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### AT A GLANCE

#### THINGS TO DO

##### JULY 13

Movie in the park  
'Coco'

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

Heritage Park Village,  
Lowder St., Macclenny

The Baker Prevention Coalition's Summer Movie Series at Heritage Park continues with 'Coco' on July 13. Gates at 7 p.m. with the movie at 8:30 p.m.

##### JULY 17

Congressman  
Lawson's staff visits

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Staff for U.S. Representative AL Lawson (FL-05) will host mobile office hours every third Tuesday of the month, at the CareerSource NEFL Baker County Conference Room, 1184 South Sixth Street, Macclenny, FL 32063, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

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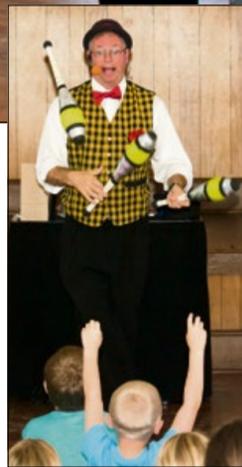
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PHOTOS BY JOEL ADDINGTON

## Illusionist, juggler entertains youths

Illusionist and juggler Todd Kay of Orlando worked his magic for 62 youths and 33 adults who crowded into the Woman's Club Tuesday morning for an hour-long show. "Please remember this magical thought ... always be yourself. You're the best qualified person for that job," he told the children to close the show. The next program is July 17 at 10 a.m. See more photos from this week's program on page 16.



### ELECTIONS

## Repeat school board race for primary

### Congressional, state house races on August ballot

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There's only one Baker County race on the 2018 ballot — two-term school board incumbent Charlie "Artie" Burnett's second challenge from roofing company co-owner Jody Anderson, who ran against Mr. Burnett in 2014.

The incumbent in the non-partisan race to be decided on August 28 is running on his record.

He cited serving on the school board during the Great Recession and helping to reduce the number of school expulsions by easing so-called "zero-tolerance" discipline policies in certain instances.

"The thing I'm proudest of is we managed to get through the recession ... It's not been easy but we avoided having any layoffs as other school districts had and we came up with small pay increases for our staff who've been working hard during these lean times," said Mr. Burnett.

He added that he's not in favor of zero-tolerance discipline policies that have become the norm in many districts. While he agrees there should be no tolerance for drugs or weapons on campus, expelling a student for possession of Tylenol is too extreme, he said.

"I've never been a real big fan of those [policies]. There are always circumstances to be considered," said the incumbent.



Jody Anderson



Charlie Burnett

Mr. Anderson, 47, says he felt led to run for the school board once again "because I want to be a voice for the children, parents and school faculty."

He said during his first campaign he learned about the concerns Baker County citizens had for "the whole school system" and he's "trying harder" to visit with more residents now to obtain their feedback regarding any changes they'd like to see in the district.

If elected Mr. Anderson said he wants to seek improvements in school

daughters, ages 28, 25 and 13; and four grandchildren.  
"If I'm elected I will work very hard for our school system," he said. "The children are the future of Baker County.  
Mr. Burnett, 60, has worked 36-plus years with the Florida Department of Corrections and currently serves as a secretary at Union Correctional in Raiford.  
He's been married for 32 years with two children — a 27-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter soon to start ninth grade at Baker County High.  
He's seeking re-election because "I want to continue serving the community in a job I thoroughly enjoy and worked hard to learn. I want to use that experience to benefit the community."  
Mr. Burnett isn't seeking any major changes to school district policy in his third term, but rather more funding from the state for a replacement school for Keller Intermediate, the county's oldest campus.  
"We may need some tweaks here or there but we do know we need to rebuild and replace the oldest school in the district," he said. "... We'll need to secure large grant funding to accomplish this. It's going to cost millions of dollars we don't have."  
He hopes that Baker County native Chuck Brannan, who seeking to replace termed-out District 10 Florida House Representative Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City) in the state legislature, can help secure the funding.  
Similarly, in Mr. Burnett's view, the school district's biggest need today is more money.  
"We need to find money to fix some of the large ticket items here in the district. There are things we've patching

safety and vocational programs.  
"The standardized testing is one of my top concerns," he added.  
Mr. Anderson has been married for 21 years with one son, 17, three

**Voters seeking to register or change their current registration must do so by July 30 for the changes to be effective for the August 28 primary.**

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### BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

## Business may see highest fee hikes

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

After voting to increase yearly fire protection fees county-wide last week, tripling residential assessments and hitting businesses even harder over the next five years, county commissioners scheduled a public hearing at the courthouse in anticipation of public backlash.

Only one citizen objected to the proposed fee increase during the com-

"Most of our fire trucks are 27-plus years old. The problem is, prior boards have not been willing to take on this challenge ... We have to take some action."

-Commissioner James Bennett

mission meeting July 3 but many more people are expected to attend the public hearing at 7 p.m. on August 7 in Courtroom No. 1.

Notices will be mailed out to all property owners notifying them of the public hearing so they can voice any concerns or objections, or offer supportive comments for what the county is attempting to accomplish in terms of improving fire protection services.

Commissioners agreed to change the location for the hearing from the county administration building to the adjacent courthouse at the request of County Manager Kennie Downing, who said a large crowd is expected.

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# Fire fee: Public hearing Aug. 7

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Board members agreed, especially since every homeowner, rental property owner and owner of commercial or industrial properties will receive notification before the public hearing that their fire assessments could go up substantially.

"We'll get a crowd," said Commissioner James Croft, echoing similar comments made by other board members.

As of last week, though, board members were in agreement that higher assessments are vital to the success of a plan presented by a special Baker County Fire-EMS Vision Committee months ago to modernize and upgrade the fire department, including the addition of paid firefighters for the

first time and construction of new fire stations.

"It's time," said Commissioner Jimmy Anderson, adding that people are going to have to pay more to get the kind of fire protection everyone deserves.

"I've been a commissioner for seven years and we've been counting every dime, nickel and penny, and our buildings have suffered, our equipment has suffered ...," he said. "We have to make

to really hear about it," said Vincent Rawls of Dupree Road near Woodlawn Road south of I-10.

"I'm against this," said Mr. Rawls, adding that people need fire protection but the county's plan to raise assessments to fund an increase in the fire department budget from about \$216,000 a year to \$679,000 in the first year, alone, is unreasonable.

"I believe this is a bad idea

**"As soon as people get their tax bills and they realize this, then you're going to really hear about it... I believe this is a bad idea to go this much, this fast."**

—Vincent Rawls  
County resident

## THINGS TO DO

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beginning July 17, 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 August 21 and October 16.

### July 21

#### Back to School Fun Day – School supply giveaway

9 a.m. - noon

A Day of Hope and Project Street Sweepers are hosting a "Back to School Fun Day" with activities, entertainment and a backpack 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 backpacks and school supplies, said coalition director Lea Rhoden. Ms. Rhoden can be reached at (904) 237-4691 or lrhoden@bakerprevention.org.

### July 28

#### Backpack giveaway

10 a.m.

Jonesville Park in Sanderson will host a backpack giveaway on Saturday, July 28 at 10 a.m. Call Simone Stewart at (04) 415-3556 for more information.

a decision, or let our fire department just totally implode and fall to pieces and let peoples' houses burn down because we don't have a decent truck to run to you."

After paying \$30 a year the past three decades, homeowners could see assessments rise to \$80 next year and continue rising through 2023 to \$107.05, with the biggest single jump – to \$103.67 – coming in the third year to fund additional firefighters in 2021.

Meanwhile, owners of commercial/industrial properties face even stiffer rate changes, including those housing buildings 80,000 square feet or larger that could see a tenfold increase from \$1100 a year to \$13,600.

Only one citizen in the audience objected to the proposed assessment increase but said he realized it appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

"As soon as people get their tax bills and they realize this, then you're going

to go this much, this fast," he said. Plus, he said he agreed with some commissioners that higher assessments could have a "negative impact on existing and future developments in Baker County."

