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Brannan leads in campaign spending

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With less than a month to go before the mid-term elections and early voting set to begin in a few weeks, the remaining hopefuls for school board and clerk of courts are in the home stretch of their respective campaigns.

Most of the four candidates, Stacie Harvey and Chuck Brannan in the clerk's race and Artie Burnett and Jody Anderson in the school board contest, said they feel good about their chances for victory on November 4 and hope voters turn out in force to make their voices heard.

"We're just out working everyday, running with our same positive message," said Mr. Brannan, the Republican candidate for the clerk's job.

A retired sheriff's office investigator who resigned from his job with the state to concentrate on campaigning, Mr. Brannan has been raising a lot of money since winning his party's nomination on August 26.

Campaign finance records show he's garnered \$6,750 in outside contributions, including \$5000 from the Baker County Republican Committee, \$500 from the Jacksonville law firm Pajcic and Pajcic, PA and \$500 from Lake City retiree Don Kennedy since that time.

Through late September, when the most recent campaign finance reports were filed, Mr. Brannan had out spent Mrs. Harvey \$16,158.97 to \$7,578.27, though \$5890 of Mr. Brannan's total expenditures were his qualifying fee, not direct campaign spending for things like advertising and signs.

When asked if he thinks his sizable funding lead — \$22,696 in monetary contributions in this election cycle versus Mrs. Harvey's \$8,175 — gives him an advantage in the race, Mr. Brannan said he wasn't sure, but that fundraising is an important part of seeking public office.

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Three charged by FHP in separate DUI cases

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LPA tables approval of 'animal farm'

MIKE ANDERSON | PRESS STAFF

Jennifer Hale was always around animals as a child growing up on her grandmother's farm in the Florida Panhandle town of Bonifay. Now, she wants to provide the same kind of life for her children in Baker County.

"I just remember what it was like when I was a kid, the enjoyment of it," said Ms. Hale, a single mother of two teenagers. "I loved it."

But her grandmother's farm was spread out over 55 acres. Ms. Hale only has four acres on Crews Road north of Glen St. Mary, which she bought in January with plans to have a couple of cows, two pigs, 15 goats, one donkey, 35 chickens, 10 turkeys, six guineas and 60 quail.

Even after agreeing to exclude the cows and pigs from her plans, however, county zoning officials last week postponed a decision on an application for a special exception to allow agricultural animals on a non-conforming lot.

After a public hearing on the evening of October 2, members of the Baker County Land Planning Agency, or LPA, said they want information and advice from the county agricultural extension office, animal control and public health officials before rendering a decision on the request.

"All the animals are allowed by zoning but it's non-conforming to the size of the lot," said County Planner Ed Preston, who also told the board that the development review committee, which includes the health department, offered no adverse comments on the application.



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Above is donkey Pinky, 7, and at right Nigerian goat Lali, 5 months, with their owner Jennifer Hale early this week at her residence north of Glen. Photos by Joel Addington



Motorcycle wreck on I-10 injures couple

A Melbourne, FL couple were injured the morning of October 3 where their 2013 Harley-Davidson motorcycle went out of control and slid into the soggy median of Interstate 10 west of the Sanderson rest area. Richard Romandetti, 59, told FHP Trooper M.L. Orton he was westbound when the steering locked up for unknown reasons and he lost control of the motorcycle as it slid into the median. Passenger Christine Romandetti, 57, was ejected when the bike slid sideways. Mr. Romandetti came to rest lying face down with the motorcycle lying atop his upper body in several inches of water from recent heavy rains. A witness freed him and he was treated at Fraser Hospital. Mrs. Romandetti was flown to UF Health Jacksonville. The couple's small dog ran from the scene and was last seen entering the woods across the eastbound travel lanes.

Future of former golf course murky

BY JIM MCGAULEY
Press Publisher

For four-plus decades, Macclenny Golf and Country Club (later Pineview Golf Club) occupied 130-plus acres of prime, undulating property in the north city, and the 18-hole course enjoyed a reputation among Northeast Florida links as a pleasant, reliable venue for individual, group and even tournament play.

Now, with remarkable speed, it's grown into a forest, the old fairways indiscernible now as self-seeded pines and hardwoods have taken over.

Pineview Golf Course is now Pineview Forest, and the current group of owners known as Golf View Properties, LLC are at an impasse with a bank on the tract's future as a residential development. One thing's for certain — the "golf view" is long gone.

Managing partner Ron W. Turbeville, a Lake City-based developer, declined comment on the status of an outstanding loan from BB&T, a North Carolina bank holding a \$7.65 million mortgage on the property.

Thomas R. (Tommy) Rhoden, who heads up a Macclenny real estate firm that bears his name, said during a recent interview the future of what he and other investors intended to name Barber Plantation is murky and reliant on future negotiations with BB&T over the future of that outstanding mortgage.

"We'd like to develop it but we don't have the funds," he said. "We really don't know much of anything until the court tells us what to do."

Court records indicate no pending action, and the last one of file is a motion granting BB&T a summary judgment. That was in March of this year.

There is no record of the bank initiating foreclosure on the three parcels that constituted Golf View's acquisition in 2005: the 131 acres

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Seven Day Forecast

- Thursday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 88 Low: 64
- Friday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 87 Low: 64
- Saturday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 89 Low: 65
- Sunday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 87 Low: 65
- Monday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 85 Low: 62
- Tuesday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 86 Low: 62
- Wednesday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 83 Low: 61

Today's High & Low Temperatures

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	7:27 a.m.	7:03 p.m.
Friday	7:27 a.m.	7:02 p.m.
Saturday	7:28 a.m.	7:01 p.m.
Sunday	7:29 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Monday	7:29 a.m.	6:59 p.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	6:58 p.m.
Wednesday	7:31 a.m.	6:57 p.m.

St. Mary's River Levels

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	11.26 ft.	-0.46 ft.
Macclenny	12.28 ft.	-0.21 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM
Thu	12:11-2:11	12:41-2:41
Fri	1:05-3:05	1:35-3:35
Sat	1:59-3:59	2:29-4:29
Sun	2:52-4:52	3:22-5:22
Mon	3:44-5:44	4:14-6:14
Tue	4:35-6:35	5:05-7:05
Wed	5:24-7:24	5:54-7:54

Weather History

Oct. 9, 1903 - New York City was deluged with 11.17 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a state record. Severe flooding occurred in the Passaic Valley of New Jersey, where more than 15 inches of rain was reported.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Mon, 9/29	81	72	85/66	1.33"
Tue, 9/30	75	72	85/66	0.01"
Wed, 10/1	81	70	85/66	0.00"
Thu, 10/2	86	68	85/65	0.05"
Fri, 10/3	88	66	84/65	1.03"
Sat, 10/4	81	59	84/65	0.21"
Sun, 10/5	72	46	84/64	0.00"

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Three are charged by FHP with DUI

The Florida Highway Patrol filed charges of DUI and DUI with property damage on a Glen St. Mary woman involved in a minor traffic accident back in August.

A toxicology report ordered by Trooper James Powell showed that Tammy Ann Davis, 43, had a blood-alcohol level of .235 when she lost control of her car that evening while making a turn onto CR 23C and ran into a ditch, striking equipment belonging to NEFCOM. She was alone at the time and had minor injuries.

The blood-alcohol level is nearly three times what is considered intoxicated in Florida.

In similar cases:

- Heidi Carr, 38, of Glen was charged by Trooper J.S. Finley with drunk driving after she failed a field sobriety test September 29.

- Ms. Carr was at the wheel of a 2003 Saturn when it left Pine Top Rd. west of Glen about 1 a.m. and struck a fence.

- Trooper Jason Barry charged Michael Richmond, 22, of Macclenny with drunk driving after he was involved in an accident on Interstate 10 west of Glen the evening of September 28.

The case record indicates Mr. Richmond was westbound when his 2000 Chevrolet pickup swerved off the north shoulder and overturned.

He failed a field sobriety test and his blood-alcohol measured .186.

Charged with fraud for welfare

The state filed a sworn complaint late last month against a Macclenny woman for allegedly lying repeatedly about the number of children in her custody to obtain food stamps and Medicaid benefits.

Bernadette N. Self, 32, allegedly received \$12,008 in food stamps (EBT) and \$3359 in Medicaid between 2009 and early this year, according to the complaint.

A fraud investigator with the Department of Children and Families alleged that Ms. Self, while residing at several local addresses, claimed on ten occasions that her three children were living with her as dependents when they were not.

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U.S. has the resources to clip Ebola epidemic-Right?

We're getting a sense in recent days of just how frightened the western world is that the Ebola virus will find its way into a countries where "epidemic" normally means pesky winter flu outbreaks rather than a disease that can actually kill otherwise healthy people.

Few among us would ever admit it, but as long as deadly diseases confine themselves to places like west Africa, we don't pay much attention to them. After all, we in the United States are blessed with the world's best disease prevention research and hospitals equipped to handle things that often kill people in the less developed countries.

Thanks in large part to

advances in disease prevention that originate in the U.S., populations of western Europe and Asia likewise exist relatively free of onerous outbreaks like the pandemic Spanish flu of 1918-19 that claimed 50 million lives worldwide.

Yea, it could happen again, but it just doesn't. It's like going hungry; we know millions do elsewhere but assume if someone in America does it's because they don't take advantage of multitudinous "safety nets."

So a sense of fear is beginning to spread over the more advanced countries of the world, despite assurances from agencies like the Centers of Disease Control in Atlanta

that Ebola settles in the human body only via exchange of bodily fluids. It's not airborne, say the experts, and therefore is infinitely more containable.

Maybe so, but then there's the suspicion that the "experts" may be in error on this critical fact. We realize that government can range from reliable on key information like this, or as in the case of large agencies like the IRS, Justice Department and Veterans Administration, downright deceptive. So, fear over a pandemic virus isn't necessarily eased just because some-

one at the CDC makes a pronouncement.

Just as air travel shrunk the world, it accelerates the chances that a deadly virus can hop on a plane and land itself in another region in a matter of hours, to far-flung locations that took months to reach in past centuries. Such was the case with Thomas Duncan, a Nigerian who flew from his home country to Washington, then onto Dallas where the incubated Ebola virus erupted in his body. He lies in a hospital there fighting for his life, and his presence in Dallas has

resulted in widespread panic — and anger that he was allowed into the United States.

It's estimated that the two airplanes Mr. Duncan boarded to get here flew four-dozen other routes within days. If Ebola is spread by air rather than bodily contact, just the single carrier could wreak havoc in the U.S. and throughout the world.

One wants to believe that our medical resources — the best in the world — will be able to contain this and other viruses as they present themselves in the course of human

interaction. And until proven otherwise, that's what we should believe. And it's probably wise to parse through what you read and hear from the media.

The takeaway up to this point, however, is that we always will be vulnerable to outside influences capable of upsetting the sense of security that we — all of us in the United States — have wrapped around ourselves as citizens of the world's most advanced country.

It could happen, we concede. But will it?

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National Frappe Day

October 7th is National Frappe Day. What is your favorite flavor of Frappuccino?

VjandKeri Katz: Dark Barrel.

Mike Williams: Are we talking about coffee?

Andrea Scott: Pumpkin Spice or Java Chocolate Chip.

Katrina Woodard Collins: French vanilla or vanilla bean.

Jennifer Rogers: Caramel ribbon crunch or Heath bar.

Bonnie Gilbert: Peppermint mocha.

Wendy Swords: White mocha.

Leslie Wilford Moody: Chi Tea Frappe is my favorite!

Kathy Wyland: Caramel with Mocha.

Leslie Semones: Cannon Double Chocolatey Chip.

Richard Clark: Skinny cinnamon dolce frapp light with one Splenda.

Brittany Davis: Mocha or French vanilla. Lol. I could use either right now.

Patricia Harris: Coffee with Carmel Drizzle.

Medical pot advocate here

Cannabis advocate Chris Ralph is expected to speak at the Baker Prevention Coalition's (<http://bakerprevention.org/>) meeting Thursday at 4 p.m. at the health department. He argues Florida law already allows marijuana to be used for medical

reasons as long as a doctor signs off on it. What do you think about his visit? Are there any questions you'd have for him?

Richard Clark: All I can say is that anything on this planet that is available to relieve the pain and suffering for people with terminal deceases should be provided to them without question. If you took the "dollar" issue out of the equation, it wouldn't even make the news. Allowing people to suffer while a material is available to ease that suffering is insane.

Amber Raulerson: There are so many horrible deaths being caused in the world by "prescribed" drugs. I'm beyond annoyed at all of the controversy surrounding cannabis - a natural alternative. I have a nephew who has benefited from cannabis during his radiation treatment. This 4-year-old went from 26 lbs. to over 30lbs. in less than a week after treatment with cannabis began, from not being able to keep a crumb down to being able to eat and gaining weight instead of wasting away to nothing. I've never had a problem with it medically or otherwise. In my opinion, alcohol is a worse substance.

Curtis Green: Will he be giving out any samples?

Teresa King: Will the \$800 medical IDs also be available?

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Faygo Orange pales to Nehi Orange

Yeow!!

I just took a swig of Faygo Orange drink and had an immediate moment of déjà vu.

I don't think I've ever had that brand of orange soda, but I was thirsty and it just happened to be there. Thirst conquered, right?

Whoa. It was a blast from the past when I regularly drank Nehi Orange. I don't know if you can find Nehi Orange anymore; it's been replaced by its milder cousins Orange Crush and Sunkist Orange Soda. But as a kid it was a staple of my soda pop diet, along with another drink that has gone the way of the Dodo — that would be Fresca.

I loved Nehi Orange; it was like drinking rocket fuel. That first sip — you never gulped it, or you'd be in big trouble — seared down my throat in all its high octane glory. I drank so much of that stuff as a kid, I'm convinced the inside of my esophagus is cauterized.

Nehi Orange is not to be confused with its illegitimate cousin, Nehi Peach. I have had both and there is no comparison. Nehi Orange tastes vaguely "orangy," while Nehi Peach tastes like nothing in nature. It certainly doesn't taste like peaches. I'm more inclined to think it's like the mixture of gas and oil that you use to fire up a weed eater or a chain saw.

Fresca was another of my favorites.

MY SIDE OF
THE MATTER
ROBERT GERARD

I was in the fourth grade when it came out and my dad was in one of his endless quests to lose weight so he tried it. He hated it; I loved it.

It tasted like nothing I can identify, but had that distinctive carbonated kick I liked. Heaven help you if you ever had it go up your nose. I did once and couldn't smell my food for a week.

