schools and inspire others to do their best. I care about our county and its young people.

P. Barton: The former District 3 school board member publicly announced his resignation in August 2013. I received a lot of encouragement and support to seek the vacant seat. Following lots of prayer and thought, I made a decision to put my 34 years of educational experience to work for the children of Baker County.

If elected, how would you expand athletic opportunities for students in Baker County?

P. Barton: I would consider the expansion of athletic opportunities for students after student input was received. I believe the expansion of student athletic opportunities should be based on student interests and a careful cost analysis of the athletic programs implementation.

D. Rewis-McDuffie: As previously stated, there is a need for more academic counseling for our student athletes from middle school to high school. I will help in initiation of such counseling. I will also research the feasibility of a soccer program. Last, I would like to make sure we have adequate uniforms and up to date equipment for all extracurricular programs.

If elected, how would you raise the academic performance of students in Baker County?

D. Rewis-McDuffie: Enhanced technology for our students should raise academic performance. I would also help develop the peer tutoring program at BCHS where our college bound students would earn Bright Future community service hours while helping other students excel. The enhanced academic counseling at BCMS and BCHS should improve student performance. If a student knows the level of expectation then most will work to achieve it.

P. Barton: The current academic statistical performance of individual students needs to be continually analyzed by educators. Programs and plans that have been proven to increase academic performance should be implemented. Schools in surrounding counties that have comparable student demographics and have increased student academic performance should continue to be visited. The successful schools academic best practices should be evaluated and implemented in our district as deemed beneficial to our students' academic performance.

What is your position on school uniforms?

P. Barton: My position, currently, is in opposition to school uniforms. I am open to listening to students and parents regarding the school uniforms issue.

D. Rewis-McDuffie: School uniforms have their place although I don't believe we are currently considering them in our district. Perhaps they could solve two problems: school dress code issues and bullying a student for the way he or she dresses. Another point to consider is they are much more economical for parents. Three or four pairs of khaki pants or skirts and four or five golf or buttoned down shirts certainly wouldn't cost as much as other clothing items we parents buy for our children. They also could easily be passed down to other siblings.

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Jody Anderson

District 4 school board candidate John "Jody" Anderson, 43, of Cuyler works for Anderson Quality Roofing and holds a high school diploma.



Artie Burnett

Incumbent District 4 school board member Charlie "Artie" Burnett, 56, of Glen St. Mary has been a corrections officer for the state since 1982.



Paul Scammacca

District 4 school board candidate Paul Scammacca, 44, of Glen St. Mary is a teacher with Duval County Public Schools. He holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Florida, a bachelor's degree in Education for the University of Florida. He's certified to teach up to the third grade, to be a principal, and to teach emotionally handicapped children up to the twelfth grade.

What personal qualities make you uniquely qualified for the office you're seeking?

J. Anderson: Owning a business, managing a budget, proposing bids, working well with others, working in leadership and teaching the youth at my church, willing to go above and beyond for our school district.

A. Burnett: I have been a School Board Member since 2010. I have been a member a Master School Board since 2012. I have an associate's degree having graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA. I have a bachelor's degree from Florida State University in business, finance and banking. I am reliable and dependable, having worked for the State of Florida for 32 years plus, been married for 28 years to Martha Lloyd Burnett, been father to Charlie Burnett IV for 23 years and been a father to Maranda Burnett for 10 years. I am devoted to the citizens of Baker County and passionate about the value of education for our children, whereas my roots in Baker County go back 100 years to when my great grandfather moved his family to a farm north of Sanderson around 1914. My education, experience, and fiscally conservative values along with my commitment to this community have enabled me to positively and

P. Scammacca: I'm committed. I have worked in the education field all of my professional life. I'm passionate. The majority of my professional career has been working with children or adults that face specific challenges ranging from kindergarten students with behavioral disabilities to adults completing their GED before exiting prison. I very much enjoy helping people move forward in life and overcoming obstacles in order to become more productive caring individuals who exercise responsibility in our society.

What will be your top three priorities in office and how do you plan to pursue them if elected?

A. Burnett: 1) Work with our legislative representatives to achieve full funding for our school district needs and legislative mandates like increased online testing. 2) Funding and developing technology upgrades of infrastructure (bandwidth), hardware (computers & monitors), and software (programs) to meet the needs of our students to compete in our global economy. 3) Funding and benefits needed to retain our best teachers.

P. Scammacca: 1. Vocational/technical programming. I feel we need to introduce our students to vocational/technical programming at the middle school level. Having an academic/vocational track in place will allow students to become gainfully employed upon exiting high school if they choose to not pursue university or specialized training. If elected, I would continue to study and introduce innovative ideas to bring this philosophy to our county. For example, there are rural districts in Florida who have implemented vocational/technical tracks with tremendous success (i.e. Gilchrist County). I would reach out to and meet with the superintendents of such districts to gain a better understanding of their proven records as it relates to the academic/technical approach. Please understand my goal is to enhance our children's learning opportunities by supplementing with proven and measurable objectives to educational practices.

J. Anderson: 1. I want to work with the teachers and non-instructional workers to determine if any improvements can be made to better the future of our children. 2. Making sure all of our campuses are a safe environment for all of our children. 3. To work with our insurance board to provide better benefits for our school board employees.

How many school board meetings have you attended in the last year and what have you learned from them?

P. Scammacca: I have attended enough school board meetings to draw the following conclusions: 1. The passion and commitment of our parents and students is second to none. I had the opportunity to speak with many parents at our meetings and one common theme stood out. They absolutely love our district's warmth and caring approach for our children's well-being. I could not agree more. However, the concern parents seem to have is our delivery model needs attention. This is why I truly support bringing a vocational/technical model to our district. If we are able to marry an academic/vocational/technical approach to our curriculum development, we can only meet success down the road. 2. I have concluded there are many ways my background and experience can be utilized. When meetings adjourn, I often have numerous ideas that would enhance our county's educational future. I get excited and that shows an innate desire to hold this position.

J. Anderson: Eight meetings. I've learned the role of the board members in the meetings and how to discuss matters in proper ways.

A. Burnett: All but a couple of them. What I have learned from being a part of the school board for nearly four years now is how complicated it can be to establish policy that will be fair to all parties involved and effectively serve and educate our children the best way we can. This can be a delicate task at times. I have had to make some hard decisions, but I have always tried to determine what is the best decision for the future of our children.

If elected, what would you work to change about the school district?

J. Anderson: Baker County has a good school district but there is always room for improvement. If elected, I will work toward achieving the highest ranking in our state.

A. Burnett: I don't know of anything I would "change." However, there are some things I would like to help improve: attendance rates, graduation rates, overall school grades, reading, writing and math scores, but most of all I would like to decrease the public's negative

perception of the public school system and better educate them on all the positive accomplishments of our schools and students.

P. Scammacca: Personally, I don't feel it is about "changing" the district. My presence would be felt through commitment to excellence across all areas. I have already addressed my positions on how I would like to influence our schools in the questions above, but "change" is an aggressive word. The majority of systems our district has in place make sense, we simply need to be proactive in our approach and patient in our practice.

If elected, what would you work to maintain or enhance about the school district?

A. Burnett: I am very proud of our community school board meeting where we recognize the academic achievements and accomplishments of our students. That is one of the best parts of this job.