Commissioner James Bennett, for one, said he had received a number of calls from business owners concerned about the assessments going up and how it might impact them.

"We have said many times how important it is to try to get new businesses or industries here," he said. "Any time we start assessing more it's going to create additional challenges to get businesses here."

The impact could be even worse for large businesses with huge facilities, Commissioner Bennett said, such as those whose assessments could suddenly jump to \$13,600 next year and then jump again to \$17,600 in 2021 to fund the hiring of additional firefighters under the proposed plan.

"And that's for an industry that's got jobs here," he said. "That, to me, seems to be disproportionate to go to that drastic of a change, especially when we continually say we want to get new industry here."

Actually, according to consultants who prepared the assessment report, the proposed fees will create a more equitable rate structure because small businesses have been paying a disproportionately high rate for years compared with much larger businesses.

For example, the assessment on a commercial building 1000 square feet in size now is \$58, or just over a nickel per foot, whereas buildings with a minimum size of 80,000 square feet only pay \$1103, less than 2 cents per square foot.

The rate increases are produced by changing the methodology for assessments of non-residential properties from a six-tier schedule to 20 separate categories – 1,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet – starting at 17 cents per square foot in the first three years, then jumping to 22 cents per square foot in years 2021-2023.

Buildings larger than 80,000 square feet would still pay the maximum \$13,600 next year, including the 800,000 square foot Walmart Distribution Center, because consultants said the cost to fight fires in buildings that size is not significantly different.

Despite their stated concerns for how higher fire assessments might affect existing businesses, as well as future commercial and industrial developments in the county, commissioners were in unanimous agreement that the rates must produce greater revenue to fund new trucks and other equipment, stations and full-time firefighters.

"Here's the challenge we're in," said Commissioner Bennett. "Most of our fire trucks are 27-plus years old. The problem is, prior boards have not been willing to take on this challenge ... We have to take some action."

"We have stations in this county that don't have any volunteers," he said, because state standards required to become a firefighter, even a volunteer, are so extensive, rigorous and time-consuming that most former volunteers have quit.

Mr. Rawls responded that he could see the commissioner's position on the issue but maintained his own position that the assessment proposal would impose too much of a burden on many retirees and other families living on limited incomes.

"You can only stretch a rubber band so far until it breaks," he told the board.

Beyond 2023, the end of the first five years of fire department improvement plans, the county would have to have another fire assessment rate analysis performed and go through the public notification and hearing process all over again in order to raise rates further.

## BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION \$700K deficit now, but state revenue figures not yet in

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

County commissioners soon may face a difficult decision before the new fiscal year begins October 1: cut expenditures in an already lean budget proposal or raise additional revenue with higher taxes or cash reserves to avoid a potential deficit of nearly \$700,000.

Of those options, cutting the budget seemed to be the least objectionable among commissioners at a board meeting last week when county finance director Cheryl Rewis delivered the ominous news.

Mrs. Rewis told the board the evening of July 3 that based on limited revenue projections so far, it appears as though anticipated expenditures in a tentative budget for 2018-19 are running \$692,359 higher than available revenues.

She reported that property taxes should generate about \$6.37 million next year – according to recent data from the property appraiser's office reflecting a nearly 6 percent increase over last year – if the current tax rate, otherwise known as ad valorem millage, remains unchanged at \$7.29 for every \$1000 of taxable valuation.

The county has not yet received concrete non-ad valorem revenue projections from the Florida Department of Revenue, Department of Transportation, "or anybody else" for next year, Mrs. Rewis said, so she entered the same amount Baker County received last year – \$29,649,191.

When the two revenue figures are added together they total \$36,025,716 – far short of the \$36,718,075 in expenditures already tentatively approved by commissioners in recent budget meetings with department heads and constitutional officers.

"So, as you can see we are short \$692,359 for our general revenue," Mrs. Rewis told commissioners. "We can discuss millage rates (but) we don't have to. This is a tentative budget."

In response to a question from Commissioner James Bennett, Ms. Rewis acknowledged that she presented the information for information purposes only, not expecting the board to make any decision immediately.

"So, it seems in a nutshell what you've said is in the current proposed budget that we have right now, with everything that's been presented to us, we're overspending our revenue by almost \$700,000," Commissioner Bennett said.

"That's correct," Ms. Rewis said.

"And in order to proceed with the current proposed budget we're going to have to pull another \$700,000 out of general revenues in order to meet the current budget requests," Mr. Bennett added.

"If revenues are staying the same," that would be correct, Ms. Rewis responded, adding moments later that the board could "utilize our (cash) reserves."

Nobody on the board liked that idea.

The county's reserve fund has plummeted over the past decade from around \$14 million to just above \$4 million currently – the

minimum balance set by the county commission.

"We have a reserve amount set at \$4 million that we won't go below," Commissioner Bennett said, adding later that "if revenues don't come in higher, then we're going to find ways to cut budgets so we don't go below \$4 million (in reserves) because I am absolutely not going to be in support of raising ad valorem taxes."

Furthermore, he said, "a lot of things coming through in our budget requests this year are not absolutely essential ..." and they might have to be reexamined in "another all-day budget workshop," alluding to a marathon budget session reviewing all departmental spending requests that lasted about 11 hours on June 12.

Commissioner James Croft also took a firm stand against any further erosion of cash reserves to fund county

operations.

"I'll take it a step further and say even if (additional) revenues do come in we might want to revisit this budget because we can spend all the revenue that's coming in and we're not adding to those reserve funds," he said.

"We need to get it up over that \$4 million and start building it up some," he said. "I'm not saying we need to get it back up to \$12 million or \$14 million, because that means we're overtaxing people. But we need to get this up to around \$6 million to stay comfortable, and we're not going to do that by spending everything we get."

As the discussion about the budget wound down Commissioner Bennett said he had been "under the impression that we anticipated revenues would be higher" and that the proposed budget would be balanced.

"That doesn't appear to be the case," he said. "If we don't get updated information that shows we've got adequate revenues ... we're going to need to take another bite of the apple and figure out which requests are critical and which ones can be delayed until we can fund them."

Going back to the report she delivered regarding property valuations and taxes, Mrs. Rewis reminded the board that although \$6.37 million is the projected income from property taxes next year that's based upon all property owners paying their tax bills, which never happens.

For example, the current taxable value of all property in the county is \$874,502,861, a \$47,171,890 increase, or 5.7 percent, over last year's valuation due to growth. But as of July 3, she said, the amount of unpaid property taxes still owed the county from last year was \$374,773.

"So even though we had a good year it doesn't mean I'm going to get a hundred percent of the revenues expected," Mrs. Rewis told the board.

She expects to have better state revenue estimates at the commission's next meeting on July 17.

**"We need to get it up over that \$4 million and start building it up some ... and we're not going to do that by spending everything we get."**

—Commissioner James Croft

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#### Five Day Forecast

**Thursday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 95 Low: 73

**Friday**  
Isolated T-storms  
High: 94 Low: 75

**Saturday**  
Scattered T-storms  
High: 92 Low: 74

**Sunday**  
Scattered T-storms  
High: 90 Low: 75

**Monday**  
Scattered T-storms  
High: 93 Low: 78

**Tuesday**  
Cloudy  
High: 97 Low: 82

**Wednesday**  
Cloudy  
High: 95 Low: 80

#### Today's High & Low Temperatures

**Today's High & Low Temperatures**

Jasper 97/76, Callahan 96/74, Fernandina Beach 92/79, Jacksonville 95/78, Atlantic Beach 92/79, Macclenny 95/73, Baldwin 95/73, St. Augustine 90/78, Watertown 95/74, High Springs 94/74, Starke 95/74.