There are other drinks out of our sphere of influence that might still be on shelves somewhere. I encountered Big Red the last time I was in Kentucky. I don't know whether you can buy it here but it has a very distinctive taste.

It's sort of like a mixture of bubble gum and cinnamon. I drank one once and never wanted to drink another as long as I live. I guess, like fine wine, Big Red is an acquired taste.

You can still buy Yoo Hoo if you look for it hard enough. Yoo Hoo had a very modest popularity during the early 1960s when it was the drink that sponsored New York Yankees baseball. Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra were always pictured with a bottle of Yoo Hoo in their hands. Knowing those guys' reputations it was probably spiked.

I encountered it during a brief period when I lived in Ft. Lauderdale, the winter home of the Yankees and so Yoo Hoo was everywhere. If you've never had it, it's a chocolaty drink that would taste like a

Starbucks Mocha Cappuccino if it had either coffee or taste. I got hooked on it for a while, not because I liked it, but because I liked Mickey Mantle.

A number of other candies that were popular when I was a kid, you can't find any more. I was a big fan of candy cigarettes. Back then everybody smoked, particularly on television detective shows. I swiped my dad's fedora and popped a candy cigarette in the side of my mouth, leaned against the door jamb with one foot up against the door looking cool like Peter Gunn or Sam Spade. Since the hat was eight sizes too big I actually looked completely ridiculous, but I thought I was cool.

I was also totally addicted to Necco Wafers. They were my favorite candy growing up. Once again, they had flavors that were only the color of grape or cherry or mint. The flavor — that was something else altogether. My favorite color Necco was black, which was licorice and brown, which was supposedly chocolate.

I guess I'm odd that way because my favorite jellybean color was black. I love licorice. As a kid I liked the taste and also the fact that it turned my teeth black. Two for the price of one.

I'm sure every generation has a list of extinct sodas and candies as personal favorites that aren't around anymore. Though Faygo can't hold a candle to Nehi Orange, it was a window to the past for me. Come to think of it, if I had held a candle to Nehi Orange it probably would have exploded.

Correction

The Press reported incorrectly last week that Keller Intermediate School's new principal David Davis holds a bachelor's degree in statistics from BYU.

He has a bachelor's in finance and business management from the university as well as a master's degree in educational leadership from Florida A&M.

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LPA: tables 'animal' farm

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A few neighbors did, however.

"There were complaints from three neighbors about the animals and the upkeep of the property," Mr. Preston said. "The complaints were that it's not enough land, it's close to a (school) bus stop, her dogs get out and the goats get their heads stuck in the fence."

Nobody appeared at the public hearing to voice any objections, however.

Ms. Hale said she already has about 10 baby goats, roughly 15 chickens, three guineas and a donkey that she inherited from her grandmother. If her request is granted she also plans to buy turkeys and quail.

The applicant's property is bordered by agricultural lands and was zoned for agricultural use until 2009 when it was rezoned for "very low density" residential use.

"It's transitional between residential and agriculture," Mr. Preston said during the hearing.

LPA member John Adams asked whether a vote of denial "would be depriving her of her legal right to have animals on her property?"

No, responded County Attorney Rich Komando.

"There is no legal right. That's why it's non-conforming," the attorney said.

One issue of concern was whether four acres was sufficient grazing ground for two cows and 15 goats. Zoning regulations require one acre for each grazing animal.

Ms. Hale, however, said goats are not grazing animals. Instead, she said, goats are "considered to be foragers. They eat just about anything. They eat hay, too."

"I've done the research," she said. "I can have up to 40 goats per acre."

Ms. Hale said she wants to be a good neighbor and doesn't plan to own more than 15 goats. She said chicken coops for laying hens and pens for turkeys and quails would be far from the nearest neighboring residence.

Eventually, she said, her plans include planting fruits and vegetables and teaching her children how to farm the land and take care of the animals, all of which will be "heritage breed" livestock and poultry, meaning no chemicals, growth hormones or antibiotics will be used.

"We're trying to be all organic," said Ms. Hale, who has lived in Baker County for nine years. "I just want to create my own food that comes into the house and have the opportunity to teach my kids that they can farm their own animals. We'll get our eggs and meat from chickens and turkeys."

Each animal will have its own purpose, she said. Some chickens will be "free ranging" and grown for eating, while others will remain in the coops and lay eggs. The guineas, she said, "are meant to keep bugs and snakes out of the yard,"



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Morgan Catin, a family friend, feeds Lali.

while the donkey's job is to protect the goats from predators.

Heritage breeds are livestock and poultry identified by The Livestock Conservancy, a national nonprofit organization based in North Carolina, as "endangered." They are animals and birds that once were commonly seen on farms decades ago but have gradually diminished along with family farms throughout the United States.

According to the organization's website, the mission of The Livestock Conservancy "revolves around conserving the genetics of nearly 200 livestock and poultry breeds, ensuring their survival and promoting biodiversity in agriculture."

Ms. Hale's application for a special zoning exception could be reconsidered as early as October 23.

In other business last week the LPA board:

- Granted a request for a special exception to allow a family lot at 11121 King Ruise Road in West Glen Estates, an unrecorded subdivision near Cow Pen Road west of Glen St. Mary.

The applicant, Eddie Huggins, requested a special exception to accommodate a 10-acre family lot within a 25.41-acre parcel owned and occupied by his brother since 2004. Mr. Huggins has been living in a separate dwelling on the 10-acre parcel since the county granted a family lot application in July.

However, a public hearing was not conducted as required in July. Mr. Preston said the oversight was corrected by last week's board action following a hearing.

The county's Land Development Regulations require a special exception to grant a family lot when the parent par-

cel is in a subdivision. In this case, both parcels meet the 10-acre minimum agricultural zoning code requirement for the area.

- Approved a request for a small scale land use and zoning change on two parcels totaling 3.06 acres near CR 139 and Claude Harvey Road from agriculture to very low density residential.

In a report to the LPA, Mr. Preston recommended approval of the request, which he said would enable the applicant to merge the two parcels — one .88 acres and the other 2.16 acres — under one ownership and, thus, become eligible for a family lot.

The applicant, Wanda Thorn Davis, said she bought the property in 2006 "in the neighborhood I grew up in," and where her elderly father still resides in a small house on the .88-acre site. She plans to move a mobile home onto the property where she and her family will reside.

At first, LPA member John Adams expressed reluctance to grant the request because he said changing the zoning from agriculture to residential could "set a precedent for that area" and make it difficult for the county to deny similar requests in the future.

Mr. Preston expressed a different point of view.

"I don't believe we would be going to an unreasonable precedent," he said. "It is in the Urban Growth Area, where we encourage residential growth."

Mr. Preston further noted that his office has received no calls from anyone opposed to the rezoning and that most of the surrounding properties are zoned agriculture. The LPA board unanimously recommended approval of the request.



Injured avoiding animal on CR 125

Rescue workers removed an injured Kayla Smith of Cuyler from the scene of an accident the morning of September 28 on CR 125 just north of the Cedar Creek bridge. Ms. Smith, 17, told Trooper A.L. Cummings of the Florida Highway Patrol she was southbound in her 1998 Ford Ranger when she lost control avoiding what she believed was a large animal, crossed over the northbound lane and careened into a stand of trees, striking one of them. She was transported to UF Health in Jacksonville (Shands) and charged with careless operation of the pickup. She was not wearing a seat belt when the accident occurred just before 8 a.m.

Manning reunion

The Manning family reunion will be held on Sunday, October 12 at the Macclenny Park (duck pond) starting at noon.

Bring a covered dish and join in the fellowship.

Bennett reunion

The annual Bennett family reunion will be held on Sunday, October 12 at the North Prong Church. Lunch will be served at 2 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Campaign spending: Brannan leads Burnett is top spender in the school board race

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"We work hard to raise money and we work hard to get votes, so yes, we put an emphasis on that," said Mr. Brannan. "But I know people. I have relationships. That's how I am able to raise money. We knew it would take money to run. It's a necessary thing you have to do, even though nobody likes doing it."

With about five weeks to go before election day, Mr. Brannan had \$6537.03 left in his campaign account compared to \$596.73 for Mrs. Harvey, who has also benefited from significant contributions since the primary.

She received \$500 from Macclenny retiree Mary Finley and \$25 from Glen St. Mary businessman Ronald Williams.

Still, Ms. Harvey, a Democrat, said she's less concerned about money and more focused on getting out her message — that she has some 20 years of experience working in every post within the clerks office and the next logical step in her career is to serve as Clerk of Courts.

"I think I just have to let people know I'm qualified for this job. I don't have a college degree but I know everything about that office," she said. "... Looking good on paper is one thing, but being truly prepared to do the job is another."

Burnett outspending Anderson in bid for school board

School board candidate Artie Burnett says his campaign has been "going pretty good, but the truth will be told on the fourth [of November]."

With help from his family and friends, Mr. Burnett said they've been "working hard trying to talk to as many people as we can."

He said constituents have been talking about the more customary things like ways to improve the school system, but he's also heard some apprehension about new standardized tests being rolled out next year.

"I tell them it's just something we have to deal with as we go along, and we have to try our best to understand it," said the first-term incumbent, who has out spent his opponent by \$2676.33 through the end of September.

Mr. Burnett, a corrections officer, wasn't sure if the extra spending will give him an advantage in the race, but said he's been able to stay within the budget he set for the campaign, noting that it was much smaller than those of the remaining clerk candidates.

"I didn't budget that kind of money, but you never know how much of an impact money has on a race," he said.

Still, Mr. Burnett's opponent, Mr. Anderson, a roofing contractor and newcomer to public office, said he intends to ramp up his campaign spending in the final weeks before the election.

Mr. Anderson said he's been focusing his efforts on meeting with residents face-to-face because he believes that's a more effective, albeit a more physically demanding, way to campaign.

"I think a person likes to see you and talk to you face-to-face rather than just see your name on a sign. People tell me they appreciate me coming by," Mr. Anderson said.

Both school board campaigns have been largely self-funded by the candidates themselves.

Like his opponent, Mr. Anderson intends to continue meeting with voters. "I'm going to try to cover even more neighborhoods. I'll hit the streets carrying signs and advertise, but my main goal is to get to as many houses as I can."

Said Mr. Burnett: "I'm just going to keep doing what I've been doing — going around talking to folks and checking on the campaign signs I have up to make sure they're still up. Sometimes I find them down on the ground or missing altogether, so I've been replacing signs, too."

Both school board candidates also said that getting their supporters to the polls will be critical in the election. Mr. Anderson said he's heard on the street that turnout overall may be down while Mr. Burnett thinks the negativity of the governor's race could turn voters off.

"Most people I talk to say they're not sure who they will vote for and they feel like it's two bad choices," said Mr. Burnett.

However, so far, 1721 absentee ballots have been sent out for the general election, Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford said, while there were 1283 absentee ballots cast during the primary, when roughly 44 percent of registered voters cast ballots.

Voters are likely more engaged in the general election

Most people I talk to say they're not sure who they will vote for and they feel like it's two bad choices.

— Artie Burnett on the governor's race

Got flags or small odd items?

Macclenny's Cub Scout Pack 555 is seeking donations of American flags and other items in preparation for this year's Family Camp Out at Camp Shands in Melrose, FL. It is set for November 7-9 and the local pack has been designated as the host for the anticipated 500 people who will attend.

The annual event brings in Cub Scouts from area counties, along with their families, for a weekend of character building with events and games. The theme of this year's Family Camp Out is "Patriotism in Action."

The scouts are asking for donations of "everyday items" from households to place in "genius kits" distributed to the scouts. They consist of 15 odds and ends that the boys are encouraged to fashion into inventions.

Pack 555, which meets at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Macclenny on Monday evenings, is also seeking members in the first through fifth grades in school. It costs only \$10 to join.

For more information on Pack 555, and on specific items sought for the Family Camp Out, please contact Tabitha Matthews at 904-334-3638.

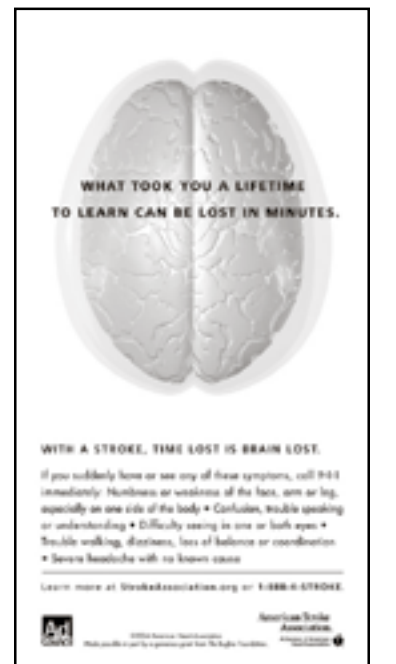
Seeking volunteers

Haven Hospice in Macclenny is seeking volunteers and will host an orientation for those interested in helping out on October 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 28 W. Macclenny Ave.

"Volunteers are needed for many positions including patient and caregiver, veteran-to-veteran visits, administrative work and pet visitors.

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Weeds, trees engulf the former leader board on the former golf course property.

Golf course: future murky

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that constituted the main body of the former golf course on the west side of CR 23A, along with a six acre tract and a one acre tract to the south.

The partners, Mr. Rhoden and his son Rock Rhoden, Mr. Turbeville, Tommy Dorman and Todd Knabb, purchased the tracts from Dr. Gary Dopson for \$4,280,800 using proceeds from a loan from the former Mercantile Bank. It was assigned in the fall of 2007 to BB&T with a principal balance of just over \$5 million.

BB&T issued a consolidated note at the same time in the amount of \$7,650,000 that came due in three years. All partners were required to grant personal guarantees.

The bank declared the loan in default shortly after the maturity date, and the matter lingered in circuit court here until the judgment earlier this year issued against all the partners.

An inquiry to Rory Diamond, a Jacksonville attorney who represented BB&T in the judgment petition, as to what direction the bank was likely to take from here went unanswered.

Meanwhile, unpaid property taxes on the old golf course are piling up, and the tax collector's office has sold certificates starting four years ago to various buyers.

The accumulated tax bill so far is near \$254,000.

"I'm not at liberty to discuss the situation ex-

cept to say that both sides are trying to get through some litigation," commented Mr. Rhoden, adding that the project was bereft with problems from the start, the most flagrant of which were layers of soil deemed contaminated by the state after years of fertilizer application.