P. Scammacca: In short, my main concerns include vocational/technical programming, district grades and salary/benefit packages.

J. Anderson: I would work to maintain the freedom of the pledge of allegiance and the opportunity to pray at the schools. I would like to enhance our vocational programs.

Would you support moving open houses to the evening rather than the current daytime schedule, and why or why not?

P. Scammacca: I feel the bigger question here is: What is our district doing as a service provider to maintain a healthy relationship with their client? From my experience, teachers want to build healthy relationships with parents, so moving an open house event to the evening would make sense given the majority of adults who work during school hours.

J. Anderson: I believe it would help all the working parents and guardians to be able to bring their children to the open houses if moved to the evening hours.

A. Burnett: I would defer this to the superintendent and her staff. I believe they are responsive to feedback they get from the community.

What is your position on charter schools in Florida?

J. Anderson: I believe we should not have charter schools in Baker County.

A. Burnett: I have found from reading what I can on charter schools that this is a complex and multifaceted issue. However, I feel that charter school students should be held to the same standards as public school students which includes standardized testing. Otherwise, we have no way of knowing if we are getting what the public has paid for.

P. Scammacca: My position is mixed. Too often I see a parent remove a child from public schooling only to see them return a few months later. However, the demand is there given the concerns some parents have with academics, safety, etc. Overall, I think the competition is healthy, but we need more time to appreciate the long-term effects.

What is your position on standardized testing in Florida?

A. Burnett: I believe it is necessary for a benchmark or indicator of how effective our system of teaching is. However, I don't think Tallahassee (Florida Department of Education) needs to be constantly moving the bar or changing the criteria.

P. Scammacca: In short, standardized testing is a wonderful tool that should be used as a piece of a collective whole when measuring student growth. In some cases, however, testing is redundant and excessive. This often leads to students becoming desensitized to testing resulting in the loss of accurate data and the ability to forecast future academic needs.

J. Anderson: I believe we should have standardized tests to determine where children are academically, however; I don't agree with a child being held back if they have maintained passing grades all year long. The test should only determine where help is needed.

What is your position on prayer in public schools?

P. Scammacca: I feel prayer in schools has been absent in many districts for far too long. Our county is fortunate in that religion permeates our schools and community. Raising children today without religious guidance has negatively aided in fostering many societal concerns and we are clearly feeling its impact.

J. Anderson: I support it. I believe students should have the freedom to pray in schools.

A. Burnett: I support prayer in public schools. I also agree with the person who said, "As long as there are tests in public schools, there will be prayer in public schools."

What prompted you to run for school board?

J. Anderson: I felt led to run for this office because as a parent with children in our school system I can offer a fresh perspective to the school system. I have many concerns about the new testing for our children and for their future and to be there for the teachers and non-instructional staff for their needs.

A. Burnett: I have worked for and served the citizens of the State of Florida for over 32 years in corrections. I have had a lifelong ambition to directly serve the people of Baker County (especially the children). I feel that being a member of the Baker County School Board is a great way to do that.

P. Scammacca: As stated before, I feel it is vital individuals challenge themselves to continually grow or we become stagnant and predictable. One reason I decided to run for office was to bring my vast experiences outside of our county to the school board. Bringing together individuals with various academic experiences can only promote healthy learning while becoming agents of change.

If elected, how would you expand athletic opportunities for students in Baker County?

A. Burnett: I do not know what we could do to expand athletic programs at this time. However, I am glad to see we have been able to add swimming to our high school program with a cooperative agreement with the YMCA and the use of their pool. I am also glad we were able to add baseball to the middle school program and I am very proud of the accomplishments of the students in both of these programs.

P. Scammacca: Athletics require an extraordinary amount of funding. To meet this goal, we must seek business and community partnerships to build upon the athletics currently offered within our district.

J. Anderson: I think if the high school sports programs would visit and talk about the sports they play to the younger generation this would enhance opportunities for our younger students to know there are opportunities in their future.

If elected, how would you raise the academic performance of students in Baker County?

P. Scammacca: In education today, its all about data collection and making sure teachers cover specific measurable academic goals. There are numerous adjustments that can be made in order to address this question: 1. We need to have teachers in the right positions 2. Academic rigor. We need to make sure we are challenging students with quality learning without being excessive. 3. Appropriate instruction/development for specific grade levels. For example, younger students learn and develop through imitation and play. A strong academic push at this level might not best serve our children. This is an excellent time to strategically teach children while introducing music, art and physical education. 4. Making adjustments throughout the school year. Given the gravity of continuous data collection during the year, we need to make sure we catch students falling behind and focus our attention on them at that time.

J. Anderson: By working with teachers to hear their concerns and needs and to see what changes could be made to higher our academic performance.

A. Burnett: First, you have to recognize there are many factors that effect academic performance of students. 1) Time actually spent in class. If the student (no matter what age or grade) is frequently absent, late, or checked out early, they do not get the benefit of the instructional time they miss. Each school has been keeping records on this and implementing procedures to cut down on class time missed. Also, Judge Williams has taken an active role in working with school administrators to cut down on truancy. 2) Stability at home carry's over to better attitude and performance at school. Children of disruptive or dysfunctional homes have a much harder time in school. 3) Overall attitude of parents and children toward school. We as parents need to work to help our children to view school with a positive attitude and as a chance to excel.

What is your position on school uniforms?

J. Anderson: I believe this should be a public vote. I personally don't feel it should be in our school district.

A. Burnett: I have no established position on school uniforms.

P. Scammacca: I would tend to support school uniforms given the volatility in today's society. Unfortunately, we must be able to identify individuals who do not belong on our campuses to ensure student safety while addressing bullying and socioeconomic differences. Self-expression is important to children but a secure non-judgmental environment only aides and promotes social and emotional well-being.

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The two ATVs involved in last week's crash on James Britt Road.

Seeks military items for event

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Bill Lowery, one of the organizers, said every effort will be made to ensure that memorabilia will be protected and well taken care of during the event.

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Teens hit head-on in ATV wreck in Glen

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A Glen St. Mary teenager was hospitalized the afternoon of August 13 after he suffered a compound fracture to his tibia and fibula that required surgery after an all-terrain vehicle he was a passenger on struck another ATV head-on.

Timothy Midyette was riding on an ATV driven by Chad Collins, both 15, traveling west on the eastbound shoulder of James Britt Road, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. Emily Collins, 18, was driving toward them on the same shoulder of the road. Mr. Collins said he thought Ms. Collins would steer out of the way, but they collided head-on when she didn't, a report from Trooper J.J. Smatt notes.

After the impact, Mr. Collins and Mr. Midyette rotated clockwise on the shoulder.

Mr. Midyette, who suffered the compound fractures, was released from the hospital August 16 and currently has an ex-

ternal fixator around his leg to help it heal, which is expected to take three to four months, his mother said.