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tue, 7/3	93	72	91/70	0.00"
Wed, 7/4	91	73	91/70	0.00"
Thu, 7/5	91	72	91/70	1.08"
Fri, 7/6	95	70	91/70	0.04"
Sat, 7/7	91	68	91/70	0.04"
Sun, 7/8	91	68	91/70	0.00"
Mon, 7/9	93	72	91/70	0.10"

**Precipitation** ..... 1.26"  
**Normal precipitation** ..... 1.47"  
**Departure from normal** ..... -0.21"  
**Average temperature** ..... 81.4°  
**Average normal temperature** ..... 80.5°  
**Departure from normal** ..... +0.9°

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	6:35 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
Friday	6:35 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
Saturday	6:36 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
Sunday	6:37 a.m.	8:31 p.m.
Monday	6:37 a.m.	8:31 p.m.
Tuesday	6:38 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
Wednesday	6:38 a.m.	8:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's River Levels**

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	10.30 ft.	+0.05 ft.
Macclenny	10.90 ft.	-0.27 ft.

**Hunting/Fishing Times**

Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM
Thu	11:36-1:36	12:08-2:08
Fri	12:40-2:40	1:12-3:12
Sat	1:43-3:43	2:13-4:13
Sun	2:43-4:43	3:11-5:11
Mon	3:39-5:39	4:06-6:06
Tue	4:32-6:32	4:57-6:57
Wed	5:22-7:22	5:46-7:46

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**BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION**

# Says no help here to New River

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Facing a large budget deficit in the coming fiscal year, county commissioners unanimously rejected a proposal by New River landfill staff to put the cost burden for funding the county's limited recycling program on taxpayers.

The landfill and the tri-county New River Solid Waste Association which owns the facility in Raiford has historically arranged for recycling in the three member counties, Baker, Bradford and Union, as part of the overall solid waste programs in each county.

Recycling firms typically haven't charged the counties or the association for pickup of recyclable waste since those materials can be sold for companies that process old cardboard, for instance, into new cardboard.

And should the other counties take a similar position as the Baker County Commission did on July 3, New River staff will have little recourse but to fund the program from its budget as the association's board of directors consists of two commissioners from each member county.

The declaration by local commissioners comes after the association in May cut so-called "host fees" paid yearly to member counties from \$220,000 to \$100,000 due to budgetary constraints, while also extending a critical contract with its largest waste supplier, Alachua County, that will likely raise tipping fees for member counties from \$24 to \$28 per ton next year.

The landfill, meanwhile, is embarking on a major construction project to

expand the facility and its storage capacity.

Still, commissioners here said recycling has always been the association's responsibility and that shouldn't change now, despite pleas from the Lake City-based recycling vendor that he can't continue providing free collection for cardboard, newsprint and cans, largely because the price of paper product recyclables has fallen dramatically in the last year.

That, along with higher fuel and insurance costs, were cited by the owner of Reliable Recycling and Shredding, Ed Higgs, as the reason for charging \$6000 annually to pick up recycling at a single county-designated collection site, or \$12,600 a year to continue picking up the materials at the county's seven dump sites.

Domestic prices for old corrugated containers (OCC) have fallen on average some 50 percent since March 2017, according to resource-recycling.com, due to China stopping imports of most OCC materials. The country now only imports the highest-quality and most valuable OCC materials.

The result has been a glut of recyclable paper products in the U.S., leading to lower prices.

"It's got to a point now that Ed Higgs ... says he just cannot continue to do it at zero cost," explained commissioner James Croft, who along with commissioner Cathy Rhoden, represent Baker County on the New River board of directors.

"He has started charging commercial accounts to pick up from them and lost some ...," he continued before explaining that the New River board did

not vote on the matter and rather it was landfill director Perry Kent's position that the association could not afford to pay for recycling.

"[Mr. Kent] says this needs to be the county's responsibility," said Mr. Croft.

Abandoning the recycling program would also the cost the county as well because the materials would end up in the landfill, costing the county additional tipping fees.

Rebidding the service may not create savings, either.

"The market is so bad right now for the materials I can understand why he's wanting to charge," said Mr. Croft.

His fellow commissioners also voiced opposition to any change.

"This is something set up in the beginning that New River would take care of the solid waste and take care of the recycling so I'm not sure why they would want to shift that responsibility back to the county," said commissioner Jimmy Anderson.

"I think we should stand and say this is something you said you were going to do, and you're already cutting us \$120,000 this year and now you want to add another ... I'd be in favor of this board pushing back," concurred Commissioner James Bennett.

"Our expectation is they continue to honor the original commitment, continue to provide that recycling service," he said.

Other members agreed and the matter will likely be discussed at the New River board's next scheduled meeting August 9 at 5 p.m. at the landfill in Raiford.

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# 2018: School board the sole contest

From page 1

because we don't have the money to fully fix them," he said, citing more operating capital and funding to outfit each student with a tablet computer.

Mr. Burnett won the 2014 school board race by seven points — 42 percent to Mr. Anderson's 35 percent. Third place vote getter Paul Scammacca garnered 23 percent of the vote, however.

**State, federal and judicial races**

Mr. Brannan, a long-time sheriff's office investigator and cattleman who now serves as the local Republican Party chairman, has been racking up endorsements from the NRA, Fraternal Order of Police and other groups and elected officials.

He is now in a primary race with Lake City businessman Marc Vann with Mr. Vann garnering the endorsement of Rep. Porter.

The winner of the GOP primary will likely face the Democrat in the race Ronald W. Williams II of Lake City. Mr. Williams retired from active duty in the Marine Corps after 22 years and now works in substance abuse treatment in Alachua County.

There are also two independents in the running: Fred S. Martin of McAlpin, FL and Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson of Fort White. The latter candidate running to improve the environment, particularly water resources. She owns a small canoe and kayaking business on the Sante Fe River.

The Milwaukee, Wisconsin native describes herself as a political moderate and

Lutheran.

County Democrats will be choosing between incumbent District 5 Congressman Al Lawson (D-Tallahassee) and former one-term Jacksonville mayor Alvin Brown (D-Jacksonville) in the August primary.

The winner in that race will face-off with Virginia Fuller of West Inglis, FL.

Local voters from both parties will vote for a circuit judgeship in August as well, deciding between David Robertson, Julie Waldman and Gloria Walker in the Eighth Circuit Group 8 race.

All are from the Gainesville area.

Mr. Robertson is currently employed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as chief counsel of its District 2 office, a position he has held for the past 10 years. He's also a major in the Florida Army Nation-

al Guard.

Ms. Waldman has more than two decades in private legal practice and currently works for the state's Agency for Persons with Disabilities as the deputy center administrator at the agency's Developmental Disability Center in Gainesville.

Ms. Walker started her legal career 16 years ago as a paralegal at Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc., which provides free civil legal services to the poor, elderly disabled and abused. She now serves as the organization's managing attorney and teaches at the University of Florida.

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## BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

## County to partner with BCDC on loan

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

In a last-ditch effort to help Baker Correctional Development Corporation (BCDC) secure a low-interest federal loan to pay off more than \$30 million in high-interest bond debt and save some \$2.7 million annually, the county commission last week essentially agreed to be a co-signer on the transaction.

In a historic vote on July 3, commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution to partner with BCDC as a financial backer on the loan application with the USDA's Rural Development office, reversing a previous refusal to commit county funds to help BCDC meet its debt obligations.

Actually, the commission's action was made on behalf of the Baker County Corrections Management Corporation (BCCMC), the new name of the nonprofit owner of the county jail and sheriff's office complex applying for the loan.

County attorney Rich Komando said the county's pledge to provide financial backing for the repayment of the loan was made a condition of the loan application by USDA after months of back-and-forth negotiations.

"This is the product of our negotiations to try to let the federal government know that BCCMC is not on its own," Mr. Komando said, "and that should there be a deficiency (in loan payments) the county will also, as a vested party, do our best

to help them should we have funds available."

County officials hope the resolution is a more persuasive commitment than a previous letter that was rejected by the USDA because it only stated the county's general support for BCDC's refinancing effort.

"This is a resolution that USDA is seeking for assurance of income from the county if they (BCCMC) end up in a position where they're unable to pay principal and interest for their debt payments," Mr. Komando explained, noting that the county "would step up to the plate and pay with available funds at that time."