About the time the former fairways and tee boxes were scraped off the top soil layer, the bottom fell out of the housing market, he notes.

"We borrowed enough for both the purchase and improvement of the property, along with the development," said Mr. Rhoden. "On the contamination, we were caught by surprise — no one ever cleaned up a golf course like that."

The former Macclenny Golf and Country Club was formed as a corporation with multiple investors in 1965, records kept by the state indicate. The last corporate filing with the Florida Secretary of State was in 1980.

The second owner was the Pineview corporation partnership owned by Dr. Dopson, along with the late Bobby Dugger and Ray Odom, which upon the death of Mr. Dugger consisted of the golf course and local Chevrolet dealership.

Later, Dr. Dopson took control of the dealership and Mr. Odom the golf course.

As it presently appears on Macclenny's zoning map, Barber Plantation was platted as a dense PUD (planned urban development) with 409 lots and frontages between 60-90 feet, and a minimum square footage of 1500 feet.

Caught stealing at Walmart

One suspect out on bond for similar theft

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Two Jacksonville women, one of whom was on inmate release for retail theft, were named in a criminal complaint the afternoon of October 4 for shoplifting after they were caught trying to steal almost \$100 worth of merchandise from Walmart.

Store security had Sonora Smith, 38, and Dametria Sirmones, 24, detained in his office when Deputy Christopher Clutter arrived. Security told the officer he saw Ms. Smith pay for several items at self-checkout but placed about 10 items in shopping bags without scanning or paying for them.

Another woman, later identified as Jennie Smith, 35, was with them and paid for a DVD player and placed it in a bag. She then placed a pair of jeans into the shopping bag and handed it to Ms. Sirmone. The three then attempted to leave the store and an employee made contact with them at the

exit, but Jennie Smith didn't stop.

Sonora Smith gave Dep. Clutter the name of "Aleyha Simone Smith" on two occasions when questioned, and a later search of the name "Aleyha Smith" and the social security number she provided didn't retrieve information. A search of the last name and date of birth produced a positive identification. A check showed she had a Clay County warrant for failure to pay child support and a Jacksonville warrant for fraud.

It also showed she was on inmate release.

Dep. Clutter and the security worker located Jennie Smith in the parking lot. She said she didn't realize she didn't pay for the jeans but couldn't give a reason why she didn't scan them. Ms. Sirmones was released at the scene with a warning because of the lack of evidence of her knowledge about the jeans.

In another incident, a California man was arrested the afternoon of October 2 for attempting to steal about \$50 worth of DVDs and a drink from Walmart.

Security told police he saw Larry Paredes, 21, of El Cajon, Calif., walking around the store carrying three DVDs and drinking a soft drink he selected at the store. Mr. Paredes then walked into the Subway inside the store and then placed the DVDs in the food box after leaving the restaurant. He then proceeded to the Tire Lube Ex-

press counter and pay for a tire, but passed the last point of sale after not paying for the DVDs or drink.

In a similar incident, a Glen St. Mary woman was charged with retail theft the afternoon of October 5 after she was caught on surveillance stealing shirts worth a combined \$16 from the Dollar General on SR-121 on two occasions.

The store's manager told police Melissa Branch, 26, entered the store with her boyfriend on August 16 and September 30 and gathered a clothing item before leaving without paying for it. Surveillance showed Ms. Branch conceal a shirt in her purse and then leave the store.

The store manager recognized her because she is a frequent customer and has applied for a job there in the past. Police tried contacting her using the number on the application, but it was out of service.

In another incident, an unknown suspect stole a volt meter worth \$200 from the Baker Guns and Gold Pawn shop in Macclenny between September 26 and 28. The store's manager noticed it was missing September 29 during an inventory check. He couldn't provide any suspect information because the shop's cameras do not pick up well in the area the meter was located.

The stolen item is a Commercial Electric clamp-on style meter, model number HDSA500 and serial number 0589212.

Pawned mother's \$2K ring

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A Macclenny woman was arrested the night of October 3 for grand theft after she stole her mother's \$2,000 wedding ring and pawned it in Jacksonville for \$60.

Victim Shirley Churchville told police her daughter Casey Hand, 33, stole the ring on October 2 and pawned it at Value Pawn and Jewelry. Another one of Ms. Churchville's daughters, Tracy Hammoack, was on the scene and told officers she drove Ms. Hand to the pawn shop, but didn't know the ring belonged to her mother.

Ms. Hand admitted to the theft to her mother prior to the police's arrival.

The suspect had been staying at her mother's residence on Tall Pine Road for the previous two days while she made other living arrangements.

Ms. Hand said she stole and pawned the ring because she needed the money.

In another incident, an Orlando man had his credit card stolen the night of September 26 after leaving it at Cuz's One Stop in Sanderson, and two charges of a combined \$140 were made to it before he canceled it.

The card company told the victim a charge of \$98 was made at Cuz's store around 8:40 am on September 27. Another charge of \$42 was made at the Citgo in Glen St. Mary about 10 minutes later.

Police couldn't view security footage at the stores due to the manager's not being present, but will try again at a later date.

Had 11 suspensions on license

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A Macclenny man was arrested the night of October 4 for driving on a license that was suspended 11 times after he was pulled over for several traffic violations.

Deputy Robert Simpkins stopped Donovan Pringle, 27, on Woodlawn Road after noticing the tag attached to the suspect's truck was damaged to the extent that it was unreadable. Mr. Pringle was also driving without a seat belt.

Mr. Pringle admitted his license was suspended and the officer learned the suspensions ranged from failure to pay traffic fines to failure to appear for traffic summons.

In a similar incident, a Macclenny woman who is a habitual traffic violator was arrested the same evening for driving on a license suspended nine times.

Deputy Michael Antonini

pulled over Dorothy Lee, 41, on U.S. 90 after he saw her driving without a seat belt. Ms. Lee admitted to not having a valid license. She told the officer she was driving because her niece, who was in the passenger seat, was experiencing low blood sugar and the suspect didn't think it was safe for her to drive.

A check showed her license was suspended three times for failure to pay traffic fines and failure to appear on traffic summons. It was also suspended on a non-judgment and canceled indefinitely.

The check also revealed Ms. Lee had a warrant from Pickens County, S.C., for failure to appear, but extradition was declined.

In other related incidents:

- Danny Mathern, 34, of Glen St. Mary was arrested the night of October 5 for driving on a license with four prior suspensions after he was stopped

by police on Interstate 10 for erratic driving. All the suspensions were a result of failure to pay traffic fines.

- Randall Johns, 48, of Macclenny was arrested the night of October 2 for driving on a license suspended four times after he was pulled over for his vehicle not displaying a tag.

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Falls from car as boyfriend speeds off

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A Macclenny man was arrested the morning of October 1 for domestic violence after he drove away as his girlfriend was sitting on a vehicle trunk, which caused her to fall off and injure her foot and back. He was also later charged with criminal mischief after damaging a fire sprinkler at county jail.

Police responded to a Blair Street residence and found victim Mary Geiger, 37, on the ground. Deputy John Hauber learned that suspect Roy Whitelock III had left the scene, but authorities were unable to locate him.

Ms. Geiger told the deputy Mr. Whitelock drove off with her on the trunk of his Mustang after the two were involved in an argument. She said he got out of her vehicle on Blair Street and walked off yelling at her. She then sat on the vehicle and tried talking to him. Ms. Geiger said he then started the car and "floored" the accelerator, causing her to fall off.

Several witnesses backed up Ms. Geiger's account of the incident.

The officer learned Mr. Whitelock contacted the sheriff's department and agreed to return. He gave multiple conflicting statements about the incident, resulting in his arrest. He told the officer that Ms. Geiger was not on his car, but in another said he heard a "thump," according to the report.

While awaiting the booking process to be completed, Mr. Whitelock also damaged the sprinkler in his holding cell and caused it to flood the booking area.

Police heard a loud popping sound com-

ing from a mass holding cell, and found water gushing from the sprinkler attached to the ceiling. A small piece of the sprinkler was found on the floor of the cell. Mr. Whitelock denied damaging it, but maintenance advised that the sprinkler head had to have been tampered with.

Video showed Mr. Whitelock was the only person in the cell at the time. The facility's maintenance supervisor told police the sprinklers are checked quarterly and there were no problems with the one in question.

In another incident, a Glen St. Mary man was named in a criminal complaint the night of September 30 for domestic violence after he allegedly attacked his girlfriend, but the evidence didn't match the victim's account of the incident.

Police responded to the Ridge Estates Drive residence in reference to the disturbance and learned suspect Jason Davis, 27, had left. He was located nearby and escorted back to the home.

Victim Kristin Lundquist, 25, told police Mr. Davis pushed her backward with his hand over her face and pinned her against the stove area. She said he threw her down on the floor, causing her to hit her forehead, before throwing her onto the couch and jumping on top of her. The incident continued into the bedroom where Mr. Davis allegedly choked her on the bed and placed a pillow on her face.

Ms. Lundquist said he got off when she threatened to call police and he left the residence. She had a lacerated bottom lip but couldn't say when it happened in the attack. Deputy Robert Simpkins couldn't find any

marks on her that would validate Ms. Lundquist's account, according to the report.

She also told officers the two have a history of domestic spats, and that she never called police because Mr. Davis apologized.

Mr. Davis told Dep. Simpkins he recently caught Ms. Lundquist cheating on him and had been trying to get her to leave. He said she continuously demanded to know what was wrong with him when he arrived home from work. He said she took his truck keys after he told her to leave. He said she threw a glass jar at him, which was shattered on the ground near a dresser. Mr. Davis said he was able to get his keys back and left as Ms. Lundquist was calling the police.

Mr. Davis told police Ms. Lundquist had displayed this type of behavior before, but without physical violence.

No primary aggressor could be determined due to the lack of pertinent details and the lack of visible injuries. Evidence around the house didn't fully support either person's account of the incident.

Ms. Lundquist went to the hospital and told police no unseen injuries were sustained. A bruise on her forearm had appeared since the time she left the residence.

A criminal complaint was filed on October 2 naming Cynthia Pearce, 50, for domestic battery on her twin Sheila Griffis, at a residence on Glenn Williamson Rd.

Both Sheila Griffis and witness Sandra Wiggins, 44, said the accused twice sprayed her sister with pepper spray during an argument in the early afternoon. The victim insisted she could not remember what the argument was about.



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Arrested a day after no-contact order

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A Sanderson woman was arrested the afternoon of October 3 for violating a pre-trial no-contact order one day after she was named in a criminal complaint for the same reason after police were called by her husband after he claimed she caused a disturbance.

Police responded to the Cow Pen Road residence in reference to a disturbance and suspect Lori Strause, 51, attempted to hide from them. She had the pre-trial order stating she was not allowed to have contact with Andrew Baum, 45, of Sanderson or be at the residence.

She told police she was staying at the American Inn, but the credit card that was paying for the room was canceled. She contacted Mr. Baum, who picked her up and drove her back to the residence. She said she did not know about the no-contact order because she couldn't hear during court a-

pearance.

While speaking with Ms. Strause, Deputy Christopher Clutter noticed she appeared drunk and had slurred speech. Mr. Baum said he picked her up from the hotel, but she began drinking and causing a disturbance.

In another incident, a Macclenny woman was arrested the afternoon of September 29 for disorderly conduct after she allegedly entered the Family Service Center and began yelling at her mother and tried to entice her to fight.

Victim Taryn Dugger, 37, told police she was inside the building when Tara Tyson, 19, entered and began causing a loud disturbance by demanding to do her community service hours that day. She said her daughter threatened to physically harm her and tried to get her to fight. Ms. Dugger went into a nearby office to get away, but Ms. Tyson tried coming after her by entering through a sliding glass window.

Employee J.J. Sweet, 65, confirmed Ms. Dugger's story. She also said the attention of school children was drawn to the incident due to Ms. Tyson's behavior.

Ms. Tyson said her mother pushed her in the head and the two were then involved in an argument.

After hearing everyone's accounts, Dep. Clutter placed Ms. Tyson under arrest.

In other incidents:

- Christopher Hoeng, 38, of Macclenny was arrested the morning of October 3 for loitering and prowling after police were called in reference to a suspicious man who was looking into vehicles in the parking lot of Anytime Fitness. Mr. Hoeng tried walking away from police and gave different stories about why he was outside the gym, which resulted in his arrest.
- Louie Watts, 42, of Jacksonville had about \$200 worth

of damage done to his rented vehicle between 6:30 am and 4:30 pm of October 3 while the vehicle was parked in the Winn Dixie parking lot. He said he carpooled with a co-worker to Jacksonville and when he returned to it he found the front passenger window shattered.

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Runaway teen is arrested at W-D

A county deputy took a 15-year-old girl into custody at the local Winn Dixie the afternoon of October 2 on a Levy County warrant for failing to appear in court for petty theft.

Deputy Michael Hauge was tipped off that the girl and her mother, both from the Macclenny area, were going to the store to use the Western Union service. He was also aware that the teen was reported missing from the custody of the Department of Children and Families in Duval County.

The officer said the girl's mother was also arrested for abetting her daughter, who was turned over to juvenile authorities in Gainesville.

In other warrant-related arrests, Ronald West, 49, of Jacksonville was in county jail the afternoon of September 29 when arrested on a Duval County warrant for violating terms of pre-trial release.

The violations included coming to Baker County from Jacksonville without notifying authorities and driving here without a license as an habitual offender. He was out on bond for battery on a law officer, resisting arrest and two counts of battery.

• Heather Bennett, 26, of Glen St. Mary turned herself in at county jail on October 1. She was wanted in Duval County for dealing in stolen

property and presenting false information in a pawn transaction.

• Stephen Collett, 33, of Macclenny was already in jail when served on October 1 with a Clay County warrant for failure to appear in court on a suspended license charge.

• Jimmy Lauramore Jr., 35, of Glen, turned himself in on a bond surrender on September 30, and was wanted in Bradford County for possession of cocaine and driving on a suspended license.

Beef workshop

The tri-County beef cattle production workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 21 at the Ag Center on U.S. 90 in west Macclenny.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the program starting at 5:45. Extension agents will be on hand to discuss the following topics: balancing rations for beef cattle; pasture weed control for cooler months; and selecting bulls for breeding.

Registration fee of \$5.00 will include program materials and light snacks. Deadline to register is Friday, October 17. To register for this program and for additional information, please contact the Baker County Extension Service at (904) 259-3520 or michael.davis@ufl.edu.