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Ernest Anderson, 79, Army veteran

Ernest "Andy" Edward Anderson, 79, of Glen St. Mary died Tuesday, August 12, 2014, in the VA Medical Center Lake City. Andy was born in Sanderson on September 21, 1934 to the late Ivy and Pearl Melissa Stafford Anderson. He was a lifelong resident of Baker and Union Counties. He was a retired United States Army Military Police Sergeant serving in three wars. He also retired in 2003 as a Union County Sheriff's Deputy and dispatcher after many years of service. He was a member of The Road to Calvary Church. Music was Andy's passion. He was an accomplished fiddle, banjo, stand-up bass and guitar player. He always looked forward to traveling to church sings where he performed and enjoyed the music. He was a jolly, kind and selfless person who loved spending time with his family most of all. He is predeceased by his son Ernest Edward Anderson II; brother Bobby Anderson; sisters Annie Ruth Sapp, Lettie Young, Lucille Wimberly and his former wife Betty Jo Trowell Anderson.

Survivors include his wife of 12 years, Martha Morgan Anderson; daughters Stephanie Anderson (Stephen Crawford) of Lake City, FL, Deborah Christine Schleichkorn (Ray) of Apopka, FL, Marcia Rhoden (Bryan Erwin) of Lula, FL, Debra Andrews, Martha Jackson (Joseph) of Lake Butler, Angie Kerr (Grady) of Vero Beach, FL; sons Wayne Bohannon (Michele) of Wabasso, FL, Bobby Gage of Glen St. Mary; brother, Tommy Anderson (Doris) of Glen St. Mary; sister Emma Geno (Bill) of Edgewater, FL; sister-in-law Geraldine Anderson of Raiford; 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services with full military honors were held August 16, 2014 at The Road to Calvary Church in Glen St. Mary with Pastor Tommy Anderson officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Road to Calvary Church. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Doris Crockett, 94, enjoyed traveling

Doris Keen Crockett, 94, of Valdosta, Georgia passed away peacefully at her residence on August 16, 2014 with her loving family by her side. She was born in Macclenny on July 30, 1920 to the late Lessie Keen and Altie Johns Keen. Doris was raised in Macclenny where she met and married the love of her life, Edward Wray Crockett, Jr. After their marriage, they moved to Valdosta where they raised their two sons, Edward and David. Doris was very active in her community as she was involved with many organizations. She enjoyed traveling throughout the United States in her RV, cooking, gardening and most of all spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband of 72 years, Edward Wray Crockett, Jr.; her sons, Edward Wray Crockett, III and David Keen Crockett; and her two brothers, Lessie Edward Keen and Tony Keen. Doris is survived by her daughter-in-law, Pam Crockett of Lake Park, GA; her brother, Harold Keen of Lake Park, GA; her grandchildren, Crystal and Austin Edward Crockett both of Lake Park, GA; her great grandson, Lennon Michael Dearborn; and her special friend and caregiver, Joan Hall.

Graveside services were held August 19, 2014 at Woodlawn Cemetery with Pastor Jim Cox and her grandson, Mr. Austin Edward Crockett, officiating. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Godbolt, 72, of Baldwin

Dorothy Eileen Nelson Godbolt, 72, of Baldwin, FL passed away August 13, 2014 at St. Vincent's Medical Center. She was born in Keokuk, Iowa on April 28, 1942 to the late Frank Hawley and Alvena Sherrill Hawley. Dorothy was a beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother who avidly collected angels.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Robert Nelson, Sr. and her son, Jodie Hawley. Dorothy is survived by her loving children, Karm (Jerry) McCabe of Macclenny, FL, Robert Nelson, Ricky Nelson, and Christopher Nelson all of IL; her grandchildren, Curtis (Brittany) McCabe, Jerry McCabe, Jr., Eric McCabe, Lindsay (Eric) Schlotterbeck, Kelly (Wil) Arbelo, and Nicholas Hawley; and numerous great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held August 17, 2014 with Pastor David Crawford officiating. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services were charge of arrangements.

Randy Rhoden, 64, former trucker

Randall "Randy" Sherman Rhoden, 64, of Macclenny died suddenly on Wednesday, August 13, at the Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital in Macclenny. He was born in Jacksonville and lived all his life in Macclenny. He was employed as a long distance truck driver for many years and for the past eight years worked with Stone Transportation of Macclenny as a local driver.

He was preceded in death by his father Harold Elton Rhoden. He is survived by his wife Judy L. Rhoden, daughter Brandi Nicole Rhoden, son David L. (Kimberly) Rhoden and his mother Iva Dell Rhoden, all of Macclenny; two grandchildren, Hunter Rhoden and Haley Rhoden.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 16, in the Glen Baptist Church in Glen St. Mary with Rev. Randy Williams, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Eloise Small, 73, of Macclenny

Eloise M. Small, 73, died August 14, 2014 at her home. After moving from Lake City 15 years ago, Mrs. Small joined Emmanuel Church of God In Christ where she served on the Mother's Board. She is survived by her children Charles Small (Audrey) of Tallahassee, Martha Small of Macclenny, Melissa Samll Howell (Dalain) of Gainesville, six grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Small will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, August 23, 2014 at Emmanuel Church of God In Christ in Macclenny with Elder Joe Ruise officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery in Gainesville. Family will receive friends at the chapel Friday, August 22, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Family and friends are asked to meet on Saturday at the home of Mrs. Small, 410 West Minnesota Ave., Macclenny, FL, at 10:15am to form the cortege. Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc. of Gainesville was in charge of arrangements.



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Randall Rhoden

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Seth Paige tries a spin move to get out of a tackle against the scrimmage against Bartram last Friday.

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Powerhouses early will season Cats for hard district games

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Football season is finally here.

Eleven straight Fridays of Wildcat football starts August 22 when the team travels to Ed White for the Kickoff Classic. The plan for the game is similar to the spring game and the scrimmage against Bartram Trail as the starters are expected to play until halftime with the back-ups and junior varsity players seeing the field in the third and fourth quarter. Head coach Tom MacPherson said he wants to see the team cut down on the penalties that plagued it during the scrimmage.

"We want to get better each week," he said. "At the officials' clinic we had 15 or 16 penalties. That's something we have to take care of and we have to be more disciplined in that. When you get eight to 10 offsides, you might as well shoot yourself in the foot. Those can't happen."

The Cats had the chance to see the Commanders on tape from their spring game. Ed White's aggressive defense will blitz the quarterback and press the receivers, which is going to challenge Baker County's passing game. The Commanders' offense spreads the field and has runners who are tough to bring down, and it's going to force the defense to be sound with its tackling and coverage, coach MacPherson said.

Baker County is game planning for the formations Ed White will use Friday. The team isn't going to go "overboard" with the game planning as it will mainly try to clean up any sloppy play. Coach MacPherson said he wants the players and fans to continue gaining confidence in the squad following the great showing against Bartram Trail.

"We're not game planning necessarily to win the game, but we'll certainly make sure our defense is prepared to handle what they want to handle and our offense is prepared to handle it," the head coach said. "We want to game plan to at least look good against Ed White because we want the kids to get confidence and we want our fans to get confidence so they're not afraid to come out and support us."

The Cats will add more elements to their game when they open the regular season August 29 at home against St. Augustine. Coach MacPherson scheduled the Yellow Jackets to give his team an early-season test against a 2013 Class 6A playoff team. The Cats will be prepared for anything after going through the ringer of First Coast, Bartram Trail, Ed White and St. Augustine, he said, which will only make the team better.

"For me, I'd rather prepare my team with tough love and say, 'Hey, let's play tough people so when we get to district play we've seen it all,'" coach MacPherson said. "I'm always going to schedule tougher people. That's the way I want it and I want my kids to see that atmosphere and that setting."