The two-page resolution states that the county commission "recognizes the need for the (BCCMC) to acquire both the assets and liabilities of the BCDC in order to continue the operation and maintenance of the Facility (the 512-bed jail, the sheriff's office and emergency operations center)."

It further states that the county has paid nearly \$31.7 million to BCDC to house county inmates and holds a future property interest in the facility, in that, after repayment of the debt ownership of the property will transfer to the county.

BCDC currently funds the county jail with little or no operating cash reserve, which impedes its ability to pay vendors on time, leaving the agency in arrears on hundreds of thousands of dollars for months at a time.

The proposed loan reduces existing debt service

payments by some \$2.7 million annually, which could reduce the county's cost for housing local inmates as well.

During last week's discussion commissioners praised the county attorney for drafting a resolution that excludes property taxes as a potential revenue source for repayment of the loan and does not jeopardize any vital public services.

however, though he said it was necessary.

"I still don't want to take on that much debt; that part has not changed," he said. "But, yet, I recognize this funding (USDA loan) is vital to the operation of that facility and that facility is vital to our community to have a place to house local inmates.

"I'm comfortable with the wording that's been submitted and with conversations

taining the USDA loan is vital to their success.

Commissioner James Bennett said when he ran for the county commission four years ago one of his main campaign promises was to "address this issue with the BCDC and the facility we have out there, the management and operations and the expenditures that was required of this county... and how it was draining this county."

"To this board's credit I believe we have made significant strides and changed drastically the focus of how it's being managed and how it's moving forward," he said. "Ideally, we wanted to stay completely insulated and isolated from it but we can't be completely insulated and isolated. They (BCDC) need our support. This is necessary for them to get to the next step and get the facility refinanced."

Along with the resolution the commission attached two letters signed by board chairman Bobby Steele, one addressed to Joseph Mueller in USDA's Rural Development office in Gainesville and the other to Kenda Robison in the agency's Lake City office, seeking their support for the loan application.

In the letter to Ms. Robison, Commissioner Steele explained how the county's cash reserves had nearly been depleted, dropping from \$16 million to \$4 million since the jail opened in 2007, "with all extra funding going to jail fees and inmate medical fees."

"We're a small county with an operating budget of just over \$31 million and using our reserves for only one purpose (the jail) has resulted in not being able to fund other vitally needed functions, such as our volunteer fire department," Commissioner Steele wrote.

After explaining the county's plan to modernize and upgrade the fire department with new equipment, fire stations and paid firefighters in the years ahead, the chairman ended the letter with a final plea:

"It is the county's hope that the BCCMC's acquisition of the jail's debt (refinancing) could free up money in the county's budget; hence redirecting financial priorities from the jail to the Fire Department. We really need this acquisition to be approved for the future safety of our citizens, their homes and businesses within Baker County."

## Democrat meeting

Baker County Democrats will meet at 6852 Cattlegap Lane (off CR 125 north between U.S. 90 and the interstate) in Glen Saint Mary this Saturday, July 14 at noon. Snacks will be provided.

"This is the product of our negotiations to try to let the federal government know that BCCMC is not on its own."

—County attorney Rich Komando



The resolution simply states that if BCCMC is unable to make loan payments the county would provide funding, if necessary, "from Legally Available Non-Ad Valorem Revenues...to supplement the payment deficiency."

The term was defined as "all revenues of the county derived from any source whatsoever, other than ad valorem taxation on real and personal property, which are legally available to make the payments...but only after provisions have been made by the county for payment of services and programs which are for essential public purposes affecting the health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of the county, and general governmental obligations of the county or which are legally mandated by applicable law."

Board members took turns expressing confidence in the current BCDC board, which was appointed last year after the original board was dissolved, beginning with Commissioner James Croft, one of the harshest critics of the original board.

"We've tried to come up with a different operation and this board made some tough decisions about this project," Mr. Croft said. "I believe this board stepped out on faith and got on solid ground to resolve the problem."

He wasn't entirely comfortable with pledging the county's financial support,

with Mr. Komando...So, with that in mind I would move Resolution 2018-31 for approval."

Following a second to the motion by Commissioner James Bennett, others expressed similar comments.

"I've watched that board make some difficult decisions...and some of the decisions that our sheriff (Scotty Rhoden) has made with BCDC trying to get things under control," said Commissioner Jimmy Anderson, adding that under the leadership of the old BCDC board and former sheriff Joey Dobson, "I don't believe it was under control."

"I think they've done everything they can, physically and financially possible... with the leadership we have out there now and with the wording our attorney has put here before this board I can support this."

"I'd like to see this succeed for this community. If we had to go out there and build our own jail and staff it, if this (loan application) was to fail, I don't think we would be anywhere ahead of the costs to house our inmates than what we have now."

Commissioner Cathy Rhoden said she, too, had confidence in the present BCDC board and Sheriff Rhoden to manage the jail operations. But she said ob-

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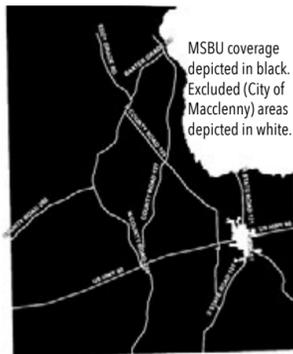
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Baker County, Florida (the "County") imposes non-ad valorem special assessments each year to fund the provision of fire protection services and facilities in the municipal service benefit unit established by Section 36-22 of the Baker County Code (the "MSBU") and the Town of Glen St. Mary. The City of Macclenny is not included in the County fire assessment. The Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Florida (the "Board") is now in the process of adopting assessment rates for the County's fiscal year which begins October 1, 2018 ("Fiscal Year 2018-19").



Notice is hereby given that the Board will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of an Annual Rate Resolution related to the provision and funding of fire protection services and facilities. The Annual Rate Resolution will approve the fire assessment rates for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and collection of the assessments by the Baker County Tax Collector pursuant to the tax bill collection method for such fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter. The assessment is an annual assessment that will continue from year to year. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, on August 7, 2018, Baker County Courthouse, Courtroom 1, 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed fire assessment and to file written objections with the Board within twenty (20) days of this notice.

The assessments will fund a portion of the costs incurred each year in providing fire protection services and facilities throughout the MSBU and the town of Glen St. Mary. The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon a calls for service methodology wherein costs associated with fire protection services and facilities are allocated among developed property according to historic fire incident reports and call data. For Fiscal Year 2018-19, the assessments will be imposed against residential property on a "per dwelling unit" basis at a proposed rate of \$80.00 per dwelling unit, and against all other property based on the square footage of all structures located on each parcel at a proposed rate of \$0.17 per square foot. In fiscal years thereafter, the rates will not exceed \$107.05 per dwelling unit and \$0.22 per square foot unless the County provides notice of its intent to consider the rate increase and conducts a public hearing before approving the increase.

A more specific description of the fire protection services and facilities and the method of computing the assessment for each parcel of property are set forth in Resolution No. 2018-30 (the "Preliminary Rate Resolution") adopted by the Board on July 3, 2018. Copies of the Preliminary Rate Resolution and the preliminary Fire Protection Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the office of the County Manager, located at 55 North 3rd Street, Macclenny, FL 32063.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the County Manager at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting at (904) 259-3613.



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## Drunk driver swipes a semi

JON SHUMAKE

A Lake City man was arrested the night of July 4 for DUI after he struck a semi-tractor trailer while driving on I-10 westbound in Macclenny.

David Badgerow, 27, was traveling in the inside lane when he failed to maintain the lane and his Nissan Versa sideswiped the truck.

The suspect said he thought the semi was close to his car or in his lane and he got "nervous" and jerked his vehicle and struck the semi, Florida High Patrol (FHP) Trooper K.A. Hilliard reported.

Mr. Badgerow, whose breath smelled of alcohol, had poor balance and had to be told several times not to stand in the roadway. He also had slow speech, was slow to respond to questions and had bloodshot watery eyes.