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During my service as a deputy clerk, I have personally witnessed as technology has changed the face of the Clerk's Office. Documents were once hand recorded in large and bulky books. Computers brought about printed notices and forms but paper files still remained. Now we stand on the verge of becoming completely paperless, doing away with the need for paper files, making accessibility easier as well as more cost efficient. The state of Florida has urged all Clerks in the state to prepare for this move in the very near future. Over the past couple of years, I have worked alongside deputy clerks from other agencies to help unify the codes used in the tri-county area in preparation for this move. I have spoken with clerks and observed other agencies who have already made this switch. All have given rave reviews. I am not only prepared but also excited to lead Baker County into this new age of technology. It is my vision to follow in the footsteps of our long time Clerk of Courts, Al Fraser, and continue the "down home", courteous customer service of yesteryear, while bringing to the Baker County Clerk of Court's office state of the art technology that is constantly evolving the courts clerical systems.

In closing, with over 19½ years of continuous work experience in twelve different divisions and a vision to lead the Baker County Clerk of Courts Office in to the next horizon, I feel I have the **Experience That Matters. The Experience You Can Trust.** Your consideration and your vote for me would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and may God bless!

Respectfully,

Stacie



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Pam Clark's pen and ink drawing "Covered Bridge" above won best in show.

Fair: top dogs and plants

Dog show results

Small breed: best in show — Shaylee Swearingen and Snookie; 1st — Elizabeth Kennedy and Char; 2nd — Layton Jackson and Ginny; 3rd — Allison Bennett and Si; 4th — Calla Rungruang and Cocoa; 5th — Lilly Sapp and Lewie; 6th Cooper Rungruang and Candy.

Medium and large breeds: best in show — Ridge Rhoden and Buddy; 1st — Riley Rungruang and Luke; 2nd — Robert Schattenberg and Bear; 3rd — Josie Sanchez and Cassie; 4th — Molly Walters and Optimus Prime.

Horticulture winners

Best in show — Pat Collier's Rabbit Food Fern; *Awards of Merit* — Donna Yarbrough's sago palm, Jeanette Brown's zamia integrifolia, Dr. Kyle Brown's pachypodium leaill, gymnocalycium and codiaeum variegatum; youth Gracie Gray's elephant bush, Kevin Brown's container garden; *Red ribbons* — Dr. Kyle Brown's euphorbia obesa, Georgia Monfort's pentas and aloe, and Pat Collier's Christmas cactus. There were also 65 blue ribbon winners.

Home arts winners

Artwork and crafts: best in show — Pam Clark's pen and ink drawing "Covered bridge," *Class I* — Andrea Crews' ceramic birdhouse with stain finish; *Class IV* — Marilyn Penrod's holiday craft, a pair of jean Christmas stockings; *Class VI* — Judy Raulerson's acrylic painting, "Cane Grinding," *Class VII* — Linda Green's photograph, "Mountain and Iceberg," *Class IX* — Katie Sowell's colored pencil, "Roost-



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Kevin Brown's container garden received a merit award.

er," *Class X* — Pam Clark.

Garment, needlework and quilting: best of show — Velinda Lyons' hand quilted and self designed large quilt; *Class II* — Tammy Gibbs' heirloom scarf apron; *Class IV* — Ms. Gibbs' bandana apron; *Class V* — Jerri Hulett's crochet baby sweater hoodie; *Class VII* — Lois Jean Canaday's embroidered pillow

cases; *Class VIII* — Michelle Myers' plastic canvas 3-D semi truck bank; *Class XII* — Velinda Lyons' machine quilted dinosaur tote.

Canned and preserved foods: best of show — Judy Myers' mint jelly; *Class I* — Shirley Padgett's canned squash.

Baked goods and candies: best of show — Denise Turk's carrot cake.

Fair: awards for animals

Herdsmen Awards

Individual

1st- Jacquez Ruise, Baker 4H; 2nd- Boomer Davis, Baker 4H; 3rd- Jessica Harrell, BCHS FFA

Corporate

1st- Baker County 4H; 2nd- Baker County Senior FFA; 3rd- Baker County Middle FFA.

SWINE:

Grand Champion Swine-Hannah Wilkerson, BCHS FFA; Reserve Champion Swine-Jessica Harrell, BCHS FFA; Grand Champion Homegrown Swine-Hannah Wilkerson, Producer, Lyons & Lyons Showpigs; Reserve Champion Homegrown Swine-Jessica Harrell, Producer, Lyons & Lyons Showpigs.

Senior Showmanship:

1st- Avery Bryan, BCHS FFA; 2nd- Corley Sweat, BCHS FFA; 3rd- Jacob Harrell, BCHS FFA;

Intermediate Showmanship:

1st- Cody Bennett, BCMS FFA; 2nd- Dixie Raulerson, BCMS FFA; 3rd- Jace Stokes, Baker 4H.

Junior Showmanship:

1st- Penny Davis, Baker 4H; 2nd- Alex Stokes, Baker 4H; 3rd- Hamp Craft, Baker 4H.

STEERS:

Grand Champion Steer-Jessica Harrell, BCHS FFA; Reserve Champion Steer-Brendan Gibson, BCHS FFA; Grand Champion Homegrown Steer-Jacquez Ruise, Producer, Joe Ruise Farms.

Senior Showmanship:

1st- Brendan Gibson, BCHS FFA; 2nd- Jessica Harrell, BCHS FFA; 3rd- Hannah Wilkerson, BCHS FFA.

Junior Showmanship:

1st- Mackenzie Carter, BCMS FFA; 2nd- Jacquez Ruise, Baker 4H.

BEEF:

Grand Champion Beef-Hunter Burnsed, BCHS FFA; Reserve Champion Beef-Jessica Harrell, BCHS FFA; Grand Champion Homegrown Beef-Jacquez Ruise, Baker 4H.

Senior Showmanship:

1st- Hunter Burnsed, BCHS FFA; 2nd- Jessica Harrell, BCHS FFA.

Junior Showmanship:

1st- Chase Gaskins, Baker 4H; 2nd- Jacquez Ruise, Baker 4H; 3rd- Patrick Ruise, Baker 4H.

GOATS:

Grand Champion Registered Goat-Shelby McCall, Dixie FFA; Reserve Champion Registered Goat-Shelby McCall, Dixie FFA; Grand Champion Commercial Goat-Jonathan Bass, Nassau 4H; Reserve Champion Commercial Goat-Janie Bass, Nassau 4H.

Senior Showmanship:

1st- Shelby McCall, Dixie FFA; 2nd- Christy Crews, BCHS FFA; 3rd- Hannah Wilkerson, BCHS FFA;

Junior Showmanship:

1st- Janie Bass, Nassau 4H; 2nd- Penny Davis, Baker 4H; 3rd- Jonathan Bass, Nassau 4H.

RABBITS:

Best of Show—Janie Bass, Nassau 4H- Fuzzy Lop; 1st Runner-Up- Katie Sluski, Baker 4H- Florida White; 2nd Runner-Up- Jonathan Bass, Nassau 4H- Mini Rex.

Best of Breeds:

Jonathan Bass, Nassau 4H- French Lop; Jonathan Bass, Nassau 4H- Holland Lop; Grace Milton, Baker 4H- Dutch; Joshua McElmurry, Baker 4H- English Spot; Joshua McElmurry, Baker 4H- Silver Fox; Jonathan Bass, Nassau 4H- Netherland Dwarf.

Best Opposite Breeds:

Jonathan Bass, Nassau 4H- Holland Lop; Janie Bass, Nassau 4H- Netherland Dwarf.

POULTRY:

Best of Show—Janie Bass, Nassau 4H—Belgian Danver Hen; Reserve of Show—Cody Bennett, BCMS FFA—Rhode Island Red Hen; Grand Champion Pullets—Claira Sluski, Baker 4H; Reserve Champion Pullets—Nathaniel Matthews, Baker 4H; Best Male Production—Claira Sluski, Baker 4H—Barred Rock; Best Female Production—Cody Bennett, BCMS FFA—Rhode Island Red; Best Male Exhibition Standard—Justin Bryan, Nassau 4H—Rhode Island Red; Best Female Exhibition Standard—Justin Bryan, Nassau 4H—Rhode Island Red; Best Male Exhibition Bantam—Kaleb Lewis, Baker 4H—Dutch Best Female Exhibition Bantam—Janie Bass, Nassau 4H—Belgian Danver Best Male Waterfowl—Janie Bass,

Nassau 4H—Crested Duck Best Female Waterfowl—Jonathan Bass, Nassau 4H—Crested Duck Best Male Misc—Lucas North, Baker 4H—Easter Turkey.

Senior Showmanship:

1st—Hunter Burnsed, BCHS FFA; 2nd—Blaine Turner, Baker 4H.

Intermediate Showmanship:

1st—Alexandria Hill, Baker 4H; 2nd—Claira Sluski, Baker 4H. 3rd—Kaleb Lewis, Baker 4H.

Junior Showmanship:

1st—Nathaniel Matthews, Baker 4H; 2nd—Justin Bryan, Nassau 4H; 3rd—Kash Addy, Baker 4H.

Winner and place information courtesy of B.J. Wilkerson.

'69 reunion

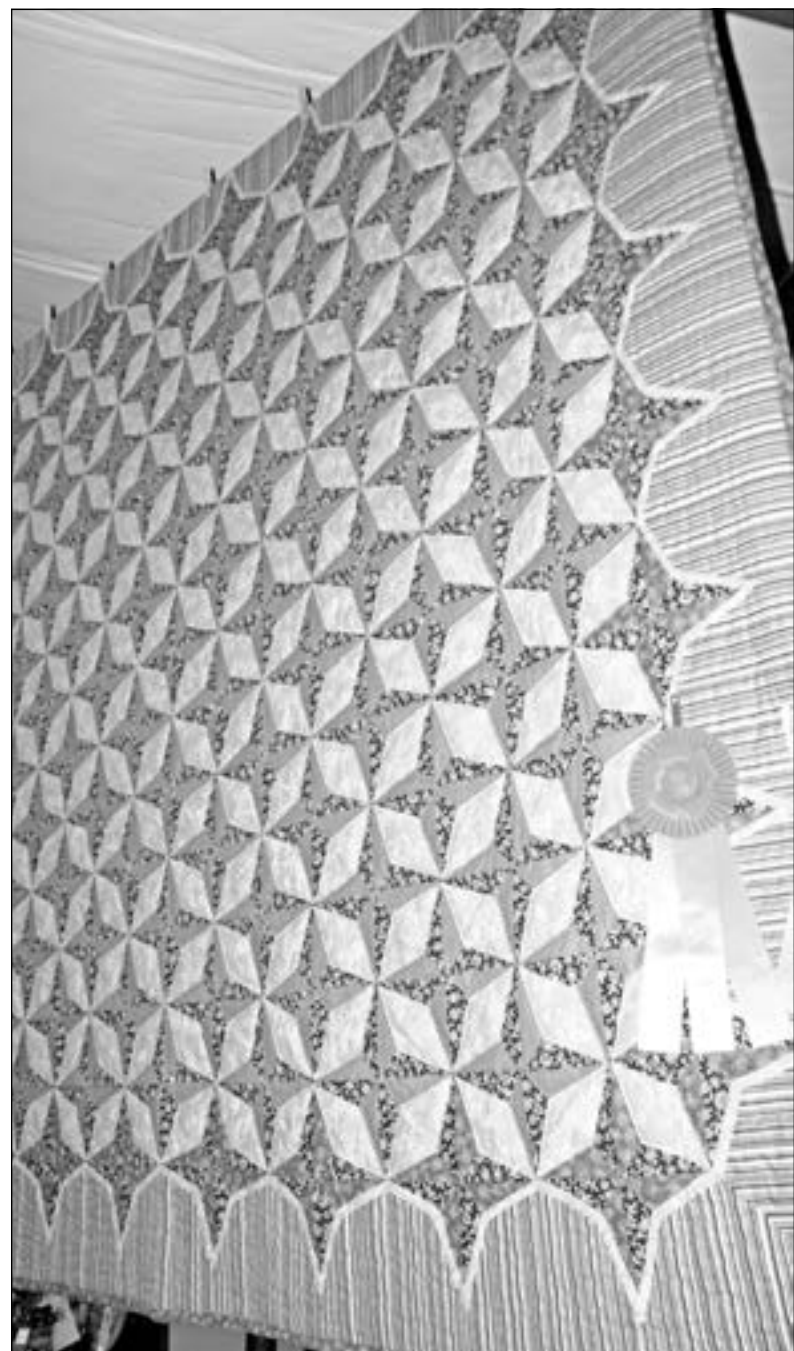
The Baker County High School class of 1969 will celebrate its 45th reunion on November 8 at the Crews Barn in Glen St. Mary.

Class members should have received forms and they need to be returned by October 15. If you didn't receive one, please contact Sissy Crews at 259-3946.

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SCHOOL BOARD

Heaps praise on Mr. Davis

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

One week after a familiar school administration official was named the new permanent principal at Keller Intermediate School, the school board honored David Davis in a recognition ceremony Monday night.

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson presented Mr. Davis, formerly the assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, a plaque representing the district's appreciation for his "willingness to serve as principal" at Keller.

She praised him for his long, dedicated service as a classroom teacher, a former school principal, district administrator and now a principal once again.

Mrs. Raulerson said the staff and students at Keller had given Mr. Davis a warm reception when he was named the school's new principal during a visit to the campus on September 29.

Mr. Davis, an assistant superintendent since 2010, said he was honored by the award and eagerly anticipated continuing his career at Keller.

"I'll give it my all — me and the faculty," he said. "I look forward to a lot of great things at Keller. I appreciate the opportunity. It's an honor. It's humbling."

A former principal for seven years at the middle school and an assistant principal and dean at the school for the seven years prior, Mr. Davis said when the opening came up he jumped at the opportunity to return to a campus setting.

He said he went to the superintendent two or three weeks

ago and told her he would like to fill the vacancy left by Jamie Johnson, who took the job at Keller last summer but abruptly resigned in mid-September, citing personal reasons.

Mr. Davis originally joined the district in 1987 as a teacher's aide before becoming a middle school teacher two years later. He holds a bachelor's degree in business and finance from Brigham Young University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Florida A&M University.

Mr. Davis was not the only person to receive a plaque and draw kudos from the school board in a recognition ceremony. High school junior Grace Jones was applauded for her selection as this year's recipient of the Hugh O'brian Youth, or HOBY, Leadership award.

