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► **THINGS TO DO**

June 19

Congressman Lawson's staff visits

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Staff for U.S. Representative Al Lawson (D-Tallahassee) will host mobile office hours every third Tuesday of the month, at the CareerSource NEFL Baker County Conference Room, 1184 S. Sixth St., Macclenny from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning June 19, 2018. Congressman Lawson's staff will be on hand to help with program updates from FEMA, the Small Business Administration and other federal agencies. Future visits will take place on July 17, August 21 and October 16.

June 22

Movie in the park – Star Wars 'New Hope' screening

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

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Go vote ...

How do you view the proposed increase to the county's fire assessment — from \$30 to perhaps \$80 — to improve stations, vehicles, equipment and hire full-time personnel?

55% Positively

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6% Undecided

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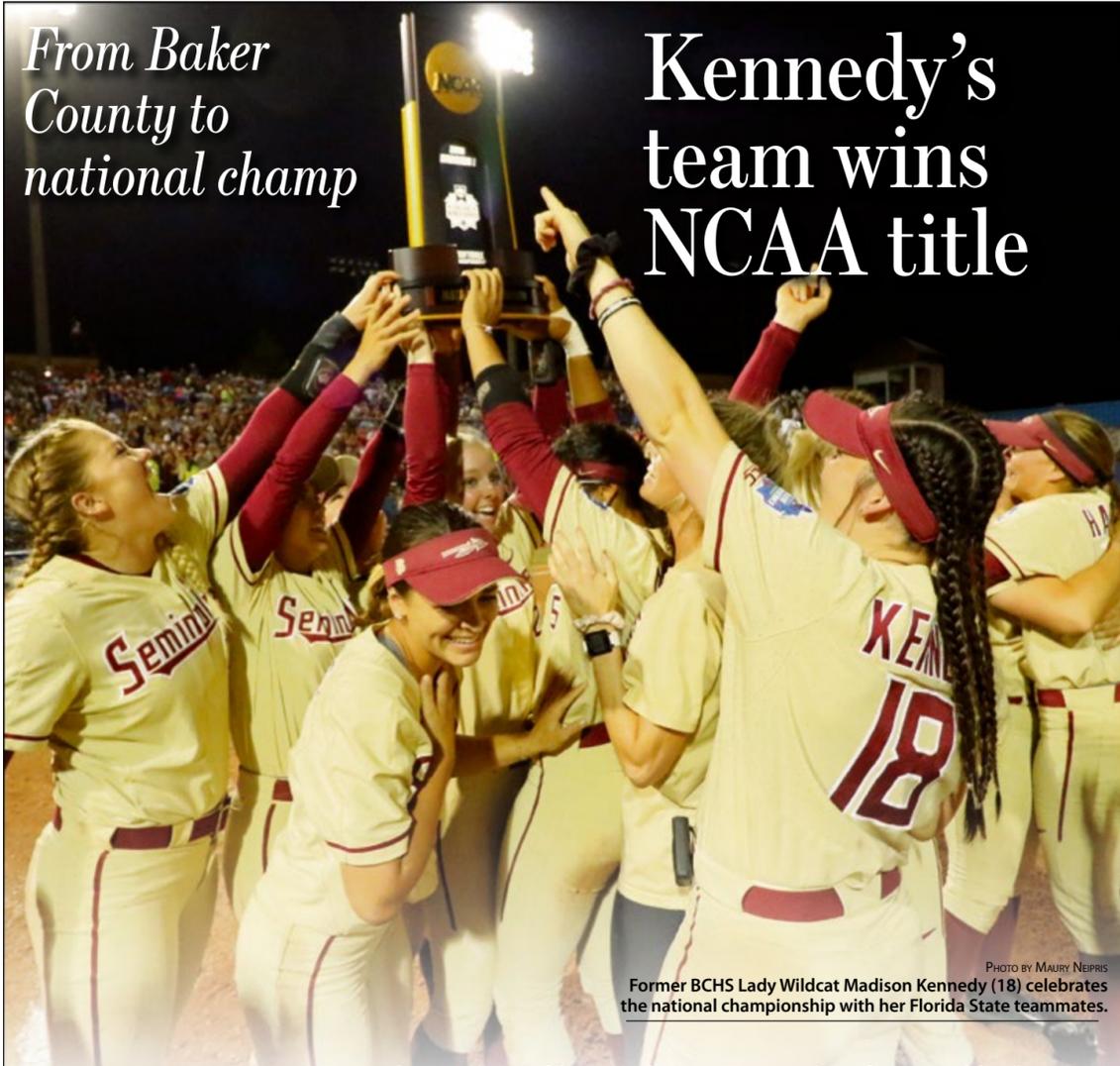
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From Baker County to national champ

Kennedy's team wins NCAA title



Former BCHS Lady Wildcat Madison Kennedy (18) celebrates the national championship with her Florida State teammates.

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When Madison Kennedy signed her letter of intent in November, 2016 to play softball at Florida State, she did so, in part, due to the program's history of playing in the Women's College World Series.

The former Lady Wildcat star experienced much more than that in her first year in Garnet and Gold.

The Lady Seminoles captured the 2018 NCAA National Championship

by sweeping Washington in the Women's College World Series Championship Series in Oklahoma City.

The wins — 1-0 on June 4 and 8-3 the following night — secured the program's first-ever NCAA title in its 10th Women's College World Series appearance.

"It's just an amazing feeling. It's awesome to say that [we won the first championship] and to play for a team to accomplish that," said Kennedy, a redshirt player who also served as the bullpen catcher. "It takes a lot of different skills and teamwork. It feels

amazing to be a part of that."

Florida State players stormed the field after the last out of the title-sealing win. The players dog-piled in the infield as tears of joy ran down their smiling faces. Then came the tomahawk chop and War Chant during the trophy presentation.

The celebration continued on June 6 when they were met by hundreds of fans at the airport upon the program's return to Tallahassee. The team was also honored by the City of Tallahas-

PHOTO BY MAURY NEPPIS

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Plot to murder judge, officers

A Macclenny man who wound up in county jail in April for making a threatening gesture at a witness during the trial of a drug dealer found himself in legal trouble again last week when he was arrested for bragging that he was arranging to kill a circuit judge and a narcotics detective.

Keshawn Griffin, 18,



Keshawn Griffin

was charged after a month-long investigation that included placing a wire on a fellow inmate and setting up a fake meeting with someone who claimed he could pull off the plot against Judge James Colaw and Detective Thomas Dyal.

Judge Colaw on April 10 ordered the immediate arrest of Mr. Griffin after seeing him draw a finger across his throat in the direction of witness and confidential informant Charles Hadley during testimony in the trial of Reginald Keith.

Judge Colaw ordered him to serve six months for contempt of court.

Detective Robert Simkins said he received a tip on May 1 about a fellow inmate who claimed to overhear the suspect say he was arranging a "\$5000 hit" on the judge by an acquaintance he knew as "Reggie."

The source agreed to cooperate and he was placed with a recording wire in the BCHS maintenance shop where Mr. Griffin was a trustee. He allegedly again talked about the plan, this time adding he intended to also target Det. Dyal and fellow narcotics investigator Ricky Crews.

He claimed also that he had a source from Lake City, and that he wanted to kill another person for "setting up" his mother.

Det. Simkins said on May 18 the informant was placed in the same cell as the suspect and offered a

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Rayonier projects OK'd

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

After getting past some initial confusion about an application for an exemption to subdivision regulations to facilitate two new housing developments encompassing 234 acres in northern Baker County, the county commission last week granted the request.

The county's consent means Raydient LLC, a real estate development subsidiary of Rayonier Inc., can proceed with plans to develop two large tracts of agriculture-zoned land, one between CR 229 North and Leon Dopson Road and the other fronting on CR 127 North.

Brandi Volz, acting as

agent for Rayonier, told commissioners that the company plans to develop residential lots of at least 5 to 10 acres each and larger on a 106.7-acre parcel called Cobb Creek North and on a second parcel of some 127.7 acres named Calkins Creek.

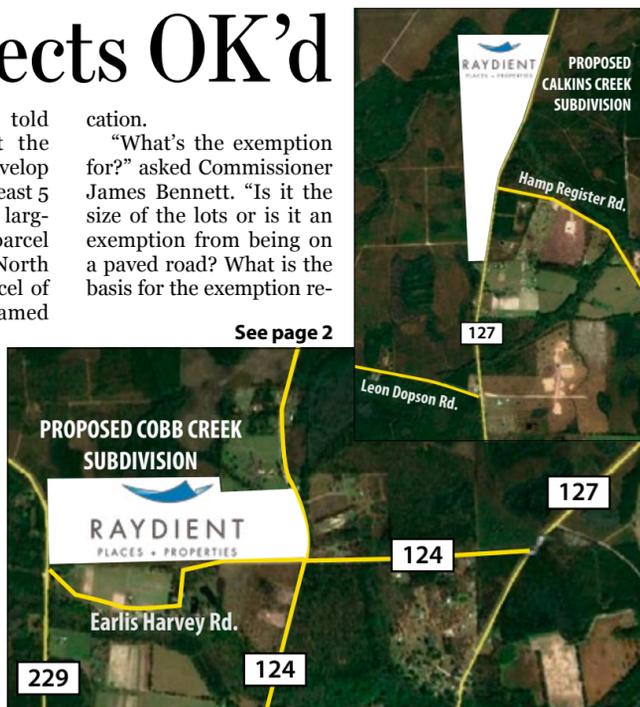
Neither subdivision will have interior paved roads because all lots will front on a county-maintained dirt road or on a paved county road.

The decision to approve the proposed developments, however, didn't come quickly because commissioners were puzzled at first about the purpose of the appli-

cation.

"What's the exemption for?" asked Commissioner James Bennett. "Is it the size of the lots or is it an exemption from being on a paved road? What is the basis for the exemption per-

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Rayonier: Large lots, dirt roads

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quest?" He said if the exemption was simply to avoid having to pave a road he "would gladly support this. I just want to know what it is we're getting an exemption from." "Not being on a paved road," replied Ms. Volz.

But then county attorney Rich Komando pointed out that land development regulations allow 10-acre lots to be developed on dirt roads as long as they are owned and maintained by the county.

"The board tonight took action to work as partners with Rayonier. I expect the same thing in return from Rayonier as partners."

—Baker County Commissioner James Bennett

"If it can be done, then, why is there an exemption (being sought)?" asked Commissioner James Croft.

"That's what I'm asking for," said Bennett. "What's generating an exemption?"

That's what I'm trying to understand."

Ms. Volz didn't seem to have a firm grasp on the reason, either, other than that it was prepared by the county's former director of community development, Chris Milton, at the request of Raydient LLC.

"We're following the rules what Chris said to do," she said, adding moments later that the 5-acre parcels comply with the county's requirement for being on a paved road and the 10-acre parcels are allowed on county-maintained dirt roads without an exemption.

"We just came here to make sure everything was done right and we were following all the rules," she said.

A little further in the discussion, the county attorney, who had been reviewing land development regulations during the meeting, resolved the situation when he stated that tracts containing less than 10 lots must obtain an exemption from subdivision platting rules.

Both properties fell below the threshold: Cobb Creek North with just eight lots ranging in size from at least 5 acres to 30-plus acres and Calkins Creek with nine lots of varying sizes from 5.1 acres to 31.1 acres.

At that, the mystery was solved and commissioners proceeded to approve the exemptions unanimously, with one final suggestion from Commissioner Bennett.

"I would strongly encourage you to use joint-use driveways when you can," he told Ms. Volz. "On these rural roads out here the fewer driveways along the roadway the safer it's going to be, not only for the drivers but also for those accessing the road from the driveways ..."

Kennedy's team overcomes odds to capture title

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see on June 7.

But Florida State had to fight from behind to even make it to the Women's College World Series finals. The team lost its opening game in the double-elimination bracket 7-4 to UCLA on May 31. The Lady Bruins scored six runs in the sixth inning to steal the win and put Kennedy's team on the brink of elimination.