Truck driver Ricky Shultz also said Mr. Badgerow smelled of alcohol and Mr. Shultz believed the suspect to be "drunk or high," according to the FHP report.

Mr. Badgerow was taken to county jail after performing poorly on a field sobriety test in the Walmart parking lot. Once at the facility, he provided a breath sample of .194, which is more than twice the legal limit of .08.

He was charged with DUI and DUI with property damage.

In another alcohol-related arrest, a clerk at the Fastway Food Store on Woodlawn Road was jailed the night of July 3 for selling alcohol to minors after he was caught placing a case of beer in a vehicle containing three minors ages 16 and 17.

Detective Ricky Crews conducted surveillance on the business after receiving numerous complaints about an employee placing alcohol in the vehicles of underage buyers as long as no one else was in the store.

While there, Detective Crews saw a Ford truck pull into the parking lot before leaving due to other cars being present. The truck returned a short time later and a male, later discovered to be under 18, entered the store. He then exited the store and looked around several times.

An employee later identified as Mohamed Ahamed, 20, of Jacksonville then exited the store and placed the beer inside the passenger side of the truck before returning to the store. The juvenile then left the store after the employee re-entered and got back into the truck, which Detective Crews stopped on CR 125.

The 16-year-old who purchased the beer said he paid for the alcohol and the employee walked it out and placed it in the vehicle.

Detective Crews spoke with Mr. Ahamed, who said he doesn't normally work at the Woodlawn Road location. The officer attempted to explain to both the suspect and the owner, who wasn't identified in the report, about the importance of checking IDs.

The incident marked the second time since May a Fastway employee had been arrested for selling alcohol to an underage buyer.

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COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD

# Vets may cover some shelter vaccination costs

**JOEL ADDINGTON**  
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Sixth Street Vet owner Dr. Michal Anne Harris has pledged to fully vaccinate adoptable pets held at county animal control, treat them for worms and fleas and spay or neuter as needed, so animals can leave the shelter without any needed follow-up care.

Today some vaccinations, spay or neutering and other care are administered after adoptions by the new owners, though the cost for much of care is covered by a voucher issued by the county in exchange for adoption fees, currently \$65 for dogs and \$50 for cats.

"I would do that," Dr. Harris told fellow members on the county's Animal Advisory Committee during their meeting the evening of June 26. And she agreed to do so for the current adoption fee amounts.

After committee chairwoman and county manager Kennie Downing recommended allowing the county's other veterinarian, Dr. Joe Harrison, the opportunity to offer the adop-

tion-related vet care as well, Dr. Harris welcomed the help.

"We want to be fair to both veterinarians in the county," said Ms. Downing.

"Exactly. He should have an equal opportunity to lose as much money as I do," added Dr. Harris as the board erupted in laughter. "He may not be as crazy as I am though."

The committee nonetheless voted 5-1 to recommend increasing the adoption fee to \$90 for dogs and \$55 for cats, to better fund the shelter and animal care, including buying a \$4000 piece of software from ShelterLuv to facilitate adoptions.

The software company also charges \$4 per adoption fee.

County commissioners recently turned down a request to fund the software using tax dollars, arguing adoption-related expenses should be fully recouped through adoption fees.

The committee's Linda Taylor, who runs a cat rescue, cast the dissenting vote, saying the \$25 jump for adopting dogs was too much and could turn away potential adopters.

**Other potential fee and fine increases**

There are three other animal control fine and fee changes proposed by the panel that could be finalized by county commissioners in the coming months — the fines for dogs roaming at-large unleashed and for failure to confine dogs deemed dangerous, as well as the fees charged for euthanasia.

The current leash law violation fines range anywhere from \$30 to \$55 at the discretion animal control officer Georgia Monfort.

The committee proposes to levy a \$30 fine for dogs picked up with microchips that can help identify the owner. For those without microchips, the fine would be \$35, though those dogs would be implanted with microchips before being released to owners.

The fine would jump to \$55 for repeat offenses.

Today the unconfined dangerous dog fines also range from \$33 to \$55, but the committee is proposing a flat \$100 fine.

Under the committee's recommendation, the euthanasia fee would increase by \$10 to \$25 for euthanasia

at the shelter and \$35 for the injection at the owner's location.

**\$15K from PetSmart for shelter awnings**

County manager Downing also announced that evening that PetSmart recently approved the county's application for grant money to fund awnings over the outdoor portion of the dog pens at the shelter.

The aluminum awnings will extend over the cages to provide protection from rain and sun for both the dogs and people looking at adoptable dogs from the sidewalks on the north and south sides of the building.

PetSmart denied funding for the ShelterLuv software but pledged \$15,560 for the awnings.

"Last week it was probably over 100 degrees in animal control and anyone wanting to adopt a pet, standing in 100-degree heat, they'd pretty quickly be returning to their air-conditioned cars," commented Ms. Downing. "The awnings will shelter the pets but also the people. If they want to talk to [staff] about the dogs they would be in shade."

She said once the grant money is transferred to the county bids will be sought for the project and then construction will begin.

**Holding period may be shortened to five days**

The committee decided after a brief discussion that a better holding period for confiscated dogs would be five business days rather than the current 10 business days.

Not only would that change put the county's holding period in line with the City of Macclenny's ordinance, it would reduce overcrowding at the animal shelter. When dogs are not claimed by owners within the holding period and capacity at the shelter is needed, such animals are subject to euthanasiation.

Dr. Harris said that nationally some 90 percent of confiscated pets are claimed within 72 hours.

"At five days it drops down to virtually nothing," she said.

The committee also discussed perhaps hiring a team from the University of Florida's (UF) Maddie Shelter Medicine Program, a part

of UF's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Harris, a graduate of the college, said the county could request evaluations of procedures related to intake, management, vaccinations, quarantines and on-site veterinary services, or consultations on treating common shelter diseases, feeding and nutrition, cleaning, managing animal stress and other aspects of shelter operations.

She said the county can apply for specific assistance and the college will return a cost estimate for those services.

"They have a wealth of knowledge and I'd recommend we do it," said Dr. Harris.

She also cautioned that depending on the result of the evaluations, fundraising for a new facility rather than retrofitting the existing shelter may be the best course of action to meet the committee's goals.

All recommendations from the committee are subject to final approval by the county commission.

BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

## Nursery Blvd. paving is approved

### Route to proposed RV park

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

The Baker County Commission pulled the trigger last week on paving Nursery Boulevard to accommodate an upscale RV resort project using \$500,000 in state grant funds for the roadway.

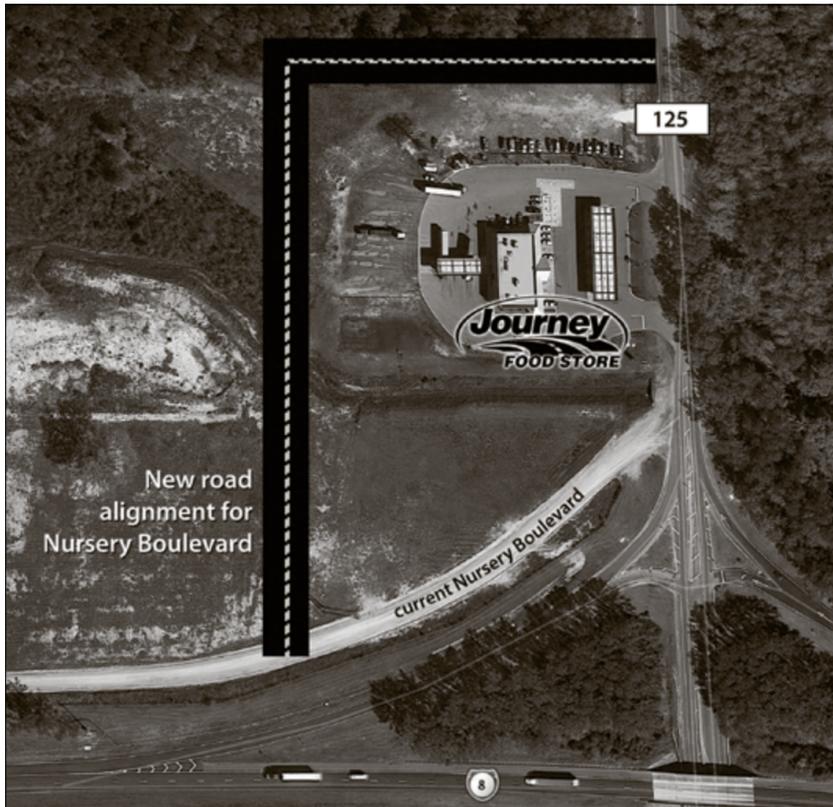
The board approved an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to fund design, construction, engineering and inspection for the project, which also includes moving Nursery Boulevard's intersection with CR 125 South, plus a new water retention pond and drainage system.