Mrs. Jones, daughter of Baker High teacher Ernie Jones and Bonnie Jones, principal at the pre-Kindergarten center, participated in a conference in Tallahassee in June with other HOBY recipients from more than 70 high schools around the state.

They visited the Florida House of Representatives and took part in a mock legislative session that included a debate as to whether public school students in Florida should be required to wear school uniforms.

"I voted absolutely not!" Ms. Jones said.

Baker High principal Tom Hill said he couldn't think of a more deserving student for the HOBY honor than Grace Jones.

"She is absolutely spectacular... a perfect representative of HOBY," Mr. Hill said.

In other business Monday night the school board:

- Presented a plaque of appreciation to Jonathan Oliff for his 3 1/2 years as the board's attorney. He resigned to take a job in the airline industry in Texas. John W. Caven Jr., the board's former attorney for many years, came out of retirement to fill the vacancy until November 2015.

"He's the only one who's been here longer than I have," said Dwight Crews, a school board member for more than two decades. "I'm glad to have him back."

- Approved cash bonuses for various district employee groups: \$500 for all non-instructional staff members to be paid on October 10 and \$600 for all administrators to be paid in two installments of \$400 on October 24 and \$200 on January 16, 2015.

Classroom teachers were approved for \$600 bonuses in August following adoption of the new district collective bargaining agreement.

- Approved a request to send 40 juniors and seniors from Baker County High School and 10 chaperones on a humanities trip to New York City to attend three Broadway shows and visit tourist sites March 27-30.

- Approved a request for eight Baker County Middle School FFA students to attend the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, Ga., on October 15. The group will travel by charter bus with a high school FFA group.

- Approved a request for Ashton Norman, the middle school FFA sponsor, to travel with a high school FFA group to participate in the FFA National Convention in Louisville, Ky., the week of October 26-November 1.

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The Clerk of Courts are mandated by the Florida Constitution to be keepers of all official records. The Clerk is the official recorder and custodian of all documents placed in the Baker County official records. The official records are a permanent repository of these documents.

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Chuck Brannan has overseen budgets and investments totaling over \$43 million annually without adverse audit findings. His competency in this role has led him to be appointed and re-appointed to this trusted position by four Florida Governors in the past 13 years. He was also appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture to fill a special role in that department last year.

BAKER COUNTY NEEDS SOMEONE WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY

Chuck Brannan has always believed in community service and has lived it for the past 34 years through his numerous civic, educational and community volunteer activities in the county.



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Relay for Life kickoff Oct. 23

JOEL ADDINGTON
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Relay for Life 2015 activities start next week when volunteers begin working on their float for the upcoming Homecoming Parade on October 16, announced returning event chair Kristie Fletcher.

This year's theme is "Once Upon a Cure," so expect some fairy tale and story-book themes to be popping up at the slew of relay fundraisers between now and April 18, 2015, the date of the 12-hour relay itself.

Activities will start at noon that day and end at midnight at the Baker County High School track.

Mrs. Fletcher also announced recently the final

tally raised for the American Cancer Society at this year's relay was \$60,553, after subtracting more than \$1800 in expenses.

A relay kick-off party is set for later this month on October 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Women's Club. There's still committee spots open, according to Mrs. Fletcher. Team registration is also ongoing with 13 teams registered as of last week and a goal of reaching 24 teams by the kick-off party, she said by e-mail following the first event leadership team meeting.

"By relay we hope to have over 40 teams registered and involved," said Mrs. Fletcher.

For more information about Relay For Life, please call or text Mrs. Fletcher at (904) 708-9013.

Davis reunion

An old-fashioned barn reunion of the descendants of Noah Jefferson Davis and allied families will be held on Saturday, November 1 starting at noon.

The event will be on the farm of Russell Davis 3.75 miles north of I-10 on US 441. Turn right on Hunt Lane and go to the fourth driveway on the right.

Bring your old family pictures, Bibles or any records. There will be a scanner available for exchange of records.

Bring also your favorite dish, chairs, guitars, fiddles or banjos.

For more details, call Mr. Davis at 386-623-7153.

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Gifts one day only

The City of Macclenny's Christmas 4 Kids program will be accepting applications for gifts on November 8, and that day only, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire station off West Lowder Street by the health department.

There are other restrictions as well. Families who received assistance during the last two years, 2012 or 2013, are not eligible for help this year. Applicants must also present a valid driver's license with a current address and a copy of the children's report cards, or a birth certificate if the children are not in school yet.

The Baker County Fair Association would like to say a Big Thank You to...

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our many volunteers and all the fairgoers!

Your support made 2014 a great fair! Thank you.

SCHOOL BOARD

Pitches energy-saving plan

Requires pact with Bradford

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

In a sales pitch to the Baker County School Board Monday, a national energy conservation company in Texas claimed it could reduce the school district's energy costs by at least \$3.3 million over the next 10 years and produce a net savings of \$2.5 million or more.

An executive with Cenergistic, a 28-year-old company with hundreds of clients coast to coast, promised the board that the deal he proposes would only reap financial benefits to the district.

"This is an energy conservation program," said Craig Mesenbrink, vice president of marketing in Cenergistic's Dallas headquarters. "I'm not here selling lights, air conditioning equipment, or a control system."

Mr. Mesenbrink said Cenergistic has energy management contracts with 1,300 clients, including health care facilities, churches, colleges and universities, and school districts from California to Florida, with the heaviest concentrations in Texas, the Midwest and New England.

During a nearly 45-minute presentation that ended just prior to the school board's regular 6:30 p.m. meeting, Mr. Mesenbrink handed out a red, white and blue brochure depicting facts, figures and statistics supporting his contention that the school district could not lose any money on the proposed deal.

"We look for partnerships ... with win-win scenarios," he said. "The worst possible scenario is a net profit of zero at the end of the first year. You're not going to pay any more (for energy) next year than you did this year."

In fact, he said, "If your savings don't exceed your investment, we will refund the difference."

However, he said, it's highly unlikely that would happen since Cenergistic has refunded investment money "only eight times in our company's history."

Included in his colorful bro-

chure was a list of 22 clients in Florida, including 11 school districts, depicting total savings of \$211,603,268 since Cenergistic began managing their energy programs.

The list included the St. Johns County school district, which supposedly has cut its energy consumption by 45 percent and saved \$21,448,897 in the past 52 months.

"And Baker County is more (energy) efficient than St. Johns County was when we started there," Mr. Mesenbrink told the board.

Wakulla County, the client most closely resembling the demographics in Baker County, was listed as having saved \$826,493, or 28 percent off its total energy bill, over 21 months.

Under the terms of the proposed agreement, the school district would pay nothing for the first four months. Afterward, the cost would be \$11,800 monthly for five years.

The first year's net savings, after fees, were projected to be nearly \$120,000, which is a "conservative" estimate, Mr. Mesenbrink said. Further, he said, no new equipment or school district personnel would be necessary.

"So, the fees would be paid out of the school district's energy budget?" asked School Board Chairwoman Patricia Weeks.

That's correct, he replied, explaining that there would be no impact on the district budget other than the fees, which would be more than covered by the savings.

A consulting team headed by an energy specialist would be assigned to "launch and sustain an energy management program," he said, focusing on organizational behavior and a complete analysis of the energy usage and heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems throughout all Baker County school facilities.

Once established, the program would rely on computer software to monitor and manage energy use in all buildings, including controlling humidity and moisture levels and "aggressively" managing the HVAC systems when the buildings are not normally occupied.

"Sixty percent of the savings come from your HVAC systems," Mr. Mesenbrink told the board.

There was one caveat in the sales pitch, however, and it involves neighboring Bradford

County.

The brochure stated: "This offer is contingent upon Baker County School District and Bradford County School District jointly signing contracts within 30 days of one another, with the same start date. This bundling offer enables Cenergistic to efficiently share and allocate resources between both organizations to ensure maximum energy savings at the lowest possible pricing."

Mr. Mesenbrink said he had made a similar presentation to the Bradford County School Board two weeks ago and he was awaiting a decision.

The proposal would save both districts even more money, he said, by "a little bit of cost sharing." The same consulting team and energy specialist would serve both districts simultaneously.

If the two districts move quickly the energy management program could be implemented within the next 60 days, he said.

After the presentation was completed, board member Dwight Crews, looking a bit like a deer caught in the headlights, said: "It looks too good to be true."

Mr. Mesenbrink said that's a common reaction whenever he does the sales presentations.

He urged the board and Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson to do their homework, research Cenergistic's background and contact other school districts in partnerships with the company to inquire about their experience.

The superintendent said she would do exactly that.

"Anytime there's an opportunity to save the school district money I want to be open to it," Mrs. Raulerson said. "But I want to do some research first and check with some of their other school district partners."

But she noted that most of the Florida school districts cited in the presentation are much bigger than Baker County, which could make it difficult to compare the potential savings here with the savings in those larger districts.

"I always like to compare apples with apples," she said.

Asked if she thought all the research she wants to do can be accomplished within the 30- to 60-day time frame Mr. Mesenbrink mentioned, Mrs. Raulerson said she will take as long as she needs to reach her decision.

"I won't be pressured into anything," she said.



Rosie Nickles

Making sense of your cents

CONSUMERS BEWARE!

Let's touch on the topic of consumer debt. The holidays are approaching and I'm sure you have noticed that the marketing campaigns are out in full force. It's a bombardment of consumerism. "Don't wait! Begin your excessive purchasing now! No money down! Zero percent interest until the next millennium!"

Research shows that, although consumers have paid down credit card debt in recent years, the average household credit card debt is around \$6,800 and expected to surpass \$7,000 by year's end. Credit card companies and major retailers spend billions of dollars on marketing research to use just the right tactics to convince us to buy their products. They know what buttons to push to make us (and especially our children) believe we must have that item, whether it's a credit card, new cell phone, or other hot item. And they are extremely good at it.

Have you noticed that the products being shoved in our faces are more expensive than they used to be — major purchases like cell phones, televisions, tablets, furniture, and airfare? They can do this because more people are able to buy these things now on the spot thanks to credit cards, store credit and other consumer debt. Notice I didn't say that more people are able to afford these things.

There is a big difference between being able to buy something and being able to afford it. One fits into your budget and one doesn't. Long gone are the days when those types of products required planning and setting aside money. We now have many purchasing options, most of which involve being indebted to some faceless entity.

We consumers have to be very, very careful. We need to be confident and knowledgeable in what we can afford. Nobody but *you* can decide what you can afford. You're the only one who knows your situation. It's not affordable if it causes financial stress on your family. Most retailers don't care; they

just want to make the sale. The best way to guard yourself against the constant advertisements, offers and in-your-face marketing is to plan ahead and inform yourself. Be confident about your budget. We are busy and if not careful we tend to make a decision and pay for it later. Credit card companies know this and cash in on it — big time. Simply planning ahead and getting a realistic grasp on what you can afford will go far to protect you against letting your spending get the best of you. Well, that and telling your children the magic word: "No." But that's an article for another time.

There are some methods consumers often use that, on the surface, seem clever. Let me debunk some common misconceptions.

MYTH: Zero percent interest offers are a smart purchase. After all, I'm not paying any interest!

Let's not be fooled into thinking that a furniture store or other major retailer is doing you a favor. Never think that there's not something in it for them, that they're not going to get you in the end. When you purchase a large item, let's say a couch, on store credit with no money down and zero interest, they almost always build the money they're losing out on into the price of the item. We are so thrilled about the great offer on the comfy couch that we fail to notice that they bumped up the actual selling price. Gotcha.

MYTH: It's completely fine if I keep using my credit cards, as long as I pay off the balance at the end of the month.

While it's great if you keep a zero balance on your credit

cards, this isn't the smartest way to handle your monthly finances. First of all, research shows that people who practice this method spend 12-18% more than those paying with cash. You also still remain vulnerable to impulse purchases of things you don't have money for. There's still the thought in the back of your mind that you could make that purchase that you might not be able to afford.

It's a bad habit. I have met with so many people who hold on to their credit cards "just in case." It's their adult version of a security blanket. How about pinching pennies for a few months in order to save up some cash. Then start spending with cash that you do have and stash away a little extra for emergencies. Rely on yourself for financial security; don't be at the mercy of a credit card company when that large expense knocks on your door.

MYTH: I need to keep store credit and credit cards in order to maintain my credit score.

Oy, I hate this one; it makes my head hurt. The above statement translates into, "I want to stay in debt just in case I want to go into more debt later." That sounds ridiculous, right? It tells me that too many of us are at the mercy of lenders and credit card companies in order to buy a car, rent an apartment, purchase a house, or make other improvements to our life. Or at least we've always been told we have to be.

Stop! This vicious cycle has to end. And guess what? It can end with you. You can do the above things with a low or no credit score. Hint: it has to do with saving your money. For tips on how to do just that, contact me.

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Stops lead to felony arrests

For drugs, habitual license offenses

Traffic stops in downtown Macclenny and on Interstate 10 in the west county led to felony drug-related arrests the past week, including that of a Macclenny man also charged with driving on a license with a dozen past suspensions.

Sheriff's investigator Matt Yarborough said he recognized Joshua (J.D.) Thornton, 28, at the wheel of a 2002 Ford on U.S. 90 turning north on Sixth St. the afternoon of October 1. The officer, who investigates drug crimes, was aware of Mr. Thornton's license status as an habitual offender.

After he was stopped, the driver admitted to having a weighing scale in the vehicle, and officers determined it had meth residue on it. Passenger Haley Davis, 19, of Sanderson was arrested for battery on an officer after she threw a set of keys at the investigator, striking him in the chest. Ms. Davis was also ticketed for not wearing a seat belt.

Rear seat passenger Sherry Canter, 26, of Macclenny was charged with possession of a metal snorting straw in her purse.

Deputy Trey McCullough stopped a west-bound 2014 Nissan on the interstate just before midnight on October 3 after observing driver Kristi Chandler, 39, of Panama City swerving out of her lane.

He soon learned that passenger Walter Bowers Jr., 49, of Port St. Joe was wanted in Gulf County for failure to pay child support, and when he was taken to jail a half-dozen Xanax pills were found in a small container concealed in his sock.

Mr. Bowers was then charged with additional offenses of felony drug possession and felony introducing contraband into the jail. Ms. Chandler was issued a warning ticket for the lane violation.

- Deputy Robert Simpkins arrested Anthony Moore, 44, at his residence on Jerry Circle in north Macclenny early on October 4 for possession of a small amount of marijuana.