Overcoming the odds was nothing new, however, for the Lady Seminoles, who were dubbed the "Cardiac Kids" for their penchant for dramatic victories. The team trailed in every game en route to winning the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, and then dropped the first game of the best-of-three Super Regionals series against LSU.

Florida State rebounded with two wins over LSU in a doubleheader on May 26, including an 8-5, 11-inning marathon in the early game, to qualify for the Women's College World Series.

With that experience behind them, Kennedy knew the team had the potential to continue in the tournament despite the disappointing loss to UCLA.

"Honestly, we weren't even worried," said Kennedy, who was also a member of Baker County's first-ever softball state championship team in 2015. "We knew we had a lot of games ahead of us we had to work through. I wasn't nervous at all. I knew we were prepared."

"... We have a mentality of when your backs against the wall you have no other choice but to win," she added. "That's how we played."

And that's exactly what they did.

Florida State won four straight elimination games during a pair of doubleheaders on June 2 and 3. The program staved off elimination with a 7-2 win over Georgia and a 4-1 vic-

tory over top-ranked Oregon on June 2.

The Lady Seminoles then avenged their loss to UCLA with a pair of wins — 3-1 and 12-6 — over the Lady Bruins to advance to the championship series for the first time.

"It was very tiring even for us in the dugout," Kennedy said. "When you're in the game and in the moment nothing else matters but giving 100 percent and doing everything you can."

Anna Shelnett hit a sixth-inning solo home run and Meghan King threw a five-hit shutout to lift the Lady Noles over Washington in the first game of the championship series. Kennedy said the team was confident in its ability to win the national title after taking the first game in the best-of-three finals.

"It was very relieving because we haven't won a first game in the eliminations," she said. "... It was very relieving to know we beat this team once and we can come back out here and do it again."

But Florida State found itself behind once again in the second game before it even had a chance to bat. Washington took an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but King kept the Lady Huskies from scoring again.

Shelnett hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the first inning to cut into the deficit, and Elizabeth Mason hit the go-ahead two-run single in the second inning. The team added to its lead with another run in the second inning and three more in the fourth.

"I want to say once we were ahead 8-3 we pretty much knew we were going to win," Kennedy said. "Anything can happen and you have to keep playing until the last inning ... Once we got to that point though we had this."

All eight sessions at the Women's College World Series were sold out ahead of time, and an average crowd of 8511 attended each session, reported John McKelvey of CHNI Sports Oklahoma. The largest crowd of 9381 attended session 4, which featured Florida State topping Oregon and Oklahoma beating Florida, he wrote.

Players also signed autographs for fans in between games.

"It was amazing," Kennedy said of the atmosphere. "... It was crazy insane to see amount of people there that just love the game."

With one championship already to her name at the collegiate level, she hopes to continue the success as her career progresses.

"I'm just super glad I was able to accomplish my dream in my first year of college," Kennedy said. "Now that I have a taste of it I want to win it again. I hope to come out and work even harder and stay on top."

Save the date!

Alumni and friends, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 29 and the Taylor School reunion. A meet and greet starts at 5 p.m., followed by a 6 p.m. dinner at Eric and Sherrie Raulerson's barn north of Glen St. Mary.

The event is also a fund raiser for the Taylor School scholarship given to a Baker County High senior.

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0102- Represents the Block where the property is located.
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Ms. Volz said she would convey the commissioner's suggestion. Commissioner Bennett then asked her to relay another suggestion, as well, related to the inability of the county to negotiate easements needed to build the long-awaited Midpoint Parkway through Rayonier land east of Macclenny.

"I hope this message is relayed to the real estate division at Rayonier," he said. "This board tonight took action to work as partners with Rayonier. I expect the same thing in return from Rayonier as partners."

"So far, we have a development in this county that we've been working on for some time that provides opportunities for economic development, more specifically it's Midpoint Parkway. So far, we have not had a very good or positive response from Rayonier on working with us for the small amount of real estate that we need in order to build Midpoint Parkway. They're making us jump through hoops now in order for us to try to proceed."

As a final comment, he said the continued relationship with Rayonier as partners "has got to be more than one-sided."

Ms. Volz said changes in corporate leadership have occurred through retirements of people "who were very friendly to Baker County," and that she would relay the commissioner's comments to their successors.

In other business last week, commissioners:

- Awarded a contract to Little and Williams, a general contracting firm in Lake City, to complete the Phase IV repairs to the Baker County Historic Jail as part of a long-term restoration project.

The scope of work to be performed includes electrical upgrades, doorways and railings. The estimated project cost is \$45,000 and is funded through a \$50,000 state historic preservation grant. To date, \$4257 has been spent on architecture/engineering costs, leaving a balance of \$45,742.

- Awarded a \$33,600 contract to Jani-King of Jacksonville for janitorial maintenance services and supplies for the Baker County courthouse and public defender's office. Previously, janitorial services were done by county employees.

However, after the resignation of janitorial staff the decision was made to outsource the services, said County Manager Kennie Downing, noting that the contract with Jani-King will be for one year with two annual extensions.

- Awarded contracts to Duval Asphalt Products, Inc. totaling \$98,873 for the resurfacing of Ray Phillips Road, George Hodges Road and Wolfe Drive. However, the county will pay only for Ray Phillips and George Hodges roads because the Wolfe Drive project cost of \$22,470 will be funded by Baker & Lee Properties Inc.

- Approved the appointment of Alicia Lamborn as the county's new county extension director at the agricultural center following her service as an acting director for the past year. Her \$71,000 salary will be shared by the county (\$28,400) and the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Science (\$42,600).

Inmate: Murder for hire

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cousin as the potential hit man. Mr. Griffin agreed to pay \$750 for the contract.

The investigation's final phase consisted of setting up a "video visitation" on May 24 with another man posing as the cousin, and the suspect was overheard saying "It's a go," but declined to name who he wanted killed or make specific payment arrangements, fearing the conversation was being monitored.

The detective took the results of his investigation to the state attorney's office and on June 7 was given the OK to make the arrest.

Det. Simpkins also noted that during the various phases of the investigation he kept the Eighth Judicial Circuit's security office apprised of the threats.

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Saturday
Scattered T-storms
High: 88 Low: 73

Sunday
Isolated T-storms
High: 89 Low: 74

Monday
Isolated T-storms
High: 91 Low: 76

Tuesday
Sunny
High: 94 Low: 79

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 102 Low: 75

Today's High & Low Temperatures

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tue, 6/5	86	64	89/65	0.00"
Wed, 6/6	79	70	89/65	0.01"
Thu, 6/7	88	66	89/66	0.00"
Fri, 6/8	90	66	89/66	0.00"
Sat, 6/9	90	68	89/66	0.02"
Sun, 6/10	88	68	89/66	0.01"
Mon, 6/11	86	66	89/66	0.00"

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	6:26 a.m.	8:31 p.m.
Friday	6:26 a.m.	8:31 p.m.
Saturday	6:26 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
Sunday	6:26 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
Monday	6:26 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
Tuesday	6:26 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
Wednesday	6:27 a.m.	8:33 p.m.

St. Mary's River Levels

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	7.13 ft.	-0.51 ft.
Macclenny	6.62 ft.	-0.40 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	AM Peak Times	PM Peak Times
Thu	12:54-2:54	1:26-3:26
Fri	1:57-3:57	2:29-4:29
Sat	3:00-5:00	3:30-5:30
Sun	4:00-6:00	4:28-6:28
Mon	4:56-6:56	5:23-7:23
Tue	5:49-7:49	6:14-8:14
Wed	6:38-8:38	7:02-9:02

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Consultant hired to lead planning department

**MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF**

A land planning and development consultant in Jacksonville started work this week as Baker County's acting community development director on a part-time basis following the county commission's approval at the county manager's request last week.

Susan L. Fraser, who held similar permanent positions for many years in Clay County during that county's tremendous growth boom in the 1980s and 1990s, began her new job Monday eager to get started.

"I look forward to it," said Ms. Fraser, president of SLF Consulting, Inc., Monday afternoon. "It's a great first day. The drive out I-10 wasn't bad."

In a letter to County Manager Kennie Downing on June 4, in which she offered her services as acting community development director, Ms. Fraser touted a career spanning more than 30 years including chief planner and planning director for Clay County from 1989-1999, senior planning manager for a national transportation planning firm and, for the past 15 years, representing private clients for development of property ranging from 8,000 acres to less than one acre.

"I have experience in the review of site plans and application of local government land development regulations as a local government staff person and as a private developer consultant," she said in the letter. "My understanding of site planning is built on 25 years of experience as a landscape architect, local government positions and my current role representing private clients."

Her work as a landscape architect, Ms. Fraser said, has enabled her to "work with applicants to determine appropriate modifications to submitted plans to meet the code or minimize the scope of requests for an exception."

In addition to an impressive resume, Ms. Fraser was endorsed at the June 5 commission meeting by county attorney Rich Komando, whose law partners in Clay County have known Ms. Fraser for many years dating back to her time running the planning and zoning department in that county and her involvement in numerous large-scale developments of regional impact.

Commissioners authorized the county manager to hire Ms. Fraser on June 5 until a permanent director can be found to replace former community development director Chris Milton, who resigned last month to take a job in the private sec-

tor. The first job postings for the vacancy attracted three applicants, two of whom withdrew from the running and left only one candidate to be interviewed on May 21. Ms. Downing was granted additional time to advertise the opening in a broader

I think that there are opportunities for me to share some of those experiences that Clay County went through.

-Consultant Susan L. Fraser

search in an effort to reach a greater number of candidates, a process that she estimated could take several months.

"We need to move forward with finding a permanent director as soon as we can," said Commissioner James Bennett after moving for the approval of the county manager's request.

Ms. Fraser will work two eight-hour days per week at a rate of \$100 an hour, which will include travel time to and from Baker County. Although she will not charge for mileage during her commutes on work days, Ms. Fraser said she will bill the county for traveling 54 miles

to attend Land Planning Agency meetings or county commission meetings at a rate of \$29.43 per trip.

On Monday afternoon Ms. Fraser said her experience in Clay County, during an era of bustling change that transformed former agricultural land into shopping centers, residential subdivisions and industrial parks, should prove helpful as she begins the new task of reviewing zoning requests and applications for new developments in Baker.

"I think that there are opportunities for me to share some of those experiences that Clay County went through," she said.

She said she anticipates looking through the entire Baker County zoning code, which she started reading Monday, to see if there are any changes she may want to recommend similar to improvements she helped direct in Clay County's planning and zoning regulations as that county struggled to keep up with growing pains.

She also served as consultant planner for the Town of Orange Park for two years and filled a similar role for the City of Keystone Heights for more than a decade, during which she said she had "worked with senior staff and the administration of each (municipality) to recommend amendments to

comprehensive plan policies and land development regulations to match the goals of these local governments."

Right now, though, she's just learning her way around Baker County's community development department and getting introduced to coworkers and office policies and procedures.

"I'm just getting my feet wet," she said Monday. "The goal is to kind of keep the paper (zoning applications and ongoing revisions to land development regulations) moving."

So far, Ms. Fraser said, she's been impressed.

"Everything I've seen looks great," she said. "The record keeping is wonderful. I expect to be here Wednesday (June 13) to begin looking at applications."

Ms. Fraser said she'll probably introduce herself to the county commission at the June 19 board meeting, just two days before her first appearance as acting director at a tentatively scheduled June 21 meeting of the county's Land Planning Agency (LPA), a citizen advisory panel that reviews land development and zoning applications.

In her letter to the county manager Ms. Fraser offered to immediately be-

gin reviewing applications pending before the LPA so that she can present findings and recommendations at its monthly meetings and before the county commission in zoning hearings at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

THINGS TO DO

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Heritage Park Village, Lower St.

The Baker Prevention Coalition's Summer Movie Series at Heritage Park starts with the original Star Wars film, "New Hope," on June 22. Gates at 7 p.m. with the movie at 8:30 p.m. "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi" will be July 13 and July 27, respectively.

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BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Video surveillance coming to BCHS

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When students return to the Baker County High School in August they'll be under the watchful eye of a roughly \$33,000 video surveillance system.