Today the road connects to CR 125 southbound less than 50 feet from the west-bound interstate on-ramp, which doesn't meet state safety standards.

The new alignment will connect to CR 125 about 150 feet north of the Journey food store and gas station property.

The new alignment will run west and then turn 90 degrees to the south behind the Journey station, run over an existing ditch and join the existing Nursery Boulevard right-of-way. The changes encompass some 1700 feet of roadway.

The work funded under the \$500,000 Small County Outreach Program grant



will facilitate construction of what is billed as luxury RV park in Glen St. Mary on a 121-acre parcel just west of the Journey station at CR 125 and Interstate 10.

Plans for the Glen Oaks Premier RV Resort and some 900 motor homes and travel trailers were approved by the county commission last fall. The project has also received permits from state regulatory agencies and is awaiting approval of a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The county and Journey station owner, RH Davis Oil Company, recently received a permit from the St. Johns

River Water Management District to alter the storm water management system for the Nursery Boulevard paving project.

The storm water system will consist of curb and gutter, drop inlets, below-ground piping and a new water retention pond,

according to the technical staff report for the permit approved on June 28.

The system will drain to the existing ditch that runs west from CR 125 to wetlands and the south prong of the St. Marys River.

Joel Addington contributed to this story.

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# Attorney named code magistrate

## Chosen with experience in the city of Alachua, FL

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

An Alachua County attorney has been hired to fill the newly created quasi-judicial position of Baker County Special Magistrate to review and rule on allegations of code violations brought by county zoning officials.

The county commission's decision to hire Jeremy Primosch for the job on July 3 follows the board's vote in May to dissolve the Code Enforcement Board, a citizen panel that occasionally had to cancel meetings for lack of a quorum and had difficulty finding volunteers to serve.

Mr. Primosch, who resides in Archer and has served as special magistrate for code enforcement cases in the City of Alachua since June, 2015, was one of two applicants for the job.

Although both applicants met all qualifications, County Manager Kennie Downing told commissioners that "after reviewing and conducting telephone interviews" the staff recommendation was to hire Mr. Primosch, a member of the Florida Bar since 2010.

In a letter addressed to the county commission three months ago Mr. Primosch

said he would welcome the opportunity to handle code enforcement cases in Baker County so he could continue and build upon what he started three years ago in the City of Alachua.

"While I have enjoyed working with them, I am interested in the Baker County position because I suspect I would be even busier," he wrote. "The City of Alachua has developed a collaborative approach to code enforcement issues that arise, and as such, over the last year there have been few disputes that have required my services.

"While this outcome is a fortunate one for the city and its citizens, it has prompted me to explore taking on this role in areas where I can gain even more experience."

Mr. Primosch further stated in his letter that he knows code enforcement issues and understands the public policy reasoning for choosing to have a Special Magistrate preside over such cases rather than an appointed group of citizens.

"I believe the goodwill and collaboration we fostered in Alachua is a model that should be replicated and I would enjoy doing my part to bring such success to Baker County," he said.

The county manager said Mr. Primosch will be paid \$150 an hour, which includes travel time, for a two-hour minimum each time he comes to Baker County for hearings. At that point, Commissioner James Bennett pushed for more information about the potential

costs of the magistrate's services.

"How do we know what our exposure is for each one of these cases," the commissioner asked.

Mrs. Downing was unable to give a specific response other than to say that County Attorney Rich Komando had told her that two hours should be sufficient to cover most code enforcement hearings, which often have more than one case on the docket.

"We're scheduled every other month but it just depends on how many issues have to be brought before the magistrate," Mr. Komando told the board, adding that many cases are resolved by staff and end up being canceled before the hearing dates.

If commissioners feel that the expense for a special magistrate becomes excessive they also have a remedy readily available to them, Mr. Komando said.

"Commissioner, if we start getting bills that are inappropriate then we can find somebody else," he said, addressing his comment directly to Commissioner Bennett.

"I'm good with that," said Commissioner Bennett. Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Anderson the board voted unanimously to hire Mr. Primosch.

In other business last week, the county board:

- Awarded a contract to North Florida Professional Services, a Lake City grant consulting firm, for grant administration, engineering design and inspection services for a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant.

The company will prepare an application on behalf of the county seeking about \$750,000 from the grant program to fund construction of a new fire station in Sanderson to replace an existing inadequate building used primarily by emergency medical services staff for the past three decades or more.

The county manager said the firm submitted the sole response to county advertisements seeking proposals.

Bill Bishop, representing the company, said site and construction plans for the new station must be completed and submitted with the grant application. If it can't be accomplished in

time to receive the grant this year, another attempt will be made next year.

Meanwhile, the county manager said a search is continuing for a more suitable site on which to erect a new three-bay fire station big enough to house a newer fire truck that is too large to fit inside the current station on U.S. 90 and two other vehicles, in addition to housing an expanded staff, including the county's first two paid firefighters.

One previous site, a county-owned parcel south of U.S. 90 off Thomas Sweat Road, was abandoned a month or so ago after county officials determined that neighbors wanted too much money for easements through their properties.

- Approved the payment of \$11,708 to volunteer firefighters and Fire Chief Steven Marfongella for extra hours they worked during the West Mims Fire that roared through Charlton County in Georgia and Baker County in Florida in May, 2017.

Funds have been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reimburse Baker County but the money has not arrived yet, so the fire chief submitted a request for payment out of the county budget now.

"Our volunteers provide an essential service ... and I am requesting they be paid the hourly rates they've waited for over a year," the chief said in a letter to commissioners, adding that the county's prior practice has been to "pay our employees promptly when they work an emergency in anticipation of receiving federal reimbursement which can take months or sometimes years."

Commissioners authorized payment of \$10,520 for 492 hours at \$23.07 per hour for volunteers during the fire and another \$1188 for 36 hours the fire chief worked during the West Mims Fire.

- Awarded a contract to Beard Equipment Company, which submitted the lowest of two bids for the purchase of a new John Deere 620G motor grader to join the road department's road maintenance fleet. Total cost of a five-year deal, including finance charges, will be \$149,750.

# Man arrested for allegedly chasing dad with machete

JON SHUMAKE

A Sanderson man was arrested the afternoon of July 3 after a warrant was issued following an incident in which he allegedly chased his father with a machete in late June.

Hunter Combs, 20, was booked on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and criminal mischief stemming from the June 25 incident, which also involved the suspect allegedly damaging a propane tank, causing it to discharge flammable gas "dangerously close the residence," as Deputy Jeffrey Davis Jr. reported.

The suspect's mother Stephanie Combs said her son became irate at his father Dennis Combs after she confronted her son's drug dealer about not selling to her son again. She said he overdosed on June 24, the deputy noted.

The younger Mr. Combs allegedly threatened to kill both of his parents and burn both the Hilltop Road residence and his father's truck. The suspect then began slamming cabinet doors and throwing things, and his father, 60, ordered him out of the house, at which point he damaged the propane tank, according to police.