The deputy responded to a second call that morning about 4 a.m. after Mr. Moore again was involved in a disturbance with his brother George, 38, who also lives at the address. The older brother had been warned earlier he would go to jail if the deputy was called back, and he was also charged with disorderly conduct.

- Charles Thode, 30, of Macclenny was charged in a complaint for misdemeanor possession of marijuana after a baggie was found in the console of a 2000 Honda he was driving when stopped by Dep. McCullough the evening of October 5.

The officer stopped Mr. Thode and a female passenger in a parking lot off Lowder St. after noting the driver was not wearing a seat belt.

- A 15-year-old male from Macclenny was issued a juvenile citation and released to his mother early on October 5 after Dep. Simpkins found a baggie of pot in the 2002 Dodge he was driving about 12:30 a.m.

The officer stopped the car after it ran through a stop sign on Ohio St. at Blair St. in the north city.

Free classes will be offered to adults in art, computers

The Baker County school district's adult education department secured grant funding from the state to offer the following free art and computer classes:

- Drawing with a brush, creating still life and painting the world with acrylic paint, for adults 18 and older.

Sessions include live demonstrations and all supplies. Classes will be held on Mondays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2-5 p.m. starting on Monday, October 27.

- Acrylic painting for persons 55 and older. Classes begin Tuesday, October 28 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2-5 p.m. with supplies included.

- Computer literacy classes for persons 55 and older begin Tuesday, October 30.

Introduction to PCs is from 9 a.m. to noon and Internet Explorer from 1-4 p.m.

All classes are held at the district's adult ed building at 523 W. Minnesota in Macclenny. Required pre-registration begins on October 13 and seating is limited.

Phone Alicia Chauncey at 259-0403 for details.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 02-2014-DR-287

MELISSA HAYNES, Petitioner

and

RICHARD HAYNES, Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

To: (Respondent) Richard C. Haynes,

(Respondent's last known address): 8477 Pine Avenue Macclenny, FL 32063

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the petitioner, Melissa M. Haynes, whose address is 2920 Cold Creek Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32221, on or before October 8, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: None

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: September 12, 2014.

Al Fraser
Clerk Of Court

By: Donna Stafford
Deputy Clerk

9/18-10/9p

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Alias Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 19th day of August 2014, in the cause wherein, SOUTHRUST BANK NA FKA CITIZENS BANK OF MACCLENNY NA, was plaintiff, and TONYA MELINDA CANADY AND BRUCE OF CANADY, were defendants, being Case No. 02-1997-SP-35 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the parties named in the Alias Writ of Execution, TONYA MELINDA CANADY AND BRUCE L CANADY, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

2011 Jeep Wrangler (White)
VIN# 1J4BA3H18BLS99489
NOTE: Anyone interested in viewing the vehicle being sold may do so 45 minutes prior to the time of the sale.

I shall offer this property for sale, at Higginbotham Towing & Recovery, 7611 W. Mount Vernon St., Glen St. Mary, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on November 4, 2014 at the hour of 11:00a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendants', Tonya Melinda Canady and Bruce L. Canady, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

Joey B. Dobson,
Sheriff of Baker County, Florida

By: Pamela L. Davis, D.S.

10/2-23c

Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Planning Committee to Meet Monday, October 13, 2014

The Baker County LMS Planning Committee/Work Group will meet at 2 PM on Monday, October 13th at the Baker County Emergency Management Office. The County encourages any interested citizens and business owners to attend and provide input. The Committee guides the preparation of the Baker County LMS, which serves as a plan to reduce the community's long-term risk for protecting people and property from the effects of natural disasters and to build a safer and stronger community. Please contact the Baker County Emergency Management at (904) 259-0230 for more information.

10/2-9c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Baker County District School Board will hold the following public hearing on Monday, November 3, 2014, at the District School Board Room located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The following items will be considered at the public hearing: 2014-15 Student Progression Plan and 2014-15 Code of Student Conduct.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The documents will be available for preview on Monday through Friday (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at the Superintendent's Office located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida beginning Wednesday, October 1, 2014. You may also access the document on our district website at www.baker.k12.fl.us.

Sherrie Raulerson
Superintendent of Schools

10/2-30c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 022013CA00217CAAXMX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC DBA CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff,

vs.

PERRY GIVENS, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To:

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST PERRY GIVENS, DECEASED

Last Known Address: Unknown

Current Address: Unknown

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

Last Known Address: Unknown

Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Baker County, Florida.

COMMENCING 88 FEET, EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST AND RUN NORTH 3 DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST 950 FEET, AND THEN RUN EAST 414 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN EAST 207 FEET THEN RUN NORTH 211 FEET, THEN RUN WEST 207 FEET, AND THEN RUN SOUTH 211 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, LESS & EXCEPT COMMENCE 88 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, AND RUN N 3 45' ESAT 950 FEET; AND THEN RUN EAST 414 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 65 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GASKINS CIRCLE; THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE EAST LINE OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 53 PAGE 736, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN SOUTH 30 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS; THENCE RUN WEST 207 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A/K/A 14303 GASKINS CIRCLE, SANDERSON, FL 32087

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before October 24, 2014 service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 24th day of September, 2014.

Al Fraser
Clerk Of the Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Addison
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623

**See the Americans with Disabilities Act

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. 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, FL 32601 at (352)337-6237 within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice, if you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.

10/2-9c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED CASE NO: 2014-TD-003

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 09-00206
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2009

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commence at the SE corner of the NE1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 3 South, Range 20 East; thence run West 210 feet along the South line of said NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along said South line 210 feet; thence N 105 feet; thence East 210 feet; thence S 105 feet and to the Point of Beginning. Containing .5 acres more or less.

ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: SIRENTHIA JEFFERSON

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

Dated this 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014

Al Fraser
Clerk Of Court
Baker County, Florida

By: Julie B. Combs,
Deputy Clerk

10/2-23c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

CASE NO: 2014-TD-005

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 12-00527
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel 135: A parcel of land, lying, being and situate in Section 4, Township 3 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida more

particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 4; and run N 89° 47' 55" E, along the North line of said Section 4, a distance of 240.61 feet; thence run S 18° 13' 30" E, a distance of 382.77 feet; thence continue running S 18° 13' 30" E, a distance of 416.08 feet; thence continue S 18° 13' 30" E, a distance of 401.72 feet to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land; thence run N 89° 47' 55" E, a distance of 677.39 feet to the intersection with the West right of way line of County Road Number 139; thence run S 00° 34' 51" E, along said West right of way line, a distance of 399.60 feet; thence continue running S 00° 34' 51" E, a distance of 389.53 feet to the intersection with the Northerly right of way line of United States Highway Number 90; thence run S 77° 45' 56" E, continuing along said Northerly right of way line a distance of 613.95 feet; thence run S 00° 47' 56" E, continuing along said Northerly right of way line, a distance of 47.95 feet; thence run S 77° 45' 04" W, continuing along said Northerly right of way line, a distance of 234.53 feet to the intersection with the Easterly right of way line of a 60 foot private road (known as Braxton Road); thence run N 12° 14' 56" W, along said Easterly right of way line, a distance of 151.85 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left; thence run Northwesterly, continuing along said Easterly right of way line, a distance of 131.80 feet as measured along the arc of a curve concave Southwesterly and having a radius of 530.00 feet, said arc being subtended by a chord having a bearing of N 19° 22' 24" W and a distance of 131.46 feet; thence run N 18° 13' 30" W, a distance of 50.69 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a 15 foot utility easement over, across and along the Easterly boundary thereof, SUBJECT TO a 15 foot utility easement over, across and along the Southerly boundary thereof.

ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: OMAIRA LUNA

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

Dated this 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014

Al Fraser
Clerk Of Court
Baker County, Florida

By: Julie B. Combs,
Deputy Clerk

10/2-23c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

CASE NO: 2014-TD-004

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 11-00389
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 37 A part of Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Southeast 1/4; and thence N 01°25'53" W along the West line of said Southeast 1/4 a distance of 37.00 feet to a point on the North Right of Way line of J.D. Smith Road (a private road, 60 foot Right of way); thence N 88°06'41" E, along said north Right of Way line, 269.59 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N 02°42'29" W, 700.14 feet; thence N 03°27'22" W, 364.13 feet; thence N 88°06'41" E, and parallel with said North Right of Way line, 442.13 feet; thence S 01°12'03" E, and parallel with the East line of said Southeast 1/4, a distance of 1064.14 feet to a point on said North Right of Way line; thence S 88°06'41" W, along said North Right of Way line, 409.37 feet to the Point of Beginning.

ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: CHUCK GIBSON and GIA GIBSON

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

Dated this 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014

Al Fraser
Clerk Of Court
Baker County, Florida

By: Julie B. Combs,
Deputy Clerk

10/2-23c

The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) gives notice of receipt of the following permit application(s):

City of Macclenny, 118 E Macclenny Ave, Macclenny, FL 32063-2120 application #135031-2. The project is located in Baker County, Section: 5, Township: 3 South, Range: 22 East, and includes 13.14 acres. The Environmental Resource Permit application is for construction of a stormwater management system to serve a project known as BTC Roadway Improvements.

The file(s) containing the permit application(s) are available for inspection Monday through Friday, except for District holidays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the District's Headquarters, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529. You may also view files at one of the District's Service Centers, but you should call Service Center staff in advance to make sure that the files are at a specific Service Center. Additionally, most permit application file documents can be viewed online at florida.water.com/permitting/index.html.

The decision on permit applications will be made at the District's Service Center where the application is processed (if the application is approved) or by the Governing Board (if the application is recommended for denial).

You are advised to notify the District within 14 days of this notice if you have questions, objections, comments, or information regarding the activity proposed in the permit application. Please direct your correspondence to Bureau Chief, Bureau of Regulatory Support, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429, or by e-mail at applicationsupport@sjrwm.com, and include either the Permit Application number or the Project Name. If you make a written request to the District for additional information regarding a specific permit application, you will be furnished with the information available at that time. Please note that filing a written objection does not entitle you to a Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, administrative hearing.

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Notice of District Decision or Intended District Decision will be provided to persons who have requested individual notice. A request for individual Notice of District Decision or Intended District Decision on the application must be received by the District's Bureau Chief, Bureau of Regulatory Support prior to the date such Notice is generated.

Margaret Daniels, Bureau Chief
Bureau of Regulatory Support
St. Johns River Water Management District
4049 Reid Street
Palatka, FL 32177-2529
(386) 329-4570

10/9c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

CASE NO: 2014-TD-006

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 10-00261
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2010

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 South of Baybranch and East of Richardson Road (A county maintained road) and that part of the Southeast 1/4 North of Green's Creek and East of Richardson Road, of Section 25, Township 3 South, Range 20 East, Baker County, Florida.

ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: BPTI PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014 at 11:00 am.

Dated this 2nd Day of October, 2014

Al Fraser
Clerk Of Court
Baker County, Florida

By: Julie B. Combs,
Deputy Clerk

10/9-30c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

CASE NO: 2014-TD-007

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 11-00301
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A parcel of land containing 3.05 acres, more or less, lying, being and situate in NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 7, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the NW corner of said Section 7, and run 89° 56'01" E, along the North line of said Section 7, a distance of 199.61 feet to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land; thence continue running N 89° 56'01" E, continuing along said North line of Section 7, a distance of 199.60 feet; thence run S 00° 42' 43" W, a distance of 666.06 feet; thence run S 89° 50' 10" W, a distance of 199.75 feet; thence run N 00° 43' 28" E a distance of 666.41 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a 30 foot road easement over, across and along the South 30 feet thereof. AND ALSO

A parcel of land containing 3.05 acres, more or less, lying, being and situate in NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 7, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the NW corner of said Section 7 and run N 89° 56' 01" E, along the North line of said Section 7, a distance of 199.61 feet; thence run S 00° 43' 28" W, a distance of 666.41 feet; thence run N 89° 50' 10" W, a distance of 199.75 feet to the West line of Said Section 7; thence run N 00° 44' 13" E, continuing along said West line of Section 7, a distance of 666.75 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a 30 foot road easement over, across and along the South 30 feet thereof.

ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: MICHAEL HERRMANN AND NORA THOMAS HERRMANN

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014 at 11:00 am.

Dated this 2nd Day of October, 2014

Al Fraser
Clerk Of Court
Baker County, Florida

By: Julie B. Combs,
Deputy Clerk

10/9-30c

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

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction on October 24, 2014 at 10 am at A, R&R, Inc. 11837 N SR 121, Macclenny, FL 32063:

2000 Honda Accord
Vin # 1HGCG3244Y026716

10/9c

Registration of Fictitious Names

I the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of Fred's Taxiferry whose principle place of business is: 21578 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Sanderson, FL 32087 and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

NAME	EXTENT OF INTEREST
Fred D. Harris	100%
Fred D. Harris Signature	

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BAKER
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of October 2014.

Al Fraser
Clerk Of Court
Baker County, Florida

By: Julie B. Combs
As Deputy Clerk

10/9p

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DINKINS NEW CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH
CR 127 N. of Sanderson

Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am
Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm
Wed. Night Service 7:30 pm

Pastor Allen Crews
Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford

IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 02-2014-CP-0036

IN RE: ESTATE OF

LONA JUNE HOWARD

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LONA JUNE HOWARD, deceased

OBITUARIES

CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION

Obituaries must be submitted in a timely fashion and have a local connection. Pictures are printed with obituaries free of charge. The newspaper reserves the right to publish photos based on quality. It is requested that 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

Service last Friday for Fred Gross Jr., 62

Fred Eugene Gross Jr., 62, of Sanderson died Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at Orange Park Custeard Care Center. Mr. Gross was born in Columbus, Ohio and resided in Jacksonville before moving to Baker County over 30 years ago. He served in the United States Air Force and worked at Ameristeel in Baldwin for over 15 years before his retirement.



Fred Gross Jr.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 25 years, Brenda Gross, son Shawn Gross and his father Fred Eugene Gross Sr. Mr. Gross is survived by his mother Sara Jo Gross of Jacksonville; daughters Dana Dugger of Jacksonville and Theresa Gross of Taylor; brothers Jay Gross of Atlanta and Timothy Gross of Taylor; sisters Cathy Adams and Julie Starling, both of Glen St. Mary; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 3 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny and interment at Taylor Cemetery.