The school board approved Macclenny-based SETEL's bid to install and maintain the system on June 4 at the recommendation of Wayne Howell, the school district's network specialist.

SETEL was the only bidder to respond to the request for proposals (RFP) issued in April for the surveillance system. It will include cameras connected to a network that can record and store up to 192 terabytes of video.

The company also pledged to respond service calls within 15 minutes during normal business hours and within 30 minutes after hours. Its technicians are on call 24/7. The surveillance system has a three-year warranty on the equipment and installation.

The school board also awarded SETEL three other contracts for Internet service, phone and eight fiber-optic line connections, two per school.

It beat out Macclenny-based NEFCOM on two of the contracts and NEFCOM's bid on the third, for internet access, was disqualified because the firm didn't attend a pre-bid meeting, said Mr. Howell early this week.

SETEL bid was \$2088 per month for 1.5 gigabytes of internet bandwidth, up from 300 megabytes, the capacity needed to meet the state-mandated 100 kilobytes per second per student requirement.

The monthly cost, however, is eligible for a deep discount through a federal program that covers 90 percent of the cost. The eligibility stems from the county's high poverty rate.

The company also won the bid for telephone service at \$755 per month and the fiber connections at \$238 per month. NEFCOM bid \$479 per month for the latter contract, plus some

\$22,000 for line installation or \$999 per month for two years, Mr. Howell said.

NEFCOM's bid for the telephone contract was also much higher than SETEL's bid at \$2400 a month, according to Mr. Howell, plus an installation cost of \$1949.

In other business last week, the school board approved two new positions and associated job descriptions — one for mental health counselor and mental health case manager.

The latter personnel will coordinate both community-based and school-based mental health services for identified students while the former will provide the services and assist other faculty, the job descriptions show.

The case manager job requires a bachelor's degree and a minimum of one year of experience while the counselor position requires a valid certificate and a minimum of three years of experience.

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GLEN TOWN COUNCIL

Semi-support for fire assessment hike

End to Glen's waiver on fees

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

After being exempt from paying a yearly assessment for county fire protection for three decades, Glen St. Mary residents soon may have to factor in the added expense in their household budgets.

If the town council agrees to participate in the county's annual fire assessment, currently \$30.50 but soon expected to jump to about \$77 on residential parcels, the new fee would be included on 2019 tax bills to help fund future upgrades in the all-volunteer Baker County Fire Department, including the addition of professional firefighters and new stations in Sanderson, Glen St. Mary and Cuyler.

During a June 7 workshop meeting four council members met with County Manager Kennie Downing to discuss the assessment proposal and at least two of them were supportive as the measure heads for a vote at the next regular council meeting on June 19.

"I commend the county on what they've been doing," said Mayor Juanice Padgett referring to a citizen-led Fire-EMS Vision Committee's call for higher assessments to fund a 10-year plan for improvements, including new trucks and merging the now separate fire and emergency medical services programs and relying on volunteers to supplement paid, full-time firefighters for the first time.

The vision plan calls for increasing the fire department budget from about \$216,000 currently to nearly \$762,000 next year to build a new fire-EMS station in Sanderson and hire two firefighter/paramedics to staff it, buy new equipment and hire a new chief to oversee the combined departments after EMS Director David Richardson retires in May, 2019.

"The biggest jump will be in the first year," said Ms. Downing, pointing to projected increases in residential fire assessment rates up to nearly \$108 a year by 2023. Rates for non-residential structures will continue to be based on square footage and will increase significantly starting next year.

The county manager said years ago the fire department had plenty of volunteers but the numbers have "dwindled from about 100 people down to about 20," mainly due to increased firefighter training requirements that have

put increasingly demanding burdens on volunteers.

Not only that, she said, but county fire stations today are too small to even house modern fire trucks in indoor bays.

The revised fee structure for assessments was prepared by consultants based on a computer model using "calls for service methodology" that has been upheld by the Florida Supreme Court as legally valid charges, the

tants say it's time Glen St. Mary starts paying its fair share of the cost.

Council member Dickie Foster was the only board member to voice strenuous objections to paying the assessment, which he said he felt was "being forced down our throats."

He said many residents in Glen St. Mary, already facing the prospect of higher sewer rates, are elderly and on fixed incomes and could not

leave the town with only one immediate choice.

"So, our option is to opt in or opt out," the mayor said of the fire assessment proposal. "I'll have it on the (June 19) agenda."

County commissioners have elected to maintain all existing fee exemptions for government-owned properties, vacant agricultural properties, churches and tax-exempt nonprofits and charitable organizations. Also, fee discounts will be continued for senior citizens, those on disability, hunt camps and the indigent.

Consultants have told the county that projected rates, which were based on current population data, would be lower as the county grows and the total amount of assessments increases, thus bringing down the rate that all property owners pay.

"...a big tax increase. They're going to raise cain."

—Glen councilman Dickie Foster
predicting reaction from low-income residents

county manager told the town council.

"All this analysis is legally defensible, based on a logical, legal and reasonable formula," Ms. Downing said during her presentation.

She further stated that if the town council chose not to adopt a resolution passing on the assessments to property owners some other form of payment would have to be made to the county for continued fire protection.

"The county's probably going to charge Glen St. Mary anyway. Somehow, that's going to have to be paid," the county manager said, estimating the assessment impact on the town probably would be "around \$70,000" a year.

Glen St. Mary was exempt from assessments when they were enacted by the county commission in 1987 because the town provided a fire station, built with prison inmate labor, and a fire truck.

But after 31 years without paying a dime to help fund the county fire department the Fire-EMS Vision Committee and county consul-

afford "another \$77 big tax increase. They're going to raise cain."

"But this fire department needs to be upgraded," interjected the mayor, adding moments later that "poor people in the county have been paying the assessment for years and the town of Glen St. Mary has gotten a pass."

Lending support to the county's position was council member Amanda Hodges, who believes all citizens will benefit from a better equipped and staffed fire department.

"If our citizens are not chipping in every year they're going to have to pay one way or another," she said. "I think everybody needs fire service and they need to know that's something you pay for."

Although Mayor Padgett said she had informally talked with Macclenny officials about what it would take to get the city to provide fire and rescue service in Glen St. Mary no effort has been made to formalize any such arrangement, which like-

Sewer project stalled in Glen

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

One of two matters on the workshop agenda of the Glen St. Mary Town Council on June 7 was the expansion of the town's sewer system north from U.S. 90, which has been stalled by the discovery of an underground fiber optic cable in the path where town engineers had planned to have sewer pipes placed.

Council members agreed that they wanted the project to proceed, though it will exceed its \$1.1 million budget due to engineering modifications and for the town to pay a contractor that incurred expenses before the work was temporarily halted.

Florida Infrastructure Inc. of Callahan submitted the winning bid of \$1,086,288 in December and began mobilizing equipment and workers soon after being given a notice to proceed in April. Before any new pipes were installed, however, the cable was discovered blocking the right-of-way in one area.

The contractor has submitted a claim seeking reimbursement of around \$75,000 in mobilization costs, a figure the town has, thus far, declined to pay.

"We don't think that number is reasonable," said town engineer Tim Norman of Mittauer & Associates, Inc. "We're still discussing what those costs should be. I'm waiting to hear back from them (contractor)."

He said starting over and rebidding the project would not be feasible because prices likely would be higher on new bids, adding: "We're trying to get the best deal we can for the town."

The sewer expansion project, which will add dozens of new customers to the Glen St. Mary utility system, originally began with \$1.1 million in state grant funds. But Mayor Juanice Padgett said tentative costs are "already \$140,000 over the grant," excluding what the town may end up paying to the contractor in additional expenses.

Woman jailed for boyfriend battery

JON SHUMAKE

Police arrested a Macclenny woman in the early hours of June 6 for domestic battery after she admitted to slapping and kneeling her boyfriend, with whom she has a child in common.

Deputy John Murphy noticed a pan and several household items were scattered in front of 20-year-old Marlena Coleman's residence upon his arrival about 1:30 a.m. He told her he was there because someone called police in reference to her and James Honeycutt, 20, of Jacksonville being involved in a disturbance.

Ms. Coleman initially denied the altercation took place at her residence and that Mr. Honeycutt was present, but then admitted she was lying. She said she and Mr. Honeycutt were arguing because he told her she was a bad mother. She said "freaked out," according to Deputy Murphy, before she slapped him and struck him in the head with her knee.

Mr. Honeycutt, who was jailed on May 24 for allegedly shoving Ms. Coleman onto a couch and biting her arm, denied being struck.

In a previously unreported case of child neglect, the state attorney's office filed two felony counts against Cheri Lynn Wells, 38, of Glen St. Mary last week for abandoning her two children at Tiny Tots Day Care on April 27.

The Florida Department of Children and Families placed the children with the day care owner and attempted to reach Ms. Wells by phone to no avail.

Three days later the sheriff's office sought a warrant for her arrest for child neglect after further attempts to reach her by phone failed and she didn't pick up the children from daycare.

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COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD

Parvo-infected dogs adopted out

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A month after Sixth Street Veterinary Hospital owner Dr. Michal Anne Harris called for a better vaccination program at county animal control, puppies from the department adopted at a local business were found to be infected with the common and highly-contagious parvovirus.

Late last month Crooked Rooster Brewery owner Sarah Sheppard informed the county's Animal Advisory Committee the new owners of the puppies had to spend hundreds of dollars to treat the virus, which is life-threatening to dogs, and she spent \$240 to decontaminate the brewpub for its regular canine social.

Animal control director Georgia Monfort, who serves on the advisory panel with county manager Kennie Downing and Dr. Harris, explained that puppies need four parvovirus vaccines, each administered two weeks apart during an eight-week period.

Dr. Harris added that even puppies vaccinated can contract the virus, it's just much less likely. She said after two vaccines the odds of infection are greatly reduced.

The infected puppies at the brewery were also at the Dog Days of Baker Festival earlier in the day, Ms. Sheppard noted, so they may have been infected by other dogs at the festival. She suggested the county increase its adoption fee, however, to fund a more robust vaccination program at animal control.

Dr. Harris pointed out that it's often dog owners who infect puppies with the virus simply by walking around outdoors.

The matter surfaced May 22 during the committee's continued discussion on goals for the department in the coming years, including achieving a 55 percent live release rate — or reducing



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2018-19:

- Apply for grants
- 4 Petsmart adoption events
- Buy software
- Post live release rate on website
- Consult with shelter medicine expert on shelter plan

2019-20:

- Increase live release rate 5%
- Fully vaccinate animals prior to adoption
- Microchip all dogs and cats
- Increase in adoption fee as needed to cover costs

2020-21:

- Increase live release rate 5%
- Examine weekend adoptions
- Recruit volunteers to help

the euthanization rate to 45 percent — from the 2017 rate of about 50 percent by 2019.

"Animal control needs goals to make it a better place for animals to go and to help the people who work there. I'm all for helping the animals," said Ms. Sheppard. "I think though on your goals I would like to see an increase in the adoption fee and move that year-two goal up to year one.

"A lot of pets are leaving there with diseases and if we start that now ... We can afford to get them parvo shots or whatever they need to make them healthier."

Dr. Harris recommended contacting animal shelter medicine experts at the University of Florida to help estimate the cost of a comprehensive vaccination and intake program. She pledged to reach out to the university and report back this month.

"Right now [animal control] has no budget at all to purchase any drugs. I donate as many as I can when we have a litter we really want to save ...," said the vet.

"To do the disease pre-

vention that we all want desperately so that nothing develops parvo after it gets adopted ... it's a lot. It's probably in labor and medication \$65 to \$75 per pet, not including the stuff we already do. And that's probably a low ball."

Dr. Harris said the planning and implementation of a comprehensive vaccination protocol, which would likely take approval from county commissioners, would likely take a year or more to accomplish.

She said all animals that come through her facility are vaccinated, but the vaccines alone cost about \$85,000 per year. She estimated a "realistic" first-year budget for vaccinations by animal control would be \$50,000.