The District 3-5A schedule begins three weeks after the St. Augustine contest following games at Bradford and at home against Providence. It is bookended by the two district teams that beat the Wildcats last season as district play opens up at Ribault September 19 and the regular season ends at home against archrival Bishop Kenny on Halloween.

Coach MacPherson said "there's no question" the Cats should compete for the district crown, but the team will need to get off to a fast start to make sure it happens.

"Obviously, Ribault was last year's runner-up and they beat us," he said. "That's the first district game we've got so that's huge for us. We want to return the favor from last year and pay them back."

The head coach said the newly renamed Westside High could be a sneaky team and Yulee will be a tough game because of the rivalry and talent the Hornets have. Wolfson, Paxon and Stanton can surprise any team during any week, he added.

The most important game may be the last one, though, as the season finale against the Crusaders could have major playoff ramifications. Last year, Bishop Kenny defeated the Cats 38-20 in the final game to eliminate the boys from playoff contention.

Coach MacPherson said the team will know its fate heading into the game, whether it has a postseason spot wrapped up or not. He would prefer to enter the Bishop Kenny game knowing the Cats are making the squad regardless, but he knows he won't have a problem motivating his players to compete hard against the Crusaders if a playoff spot is on the line.

The week following the Bishop Kenny games is the squad's only bye week of the season as other teams wrap up their regular seasons. The timing could be perfect if the Cats make the playoffs as it will give them a chance to rest and scout the other team. If they don't make the playoffs, their season will end a week early. Coach MacPherson called the bye week a "catch-22" because he'd love it if the team makes the postseason, but hate it if the Cats don't.

"It happens this way in a district with this many teams and we drew the bad week for the bye," he said. "I don't like it because I think there's going to be a time during the season when the kids are hurt and banged up and they can't get rest." Check next week's edition for full coverage of the Cats' game at Ed White.

Flashes of potential seen in loss

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The Wildcats showed vast improvement from the spring game August 15 despite losing 31-25 to Bartram Trail at the officials' clinic held at Bolles.

The team showed flashes of its potential during the game as the up-tempo offenses executed well while the defense played aggressively. Quarterback Jacob Carter looked much more comfortable in the offense as he threw for about 100 yards and a touchdown and added close to 100 more on the ground with two scores. Defensively, the Cats recorded two sacks and forced four turnovers in the game.

With the improved play, the Cats' starters led Bartram Trail 19-17 when the majority of the starters were pulled at halftime, but coach Tom MacPherson wasn't concerned with the score.

"There's no question we got better," coach MacPherson said. "We saw glimpses of what we can be and what we might be when we get everybody healthy and everybody together, so I was happy with that offensively."

"We know the things we need to fix," he added. "We were leading at the half, that's great, but we're not worried about it that way."

The team got off to a fast start as the defense forced a three-and-out on the Bears' opening drive. The Cats' offense quickly took advantage of the momentum with a six-play scoring drive that was capped off with a 43-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Reggie Givens.

The offense slowed down for the remainder of the quarter but the defense was still able to make some plays. On Bartram Trail's second drive, Shaquan Griffin recorded a sack two plays before CeCe Jefferson recovered a fumble.

Baker County's defense wasn't without its faults, though, as numerous offside penalties helped the Bears score two touchdowns to take a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter.

"Obviously, penalties were a huge issue tonight," coach MacPherson said. "We've got tonight and next week before we play. We want to cut them in half next week and then cut them in half again by the time we play St. Augustine."

The Cats also became dejected when they fell behind and played with less energy, the head coach said, which is something the team has to work on. He was happy with the way his squad responded after Jacob Stalvey lost a fumble midway through the second quarter, however.

On the first defensive play after the turnover, linebacker Thomas Rollins picked off a pass that was tipped by Jefferson to give the Cats' offense possession. Carter broke a 56-yard touchdown run up the middle one play later to pull the team within one after a blocked extra point.

"We turned the ball over and they got it on the 35 and the team in the spring would have given up and given up a touchdown, but we got a turnover on the very next play," coach MacPherson said. "I'm extremely happy about that. We just got to eliminate the bad vibes."

Defensive back Rod Haygood set up the team's offense in great field position when he intercepted a pass at Bartram Trail's 36-yard line. After a tough fourth-down conversion from running back Vic Givens gave the team more life, Carter ran in his second touchdown from three-yards out, giving the squad a 19-14 lead following a failed two-point conversion attempt.

Another offside penalty allowed Bartram Trail to convert on fourth down and let the



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Jacob Carter breaks free of the tackle and runs for the touchdown.

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Bears to kick a 31-yard field goal to pull within two at the break.

In the second half, the team worked in the second and third-team players to give them experience. The defense recovered a fumble on Bartram Trail's first drive of the half. The Cats couldn't capitalize on the turnover, however, as quarterback Owen Register fumbled the ball and the Bears returned it for a touchdown to take a 24-19 lead.

Baker County responded two drives later when running back Jarvis Desue broke a run up the middle and outran the defense for a 65-yard scoring run to help the Cats retake a one-point lead.

The Bears took the lead for good on a 10-yard screen pass late in the third-quarter to pull ahead by the final 31-25 score.

Although there were many positive takeaways from the scrimmage, there are still some aspects the Cats need to improve. Along with the penalties and resiliency, the team needs

to work on open-field tackling, the head coach said.

The officials' clinic was the last scrimmage the team will play before the season starts August 22 with the Kickoff Classic at Ed White. The first regular season game comes one week later when the Cats host St. Augustine.



Seth Paige returns a punt.

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Bobcats head coach Rock Rhoden (center right) speaks with his team at practice last week.

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Position battles ongoing for Bobcats

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With less than two weeks remaining before the regular season kicks off, coach Rock Rhoden's BCMS Bobcats held a scrimmage August 13 to improve the team's execution and find the players who can start Week 1.

The scrimmage pitted the first-team defense against the second-string offense before switching it up with the starting offense competing against the back-up defense. The team was still moving players around to find the best roles for everyone, and coach Rhoden used the scrimmage as a tool to see who can be relied on to make plays during the season. Overall, the head coach liked what he saw out of his young team.

"We came a long way in these last three weeks," coach Rhoden said. "I feel like we're as far along this year as we were



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Robert Baker on the carry.

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ing the ball, the starting offense had no such issues despite being without wide receiver Erit Myers, who will miss a few weeks after fracturing his collarbone at practice August 12. Quarterback John Green took all the first-team snaps and connected on deep bombs to DeAngelo Farmer, Jared Gaskins and Deron Thomas.

The starting offense also got the running game rolling as Ozion Moore and Robert Baker split carries in the injured Jacques Jackson's absence. Both running backs were able to find running lanes and broke free for long runs. Moore found the end zone twice on the ground and Baker scored a touchdown on a screen pass.

Still, there is room for improvement on both sides of the ball. The defense jumped off-side several times on Green's hard count. Offensively, there were a few bad snaps and the receivers dropped too many passes. The team will execute better as the players get more comfortable with the system, the head coach said.

"Our timing is not right," coach Rhoden said. "It's a tough offense to learn so it's going to take some time to get going."

The coaches planned to have the starting lineup decided by August 15 to give the B-Cats more than a week to prepare for their season opener August 26 in Starke against Bradford County.