Geraldine Piner, 84, was former resident

Geraldine Piner, 84, of St. Augustine and formerly of Macclenny, died at Flagler Hospital on September 29, 2014. She was born in Wilmington, N.C. on February 7, 1930, the only child to the late Willbur and Mildred Southerland. Geri married her high school sweetheart James F. Pine and they shared over 44 years together before he died in 1996. She was also predeceased by children Brenda Jay and Gray. She retired from AT&T after 25 years.



Geraldine Piner

Mrs. Piner is survived by children Jeff and Tamara Jean; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; her adopted daughter Judith Marek of Macclenny; many friends and extended family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 22 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 735 Kings Estate Rd. in St. Augustine.

Lovurn Rivers, 79, was tax consultant

Lovurn Box Rivers, 79, of Glen St. Mary died peacefully on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville with her family at her side. She was born on November 7, 1934 in Lake Butler to the late Alfred and Natalie Christie Box. She graduated from Union County High School. Ms. Rivers was a self-employed income tax consultant that served many within her years of working. She also enjoyed cooking, being with her family, and friends. She was a leader in 4-H and FFA. Ms. Rivers was a member of Raiford Road Church in Macclenny, where she taught the children's Sunday school class for many years and had a passion for missions in Honduras. She was preceded in death by brothers J.E. Box and Michael Box.

Ms. Rivers is survived by her three loving sons D.C. (Carolyn) Rivers, James (Marion) Rivers and David (Debbie) Rivers, all of Glen St. Mary; brother A.C. (Johnnie Bell) Box of Lake Butler; sisters Josephine Addison of Lake Butler, Alief (Randall) Bryant of Glen St. Mary, Delores (Glenn) Brannen of Lake City, Durelle (Emory) Bailey of Lake City, grandson Joshua Rivers and step-grandchildren Karen Barfield, Kristen Gray, Daniel and Richard Knezha. The funeral service for Ms. Rivers was held Wednesday, October 8 at 11 a.m. at her church on State Road 121 with pastors Johnny Raulerson and Eddie Griffis officiating. Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn Thornhill, 69, of Bryceville dies

Carolyn Faye Thornhill, 69, of Bryceville died on October 6 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center following an extended illness. Ms. Thornhill moved to Bryceville two years ago from Jacksonville and was a member of the Brandy Branch Baptist Church. She was a homemaker, loved her church and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by daughter Gwen Vasquez and is survived by son Anthony J. "Tony" (Tammie) Hodges of Bryceville; brother Phil (Linda) Duval of Tallahassee; grandchildren Ronnie Vasquez (Sandy), A.J. Vasquez, Jake Parks, Charlie Hodges, Hunter Hodges and Madison Hodges; great-grandchildren Wyatt and Avani Vasquez.

A memorial service will be conducted on Friday, October 10 at her church with Rev. Rusty Bryan officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

Mike Wilder, 60, of Glen dies October 2

Michael (Mike) Bruce Wilder, 60, of Glen St. Mary died at his residence on October 2, 2014 with his family by his side. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 4, 1954 to the late Grover Rothwell Wilder and the late Dolores Polly Wilder. He worked as a HVAC Installer for over 37 years and enjoyed fishing and his beagle dogs. Mr. Wilder was also a field trial secretary for the Tampa Bay Beagle Club for five years and a member for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Susan Wilder of Glen St. Mary; son Cody Wilder and sister Diane Warrington of Cincinnati. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Haven Hospice. Mr. Wilder will be laid to rest at Locust Grove Cemetery in Keavy, Kentucky. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

Service for Sharon Wolfe in Brunswick, GA

Sharon D. Wolfe, 70, of Macclenny died Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Specialty Hospital in Jacksonville. Born July 4, 1944 in Brunswick, Georgia to the late Roland B. and Alice S. Denton, she was a graduate of Glynn Academy class of 1962. Mrs. Wolfe was a homemaker and member of The Order of Eastern Star. She was also a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Brunswick.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Finley W. Wolfe of Macclenny; sons Warden Wolfe of Macclenny and Kirk Wolfe of St. George, GA; grandchildren Warden Wolfe, Ashley Wolfe, Kane Wolfe and Blayne Wolfe; great-granddaughter Arriena Johnston; sister Brenda (Charles) Manning and husband Charles of El Segundo, CA.

The funeral service for Mrs. Wolfe was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7 in the chapel of Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home in Brunswick with Dr. Peter Vivenzio officiating. Interment followed at Palmetto Cemetery.

Dennis Yarborough dies on October 1st

Dennis Alvin Yarborough of Macclenny died on October 1, 2014. He was born in Jacksonville but lived most of his life in Macclenny. Mr. Yarborough was a master mechanic at King Edward Cigars and retired in 1993 after 44 years. He was a member of the Chaffee Road Church of Christ and a veteran of the Army National Guard. Mr. Yarborough was an avid Gator fan.



Dennis Yarborough

He was preceded in death by parents Dennis David and Lumartha Combs Yarborough. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jean Kirksey Yarborough of Macclenny; daughter Patricia (Bob) McKee of West Lafayette, Indiana; son Robert Dennis "Bobby" (Victoria) Yarborough of St. Johns, Florida; sister Agnes Lewis and brother Gene Yarborough of Jacksonville; half-brother Charles Dempsey of Jacksonville; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for Mr. Yarborough was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 6, in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Minister Sam Durden of Mayo, Fla. officiating, assisted by Minister Larry Paulk. Interment was in North Prong Cemetery.

Maintenance day

A grounds maintenance work day will be held at South Prong Cemetery south of Sanderson on Saturday, October 11 starting at 8 a.m.

For more information, contact David Richardson at 259-9977.



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FWC: 'social, societal' opposition to allowing bear hunts

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The Florida black bear was taken off the state's threatened species list two years ago, which set up a showdown between hunters and conservationists. Now the state is hoping to bring the two sides together to devise the proper way to manage the state's largest land mammal.

To that end the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has been hosting meetings around the state to gather public input, most recently in Macclenny the evening of September 30.

That's when more than 30 people, mostly male hunters, shared their stories of nuisance black bears who interfere with their sportsmen activities and urged state officials to permit bear hunting in some manner.

The practice was banned in 1974 to the dismay of many hunters, including some at the 6:30 p.m. meeting at the Ag Center. They said they travel north to Georgia where the species is not protected, but would rather stay here and invest in Florida's economy rather than go elsewhere.

There are between 2500 and 3000 black bears in Florida, compared to several hundred in southern Georgia.

Kaitlin Good of the FWC, said in North Florida hunting black bears is typically the major issue while discussions held in South Florida are more about conservation of the animal and expansion of its habitat.

She said that's why FWC approved a 120-plus-page management plan for the Florida black bear in 2012. The plan divided the state into seven bear management units. All of Baker County falls within the North Management Unit. It also includes Duval, Nassau, Columbia, Union, Columbia, Suwannee and Hamilton counties.

The North unit is home to a Florida black bear population estimated to have between 201 and 312 bears and the management plan designates 260 as the minimum target population. The plan's goals are to limit conflicts between bears and humans while ensuring the Florida black bear never becomes a threatened species again.

"Through implementation of the many conservation actions identified in this plan, Floridians can achieve a future that includes bears as a secure and valued wildlife species in our state," executive summary states.

By designating the seven units where the bears roam, Ms. Good said, management of the animals can be tailored to the specific needs and desires of the people in the area.

In 2013, FWC received 34 calls about black bears from residents of the North unit counties, most of them, 46 percent, regarding bear sightings. The number of calls was up from 2012, when 28 calls came in, but down from 2009 when



Residents speak with FWC official (center) about bears in Florida.

there were 41 calls.

"Bears aren't getting any bolder since the calls we get have been pretty much the same," said Ms. Good.

Last year, 26 percent of the calls were for sick or injured bears, 10 percent were reports of bears in feeders, 7 percent were related to property damage, 5 percent were for bears getting into garbage and 5 percent were reports of bears attacking, threatening to attack or killing another animal. The remaining 1 percent of calls were for bears inside structures.

Attendees were invited to join a local stakeholder group that meets quarterly to discuss bear management and conservation. They also met in smaller discussion groups and filled out surveys to supply to FWC personnel with their views.

For instance, one discussion group looked at relocating nuisance bears versus euthanizing them. Another was to gauge what attendees are willing to do to reduce negative interactions between bears and people, namely securing trash cans inside sheds or electric fencing to deter bears from approaching homes.

"The why is really important," Ms. Good told the group before the discussions be-

gan. "We want to know those things."

Many of the hunters present argued by allowing regulated hunting of black bears again, the state can reduce the size of the bear population and thus lower the chances of encounters with humans.

"It would really make a difference," said Troy Starling of Lake Butler. "If you look at the numbers, they're growing.

predators, so without hunting, there's nothing to keep them in check."

"I know a bunch of people that would buy a bear permit and it would help control the population," added Phillip Crews, owner of Extreme Outdoors in Macclenny.

That may be true for Macclenny, but it's not that way everywhere.

"From a purely biological standpoint, we could hunt them. But from a social or societal standpoint, we can't," said Dave Telesco, FWC's bear management coordinator.

The input gathered that evening will nonetheless be combined with the comments and surveys at bear management meetings around the state and formalized in a report to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in February.

Because of the animals' protected status, it's illegal to hunt, kill or injure a Florida black bear. Doing so is a third degree felony punishable by up to 5 years in jail or up to a \$5000 fine.

Fast facts on Florida black bears

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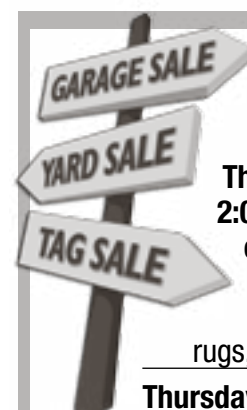
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Swimmers outpace Nassau, Yulee

JON SHUMAKE

The BCHS swim team defeated both West Nassau and Yulee on September 30 in a meet held in Fernandina Beach a few days after swimmers broke school records at a Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA) invitational meet in Stuart.

The Wildcats beat the Warriors handily by a score of 205-169, and edged out the Hornets 187-170. The boys' team outscored Yulee 79-58, while they fell to West Nassau 108-79. The girls' team blew by West Nassau 126-61, but was narrowly defeated 112-108 by Yulee.

Jonathan Mobley, Matthew Morgan, Ethan Knight and Kelsea Crain each finished in first place in four events to help the team win.

Mobley, Morgan and Knight were joined by Kevin Crain as they finished in the top spot of both the boys' 200-yard medley relay (2 minutes, 2.16 seconds) and the 400-yard freestyle re-

lay (4:03.12).

Kelsea Crain, Ashton Ray, Elizabeth Reagan and Andrea Clark won the girls' 200-free-style relay (2:07.07) and finished in first by slightly more than a second in the girls' 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 4:53.81. The Baker County team of Logan Todd, Cassandra Guajardo, Amaya Figueroa and Elizabeth Dillard finished in third place in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 5:14.22.

In an individual event, Kelsea Crain (2:16.28), Ray (2:23.29) and Dillard (2:56.38) swept the top three spots in the girls' 200-yard freestyle. Crain also finished in first in the girls' 50-yard freestyle with a time of 28.15, while Figueroa claimed third with a time of 34.29.

Mobley (2:05.97) and Kevin Crain (2:21.17) finished one-two in the boys' 200-yard freestyle. Mobley also finished almost 10 seconds ahead of the closest competition in the boys' 100-yard freestyle with a time of 56.17.

Morgan won both the boys' 50-yard freestyle (26.78) and 100-yard breaststroke (1:19.91).

Knight finished more than a minute ahead of the second-place swimmer in the

boys' 500-yard freestyle as he clocked in at 6:04.00. He also easily swam away with the boys' 100-yard backstroke (1:11.88).

Baker County also had swimmers finish in the top three of six other events.

Ray and Clark claimed the top two spots in the girls' 500-yard freestyle relay as the former swam a time of 6:28.03 and the latter clocked in at 7:54.03.

Figueroa (1:16.03) finished less than one-quarter of a second ahead of Reagan (1:16.25) as they came in second and third in the girls' 100-yard freestyle.

Reagan was once again narrowly beat out by a teammate in the girls' 100-yard breaststroke. Todd (1:36.85) took second place by finishing about two seconds ahead of Reagan (1:38.89).

Todd also came in second in the girls' 100-yard butterfly (1:26.31). She was joined by Dillard, Figueroa and Guajardo on the second-place girls' 200-yard medley relay team that posted a time of 2:42.77.

Dillard took third place in the girls' 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:40.41.

The successful team meet came three days after Knight,

Mobley and Kelsea Crain combined to set two school records at the FSPA invitational meet in Stuart.

Mobley set the new mark in the boys' 100-yard backstroke by more than two seconds with a time 1:06.80. Knight finished slightly behind him with a time of 1:11.08.

Crain broke her own school record in the girls' 50-yard freestyle with a new best time of 27.86.

Mobley also finished less than four-tenths of a second ahead of Knight in the boys' 100-yard freestyle as they posted times of 55.53 and 55.92, respectively.

Although none of the three swimmers qualified for finals, coach Jonathan Mobley was thrilled with how they competed.

"It's good for our kids to see that kind of environment and competition because that's the level they want to be at," he said. "They really showed up and didn't let the nerves get to them. They fought hard. I can't ask for anything better."

With the district meet coming up at the end of the month, the BCHS swim team has only a handful of meets left in the season. The swimmers travel to Baldwin on October 7.

Mixed weekend for ex-Cats

It was another mixed week of results on the gridiron for former Wildcat football stars. Some played big roles in huge wins, while others were on the losing end of conference games. Three players had bye weeks, with one of them receiving high honors.

Linebacker Bear Woods was named the CFL's Defensive Player of the Month for September after being named the league's Defensive Player of the Week in Weeks 11 and 14. He recorded 33 tackles, three sacks and a forced fumble in the month to help his Montreal Alouettes win three out of four games. The 5-8 Alouettes return to action after a bye week on October 13 when they host the 9-5 Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Linebacker Rashod Hadley recovered a punt in the end zone for a touchdown on October 4 as his Warner Royals rolled to a 37-7 win on the road against Point University. He also had an assisted tackle. With the win, Hadley's team improved to 3-2 on the season and 3-1 in the Sun Conference. The Royals will try to keep their hot streak alive on October 11 against visiting Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Running back Falon Lee's Miami (OH) Redhawks picked up their first win of the season on October 4 in a thrilling 42-41 win over the visiting UMass Minutemen. The Redhawks improved to 1-5 on the season and 1-1 in MAC play. The

team will look to move above .500 in the conference on October 11 when they visit the Akron Zips (3-2, 1-1).