"But where are you going to get it from? That's the problem I think of putting these things in year one," said Dr. Harris.

Both she and committee member Cathy Hooper also cited the need for a quarantine area for the animal shelter on Steel Bridge Road to prevent the spread of disease

among animals there.

Dr. Harris said among cats in particular upper respiratory infections are very problematic. She called the infections "the bane of every shelter's existence."

"And that's all about how a shelter is set up ..." said the vet.

The panel continued the discussion on disease control among horses in the county as well, noting that mosquito-borne illnesses like eastern equine encephalitis can be deadly to unvaccinated horses.

Ms. Downing explained that the county, unlike the City of Macclenny, doesn't routinely spray for mosquitoes due to scarce funding and fears that honeybees could be killed in the process.

However, she said, the county does have a limited amount of funding from the state to spray properties as the request of owners.

"If you have an excessive amount of mosquitoes and you live in the county, we do have a little bit of funding to send our service company to come and spray your property," she said.

There are also tablets the county distributes to kill mosquitoes in standing bodies of water like horse troughs.

In other recent animal control news, a pet adoption event at Pet Smart in Clay County adopted out six of seven animals from county animal control.

The final dog was fostered by one of the event volunteers.

Eleven cats from Baker County were also adopted.

The next Pet Smart adoption will be in two months.

The next advisory committee meeting will be June 26 at 7 p.m.

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RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Park work day planned for June 30 by RAB members

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Later this month the public is encouraged to participate in a community park cleanup and work day in conjunction with the county's Recreation Advisory Board.

The cleanups will take place on June 30 at 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will meet at the county administration building and then fan out to county parks in Olustee, Cuyler, Margaretta, Taylor and elsewhere, depending on how many participants show up.

Repair work in Margaretta, for example, will include repainting the basketball court lines, repairing cracks in the court and new rims as well as park bench repairs.

New swings are also being sought for the parks in Margaretta and Cuyler, including toddler swings.

The county is funding the materials for repairs and will provide gloves, trash bags and the like for cleanup work to occur simultaneously with the repairs.

Additional county park work days are planned for August 4 before school starts back up and in the fall.

Plans for the work days and last weekend's free soccer clinic (see related coverage on page X) were finalized during the June 7 meeting of the county's Recreation Advisory Board.

That's also when the board was excited to learn county commissioners approved funding for a few upgrades at St. Marys Shoals Park in the coming fiscal year.

County Manager Kennie Downing announced last week that county commissioners approved building bathrooms with showers and an ATV washing station at Shoals Park using current-year funding.

She said county staff is hoping to do as much work on the improvements as possible with help from inmate labor.

Funding is also set up for the coming fiscal year for a recreational vehicle pad at Shoals Park, which will hopefully be occupied by park host to help provide enhanced security at the sprawling 2400-plus-acre park north of Glen St. Mary.

Once that happens, said Ms. Downing, the county can start offering primitive campsite rentals at Shoals.

Other upgrades requested by the advisory board included a canoe launch that the county manager could come in later years.

"That's very exciting. It's a good start," said Ron Lee of the recreation panel.

Helping to fund the new park additions is more than \$13,000 in entry fee revenues collected this year, including \$1250 on the first weekend in June, a record haul, said Ms. Downing.

The current recreation department budget is about \$193,000, but due to the splitting of a maintenance position between that department and recreation, the requested funding for 2018-19 fell to about \$173,000, explained the county manager.

Timber harvesting at the park is expected to net about \$50,000 after paying for consultants, contractors and replanting, which Ms. Kennie admitted was not much for Shoals Park's future needs.

She hopes the timber revenue will be supplemented by entry and camping fees in the future to begin to build a matching fund for recreation grants. Money raised from park operations can only be spent on park improvements.

"We need to start a fund for grant matching," Ms. Downing said. "Right now we're barely breaking even with what we can do ..."

Still, county officials expect usage of the park will continue to pick up throughout the summer and into the future.

The next meeting of the county recreation board is July 12 at 6 p.m.

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

In 2017 the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are no sources of contamination identified for this system. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp

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

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

The City of Macclenny routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2017. Data obtained before January 1, 2017, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

City of Macclenny

**Results in the Level Detected column for radiological contaminants, inorganic contaminants, synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides, and volatile organic contaminants are the highest average at any of the sampling points or the highest detected level at any sampling point, depending on the sampling frequency.

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants							
Barium (ppm)	9/2017	N	0.014	0.011 to 0.014	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	9/2017	N	0.51	0.30-0.51	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive that promotes strong teeth when at optimum levels between 0.7 and 1.3 ppm
Sodium (ppm)	9/2017	N	14	7.8-14	NA	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Lead (point of entry) (ppb)	9/2017	N	1	ND-1	0	15	Residue from man-made pollution such as auto emissions and paint; lead pipe, casing and solder

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	01 - 12/2017	N	1.05	0.20-1.9	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	09/2017	N	6.18	NA	NA	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
THM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	09/2017	N	24.87	NA	NA	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper (Tap Water)

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90 th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (Tap Water) (ppm)	9/2015	N	0.13	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	9/2015	N	0.0012	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

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

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

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

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

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

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

Biker who shoved officials gets DUI

A southwest Florida motorcyclist was taken to jail the night of June 10 charged with DUI and battery on a county fireman and an EMT who responded to the scene of his accident near the intersection of SR 228 and Deerfield Circle south of Macclenny.

Deputy John Murphy said he and Sgt. Ben Anderson witnessed Jeremiah Giddens, 37, of Lithia, FL shove James Colbert, 30, and rescue worker Michael Whitehead, 27, to the ground near a wood line after they located him walking about a quarter mile south of the crash scene. They had approached him inquiring whether he needed medical attention.

As they were detaining him, the officers noted a strong odor of alcohol.

Mr. Giddens was booked for battery on an officer, a felony, and by the Florida Highway Patrol with operating the motorcycle while drunk.

In another incident, this one involving gunfire, late the previous evening, a north county man was arrested for discharging a firearm while intoxicated and resisting arrest following a disturbance at his residence on Register Road near the intersection with Turner Cemetery Road.

Deputy Justin Yingling said he responded to the area after a report of shots fired, and encountered Mark Scarborough Jr., 23, of Jacksonville shirtless, covered with dirt and walking on the road.

He said he had gone to the residence of Chris Raulerson Jr., 38, asking for a lighter, and was confronted by him and Brandon Jones, 27, of Jacksonville wanting to fight.

Mr. Scarborough said he heard the word "gun" and ran prior to what he believed was a shotgun blast.

Deputy Yingling and other officers approached the residence with weapons drawn. Initially the two occupants did not respond to demands to exit with their hands up.

Mr. Raulerson did so after a time and after some resistance complied with the demand, as did Mr. Jones.

Sgt. Anderson inventoried firearms found in the residence, including four rifles, a shotgun and pistol. Mr. Jones was also charged with resisting.

Police arrested two occupants of a disabled vehicle for fighting in the pre-dawn hours of June 9 in downtown Glen St. Mary.

Deputy John Taylor said he arrived at the scene about 5 a.m. near U.S. 90 and CR 125 and found Montage Branch, 25, partially outside the vehicle being restrained by James Branch, 45, holding him by the leg.

The two said they were fighting because their vehicle broke down. The younger Mr. Branch had two pistols inside and a concealed weapons permit.



Jeremiah Giddens

CIRCUIT COURT**Burglar, arsonist gets 7 more years in prison for VOP**

A convicted burglar and arsonist was sentenced on June 5 to seven more years in prison for violating probation.

James Lamphier, 33, of Jacksonville failed a drug test, possessed a BB gun

In non-prison sentences:

- Dennis Germaine, possession of prescription drugs and paraphernalia; 84 days in jail, two-year probation, community service.
- Jason O'Dell Davis, introduction of contraband into county jail; 141 days in jail.
- Darrell Henderson II, failure to register change of address as a sex offender; 105 days in jail, two-year probation, community service, ankle monitor.
- Robert Porterfield Jr., possession of prescription drugs and paraphernalia; 77 days in jail, community service, drug and alcohol evaluation.
- Bambi Willis, grand theft; 14 days in jail, three-year drug offender probation, drug and alcohol evaluation, community service.
- Rickie Mashburn, VOP (violation of probation) possession of prescription drugs and paraphernalia, fighting; 78 days in jail, 18-month drug offender probation.
- Alexander Pellum, VOP petty theft; one year in jail.

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James Lamphier

and failed to pay restitution to the victim in the 2008 case where he set fire to a residence off Woodlawn Cemetery Road and stole several firearms.

Judge James Colaw gave him a dozen years but allowed credit for seven years he was in prison on the original sentence.

In other cases that day resulting in prison terms, the judge ordered Garrett Simmons, 33, of Macclenny to serve 18 months for violating probation on a 2015 case of possessing prescription drugs. The violation was due to an arrest in May for possession of a smoking pipe with meth residue.

Haley Davis, 23, of Sanderson was given 16 months in prison for violating probation for grand theft in 2017 by having four baggies of meth inside county jail in April.

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Mental health care on demand

Therapy where you are in July

JOEL ADDINGTON
MANAGING EDITOR

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Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, the state-designated mental healthcare provider for Baker County, will soon start offering telehealth services to clients at any time from any place with an internet connection.

The launch of the Gainesville-based nonprofit organization's first telehealth services comes following a partnership with TAO Connect, a St. Petersburg, FL-based digital health company aimed at making mental health therapy "more accessible, efficient, and effective," a press release on the collaboration reads.

TAO founder and its chief science officer Dr. Sherry Benton said she hopes the Meridian partnership will expand mental health services in the region by making them available on demand.

Through TAO's website and mobile app, those afflicted by depression, anxiety, stress, addiction and other mental health disorders can learn about their conditions and be taught self-help exercises, like meditation, which can be repeated between one-on-one video or phone calls sessions with therapists.

"TAO Connect supplements in-person therapy sessions by utilizing a method called low intensity-high engagement therapy. This process functions through online and mobile educational modules and practice tools with short phone conversations or video conferences with a therapist," the press release states.

"If you use different exercises at different times, depending on how you're feeling, [TAO] will sort of graph which one seemed to work the best for you and which ones were not as effective," explained Dr. Benton.

COUNTY COURT

Dispositions from June 6th

The following case dispositions were ordered by Judge Joey Williams during regular county court session on June 6:

- Candice Bryant, possession of a schedule V controlled substance and paraphernalia; 78 days in jail, 12-month probation, parenting class, attend group addiction meetings, obtain GED, Give Back to Baker (GGB) community service.
- Billy Burnham, resisting arrest, possession of



TAO
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What is TAO Connect?

TAO Connect supplements in-person therapy sessions by utilizing a method called low intensity-high engagement therapy. This process functions through online and mobile educational modules and practice tools with short phone conversations or video conferences with a therapist. It's used at more than 75 universities in the US, Canada and the Caribbean.

The telehealth services won't replace existing treatment methodologies at Meridian, but rather supplement them.

Dr. Benton said testing TAO in recent years has shown it to be as effective or more so than the classic therapy model, essentially meeting with a psychologist in person for an hour a week.

"With any of these [telehealth] models you can see sometimes three or four times as many patients," she said.

Particularly for Baker County — which has few mental health providers to serve the community — telehealth options eliminate any difficulties patients may have in traveling to Lake City, Jacksonville or Gainesville for care.

"It will be a lot more convenient for people," said Carli McLean, Meridian's senior vice president of clinical programs and business development. "They don't have to take a lot of time traveling to a clinic, they'll be able to get those services very conveniently."

Dr. Benton, a trained psychologist, has spent 30 years in mental health as a clinician, researcher and administrator, and says, "one of the constant problems in mental health is we don't have enough resources to remotely meet the need."

The federal government estimates there are more than 100 million people in the country living in areas with too few mental health

care providers, including Baker County.

"... I experienced this firsthand working in the field as a university counseling center director and we constantly had more people who needed help than we could possibly accommodate," said the doctor. "And if you put students on a waiting list for five weeks, they're going to lose their semester and it can affect their entire future..."