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Will Keinath braces for a tackle.

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last year." The first-team defense stifled the back-up offense as the unit struggled to gain yards. Strong safety MJ Johnson and linebacker Chase Crews were standouts for the defense during the opening drills. When the second-team defense took the field, cornerback Ernie Jones, who coach Rhoden said is fighting for a starting job, came away with an interception in a goal line situation.

While the second-team offense had a tough time mov-

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Dear Friend,

As the primary election looms on the horizon, I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You". Unlike some of the other candidates, the world of politics was an unknown territory that left me nervous and anxious. But over the past few months those fears were calmed by you, the citizens of Baker County. Through each thought, prayer, note card, text or just a simple smile or wave, each was a needed shot of adrenaline that has helped keep me going. During this time, I have been welcomed into homes of complete strangers and treated as family and have met many new friends along the way. For that, I thank you!

I also want to say thank you for unknowingly allowing me to be a part of your lives for the past 19½ years. I have come to believe that the Clerk of Courts office is not just a job with a paycheck but an office of service. For almost two decades you have allowed me into some of your most personal moments, be they good or bad. I have felt sadness as families said their goodbyes to loved ones sentenced to life in prison. I have cried tears of sorrow for victims and their families as juries have handed down decisions. I have felt the unbridled love of a young couple as they were issued their marriage license and while performing wedding services. I have felt the sense of relief as a single mother of three began receiving child support for the first time. I have felt the strength from a battered woman who was granted a restraining order against her abusive husband. For each of these encounters and many others, I am thankful! I thank you for showing me that the Clerk of Courts Office is not a job, but a passion!

In closing, I thank you all for allowing me to serve with you for the past 19½ years and I now ask that you allow me to continue to serve, but as your next Clerk of Courts. On August 26th, please consider me, Stacie Harvey, with the "Experience that matters" and the "Experience that you can trust."

Yours Truly,
Stacie

Vote

STACIE HARVEY

for CLERK OF COURTS

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Stacie Harvey (D) for Clerk of Courts.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Case #: 2013-CA-000013

Green Tree Servicing LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Ron Farron Worley a/k/a Ron Worley; Carol Ann Worley a/k/a Carol Worley; Central Pacific Mortgage Company d/b/a Central Pacific Mortgage Companies; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale of Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2013-CA-000013 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein Green Tree Servicing LLC, Plaintiff and Ron Farron Worley a/k/a Ron Worley are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Al Fraser, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at THE EAST DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 339 EAST MACCLENNY AVENUE, MACCLENNY, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on December 4, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 17, ALLEN LANDS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 58 AND 58A, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, YEAR: 2000, MAKE: FLEETWOOD, VIN: GAFLY54A85487ET21 AND VIN: GAFLY54B85487ET21, WHICH IS AFFIXED THERETO.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, Florida 32601 (352) 491-4490 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Al Fraser
Clerk Of The Circuit CourtBy: Tabitha Addison
Deputy Clerk Of Court

SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ, LLP

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Boca Raton, Florida 33431

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(561) 998-6707

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

CASE NO: 13CA000031CAAXMX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HAROLD KEINATH A/K/A HAROLD J. KEINATH; et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 31, 2014 entered in Civil Case No.: 13000031CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, Al Fraser Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the courthouse located at the East Door of the Courthouse at 339 East Macclennny Avenue, 1st Floor, Macclennny, FL 32063 at 11:00 am on the 4th day of December, 2014 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 1 AND 4, (LESS THE WEST 50 FEET) BLOCK 9, TOWN OF MACCLENNY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK D, PAGE 800, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 12th day of August, 2014.

Al Fraser
Clerk of the Circuit CourtBy: Tabitha Addison
Deputy Clerk

TRIPP SCOTT, P.A.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
110 S.E. Sixth St., 15th Floor
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Telephone (954) 765-2999

UNDER THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT (352) 337-6237, AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, PLEASE CALL 711. IF YOU ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING AND REQUIRE AN ASL INTERPRETER OR AN ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICE TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROCEEDING, PLEASE CONTACT COURT INTERPRETING AT INTERPRETER@CIRCUIT8.ORG.

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Grays Lock & Key Mini Storages
1169-1 S. 6th Street
Macclennny, Florida 32063

The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction on August 30, 2014 at 9:00 AM to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before the date.

Thomas Blackburn	Unit # 11
Deborah Tabor	Unit # 16
Lisa Buckminister	Unit # 18
Charles Belford	Unit # 26
Anthony Roberts	Units # 34/46
Cheryl Watson Ruise	Units # 39 & 41
Jonathan Dukes	Units # 42
Nancy Rose King	Units # 63 & 65

8/14-21c

NOTIFICATION TO: ALL EMPLOYEES/PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act (AHERA). That Law requires all schools, Kindergarten through twelfth grade to be inspected for asbestos-containing materials. The law further requires the development of a management plan based upon the findings of the inspection which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our schools.

A copy of the management plan is on file for your review at the Baker County School District Maintenance Department. Copies of individual building inspection reports are on file in each school's administrative office.

The purpose of this letter is for the district to remain in compliance with AHERA 763.93, which requires annual notification to parents and employee groups of the availability of the management plan along with description of the response actions that have been taken.

Since the implementation of the management plan in 1989 we have had several response actions including abatement projects which cleared some areas of all asbestos. The ultimate goal of the district is complete removal of all asbestos containing building materials as funds become available.

Until we are able to reach this goal the remainder of asbestos in the school district is being maintained in a safe condition and at this time is no threat to building occupants or employees. If the materials should deteriorate to a condition that requires removal or containment, that will be done. If the material is in controllable form, it will be systematically controlled until the plan calls for its abatement.

Sincerely,

Chris Chisholm

Health and Safety Inspector

Baker County School District

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ALL-SAFE MINI STORAGE
190 SOUTH LOWDER STREET
MACCLENNY, FLORIDA 32063
904-259-3565

The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at 9:00 am to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:

Name	Unit #
Pansy Ruise	84
Roxanne Edwards	183
Shaneka Wright	88
Karen Krelley	65
Pamela Brickle	103
Victoria Manning	141
Clarence Daniels	22
Joshua Duncan	82
Thomas Gill	180
Keisha Mitchell	86

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NOTICE OF ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT INTENDED DECISION(S)

The District intends to grant permit(s) for the consumptive use permit application(s) described below at the District's Governing Board meeting on September 9, 2014.

Gainesville Regional Utilities, PO Box 147117, Sta A122, Gainesville, FL 32614-7117 application #2-001-11339-6. The District proposes renewal of an existing permit authorizing the use of 30.0 million gallons per day of groundwater for public supply use (which includes household, commercial/ industrial, water utility uses, and unaccounted for losses) and for essential use (fire protection). The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of groundwater from the Upper Floridan aquifer via 16 active wells in Alachua County, located in Sections: 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 2, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 3, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Township: 9 South, Range: 19 East; Sections: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36. Township: 9 South, Range: 18 East; Sections: 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 2, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 7. Township: 9 South, Range: 20 East; Sections: 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 2, 20, 21, 22, 29, 3, 31, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Township: 10 South, Range: 20 East; Sections: 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 2, 24, 25 and 3. Township: 10 South, Range: 18 East; Sections: 4 and 5. Township: 11 South, Range: 19 East; Sections: 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 2, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 3, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 8 and 9. Township: 9 South, Range: 19 East; Sections: 18, 19, 30, 31, 6 and 7. Township: 9 South, Range: 21 East; Sections: 18, 6 and 7. Township: 10 South, Range: 21 East; Sections: 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 34, 35 and 36. Township: 8 South, Range: 19 East, known as Murphree WTP • GRU.