Wide receiver Kendrick Singleton was held without a catch for the first time this season on October 4 in the North Carolina Tar Heels' 34-17 home loss to the Virginia Tech Hokies. The Heels have now lost three games in a row and sit at 0-2 in the ACC and 2-3 overall. Things won't get any easier for UNC this week, though, as they travel to South Bend to take on the No. 6 Notre Dame Fighting Irish. The game will be shown on NBC and is scheduled for kickoff at 3:30.

Wide receiver Michael Boone's Cincinnati Bearcats fell to 2-2 on the season on October 4 with a 41-14 home loss in their American Athletic Conference opener to the Memphis Tigers. The Bearcats have another tough game on October 11 when they travel to Miami to play the Hurricanes.

Quarterback Thomas Sirk's Duke Blue Devils and linebacker Darvin Ruise's Missouri Tigers had bye weeks. Sirk and the Blue Devils (4-1, 0-1) travel to play the No. 22 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets (5-0, 2-0) in a key ACC Coastal Division game. Ruise's No. 23 Tigers (4-1, 1-0) host the No. 13 Georgia Bulldogs (4-1, 2-1) in a huge SEC clash on October 11 that will air on CBS at noon.

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Jacob Stalvey runs in a touchdown in the second quarter to give the Wildcats a 36-0 halftime lead.

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Decisive win!

Wildcats steamroll Wolfson

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The BCHS Wildcats snapped a three-game losing streak and won their first district game on October 3 with a 42-6 home blowout over the winless Wolfson Wolfpack (0-5, 0-3 in District 3-5A).

Jacob Carter threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as the offense exploded with a 42-point outburst before the Wolfpack got on the board in the third quarter. The sloppy field conditions forced the Cats (2-4, 1-2 in District 3-5A) to run a simplified offense, which helped them be efficient with the ball, head coach Tom MacPherson said.

"I think we went back to basics a little bit," he said. "I went back to our bread and butter plays. We ran the ball downhill right at them. When we did throw the ball, we threw play-action passes with seven man protection that gave Jacob the time to throw the ball."

Baker County established the run early to help it jump out to a 20-point first-quarter lead. The offense combined to rush for more than 100 yards in the opening quarter. Running back Jarvis Desue accounted for

about 30 yards on the team's opening drive, which he capped off with a 2-yard touchdown. Carter added almost 70 yards on the ground in the quarter with a 41-yard burst and a 15-yard scoring run.

The ground game opened up the passing attack as Carter completed five of seven passes for more than 100 yards. He connected with Eugene Farmer in the second quarter and Reggie Givens in the third on touchdown throws of 28 and 10 yards, respectively.

Running back Jacob Stalvey also punched the ball into the end zone in the second quarter to give the Cats a 36-0 halftime lead.

The defense played well once again and consistently set the offense up with great field position. The unit forced three turnovers, including a 75-yard pick-six by Mondrell Jefferson in the first quarter, and sacked Wolfson's quarterback four times.

"The defense is getting better," coach MacPherson said. "We're starting to figure out our personnel a little bit better. We're starting to allow our guys to pressure a little bit more. We blitzed more in the last two

weeks than we had previously."

Strong safety Blayne Merchant's return from a three-game suspension helped the defensive effort. He made an immediate impact with two tackles for losses in the first quarter, one of which was on the Wolfpack's first offensive play of the game. He also added a sack in the second quarter and almost had an interception in the third. Merchant's



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Kesjaun Jefferson makes the tackle.

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experience as a starter makes him a key component to the Cats' young defense, coach MacPherson said.

"One of the things you got to look at is Blayne Merchant is one of the only returning defensive players we have on the team," he said. "We're able to blitz him, drop him, play different coverages where previously with a 10th grader we had to be a little bit more base with what we were doing. Now when Blayne comes back, that makes us able to use a lot of the things on defense we want to use and you can see his speed, strength and aggressive nature make plays in the backfield."

The lopsided win could mark a turning point in the team's season as it came after a strong week of practice. Coach MacPherson said players stepped up and took responsibility for their mistakes, which will help the Cats during the final month of the season.



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Reggie Givens blocks for quarterback Jacob Carter.

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"Once you have that accountability, now you know you can fix mistakes on the field and guys can execute assign-

ments because they're accountable for their own actions," coach MacPherson said.

UPCOMING...

Paxon's squad is improved

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The BCHS Wildcats will try to keep the momentum rolling and improve to .500 in the district on October 10 when they travel to play the Paxon Golden Eagles (2-3, 1-2).

Paxon is fielding a much-improved team than the ones it had in recent years, Wildcats head coach Tom MacPherson said. The Golden Eagles played Bishop Kenny and Yulee tough in their two district losses, and started the season with a win over an Englewood team that defeated the previously 5-0 Lee Generals last week.

The Cats can't let the one-sided Wolfson win go to their heads or they'll be in store for a long night Friday, the head coach said.

"We've got to nitpick all the little things with our guys and not let them get high on last week's win," Coach MacPherson said about preparing for Paxon. "Our guys will get a little bit upset because we just won a game 42-6 and we're probably harping on these little things. In our mind, we've got to fix those things so we can continue to build and move on."

The offensive plan against Paxon will mirror what the Cats did against the Wolfpack. The team will try to establish the running game early and give Jacob Carter routine throws to build his confidence. Once the running and passing attack are clicking, they can begin stretching the field on deep passes.

For the first time this season the Cats will be close to 100 percent health-wise with the return of Seth Paige. The freshman wide receiver will be on the field for the first time since injuring his shoulder in the second quarter of the team's Week 1 home loss to St. Augustine.

Coach MacPherson expects Paige to be rusty after missing the last five games, but the offense will still try feeding him the ball early.

"We're excited to get him back on offense," coach MacPherson said. "I would imagine you'll see me put the ball in his hands early. I still think he has the ability to make something explosive happen. Don't be surprised right away if the ball is in his hands in the first three or four times we have the ball."

A win at Paxon would keep the Cats' faint playoff hopes alive, and the team will have to win to even have a chance for the postseason. While every win keeps Baker County in the playoff race for now, it also builds the young players' confidence in the program and coaching staff, which will ultimately lead to success beyond this season, coach MacPherson said.

"I want to win right now for the kids that are here and I want to promote the program for the kids that are here," he said. "They deserve a shot to go to the playoffs if we get this thing to 6-4."

"In the back of my mind, I'm also trying to promote my long term future at this high school, and promote some excitement in the long-term with all of the young kids we got," coach MacPherson added. "We're so young that we've got to continue to win and do things so that our kids can see the things that we do can be successful if we do them right. Any success that we have right now is well worth our while not only for wins in the win column but it helps our guys see that what we do works."



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Reggie Givens reaches for the catch.



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Callie Wheeler jumps for a block.

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Ladies win tight senior night contest

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After enduring a tough losing streak, the BCHS Lady Wildcat volleyball team ended its home schedule on a high note on October 7 with a huge

district win.

The team honored Callie Wheeler and Rebekah Long for Senior Night before pulling out a thrilling 3-2 (25-22, 26-28, 16-25, 25-19, 15-11) win over the visiting Paxon Lady Eagles to improve to 1-2

in the district. Baker County held off a late Paxon surge to take the first set. The ladies almost stole the second set after trailing for the majority of it and tied it at 24- and 26- all with the help of two Long spikes and a Lindsey Love block, but they couldn't put the visiting team away.

After a decisive loss in the third set, the ladies controlled the fourth with the help of six straight points off serves from Alexis Wendel, who had a team-high 23 serves.

Baker County kept Paxon at bay in the game-deciding fifth set as Abby Rice sealed the game with an ace.

Wheeler led the team with 41 attacks in her final home game, while Love had a team-high 24 assists and five aces. Delicia Washington's 10 kills were the most on the team.

The JV Lady Cats were also in a close match, but ultimately lost to Paxon 1-2 (19-25, 25-23, 15-17).

The exciting win came one night after the Lady Cats were on the wrong side of a tight game when they fell 2-3 (19-25, 25-11, 21-25, 25-9, 11-15) on the road at Hilliard.

The streak of marathon games began on October 2 when the ladies lost to Ridgeview at home in five sets.

The Lady Cats finish out

the regular season with three road games before the district tournament begins October 21 at Bishop Kenny. The team travels to Bishop Snyder on October 9, West Nassau on October 13 and Union County the following night.

The BCMS Lady Bobcat volleyball program split its two games against conference rival Lake Asbury on October 6 with the JV team winning and the varsity team falling short.

The JV squad pulled out a close 2-0 (27-25, 27-25) over the visiting Lady Tigers. Taylor Crews helped the team build an eight-point lead in the first set, but Lake Asbury battled back to take a 25-24 lead. The Lady B-Cats responded with three straight points to take the set.

Baker County battled back from a four-point deficit in the second set to tie it at 24-all late. The ladies scored three of the final four points to claim the win.

The varsity team couldn't match the JV's success and lost in straight sets 15-25, 23-25. The Lady B-Cats fell behind big early in the first set and never recovered. The middle school team closes out its regular season with three road games, starting at Richardson on October 7.



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Alexis Wendel sets up the play.

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Ashton Alford serving.

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JV swamps Kenny and Nease

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The JV Wildcat football team rolled to two straight wins as the end of the season draws near.

The team forced five turnovers and recorded four sacks on October 2 in its 27-14 home win over rival Bishop Kenny. The Cats scored 21 points off the takeaways, including Christian Watkins' 41-yard pick-six for the go-ahead score in the second quarter, as they improved to 3-3 on the season.

"It was a good game," JV head coach Adam Brunner said. "The offense and defense were working together to put our groups to be successful in the game. I enjoy games like this. That's two games in a row coming up big against good programs."

The offense fired on all cylinders in the first half, and it gained almost 300 total yards in the game. Two explosive plays in the second quarter helped the team build a 20-point lead at halftime after a tight first frame.

Curtis Harmon gave the Cats a two-possession lead when he outran the defense on a 38-yard quarterback run off the right side. The touchdown run came two plays after he recovered a fumble forced by Gavin Register.

The offense regained possession after the defense forced a quick three-and-out that was finished off by the first of two sacks that involved Tyler Fox.

Facing a third-and-15, quarterback Cam Mobley faked a screen to Harmon and then connected with Wesley Belford for a 59-yard touchdown pass to give the Cats a 27-7 lead.

Watkins' second interception killed the Crusaders' opportunity at cutting into Baker County's lead before halftime.

The offense struggled to move the ball in the second half, but the defense stayed strong as it kept Bishop Kenny at bay. The unit recorded three sacks in the half and had two fourth-down stands to force turnovers on downs.

The Crusaders scored late in the fourth quarter, but the Cats recovered the ensuing on-side kick and eventually ran the clock out to seal the win.

Baker County took control of the game after a tight first quarter that ended in a 7-7 tie. The Cats struck first on Watkins' 6-yard touchdown run on an end around that capped off a 76-yard drive that was set up by a fumble recovery. The Crusaders knotted the game less than two minutes later on a short scoring pass.

The win over Bishop Kenny marks the second straight week the team beat a tough opponent by double digits after it disposed of Nease on the road in its previous game. The players have started buying into the coaches' philosophies and it is paying dividends on the field, coach Brunner said.

"It really is a change of character on this football team and

it's a good thing," he said. "It took them a little while to find out what they're truly capable of. Now they're willing to do whatever it takes to succeed. It's going to be a good future for our program and for these kids."

The Cats will try to extend their winning streak to three games and end the year with a winning record on October 9 when they travel to Yulee for their season finale. After finishing 1-6 last year, a winning record was one of coach Brunner's main goals for this season.

With one week remaining, achieving that goal is within reach.

"This year, we have a complete offense and defense," coach Brunner said. "I wanted a winning record not just for myself but for this program. We're going to roll out to Yulee and hopefully produce another 'W.'"

5K run morning of vet day

Baker County EMS and the Macclenny Fire Department are promoting a 5K run on November 15 to kick off their Veterans Appreciation Day.

The run begins at 9 a.m. at Memorial Stadium in Macclenny, and there is a \$25 entry fee with proceeds donated to the Baker County Veterans Council. Runners also get a t-shirt if they sign up beforehand. Please contact Carlena Tyson via email to register at carlena.tyson@bakercountyyfl.org before race day. She can also be reached at 259-0232 or 562-0126.

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Pumpkin patch opens Friday

More than 1700 pumpkins from New Mexico arrived at the United Methodist Church pumpkin patch in Macclenny the afternoon of October 7 as volunteers from the church and the high school's JROTC program unloaded the tractor trailer and began setting up the annual display. "It's the most we've ever gotten," said the church's Toni Bunch, who organized the effort this year. It's also the third year that JROTC has helped set up the patch, for which Ms. Bunch was very grateful. Pictured from the pumpkin delivery are (above right) Levi Jewel and (above left) Landon Cates. At right, JROTC cadets unload pumpkins from the delivery truck as Major Liz Law-Wallace (lower right) looks on. See the advertisement on page 8 for the pumpkin patch schedule.



Kennedy opts early for JU

Softball standout has 2 years

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Lady Wildcat softball player Madison Kennedy still has more than two years of high school in front of her, but she has already made her decision on where she wants to play college ball.

The sophomore catcher verbally committed to Jacksonville University after taking an unofficial visit to the school in late September. She received an invitation for the visit after catching new JU softball coach Jennifer Steele's eye during a camp where she hit multiple home runs and displayed her defensive skills.

During the visit, Kennedy received a tour of the campus, talked to administrators, met with university president Tim Cost and spent the night in a dorm with other players. She made her decision to verbally commit to becoming a Dolphin after receiving an almost full scholarship offer from the coach.

"I really fell in love with the campus," Kennedy said. "It was a really good offer that she gave me and I couldn't turn it down. She basically said, 'I want you to play for me,' and I knew that's where I wanted to go when she said that."

The young catcher will receive significant playing time



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Madison Kennedy

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for the first time this season after seeing the field sporadically as a freshman while serving as slugger Kylie Holton's backup. Kennedy will take over for Holton, who is now attending the College of Central Florida, behind the plate for the Lady Cats.

Kennedy said she's "doing well" catching-wise, but will need to hit better to fill Holton's shoes. Improving at the plate will also benefit her once she joins JU.

"You have to be a really good hitter for college ball," she said. "I want to have a really high batting average."

She also has one other goal for her sophomore season: Overcome last season's heart-breaking playoff loss to Ponte Vedra and bring a state championship home to Baker County.

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