TAO, which launched commercially in 2015 after being tested for two years in multiple settings, has contracts with providers in the U.S. and Canada with plans to expand to Australia.

The company and Meridian did not disclose the price of the Meridian contract by press time, though Dr. Benton estimated it was about \$100 per client per month.

The partnership with Meridian began a few months ago and clients could have access to TAO Connect starting next month, said Ms. McLean of Meridian.

"What we really liked was the evidence-based nature of the modules that TAO uses and the approach it takes and the way that it integrates with the in-person therapy," she said.

Currently, walk-in clients at Meridian offices can access therapists located in a different facility via conference call or video. The partnership with TAO, however, will allow patients the same access from home or work.

"This is going to be our

drug paraphernalia; failed to appear, warrant issued.

• Brandon Crawford, resisting arrest, driving on a suspended license (DWLS); 23 days in jail.

• Renetta Givens, no valid driver's license; failed to appear, warrant issued.

• David Jennings, assault, domestic battery, criminal mischief; 24 days in jail, 12-month probation, \$300 restitution, batterer's intervention and parenting classes, obtain GED.

• Martin Lagunes, no valid driver's license; court costs and \$500 fine.

• Franklin Thornton, petty theft; failed to appear, warrant issued.

• Kyle Wilkerson, petty theft; failed to appear, warrant issued.

• Jeffery Woods, resisting arrest; two days in jail, attend group addiction meetings, GBB, parenting class, 25 hours community service, \$200 fine.

Speeding stop results in a DUI

JON SHUMAKE

A Sanderson man was arrested the night of June 6 for drunk driving after he was stopped for traveling at a high rate of speed on U.S. 90 near Smokey Road.

Deputy Timothy Griffin noted he smelled "an overwhelming odor" of alcohol coming from driver Zachary Johns, 28, during the stop that occurred about 10:10 p.m., according to Trooper K. Robinson's report. Mr. Johns spoke with slurred speech and admitted to drinking several alcoholic beverages before being stopped.

Trooper Robinson reported the suspect had bloodshot and watery eyes and a flushed face in addition to the other signs of impairment. Mr. Johns was unsteady on his feet after exiting his vehicle and had a noticeable sway as he walked to the trooper's vehicle, according to the report.

After performing poorly on a field sobriety test, Mr. Johns was taken to county jail where he gave a breath sample of .212, more than twice the legal limit, on the first sample. He failed to meet the volume of breath needed to collect a sample on the second attempt, and refused to provide a third sample.

In other arrests:

• Cleveland Mann, 27, of Glen St. Mary was arrested the evening of June 7 for felony driving on a suspended license on a third or subsequent offense.

Detectives were conducting a narcotics investigation in the parking of the Circle K Food Store on Sixth Street when they made a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Mr. Mann that was attempting to leave the parking lot.

• Later the same night, Levy Johns Jr., 22, of St. George, GA was jailed for driving on a license with five suspensions after he was stopped by Sgt. Patrick McGauley for traveling with no tag and an inoperable tail light on CR 23B.

• Mark Crews, 36, of Glen St. Mary was taken to county jail the night of June 4 on a Charlton County warrant for failing to appear in court on a traffic offense after Deputy John Mallard responded to the Waffle House on Sixth Street in reference to a suspicious person.

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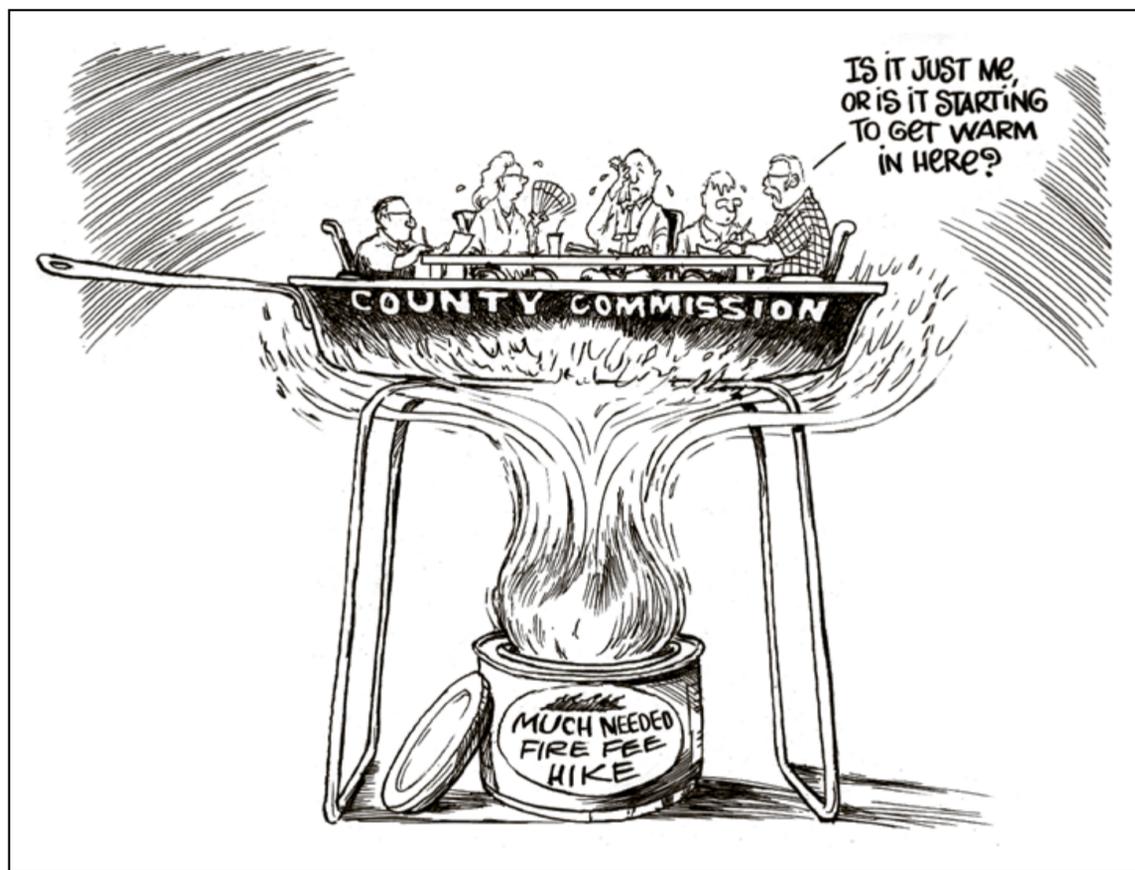
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OPINION



Hacks new and old that make life a little easier

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

Every now and then I get in a bind trying to do something simple at work or around the house and I think, there's got to be an easier way. Some time ago people came up lists of ways to get around simple problems using what they called "Life Hacks."

The term is a good one. You're using something to hack through or hack into a problem and solve it. Here are a few I've run into that might save you some time and effort. The first set are forgotten life hacks from 100 years ago.

Have some copper pans you want to polish but you don't have copper polish? Go into the cabinet and grab some ketchup. It works really well. Just be sure to wash it off when you're done.

If you're still in a polishing mood and want to move to the silver but don't have any silver polish, toothpaste works just fine. And it leaves a nice minty smell.

Got some burned on crud on the bottom of a pan? Here's a simple tip from simpler times. Cover it with water and a little dish soap. Let it soak a bit and then heat it on low and use a spatula to scrape it up.

Troubled by gnats? Dish soap in sugar water lures them in and they can't get out.

Dish soap and mineral water or tonic water is a great way to clean gold jewelry. Just let it sit for five or 10 minutes.

Battery won't turn over. Clean the cables with a little Coca Cola. It helps cut through the dried on battery acid.

If you don't like the idea of killing weeks with toxic insecticides try boiling water with a tablespoon of salt mixed in. Works pretty well and pretty quickly.

Got a big spider that you're afraid to swat and there's no bug spray? Try hairspray. The varmint will fall right out of the web and you can stomp on him.

Here's something that every mom has had to deal with at one time or another – chewing gum in the hair or on a favorite shirt. The solution 50-100 years ago – peanut butter. Something about peanut butter that helps remove gum.

If you hate getting dust all over everything when you clean fan blades, here's a solution. Use an old pillowcase. Encase the blade in the pillowcase and all the dust will stay there and not on you, the carpet or the furniture.

Here are a few of my favorite newer hacks.

When ironing a button-up shirt, turn the shirt inside out. It will make it so much easier than trying to iron in between buttons.

Put a dryer sheet in the part of your luggage where you'll stick your dirty clothes.

To avoid a lot of mess at breakfast but your pancake batter in a squeeze container like an old ketchup bottle.

If you have two similar looking keys, paint the top of one with nail polish.

Instead of shoving all your cleaning supplies under the sink to spill or disappear, buy a plastic hanging shoe bag and store them in the pockets. Hang it up in the laundry room.

Hate those stinking blister packs like I do? Use a can opener or sharp pizza cutter to get them open.

Add a teaspoon of baking soda to the water when you boil eggs and the shell will come off much easier.

Cut the bottom off a cupcake and put it on top of the icing to have a cupcake sandwich.

Shove a popsicle stick through a cupcake holder to avoid a sticky mess.

Got yucky residue on your shower head? Pour vinegar in a plastic bag and tie it tightly around the shower head over night and it will remove the yuck with no work from you.

Grab a pair of grill tongs the next time you make lemonade and slide the lemon all the way up the inside of the tong and squeeze from the other end. No sticky lemon juice on your hands.

Stick a nail through a wine cork and pull it out with a hammer if you don't have a corkscrew. A screw also works with the hammer.

Toothpaste will clear up hazy plastic headlight covers in a jiffy.

There you have it. Making your life easier one column at a time.

Leads pack for 'Bonehead' award

Everyone loves to read about people who do dumb things to get themselves caught breaking the law. Not that they necessarily intend the outcome but, well, they're just dumb, or simply having a "dumb" day, to be kind.

A simple Google search reveals endless examples of this behavior, and they make good reading because there's humor in all of them. The essence of humor, after all, is irony mixed with varying degrees of the truth.

Like the man in Citrus County who used his "wanted poster" photo on his

Facebook page.

Or the Kentucky woman who took her son to a "Shop with a Cop" event, then was caught shoplifting – in the same store while the event was ongoing. Guess she thought the cops were busy elsewhere.

Then there's the "fake" cop who pulled off a traffic stop – on a real cop in Virginia.

And then there's the crack addict who enlisted a policeman's help in getting her money back for "bad" crack.

Well, 2018 is half over with plenty of time remaining, but so far a young Macclenny man is out of the gate far in front of any competition in the Bonehead Sweepstakes this year.

That would be Keshawn Griffin, arrested last week

for allegedly revealing to at least two other inmates his plan to put out a hit on Circuit Judge James Colaw. Based on the BCSO detective's narrative of the investigation leading up to the arrest, Mr. Griffin added and subtracted a few others he also planned in the "kill for hire" scheme, though he seemed a bit unsure on the price that ranged from a high of \$5000 down to \$750 mentioned to a police plant sent in to offer his services.

So why was this man irked at the judge?

That would be the result of the first dumb thing Mr. Griffin did.

Judge Colaw threw him in jail for six months after he saw Mr. Griffin draw his finger across his throat in a threatening gesture aimed at a confidential informant testifying in the April trial of a drug dealer.

Let's label that "Dumb Act Number One."

And we don't have to say "allegedly" here, because the judge saw it and ordered bailiffs to arrest Mr. Griffin before he left the courthouse. He was sent directly from the courtroom to county jail for contempt of court.

Oh, and he denied to the judge that he did it, as in "Are you going to believe me or your lyin' eyes."

If Keshawn Griffin has his heart set on being a gangsta' (and we hope he doesn't), he needs a little polishing.

For the time being, he should be watching the calendar hoping the next six months go by slow enough that someone else will grab the "Bonehead" title.

For now, he's the odds-on favorite.

Impressions

Jim McGauley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to senior fish fry volunteers

Dear Editor:

We want to thank all those who unselfishly gave of their time to make our senior fish fry a great success. The county commissioners, sheriff's department, tax collector's office and many others who volunteered made this a very special time for us seniors.