After Mr. Combs once again ordered his son to leave the property, the suspect allegedly grabbed the machete and charged at his father, causing the elder Mr. Combs to grab a shovel to defend himself, Deputy Davis said.

Hunter Combs then ran into a wooded area behind the residence, and K-9 units were unsuccessful in locating him until last week.

In an unrelated incident, a Macclenny man was arrested for felony domestic battery and his pregnant girlfriend was named in a criminal complaint the evening of July 5 after a verbal argument allegedly turned physical.

Zackrus Agee, 25, was taken into custody for allegedly shoving 23-year-old Vanessa Powell, who was 18 weeks pregnant with his child at the time. Ms. Powell admitting she struck Mr. Agee several times, and he had slight swelling to his right eye and a superficial scratch on his neck, Deputy Mitchell Wight reported.

Deputy Wight first met with Mr. Agee, who said Ms. Powell struck him while he was attempting to leave the residence. Ms. Powell said she told her boyfriend, who was aware of her pregnancy, to gather his belongings and leave the residence. The two continued arguing as he gathered his items, she said, at which point he shoved her, causing her to fall to the ground.

Ms. Powell, who had no visible injuries, said she struck Mr. Agee when he continued his aggressive behavior after she got back to her feet, according to police.

- In another domestic violence incident shortly after midnight on July 5, Thomas Roark, 35, was jailed after allegedly attempting to pull his girlfriend from her vehicle in front of her two teenage grandchildren.

He was taken to county jail on one count of misdemeanor domestic battery following the incident that occurred about 12:45 a.m. Cherrie Collins, 56, told Deputy Wight she was attempting to leave the residence with her grandchildren - 13 and 14 years old - in an effort to give Mr. Roark time to calm down after a verbal altercation.

She said he attempted to pull her from the driver's seat, ripping her shirt as he tried to extract her. Mr. Roark, who Ms. Collins said had been drinking alcohol throughout the day, continued his aggressive behavior and yelled profanities until police arrived, she told Deputy Wight.

The officer noted both Ms. Collins' shirt and pants were ripped, but she had no redness or swelling.

Both of her grandchildren, one of whom called police, gave similar accounts.

- County jail inmate Matthew Light, 29, of Middleburg was arrested again after writing a letter dated June 28 to a woman who has an active domestic violence injunction against him.

The letter, addressed to the woman, contained references to a person named "Tink," and the 26-year-old victim wrote in a statement that Mr. Light had called her Tinkerbelle for 11 years, according to Detective Tracie Benton's report from July 5.

The injunction was signed on May 17, 2018 and runs through the same date in 2020. It prohibits Mr. Light from contacting the victim in any manner.



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# I-10 arrests are related to drugs

County deputies and highway patrolmen made several drug-related arrests after stopping vehicles for traffic offenses the past week.

James Burton II, 30, of Glen St. Mary was booked the evening of July 6 for driving impaired on Interstate 10, apparently the result of injecting meth and taking prescription medicine.

Deputy John Finley Jr. stopped Mr. Burton's Mitsubishi following reports from other motorists that he was swerving across both travel lanes shortly after 9 p.m. He stopped the suspect near Glen St. Mary and a vehicle search turned up a syringe with meth residue and several unused syringes.

Mr. Burton, who Trooper J.E. Farley said exhibited obvious impairment signs including droopy eyelids and slow speech, failed field sobriety testing and admitted he had earlier taken drugs. He refused at county jail to submit to a urine test, triggering a mandatory charge for DUI. He was also charged with possession of a controlled substance and the syringes.

In another case that originated from a traffic stop on

I-10 near Glen, Trooper J. Seay arrested Cesar Galvan, 23, of Stockbridge, GA the morning of July 4 for felony possession of marijuana and a vape pen with hemp oil.

The trooper said he clocked Mr. Galvan's eastbound vehicle at 85 mph. After he allegedly admitted to having a small amount of pot, a K-9 alerted to the presence of drugs from outside the vehicle, and a subsequent search turned up the pot and other items including rolling papers.

- Deputy Jeffrey Higginbotham charged James Whittaker, 42, of Macclenny with possession of a bloody syringe with meth residue after the vehicle he was driving was stopped by Deputy Andrew Thames on South Sixth and Hodges late on July 5.

The 1999 Saturn was stopped for having a faulty tag light, said the deputy, who also arrested the driver for having a suspended license.

The officer said the syringe was lying underneath the driver's seat and the suspect denied it belonged to him or passenger Jack Hodges, 49, of Hampton, FL.

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# 8 face charges in trio of fights

Eight people were either arrested or named in felony criminal complaints following three street disturbances in the same south Macclenny neighborhood late on July 4.

Police were initially called to the intersection of South Boulevard and Quail Lane about 10 p.m. where a large crowd gathered near a fight between a 15-year-old male and an unidentified youth.

The youth, who Deputy Jeffrey Davis said was atop another male repeatedly punching him, attempted to walk away when he saw police arriving. He was arrested for disorderly conduct when he ignored a command to stop and tried to jerk away rather than be handcuffed.

Officers shortly after learned of another disturbance in a private yard off MLK Drive and Deputy Davis said four males were fighting when he arrived, and then ran toward a nearby vehicle.

Anthony James Jr., 22, of Macclenny, the owner of the car, was taken into custody and arrested for disorderly conduct. He had a permit to carry a 9-millimeter pistol he had on one of his hips. Two other occupants, Jesse Jenkins, 20, and Quadry Jenkins, 22, were charged with disorderly conduct.

A third passenger, Joiada Jenkins, 18, of Lake Butler was charged with possession of a 9-millimeter pistol that turned up stolen in Columbia County, and he was booked for



Natavian Griffin

felony possession and dealing in stolen property, in addition to the disorderly count.

Due to the number of detainees, deputies summoned a van from county jail to transport them.

Meanwhile, a third disturbance erupted back at the original corner and two females were arrested there, including Chyna Parker, 18, of Macclenny for disorderly conduct and resisting when she refused a command to stop her car and cursed at Capt. Chris Volz.

Abrilya Williams, 21, of Gainesville was charged with disorderly conduct for refusing to move her vehicle from the street.

In addition, Deputy Davis filed complaints against Shaquan Griffin, 18, and Natavian Griffin, 23, for aggravated battery on Ronnie Ellis Jr., 36, and Johnny Hollings Jr., both of Macclenny.

Mr. Hollings was treated at Fraser Hospital for an injury when he was allegedly struck by the older Griffin with a hammer, and both are also accused of striking a juvenile with a stick.



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# LEGAL NOTICES



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2018-CP-0047

IN RE: The Estate Of JAMES M. ADAMS, Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JAMES M. ADAMS deceased, whose date of death was April 21, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 East Macclenny Avenue, #113, Macclenny, Florida 32063. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is July 12, 2018.

Personal Representative: Douglas S. Adkins 863 Laguna Drive West Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Attorney for Personal Representative: Allen L. Poucher, Jr., Esquire Florida Bar: 30867 2257 Riverside Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32204 Telephone: (904) 389-2200 Fax: (904) 389-2616 Email: a.poucher@poucherlaw.com Email 2: lizs@poucherlaw.com Email 3: litigation@poucherlaw.com

7/12-7/19c

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018-TD-002

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 1200570 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 19; THENCE NORTH 00°35'49" WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 19, A DISTANCE OF 17.53 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD S-130 ALSO KNOWN AS MUDLAKE ROAD (AN 80 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED) THENCE SOUTH 87°31'05" WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE THEREOF A DISTANCE OF 319.85 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 18, PAGE 647 OF SAID COUNTY AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE NORTH 00°39'13" WEST, DEPARTING SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 18, PAGE 647 A DISTANCE OF 299.85 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 5 AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF HUMMING BIRD TRAIL, A SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGES 103 AND 104 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID BAKER COUNTY FLORIDA; THENCE SOUTH 87°29'01" WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 229.79 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF LOT 4 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT OF HUMMINGBIRD TRAIL; THENCE SOUTH 00°38'27" EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 299.71 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 2-130; THENCE NORTH 87°31'05" EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 229.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 1.58 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

SAID LANDS BEING THE SAME LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS 2000, PAGE 3116 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS 1999 PAGE 969.