If you wish to receive a copy of a Technical Staff Report (TSR) that provides the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) staff's analysis on the above-listed compliance report(s) and associated permit(s), please submit your request to: Director, Bureau Regulatory Support, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429. Once a TSR becomes available, you may also review it by going to the Permitting section of the District's website at: floridastwater.com/permitting/index.html. To obtain information on how to find and view a TSR, visit: http://permitting.sjrwmd.com/epermitting/html/EP_FAQs.html, and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents."

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the District. Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka Florida 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwmd.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the next regular District business day. A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, F.A.C.), which is available for viewing at floridastwater.com. The District will 101 accept a petition sent by facsimile fax. Mediation may be available if you meet the conditions stated in the full Notice of Rights (see last paragraph).

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, F.S., Chapter 28-106, F.A.C., and Rule 40C-1.1007, F.A.C. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).

If you wish to do so, please visit http://floridastwater.com/nor_intoc/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's intended decision(s) on the Consumptive Use Permit Application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director, Bureau of Regulatory Support, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178, tele. no. (386)329-4268.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 02-2009-CA-0270

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.

Plaintiff,

vs.

MELISSA ANN SCHRAUD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MELISSA ANN SCHRAUD; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, will on the 15th day of October, 2014, at 11:00 AM at the East door of the Baker County Courthouse, in Macclennny, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Baker County, Florida:

Lot 21, LANCASTER GLEN, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 86 and 87 of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 18th day of August, 2014.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuitt8.org

Al Fraser

Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Addison

Deputy Clerk

Butler & Hosch, P.A.

3185 S. Conway Rd., Ste. E

Orlando, Florida 32812

(407) 381-5200

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

CASE NO.: 2013-CA-211

DARRYL REGISTER and DANETTE REGISTER,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOHNNY M. WILLIAMS and MELISSA D. WILLIAMS, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION, SECOND UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION, and MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 4, 2014 in the above styled cause, I, Al Fraser, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, at 11:00 a.m. on September 18, 2014 the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 19, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the NE corner of said SW ¼ of the NW ¼; thence N 88 deg. 28'53" W, on the North line thereof a distance of 123.03 feet; thence S 24 deg. 35'17" W, a distance of 293.31 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue N 65 deg. 35'17" W, a distance of 555.61 feet; thence N 65 deg. 24'43" W, a distance of 392.00 feet; thence N 24 deg. 35'17" E, a distance of 555.61 feet; thence S 65 deg. 24'43" E a distance of 392.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 5.00 acres more or less.

Together with a 30 foot easement for ingress and egress being more particularly described as follows: Part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 19, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the NE corner of said SW ¼ of the NW ¼; thence N 88 deg. 28'53" W, on the North line thereof a distance of 123.03 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S 24 deg. 35'17" W, a distance of 293.31 feet; thence N 65 deg. 24'43" W, a distance of 392.00 feet; thence N 24 deg. 35'17" E, a distance of 555.61 feet; thence N 37 deg. 22'30" W a distance of 154.00 feet to the Southerly right of way line of Turner Cemetery Road (a county maintained graded road); thence S 69 deg. 53' E on said Southerly right of way line of 55.8 feet; thence S 37 deg. 22'30" E a distance of 124.8 feet; thence S 24 deg. 35'17" W a distance of 269.91 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 19-25-21-0000-0000-0015

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, Florida 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Court on 12th of August, 2014

Al Fraser

Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Addison

As Deputy Clerk

Andrew J. Decker, IV, Esquire

320 White Avenue

Live Oak, Florida 32064

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US 90 Mini Storage
781 East Macclennny Ave.,
Macclennny, Florida 32063

The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction at 11:00 AM on August 30, 2014 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date.

Marice Ruise	Unit # 36
Jack Rhoden	Unit # 39
Joanne Granville Lunsford	Unit # 43
Samuel Lewis	Unit # 56
James Martin	Unit # 58
Lisa Hutchinson	Unit # 60 & #72

8/14-21c

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

Case No. 13000209CAAXMX

REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.

Plaintiff

vs.

ALTA J. LEE A/K/A ALTO LEE A/K/A ALTO J. LEE; ET AL

Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 31st, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000209CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc., Plaintiff and ALTA J. LEE A/K/A ALTO LEE A/K/A ALTO J. LEE; ET AL, defendant. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclennny Ave, Room 113, Macclennny, FL 32063, SALE BEGINNING AT 11:00 a.m. on this 15th day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 19 & 20, BLOCK D-2, SUB OF BLOCK D OF WM. KNABB ADDITION RECORDED IN PB 2, PAGE 41 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 511 Joan St, Macclennny, FL 32063

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

Dated this 18th day of August, 2014.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352)337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuitt8.org.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Court on 18th of August, 2014

Al Fraser

Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Addison

As Deputy Clerk

UDREN LAW OFFICES

2101 West Commercial Blvd., Suite 5000

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

954-378-1757

8/21-28c

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

Case No. 02-2012-CA-000102

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY

Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD L. SERRANO, BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, NICOLE SERRANO, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on July 31, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida described as:

LOT 26 OF LEANING OAKS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 94, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

and commonly known as: 513 LISSIE CT, MACCLENNY, FL 32063; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, on October 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m..

SOCIAL

SOCIAL NOTICE INFORMATION

Birth announcements, wedding notices and social events (military service notes and school graduations) must be submitted within four weeks of the event. All news and advertising must be submitted to the newspaper office prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication, unless otherwise noted or arranged. It is requested all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

CONTACT US

By phone at 904.259.2400 or by fax at 904.259.6502. You can stop by our office located at 104 S. Fifth Street, Macclenny, FL or mail your submission to PO Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063 Online at www.bakercountypress.com or email editor@bakercountypress.com



Enlow ~ Finley

Fall wedding

Carol and Robert McMurray and John C. Enlow are proud to announce the engagement of their son John Ryan Enlow to Faith Finley.

Faith is the daughter of Debbie and Darrell Finley. The couple met and graduated from Baker County High School. A wedding is planned for late October.



Johnson ~ Norman

To wed Sep. 6th

Bo and Kathy Norman of Macclenny are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley Norman to Ryan Johnson of Jacksonville, FL.

Ryan is the son of the late Al Johnson and Sheila Lulis of Jacksonville. He is the grandson of Sheila Sullivan of Macclenny.

Ashley is the grand-daughter of Sam and Shirley Norman of Macclenny and Patsy Kerce of Taylor.

The couple will wed September 6, 2014.



Jo Narramore-Mamula

UNF graduate

Jo Narramore-Mamula, a resident of Glen Saint Mary, graduated on August 1, 2014, with a Masters of Science in Health, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, from Brooks College of Health at the University of North Florida.

While obtaining her degree, Jo was awarded membership in the Chi Sigma Iota International Honor Society for Counseling Professionals; Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society for Educators; and with the Addiction and Families International Research Group.