The songs of Steve Branch, especially "I'm Proud to be an American," made us stand up. A wonderful time was had by many in our church, and we look forward to next year's good food, entertainment and fellowship with other seniors.

Richard and Jeanne Wallstedt
Macclenny

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Another DG store!

Dear Editor:

Another Dollar General – oh me!

Does this make seven in Baker County? I must say that the one that recently opened on 125 North has a country look about it – nice!

I'm not a frequent shopper in those stores but I decided to check it out and found they have a large variety of things. Our daughter calls it "the mall."

Guess we're in!
Joan Mallard
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Pharmacy employee allegedly stole pills

Police arrested a Walmart pharmacy employee on June 6 and charged him with felony theft of controlled drugs between early December and mid-March.

A store investigator spoke with Deputy Morgan McDuffie on March 15 and implicated Timothy Mossman Jr., 38, of Glen St. Mary, who he said was recorded on video stealing a Xanax pill on December 7, and 20 days later placing Suboxone pills into his pockets after filling a prescription.

The investigator also said an inventory turned up 315 tablets short of the opioid Buprenorphine valued at

\$60. The surveillance began with an anonymous caller



Timothy Mossman

who said that while walking past Mr. Mossman he became "spooked" and may have been manipulating bottles of Clonazepam.

The person, however, did not see him stealing any-

thing. Mr. Mossman turned himself in at county jail.

In other drug-related arrests recently, Mary Crosby, 54, of Macclenny was charged with purchasing seven counterfeit Oxycodone tablets for \$85 in the Circle K convenience store parking lot on South Sixth Street.

The undercover sale set up and observed by several county deputies and detectives took place the afternoon of June 5.

Deputy Jared Mallard arrested Justin Courson, 37, of Macclenny for possession of a marijuana "blunt" and two small baggies hidden

underneath the center console of his 2009 GMC pickup.

Mr. Courson was stopped on U.S. 90 in Macclenny around 7 a.m. on June 8 for going 60 mph in a 30 zone.

Acting on a tip as to his whereabouts, Deputy Mitchell Wight arrested Noah Starling, 20, of Glen the evening of June 9 for possession of scales and a syringe found in his pants pocket.

The officer confronted the suspect on Wheeler Drive in Macclenny aware he was wanted on a warrant for two counts of possessing drug paraphernalia.

MDA drive at Wendy's

The Macclenny Wendy's restaurant will be among more than 400 locations in Florida helping to raise money for sending children with muscular dystrophy and related life-threatening diseases to a week of fun and friendship at the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) summer camp in Umatilla — all at no cost to their families.

Through July 13 customers can buy "pinups" for \$1, \$5 or more with their meal purchases to help send some 200 youths to the camp, which will have activities like swimming, horseback riding, zip lining and more.

"Children with muscular dystrophy face daily challenges that can make 'just being a kid' difficult," said MDA's Lauren Herzing, executive director. "But we can help change that by providing them with an opportunity to experience MDA summer camp where barriers don't exist — none of which would be possible without support from partners like Wendy's and its generous customers and employees."

The funds raised will pay for meals, snacks, 24-hour medical staff on site and lodging for a full week, according to a press release from MDA on the charity drive.

"Since first teaming up with MDA in 2012, Wendy's and its customers have raised more than \$331,000 in support of MDA's shared mission to find treatments and cures for individuals living with these devastating diseases," it reads.

To learn more about the camp or MDA, please visit mda.org/services/mda-summer-camp.

Honor roll additions

Several second grade student names should have been listed on Ms. Anderson's principal's list at Macclenny Elementary last week. They are Emma Duncan, Josiah Hanson and Kailianne Parker.

Nathan Bokan, Kara Rourke and Julissa Seymour should have been on Ms. Anderson's A/B honor roll.

David Bryan and Allison Nguyen should have been included on Ms. Jackson's principal's list.

Garrett reunion

The Garrett Family will gather for its annual reunion on Sunday, June 24 at the Baker County Ag Center. Lunch is served at noon; bring your special dishes and hope to see you there!

School supply event on July 21

A Day of Hope and Project Street Sweepers are hosting a "Back to School Fun Day" with activities, entertainment and a back pack and school supply giveaway on July 21 from 9 a.m. to noon at Heritage Park in Macclenny.

The Baker Prevention Coalition is urging community partners to participate the day of and donate back packs and school supplies, said coalition director Lea Rhoden.

"The Baker County Sheriff's Office and Baker County Rocks are already committed," she said by email. "If you are interested in participating, let us know ASAP as we are working on the event flyer and promotion ... Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information."

Ms. Rhoden can be reached at (904) 237-4691 or lrhoden@bakerprevention.org.

Support group for teens

The Women's Center of Jacksonville's Rape Recovery Team is offering a Summer Support Group for teenage survivors of sexual assault on June 25 from 3-4 p.m. at the Family Services Center at 418 S. Eighth St. in Macclenny.

Teens must be between the ages of 14-17 to attend. A parent or guardian must be present to sign for permission to attend the group and you must have transportation to and from the group.

If teens or parents/guardians have any questions regarding group or services, please contact Emily Linder at 904-259-2427.

The Rape Recovery Team at the Women's Center of Jacksonville supports survivors of sexual assault in Baker, Duval, and Nassau counties. If you need to speak with an advocate, please call its 24-hour Rape Crisis Hotline at 904-721-7273.

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Food drive at area YMCAs June 15-30

The YMCA of Florida's First Coast is seeking donations, cash and volunteers for a two-week food drive after teaming up with the Jacksonville Jaguars and Florida Blue.

The two-week drive and fundraiser will take place from June 15-30 at all 12 YMCA branch locations, including on West Lowder Street in Macclenny. Donate healthy, non-perishable food items. The goal is to provide meals for 3500 families in the region.

Needed items include shelf-stable yogurt and milk alternatives, canned tuna or chicken in water, pumpkin or sunflower seeds, peanut butter, nuts, protein bars, beef jerky, canned beans, lentils, fruits and vegetables, low-sodium broth, pasta sauce, dried fruits, grains, applesauce unsweetened, granola bars, rice cakes, cereal, brown rice, quinoa, whole grain pasta and oatmeal.

You can donate cash by texting "NOHUNGER" to 91999 or at any branch. You can also register to volunteer to distribute food at one of the mobile food pantries. Learn more about volunteering at <http://www.feedingneff.org/volunteer/>.

"As part of our ongoing commitment to youth development, the First Coast Y nurtures the physical, mental and social-emotional development of youth to feed their spirit, mind and body," said YMCA of Florida's First Coast President and CEO Eric Mann. "Our youth can't achieve their full potential, however, without access to nutritious and wholesome food. In Northeast Florida alone, one in four children do not know where their next meal will come from. The First Coast YMCA is honored to partner with Jacksonville Jaguars, Florida Blue and Feeding Northeast Florida to help close the gap of food insecurity among children all summer long."

Feeding Northeast Florida, Jacksonville's community food bank, is dedicated to rescuing high-quality food that would normally be wasted and transforming it into meals for those in need. With children out of school, summer is the most challenging time of year for the food bank to keep enough inventory stocked to meet the increased demand from local families.

Food and monetary donations collected during this drive will be used to host Feeding Northeast Florida Mobile Food Pantries at seven locations across the First Coast. These mobile food pantries deliver fresh and shelf-stable food to neighborhoods that do not have adequate grocery stores, feeding agencies or pantries within an accessible distance.

"Food insecurity is a year-round issue, but we know that it is even more pronounced when school is out for the summer," said Jaguars Foundation Senior Vice President Peter Racine. "For that reason, the Jaguars Foundation is working with Feeding Northeast Florida, the First Coast YMCA and Florida Blue to help parents feed their families this summer."

Both the Jaguars Foundation and Florida Blue are supporting the efforts by the Y and Feeding Northeast Florida.

"We all have a responsibility to ensure that children in our community have the basics to be their very best," said Florida Blue Market President Darnell Smith. "The summer break from school should not result in our children going without consistent access to nutritious food. Florida Blue is honored to partner with Feeding Northeast Florida, the Jacksonville Jaguars and the YMCA to help meet the nutritious needs of children in our community."

LEGAL NOTICES



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 18000048CAMXAX

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

vs.

GRACE YVETTE CHURCH A/K/A GRACE CHURCH, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY ALICE CHURCH A/K/A MARY A. CHURCH, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Sara Collins, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 on or before July 6, 2018, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Baker County Press and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 29th day of May, 2018.

Clerk of the Court

By: Tina Carrington As Deputy Clerk

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
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Orlando, FL 32801
Phone: (407) 674-1850
Email: MRService@mccalla.com
6/7-6/14c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 02-2018-DR-11

Erika Canion, Petitioner,

and

Arron Canion, Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Arron Canion
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 6108 Mackneal Trail, Watauga, Texas 76148

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 Erika Canion whose address is 527 South Ninth Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063 on or before June 29, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court at 339 E. 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.

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

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Courts office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved 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: May 29, 2018.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Julie B. Combs
Deputy Clerk

6/7-6/28p

TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY REZONING APPROXIMATELY (0.67) ACRES LOCATED AT BLOCK 33, LOTS 5, 6, AND 8 (R.E. NO. 36-2S-21-0051-0033-0050) AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, OWNED BY LARRY & DIANE R. PAYNE FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR) TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (HDR), AS DEFINED AND CLASSIFIED UNDER PART I OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REFLECT SAME; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Any support or objections may be heard at a public hearing to be held at the Glen St. Mary Town Hall on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call (904) 259-3777 or fax a written request to (904) 259-5464. If you are hearing impaired and require the services of an interpreter, please call at least one week prior to the meeting and the Town will arrange to provide that service for you.

6/14c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 02-2008-DR-306

Sherman R. Yonn,

Petitioner,

and

Amy Kreger,

Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO ESTABLISH HOME BASE, TIME SHARING AND ADOPT PARENTING PLAN

TO: Amy Kreger
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 203 Magnolia Avenue, Baldwin, FL 32234

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for time sharing and parenting plan has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Sherman R. Yonn, whose address is 185 SE Hanover Place, Apartment 101, Lake City, FL 32025, on or before July 11, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court at 339 E. 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.

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

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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: June 12, 2018.

Clerk of the Court
By: Melissa Haines
Deputy Clerk

6/14-7/5p

MEETING DATE

Notice is hereby given that the Baker County Development Commission will meet on the following date:

June 25, 2018 @ 5:30 pm

The meeting will be held at the County Administration Building Conference Room 5 N. 3rd Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063.

The public is invited to attend.

Ronald Mann, Chairman
Baker County Development Commission
6/14p

Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc.
10510 Duval Lane
Macclenny, FL 32063

Notice of Public Sale: Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on June 29, 2018, 12:00 pm at 10510 Duval Lane, Macclenny, FL 32063, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

First Coast Workforce Development, Inc., (DBA CareerSource Northeast Florida), intends to release a Request for Proposal on Monday, June 18, 2018 for Professional Employer Organizations (PEO) services to be provided October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 with an annual option to renew for up to 4 additional years based on performance and funding.

A copy of the request will be available beginning Monday, June 18, 2018 at http://www.careersourceneff.com/partner_vendor/request_for_proposals.aspx or at 1845 Town Center Blvd., Suite 250, Fleming Island, FL 32003. For additional information contact: D. Nevison 904/213-3800, x-2010. DEADLINE TO SUBMIT 2:00 PM (EST) August 16, 2018.
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TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY, STATE OF FLORIDA, DISSOLVING ANY PRIOR CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD, PRESERVING ITS PRIOR ACTIONS, PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; PROVIDING THAT REFERENCES TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD ELSEWHERE IN THE CODE, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND ANY OTHER CODES, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY, STATE OF FLORIDA, ARE DEEMED REFERENCES TO THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; GRANTING ALL POWERS AND DUTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY FLORIDA LAW TO THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF, AND TERMS AND COMPENSATION OF, SPECIAL MAGISTRATES; CONFIRMING ORDINANCE TO BE ENFORCED; CONFORMING THE FINE PROVISIONS THEREOF TO THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 162.09(2)(D), FLORIDA STATUTES; INCORPORATING THE PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTE 162.01-162.13, AS AMENDED, THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Any support or objections may be heard at a public hearing to be held at the Glen St. Mary Town Hall on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

William Beason, 72, dies June 8th

William Edward Beason, 72, of Jacksonville died Friday, June 8, 2018 at his residence following an extended illness. He was born in Huntsville, Alabama and resided in Macclenny before moving to Jacksonville. He was self-employed and owned Beason's Services of Jacksonville for over 40 years in custom home repairs and construction. He was the former owner of Macedonia Quick Shop Store, Macclenny and owner of the Little Snack Shack at the north jetties in Jacksonville Beach. He attended the Raiford Road Church in Macclenny, was a member of the Knabb Pasture Hunting Club, and an Army veteran of the Vietnam War who enjoyed dancing, hunting, fishing and being with family and grandchildren.



William Beason

Mr. Beason was preceded in death by his parents, William Dean and Robena F. Fesmire Beason. He is survived by daughters Kimberly (Ron) Beason Adkins of Jennings, Florida, Tammy Beason of Tampa, Robin (James Spears) B. Rein and Nicole (Ted) Janney, both of Jacksonville; sons William E. (Brittany) Banning, Scott Banning and Joshua Beason, all of Jacksonville; a nephew raised as a son, Todd Brown of Jacksonville; sisters June Adams, Julia Day and Peggy Wallace, all of Jacksonville; twenty-one grandchildren.

A funeral service to honor the life of Mr. Beason was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at his church with Pastor Johnnie Raulerson officiating and Wayne Rhoden delivering a eulogy for the family. A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday in Lake Park Cemetery, Lake Park, Georgia. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Graveside service for Ella Crawford

Ella Taylor Crawford, 99, of Jacksonville died peacefully on June 10, 2018 after a long convalescence. She was surrounded by her loving family and gently embraced the loving arms of God. She was born in Baker County on October 27, 1918.



Ella Crawford

Mrs. Crawford was preceded in death by her husband Oria Crawford. Affectionately known as "Boogie," Ella became the matriarch of five generations of the Crawford family and was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Every Sunday and holidays she prepared a family meal which seemed almost effortless to as many who sat down at her table either expected or unexpected. There was always enough food and an abundance of love flowing from her heart. Ella never even thought about her legacy. She lived by example, and fulfilled her high standard of love and responsibility one day at a time.

Mrs. Crawford is survived by children Raymond Crawford, Alice Stivender, Anne Cox (Richard), Anelia Crawford and numerous family and friends.

A graveside service was held at 10 a.m. on June 12 at Taylor Cemetery in Taylor, Florida. Giddens-Reed Funeral Home of Baldwin is in charge of arrangements.

Marjorie Fish, 85, buried in Utah

Marjorie Estelle Burnett, 85, died at her home in Kaysville, Utah on June 2, 2018. She was born on a farm near Sanderson on March 19, 1933, the third child of Eunice Marian Dobson and Noah Jefferson Burnett, and attended Sanderson School. She learned homemaking skills and worked on the farm, enjoying swimming and fishing in the creeks near her home. In high school, she played forward for the Sanderson High School girls basketball team along with her sister Marian, winning the Florida State Championship in 1950. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Saints and attended meetings in the Sanderson Branch which was the first branch of the LDS Church created in the state of Florida.



Marjorie Fish

Marjorie married George D. Fish on June 4, 1950 at her family home. The family lived in Jacksonville, Macclenny and Miami. Marjorie was a hairdresser and had a shop in her home where she worked hard and shared her talent with many loyal clients. She gave up her profession when the family moved to Miami in 1966 and worked as a bookkeeper and later for the Bell Telephone Co. She learned to sew from her mother and became a wonderful seamstress. When her children were young she made everything they wore and taught herself to tailor clothing so they fit perfectly. She used her talent many times over the years to help and serve others and to benefit her family. As a grandmother, she loved making clothing for her grandchildren and made many beautiful quilts.

After retirement in 1983, she and her husband moved to North Ogden, Utah. She was employed in the Ogden school district for 10 years and loved working with her students and with the staff at several schools.

Mrs. Fish is survived by her children Linda Estelle, George Wayne, and Larry Eugene; daughters-in-law Susan Scott Fish and Debra Dalton Fish; 15 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; sister Marian Adams. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Earl, Wilbur and John Paul.

The funeral service will be held at the LDS church in Pleasant View on Saturday, June 9 with interment in the Ben Lomond Cemetery.

Donna Finley, 50, former teacher

Donna Taylor Finley, 50, of Fernandina Beach died at Warner Center for Caring with her loving family by her side. She was born in Fernandina Beach, Florida to Donald Taylor and Gloria Davis on September 30, 1967. Donna graduated from Baker County High School in 1985 and shortly after met and married the love of her life, John Finley, on January 21, 1987. Donna was passionate about children and knew at an early age her dream of becoming a teacher. She attended the University of Florida to further her education by earning her bachelor's degree in special education. Then Donna started her longtime career as a school teacher with the Baker County school system. She dedicated her life to teaching and training her students and retired in 2017 after 27 1/2 years of service. Donna was a very caring and loving woman who enjoyed going to the beach and spending time with her family. Donna was preceded in death by her father Donald Taylor and son Bryce Taylor Finley.



Donna Finley

Other than her husband of 31 years, Mrs. Finley is survived by children John L. Finley Jr. and Blane (Logan) Finley, both of Macclenny, Blair Finley and Brady Finley, both of Fernandina Beach; sister Cheryl (Gary) Christmas Sr.; grandchildren John L. Finley III and Carver Dax Finley.

A celebration of Donna's life was held on Monday, June 11 at 11 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Macclenny with President Scott Hinson officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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Thank you

Our hearts are full of gratitude. We would like to thank the wonderful ladies of Calvary Baptist Church for the wonderful meal they prepared, and the wonderful ladies of the Glen Baptist Church for providing a place to celebrate Buddy's life. We would like to thank Pastor Albert Starling for his many words of comfort, and Guerry Funeral Home for their professional arrangements and caring service. Also, thank you to the Baker County Sheriff's Office for ensuring our safety on such a rainy day. Cuz will always be remembered for his positive attitude, warm smile and devotion to his grandchildren.

The family of Theresa and Buddy Long



In loving memory of our son
Garrett Scott Harris
3/23/86-2/14/07
Happy Father's Day!

We love and miss you, Garrett. One day when I get to Heaven I will get to hug you, see your smiling face and hear your laughter that I have been longing to do and hear. As I sit here writing to you, I think about what you are doing and it comes to mind that you might be teaching all the children in Heaven how to fish! "Fishing" sure was a passion of yours here on earth. Celebrating you today, thanking you everyday for Gabby Shae. She sure has kept us going!

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Service for Anne Kurtz on June 14

Anne Kurtz, 88, of Macclenny died peacefully on June 8, 2018. She was born in Miami on October 21, 1929. She and her late husband David were married 60 years. Anne was a Navy wife for the first 20 years, complete with 18 household moves. Following that, she lived in Jacksonville until the mid-1990s when they moved to Macclenny. She was a lifelong Methodist and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Macclenny. Mrs. Kurtz loved cats, was an avid reader, loved to talk and go out to eat. A light has gone from the lives of the many people she touched.



Anne Kurtz

Other than her husband, she was predeceased by her parents and only sister. She is survived by daughter Brenda (Bob) Bast and son Richard (Sheryl) Kurtz; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; nephew Clay (Lori) Campbell.

The memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 14 at her church at 10 a.m. with a visitation one half-hour earlier. Interment will be at 1 p.m. at Jacksonville Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the building fund at the First United Methodist Church.

Private service later for John Wilkes

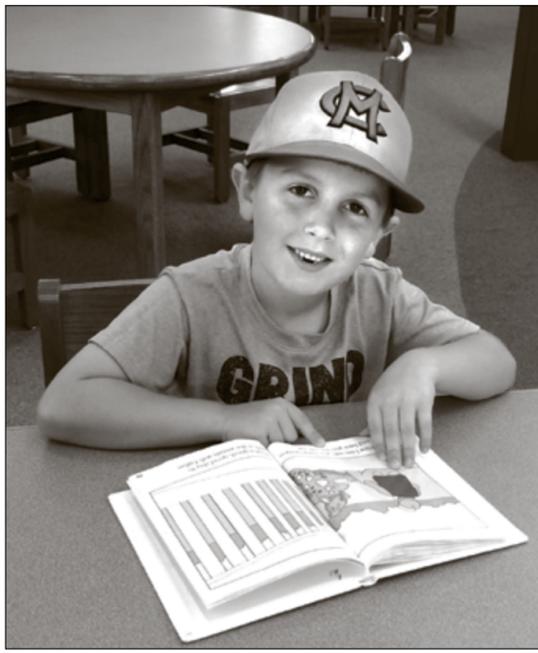
John William Wilkes, 66, of Macclenny died on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at his home. He was born in Leesburg, Florida on December 28, 1951 to Earl Lamac and Janet Virginia (Williams) Wilkes. A longtime resident of Baker County, Mr. Wilkes spent his childhood in Baldwin and was a 1969 graduate of Baldwin Middle-High School. He continued his education at Troy University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree. John spent most of his career as a land developer, surveyor and real estate agent, but had also raised cattle.



John Wilkes

Mr. Wilkes was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Earl Lamac Wilkes Jr. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Darla Jean Christopher; children Holly C. Bowie (Todd) of Jacksonville, John "Brandon" Wilkes of Macclenny and Ashlei M. Gibson of Macclenny; brother Kenneth "Lee" Wilkes of Macclenny; grandchildren Justin, Taylor, Bryson, Brittany, Clara Anne, Trista, Kale and Ashlyn; numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Blackburn-Curry Funeral and Cremation of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.



Photos courtesy of Macclenny Elementary School

Summer reading at MES and Keller

Students were busy getting a head start on next year's AR (Accelerated Reading) tests at Macclenny Elementary this week. The reading and testing will continue in the school's media center on Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. "We had a great turnout for the first day of Summer Reading. Thanks to the friends and family who brought their children," read the school's Facebook feed Tuesday night. Next week the summer reading program will continue at Keller Intermediate School media center on June 19, 20 and 21 at the same time.

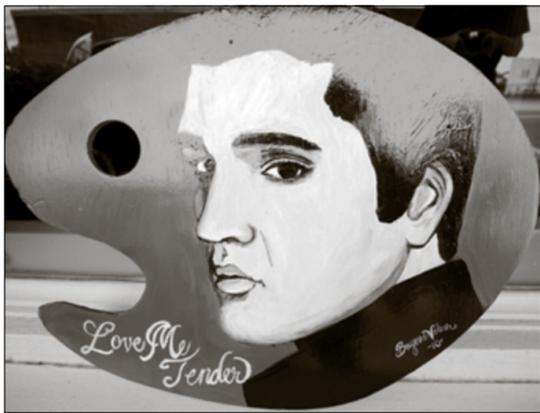


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Pictured from the free county soccer clinic Saturday morning (from left) are Piper Bishara, Karrigan Boatright, Caitlin Harper and Tate Ryan.

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Garrett Bridges kicks a ball tossed by Jasmine Lambert.



Wildcats soccer coach Brandon Finley speaks to the kids during Saturday's clinic.

Offseason strength training for football



Chris Smith (left) and Jacob Williams complete elevated push-ups. More photos can be found on page 16.

JON SHUMAKE

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Rap music played through speakers as about 90 players alternated upper and lower body workouts in the high school's weight room and multipurpose room.

BCHS Wildcat head football coach Jamie Rodgers stood elevated above the players on a makeshift platform against the wall in the multipurpose room to direct players through their workouts. From squats and elevated push-ups to hammer curls and lunges, the Cats sweat through the nearly three-hour session the morning of June 11 that opened summer workouts.