She is currently completing requirements to become a Master Trainer for Mental Health Facilitators with the National Board of Certified Counselors. During her educational process, Jo met the requirements as a Certified Victim Advocate through the Florida Coalition of Domestic Violence and Hubbard House. She served briefly as a volunteer with the Baker County Guardian Ad Litem Program, an agency she directed in the 4th Judicial Circuit in the 1980's. Jo looks forward to continuing her counseling services in Baker County.

Taylor alumni plan reunion

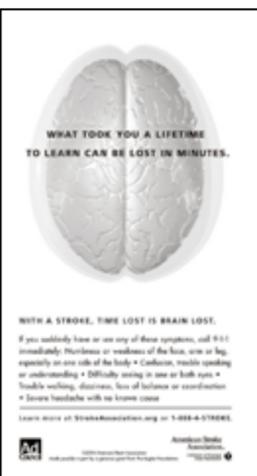
Taylor School Alumni and Friends Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th, 5pm, at the Baker County Ag Center in Macclenny. Meat, bread, and beverages will be provided. Please, bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. We also need cakes for the cake-walk. Donations accepted at the door to cover expenses. Please, RSVP to Benny Fish, 742-1516 or Tara Yarbrough Holman, 449-6566.

Food vendors for Vets event

Baker County Veterans Appreciation Committee is in need of local organizations to provide a food booth during the event November 15. The booth is free and all money raised will benefit your organization as well as help us in providing food to the community as we will be providing food for the Veterans and their immediate families. If you are interested, please contact Bill Lowery, 904-562-0550 or Paul Dickinson, 904-553-7128. Thank you in advance for helping to make this a wonderful event to honor our veterans.

Gospel sing

Come out and be blessed at Dinkins Church Sunday, August 24th at 11:00 am, Hwy 127 north. Junior Combs and Southern Joy will be with us. We will have dinner on the grounds following the service. Come out and fellowship with us!



News photos are now available through easy online purchase at www.bakerycountypress.com

Baker County Fair Association now accepting applications for commercial booths

Please contact Christine Tyson, 904.708.1630 or visit bakercountyfair.com



PAUL SCAMMACCA
Vote August 26 for
for Baker County School Board District 4
Experience in Education for Education

BAKER COUNTY CITIZENS:
Thank you for the warmth and support you have shown me over the last few months... it has been a wonderful experience. As we move toward the end of our primary election I feel compelled to share a few thoughts with you.

I have been told numerous times my challenge as a candidate is not being from Baker County. I feel this is not the case. Given the importance of serving on your school board, I take the position our community wants to select the best qualified candidate to help shape our district's future. Respectfully, I ask you consider carefully the candidate qualifications, experience and commitment in the District 4 School Board race. I offer my credentials below:

EDUCATION- Masters Degree in Public Administration, University of North Florida; Bachelors Degree in Education, University of Florida
EXPERIENCE- 13 years classroom teacher; 6 years Education Supervisor/Classification Officer Florida Department of Corrections
TEACHER CERTIFICATION- Education Leadership; Prek-3rd Grade (classroom); Emotionally Handicapped K-12
COMMITMENT- \$10k for Kids- If elected, I will donate \$10,000 to our school district for direct use in our classrooms; completion of new School Board Member Certification

Personally I would like to thank all of the candidates running for office in our community. We have shared sidewalks, stories and sweat working to gain your trust and support. I have met many quality people along the way. Please consider the candidates carefully as they will help shape our county's future. I ask for your support on August 26 for the District 4 school board seat in order to serve you and the children of Baker County.

YOURS IN EDUCATION, PAUL SCAMMACCA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 13000134CA

CP-SRMOF II 2012-A TRUST, BY U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,
vs.
CHAZ LEE YONN A/K/A CHAZ L. YONN A/K/A CHAZ YONN; JAMIE LATANNE YONN A/K/A JAMIE L. YONN A/K/A JAMIE YONN,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 4, 2014, and entered in 13000134CA of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein CP-SRMOF II 2012-A TRUST, BY U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE, is the Plaintiff and CHAZ LEE YONN A/K/A CHAZ L. YONN A/K/A CHAZ YONN; JAMIE LATANNE YONN A/K/A JAMIE L. YONN A/K/A JAMIE YONN are the Defendant(s). As Trustee of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 339 East Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL at 11:00 AM, on December 4, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 4, BLOCK 1, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 49 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 12th day of August, 2014.
Al Fraser
Clerk of the Court
By: Tabitha Addison
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY CASE NO. 2012-CA-252

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
DUSTIN WILLIAMS, SHERRI WILLIAMS, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed May 13, 2014 entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-252 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Macclenny, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Baker County Courthouse, 339 East Macclenny Avenue Room 113, Macclenny, FL 32063 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 25th day of September, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

A part of Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of said Section and run South 0° 15' East, along the East line of said SW ¼ of the NW ¼ 603.04 feet to the point of beginning, thence North 89° 45' East 25.65 feet to the West Right-of-Way line of County Road No. C-125, thence Southerly along said West Right-of-Way line a chord distance of 126.10 feet, thence South 89° 45' West 45.20 feet to said East line of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, thence continue South 89° 45' West, 100 feet, thence North 0° 15' West, 125.00 feet, thence North 89° 45' East 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said lands being a part of the South ½ of the NW ¼, Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida.

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

Dated this 31st day of July, 2014.
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By: Tabitha Addison
Deputy Clerk

MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC,
110 SE 6TH STREET
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 02-2014-CA-000038-CAAX-MX

VYSTAR CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL D. LAGLE; ET AL,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated the 31st day of July, 2014, and entered in Case No. 02-2014-CA-000038-CAAX-MX, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein VYSTAR CREDIT UNION is the Plaintiff, and MICHAEL D. LAGLE; KERI LAGLE; TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CAROLINA FIRST BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO MERCANTILE BANK A DIVISION OF CAROLINAFIRST; and JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front steps of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063, at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes on the 1st day of October 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 3, BLOCK 4, OWENS ACRES, UNIT II, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 10659 Suzanne Dr., Macclenny, FL 32063

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Dated this 8th day of August, 2014.
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Wins Junior Miss title

Emily Amanda Davis of Glen St. Mary has been crowned the 2014 Junior Miss Florida Forestry Queen and will advance to the Miss U.S. National Forestry Pageant to be held August 30, 2014 in Tifton, GA.

Ms. Davis represented Baker County last July competing against six other young girls ages 10-12 from all across the state of Florida. The pageant was held at the Baker County High School auditorium. Ms. Davis was crowned queen in the Junior Miss Florida Forestry competition.

Ms. Davis is the 11-year-old daughter of Jay and Erin Davis. She is the granddaughter of Christine Gulden of Citrus Springs and Melvin and Sylvia Davis of Glen St. Mary. She is entering the sixth grade at Baker County Middle School and is a proud member of the school's Majorettes. Ms. Davis also enjoys modeling, gymnastics, swimming and spending time with family and friends.

Her mother said she is very excited about nationals and cannot wait to compete Labor Day weekend with other state queens from across the United States for the prestigious title of 2014 Junior Miss U.S. National Forestry Queen. She is

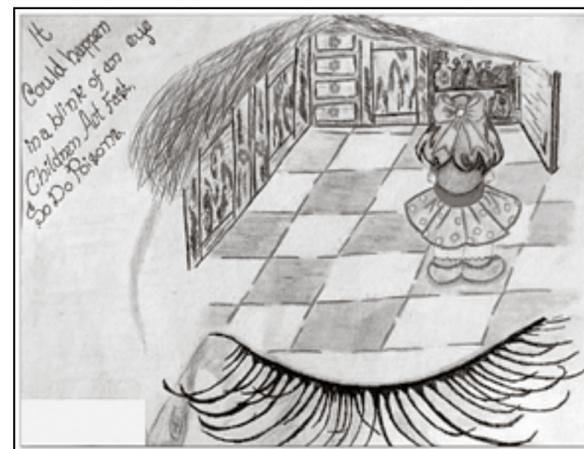


Emily Davis

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Ms. Davis, along with the other forestry queens, will attend the Florida Forestry Festival in Perry in October. At the festival the queens will participate in parades, autograph signings and other fun events with Smokey the Bear.

This is sure to be a fulfilled year for Ms. Davis as she promotes Florida's forestry industry, her mother said.



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Wins poster contest

Elizabeth Hernandez, who attends Keller Intermediate School, won first place in the nationwide 2015 National Poison Prevention Week poster contest in the third through fifth grade division conducted by Poison Prevention Week Council. The winning poster will be featured during next year's National Poison Prevention Week, which is held the third week in March to highlight the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. The winners were selected based on creativity, design and poisoning preventing messages.

Wildcat coach does challenge for ALS

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Coach MacPherson participated in it after First Coast News sports reporter Chad Cushnir issued the challenge to high school football coaches throughout the area. Coach MacPherson and Bartram Trail head coach Darrell Sutherland decided to take the challenge after the scrimmage at the officials' clinic at Bolles.

"For some of us that are kind of semi in this spotlight to make a difference, we wanted to publicly make a difference," the Cats' head coach said. "We decided what's a better way to make a difference than after a scrimmage where we played against each other to show we can get together for a common cause and a common goal."

For the challenge, coach MacPherson had seniors CeCe Jefferson and Blayne Merchant pour the cooler of ice water on him. He said it wasn't too bad as most of the water went off his shoulders and mostly missed his head.

The head coach then challenged an assistant coach at St.

Augustine to get Yellow Jackets' head coach Joey Wiles to do it, who eventually accepted the challenge.

Even though he completed the Ice Bucket Challenge, the coach decided to donate money to an ALS fund from Baker County football and is waiting for information from Mr. Cushnir about how to donate.

The "Ice Bucket Challenge" has become a nationwide phenomenon on social media. It helped raise \$13.3 million in donations to the ALS Association between July 29 and August 17, which is up from \$1.7 million from the same period last year, according to an article by Emily Steel on NYTimes.com.

As cold as it was, coach MacPherson said he doesn't want it to be the only ice water shower he receives this season.

"I hope at some point we can do another one," coach MacPherson said. "I'm hoping we can do the ice bucket for a district championship. Even if it's in November, I'll gladly accept that one."

Football tickets selling at usual rate

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With the Wildcats' home opener less than two weeks away, season tickets went on sale last week and have been selling well, according to BCHS Athletic Director Melody Coggin.

Mrs. Coggin said she sold about one-third of the tickets in the first week, which matches the average pace in comparison to past years. She expects to sell most of the remaining tickets by the end of the week.

Season tickets are \$10 per game and they can be purchased until August 22 at 3 pm. General admission for home games will then be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

The Cats' 2014 home schedule features six games starting with non-district opponents St. Augustine August 29 and Providence September 12. The team's District 3-5A schedule will see the squad hosting the rechristened Westside High, Wolfson, Yulee for Homecoming and Bishop Kenny on Senior Night. All games are scheduled to kick off at 7 pm.

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I have met so many people over the years that I think would be good elected officials. Four years ago I got behind our Republican candidate Adam Giddens to help him to be elected to the county commission. **He grew up here with great conservative values, and he is from a great family with a strong Christian background in business and education.** I have been very pleased watching him as a county commissioner because he follows his head and his heart - and doesn't just go along to get along. **He thinks things out in an educated, logical manner and always votes his conscience.**

He is running a good campaign - a clean campaign without slander or innuendo. His message is focused strictly on what he has done for the county and what he wants to do in the future. We want our candidates to have a plan and work the plan that will benefit the people that they serve.

We don't condone ugly political attacks between candidates, especially when they are representing the same political party. Ronald Reagan famously followed the Republican's 11th commandment, "Thou shalt not speak ill of a fellow Republican," whenever he was presented with an attack from a fellow conservative. It is just one of many reasons he was a great leader and still commands such great RESPECT. **Adam Giddens also follows this commandment even though he has been hit with multiple attacks from people who call themselves Republicans. In my opinion, that says a lot about the content of his character - and theirs.**

We work and strive for peace and harmony, and we try to pass that down to all who are seeking public office. We ask that when you vote, please look at the qualifications AND conduct of the candidates and make a wise decision. We want good leadership from our elected officials and part of that involves leaders with integrity - because in order to truly grow our county and make the right choices, **it is critical that our candidates have both the intellect AND the integrity to do the right things for all our community and the people they were elected to serve.**

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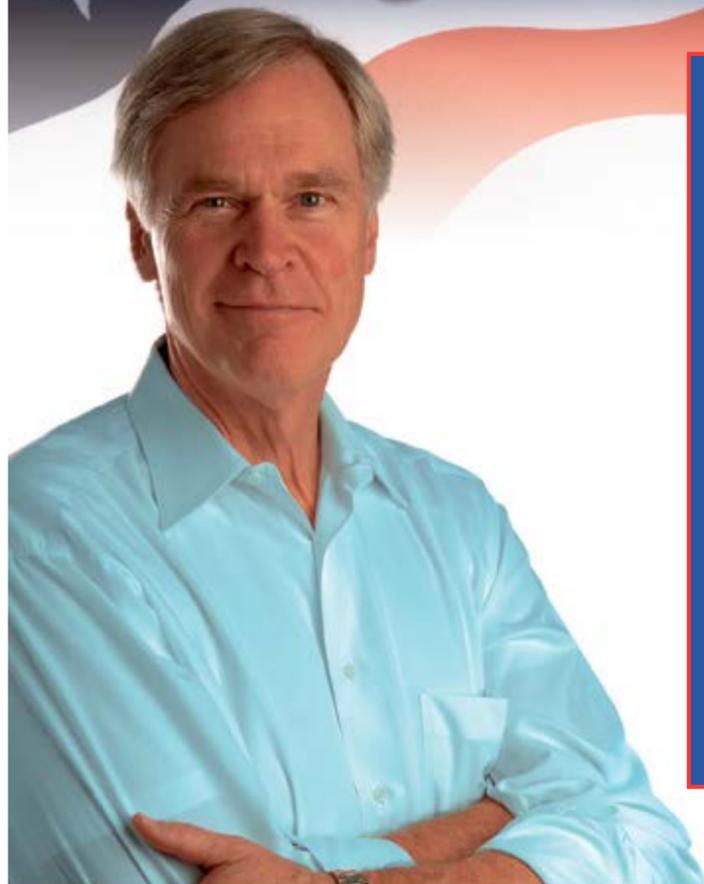
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