Coming off a successful spring, preparations for the 2018 season are officially under way for the Class 5A runners-up and two-time defending District 5-5A champions. The Cats are scheduled to lift four days a week for seven weeks, excluding a week off for the Fourth of July.

"It's vital to what we do," coach Rodgers said of the summer workouts. "... You can't have a successful football program without a successful summer."

The players understand the importance of hard work in the offseason. They've seen it pay off in each of coach Rodgers' first two seasons as Baker County's head coach.

"It's very important. This is the start of the season right here," said rising senior tight end Chase Hancock. "This is where you

really put all of the work in. Once the season starts, you still workout but it's not like you're going crazy in the workout room. The summer is where it really starts."

The Cats will do full body workouts almost every day, coach Rodgers said. The amount of weight lifted each day will be determined by each player's individual max.

"Coach [Josh] Jacobson has all that mapped out," coach Rodgers explained. "He takes a lot of time studying to get us to where we need to be by the time August gets here. He does a great job and I kind of just stand in there and yell."

In addition to the four mandatory lifting sessions each week, the program has added an optional Friday session to improve players' speed.

"We need everybody in the program to get faster," coach Rodgers said. "We've been fast the last two years, which is one of the reasons we've been so successful, so we have to get faster."

The football team will also have breakfast and lunch provided as part of the 2018 summer feeding program.

The feeding program will provide free meals to youths 18 and younger at 16 locations throughout the county. The program runs Monday-Thursday through August 2 with the exception of July 4.

Baker County is scheduled to visit Baldwin on August 17 in the Kickoff Classic before opening the regular season a week later at home against St. Augustine.

County clinic draws 85 youths

JOEL ADDINGTON

MANAGING EDITOR

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Thanks to cooperation among several stakeholders, the first youth soccer clinic organized by the county's Recreation Advisory Board (RAB) on Saturday was a hit among children, parents and organizers.

It drew 85 participants who were led through a half-a-dozen drills by high school soccer players at the BCHS field that morning.

In between water breaks and games,

the kids practiced controlling the ball on the ground and in the air, kicking goals and passing the ball.

The free three-hour clinic included water, snacks and T-shirts for the youths.

Running the camp was Wildcats soccer coaches Brandon Finley, head coach, and Freddie Oca, assistant coach.

Also on hand were RAB members, county commissioner Jimmy Anderson, county staff, county Judge Joey Williams and others.

"It's been a lot of fun. We got to mind-ful of just how blessed we are to have

the health, to have God's creation so we come outdoors and have friendship, fellowship and good health," Judge Williams told the large group of children before giving the closing prayer.

"But with that blessing comes the responsibility to be a good person. Don't forget about that. Life is bigger than soccer. But soccer is a great way to learn to be a team player, to be determined and to develop yourself in mind, body and spirit ...," he said.

The camp was sponsored by RAB members, the county and several businesses in the region.

Cats garner college interest at camps

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Several BCHS Wildcat football players have been busy in recent weeks traveling to various camps throughout the southeast.

Rising junior quarterback Alex Bowen most recently attended the North Carolina Elite QB Academy on June 10 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He was joined by rising senior teammates in linebacker Kelton Knabb and tight end Chase Hancock at the Titletown Showcase on June 6 at Valdosta State.

All three have participated in numerous camps, which give them a platform to showcase their skills in front of college representatives.

"It was awesome," Hancock said Monday. "Just the situation you're in working as hard as you can in front of college coaches trying to get your name out there. It's just honestly a fun experience too. You're there to put in work but it's fun at the same



Alex Bowen



Chase Hancock



Kelton Knabb

time."

About 15 colleges were on hand at the Valdosta State camp, including Football Bowl Subdivision programs such as Georgia, Tulane, Duke, Florida International and Georgia Southern. The Baker County talent caught the eye of several collegiate programs that day.

Hancock said he spoke with Valdosta State coaches, who he said wanted to talk with him again at an upcoming camp at Georgia Southern. Knabb said he met with coaches from South Florida, while both he and Bowen spoke with Troy coaches.

The Valdosta State camp saw the participants run 40-yard dashes and cone drills before they were split up to run position drills.

"I threw really well in the one-on-ones and that's when I talked to the Troy coach," said Bowen, who added he has also been in contact with Georgia Southern.

The camps also give the players a chance to learn more about the sport. Bowen said the North Carolina Elite QB Academy ran from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and featured three classroom sessions and just as many throwing sessions.

"We learned a lot of new coverages. Different ways to pick up defensive keys and stuff like that," the quarterback said. "... It was a very competitive environment."

The Cats have plans to attend more camps throughout the summer. Bowen and rising senior two-way player Will Keinath will go to

Jacksonville University this week, which is the same time Hancock will be at Georgia Southern. Hancock also plans to go to camps at Savannah State and Stetson, and Knabb plans to participate in camps at South Florida, Stetson and South Alabama.

"I like it a lot," Knabb said. "I like staying busy playing the sport I love."

Head coach Jamie Rodgers said rising senior offensive linemen Myles Morrison and Matthew McDuffie have also attended camps.

"During the offseason you've got to go to those camps and get seen," he said. "... It's very important for those guys that are going to be seniors to get there right now."



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Baxley Craven swings at the plate.



T-ball division winners in front (l-r): Coach Jared Fowler, Dakobe Ragan, Cole Whitening, Kade Thomas, Gracie Horne, Rhett Horne and Landon Sikes. Middle: Westin Whitaker, Brayden Dugger, Blane Secrest, Brantley Fowler, Cooper Whiddon, Ryland Coffman, Titus Lyons and Talon Harris. Back: Coaches Casen Crews, Todd Horne, David Ragan and Alan Secrest.

All-star champs crowned

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Two Baker County Little League all-star baseball teams were crowned as champions on June 8.

Coach David Ragan's T-ball team and coach Jeremy Rankin's Pee Wee all-stars both won four-team tournaments to top their respective divisions. The T-ball all-stars were comprised of 13 total players from the Angels, Rockies and Expos, while the Pee Wee team's 10-player roster squad consisted members of the Marlins and Red Sox.

Coach Ragan's team pulled out close wins in both of their games en route to the title.

Tied 15-all entering the final inning on June 7, Titus Lyons hit a game-winning home run to lead off the bottom of the fourth frame. The game continued despite the game-winning homer, and the squad reached its five-run inning limit to win 20-15.

His team held on to a 13-11 lead entering the bottom half of the last inning in the championship game, and then scored five runs to win the championship with an 18-11 victory.

"They were all excited. They were all cheering their teammates on that last inning, especially when they already knew that they won," said coach Ragan, who was in his first year coaching. "... I didn't expect to make it this far. I was probably more excited than the kids. The assistant coaches were a big help."

The Pee Wee champions won their two games by much more comfortable margins,

pulling away with 16-2 and 16-3 victories in the pitching machine league. Coach Rankin said his team played sound defensively and the entire team hit well in both games.

"They made the fundamental plays to win it. They deserved it," he said. "I took them all out for ice cream after the game to celebrate."

Coach Rankin also thanked all the volunteers and parents who helped with the Baker County Little League during the season.

"I'm thankful to live in a community where so many care for these kids and put on such a wonderful display of respect and responsibility," he said.

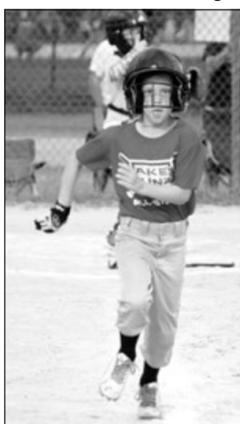
In other upcoming double-elimination all-star tournaments featuring Baker County teams:

- The 8-10-year-old baseball team begins its tournament in Callahan on June 16 against Arlington. First pitch is scheduled for 10 a.m. at Field 2.

- The winner advances to June 18 when it plays the victor between Navy Ortega League and Yulee at 6 p.m. The losing team falls into the loser's bracket against the loser between NOL and Yulee, and will also play June 18 at 8 p.m.

- The Major baseball team opens its summer on June 23 at noon against Navy Ortega League in the tournament held at Highlands Little League.

- The Senior softball squad awaits the winner Hilliard and San Mateo in the tournament at St. Augustine. Baker County's first game is set for June 25 at 6 p.m. at Herbie Wiles Field.



Kyleigh Satterwhite



Jackson Clark at the plate.



Max Roberts

FORMER CATS

Crews makes debut for the SwampDogs

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Pitcher Jared Crews allowed six earned runs over five innings on June 7 during his debut for the Fayetteville SwampDogs, who lost 10-2 to the Morehead City Marlins. He threw four strikeouts and allowed 11 hits in his first Coastal Plains League start.

Linebacker Bear Woods missed both of the Toronto Argonauts' preseason games as he continues to recover from offseason back surgery. The defending Grey Cup champions split their two exhibition games, topping the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 36-18 on June 1 before falling 32-17 to the visiting Ottawa Redblacks on June 7.

The Argonauts open the regular season on June 15 when they visit The Saskatchewan Roughriders, which will air on ESPN2 at 9:30 p.m.

Burnsed commits early to play at Troy

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Tyler Burnsed

The BCHS Wildcat football team's Class of 2019 already has its first college commitment.

Offensive tackle Tyler Burnsed announced his commitment to Troy University via Twitter on June 7. He said he was en route to a camp at the university located in Troy, AL on June 6 when he called his parents to tell them he was thinking about committing that weekend.

They fully supported his decision, he said.

"It's great. I feel like I'm home up there," Burnsed said on June 11. "Coach [Neal] Brown and them they just love me, man. It ain't but four hours away from home, so I'll be not too far from home and playing good football."

The Macclenny resident had seven offers in total, including those from other Football Bowl Subdivision programs such as Florida Atlantic, Middle Tennessee State, South Alabama, Central Michigan and South

Florida. He opted with the Trojans because of the coaching staff and the small-town atmosphere.

Burnsed said he wanted to commit by August 1, and was happy to make his decision early so he could focus on his senior season with the Wildcats.

"It doesn't mean the recruiting process stops," Wildcats head coach Jamie Rodgers said. "It means he found somewhere he's comfortable with and he likes. Now he gets to go out and play high school football and enjoy it."

Coach Rodgers projects Burnsed to move inside to guard or center at the collegiate level, which better suits his run-blocking ability.

"The run blocking is his strength anyway, and that's

what he'll get to do a lot more. They're getting a dynamic run blocker for sure," the head coach said.

Burnsed committed to a Troy program that has been resurgent since coach Brown took the helm in 2015. The Trojans posted consecutive 10-win seasons in 2016-17, marking the first time they've done so since joining Division I in 2001, and won bowl games both years.

Troy earned a share of the Sun Belt Conference title for the first time in seven years in 2017, and capped an 11-2 campaign with a 50-30 win over North Texas in the 2017 R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

He will also join a growing list of Baker County players who are playing in the Sun Belt. Defensive lineman Quan Griffin is entering his sophomore season for Georgia Southern, while offensive lineman Cooper Hodges and running back Seth Paige are preparing for their freshman seasons at Appalachian State and Georgia State, respectively.

"It's awesome, dude. I've already texted Cooper tell-

ing him we're on the way and he better get ready," said Burnsed, who follows behind Bear Woods as Baker County players at Troy.

Burnsed is the third Baker County offensive lineman in as many graduating classes to commit to the next level. In addition to Hodges, Travion Clayton (Class of 2017) will be a sophomore at Southern Miss in the upcoming season.

"We get down with it and grind, baby," Burnsed said. "They love the nastiness around Baker County."

But the Cats will likely have another offensive lineman in the Class of 2019 playing at the FBS level. Fellow rising senior offensive tackle Matthew McDuffie has also received about a half-dozen offers from Georgia State, Florida Atlantic, Appalachian State, South Florida and Cincinnati.

"Skill kids are really, really important. There's no question about it," coach Rodgers said. "But offensive linemen and defensive linemen are what carry you a long way in the playoffs. We've been really fortunate."

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Head coach Jamie Rodgers addresses the team.



Chris Smith lifts the hammer curls during the first session.



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