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

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: BARRY A. BARGERON a/k/a BARRY ALAN BARGERON and RITTA W. BARGERON, a/k/a RITA WALTERS BARGERON

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018, at 11:00 AM.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2018.

STACIE D. HARVEY CLERK OF COURT BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Julie B. Combs Deputy Clerk

7/5-7/26c

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018-TD-004

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 1100102 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

PARCEL #15 CAMP OSCEOLA, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 33 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JOSEPH E. DOOLEY

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 AT 11:00 AM.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2018.

STACIE D. HARVEY CLERK OF COURT BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Julie B. Combs Deputy Clerk

7/5-7/26c

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 02-2018-DR-235

Ocla Delp, Petitioner,

and Madsion Lucas, Respondent,

### NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY

TO: Madison Lucas LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 151495 County Road 108, Hilliard, FL 32046

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for temporary custody by extended family has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ocla B. Delp whose address is 20393 Frank Combs Road, Sanderson, FL 32087 on or before August 3, 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 clerks 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: July 3, 2018.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Melissa Haines Deputy Clerk

7/5-7/26p

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018-TD-003

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 1100825 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

LEG 000049 ACRES A STRIP OF LAND IN THE NW ¼ OF SW ¼ SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, DESCRIBED IN OR 13 PAGE 403 (LESS PARCELS 0960 & 0980) AND LESS OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 410, PAGE 225) AS PER SURVEY ON FILE POM 133D, PARCEL #32-25-22-0000-0000-0020

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

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: CLARENCE S. WILLIAMS, JR.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 AT 11:00 AM.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2018.

STACIE D. HARVEY CLERK OF COURT BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Julie B. Combs Deputy Clerk

7/5-7/26c

### MEETING DATE

Notice is hereby given that the Baker County Hospital Authority Board will meet on:

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 4:30 pm

The meeting will be held at the Baker County Chamber of Commerce Office 20 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063.

The public is invited to attend.

Todd Ferreira, Chairman Baker County Hospital Authority

7/12c

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018-TD-005

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 1100794 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A PART OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SW CORNER OF "COPPER CREEK HILLS UNIT 1" A SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 111 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING THE SAME AS THE SW CORNER OF THE NW ¼ OF THE NE ¼ OF SAID SECTION 30, AND BEING 80'45"11" E, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION, 1553.78 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO 23-A (AN 80 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY), SAID POINT BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NE AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 2904.78 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04°33'24" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF S 27°52'14" E, AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 230.96 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 231.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE S 30°08'57"E, 1339.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1869.86 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 28°43'18" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF S15°47'18"E, AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 927.55 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 937.33 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF GOLF COURSE ROAD (A 50 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE S 45°17'38" W, A DISTANCE OF 20.93 FEET; THENCE N 89°13'59" W, ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1297.30 FEET TO A ½ INCH IRON PIPE; THENCE S 00°24'28" W, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID GOLF COURSE ROAD; THENCE S 89°13'59" E, 325.12 FEET TO A ½ INCH PIPE, LS 1380; THENCE S 00°28'59" W, A DISTANCE OF 986.52 FEET TO A ½ INCH IRON PIPE LS 1380; THENCE S 88°57'32" W, A DISTANCE OF 325.99 FEET TO A ½ INCH IRON PIPE ON THE EAST LINE OF LOT 11, BLOCK 5 OF JERRY W. THOMAS SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, A SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 43 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE N 00°41'56" E ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2.43 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 8, SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE N 88°20'26" W, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 469.31 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE S 00°18'17" W A DISTANCE OF 129.51 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 11 BLOCK 7 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE N 88°24'27" W, A DISTANCE OF 127.04 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 11, BLOCK 7 AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 101, PAGE 248, SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE N 88°54'30" W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LANDS A DISTANCE OF 186.45 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE MILTONDALE ROAD (A 73 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE N 00°44'21" E, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 108.29 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 192.04 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE 23°31'00" BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF N 11°01'09" W AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 78.27 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE A ARC DISTANCE OF 78.82 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID O.R.B. 101, PAGE 248; THENCE N 61°57'47" E, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 235.71 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LANDS; THENCE N 01°32'36" E, 189.93 FEET TO THE MONUMENTED SOUTH LINE OF THE NW ¼ OF THE SW ¼ OF SAID SECTION 30; THENCE N 88°33'59" W, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 642.41 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE AFOREMENTIONED EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MILTONDALE ROAD (NOW A 66 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY) THENCE N 00°43'51" E, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 1328.85 FEET TO A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE EAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1876.86 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 06°59'57" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF N 04°16'38" E AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 229.13 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 229.28 FEET; THENCE N 07°46'08" E, A DISTANCE OF 95.43 FEET TO A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1178.92 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°24'27" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF N00°32'14" E, AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 295.67 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 296.45 FEET; THENCE N06°40'35" W, A DISTANCE OF 264.25 FEET; THENCE N 51°12'26" W, A DISTANCE OF 38.12 FEET TO SAID RIGHT OF WAY'S INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE NE ¼ OF SAID SECTION 30; THENCE N 01°09'38" W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 420.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: MATTHEW R. WEASEL and HAROLD KEINATH

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 AT 11:00 AM.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2018.

STACIE D. HARVEY CLERK OF COURT BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Julie B. Combs Deputy Clerk

7/12-8/2c

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018-TD-006

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 1100611 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NE ¼ AND RUN S 00°27'57" W, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 915.14 FEET; THENCE S 11°42'43" E, 197.57 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED RUN S 89°29'04" E, 273.53 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF GLEN WOOD DRIVE (SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE EAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 798.74 FEET); THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, 287.28 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF S 09°34'42" E, THENCE S 66°50'36" W, ALONG A LINE 30.00 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THREE FORKS ROAD, 261.84 FEET; THENCE N 11°42'43" W, 396.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND EXCEPT PARCEL CONVEYED IN INSTRUMENT #20050007125 PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: MATTHEW R. WEASEL and HAROLD KEINATH

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 AT 11:00 AM.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2018.

STACIE D. HARVEY CLERK OF COURT BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Julie B. Combs Deputy Clerk

7/12-8/2c

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 1700043CAMXAX

REGIONS BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST VONA K. LINSLEY A/K/A VONA KAY LINSLEY A/K/A VONA LINSLEY, DECEASED; CHARLIE GROCHOWALSKI; DAWN JERMANSKI; VONA MAE CHACHULSKI; BUFFY NEWVILLE A/K/A BUFFY K. NEVILLE; FREDERICK SHEELE; LARRY GROCHOWALSKI, et al. Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 7, 2018, and entered in 1700043CAMXAX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida, wherein REGIONS BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST VONA K. LINSLEY A/K/A VONA KAY LINSLEY A/K/A VONA LINSLEY, DECEASED; CHARLIE GROCHOWALSKI; DAWN JERMANSKI; VONA MAE CHACHULSKI; BUFFY NEWVILLE A/K/A BUFFY K. NEVILLE; FREDERICK SHEELE; LARRY GROCHOWALSKI are the Defendant(s). Stacie D. Harvey as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 339 East Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063, at 11:00 AM, on August 23, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, RIDGE ESTATES, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 14, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1998 MOBILE HOME ID # PH0612007BFL TITLE # 76000470 AND ID # PH0612007AFL TITLE # 76000469

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7752 WEST RIDGE ESTATES DRIVE GLEN SAINT MARY, FL 32040

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

Dated this 27th day of June, 2018.

Stacie D. Harvey As Clerk of the Court

By: Tina Carrington As Deputy Clerk

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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, July 17, 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.

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# OPINION

## Even small acts of kindness can have big impact

Sometimes it takes having an awful day to appreciate the good in the world.

And I had an all-time bad day on Monday.

First, I backed in to managing editor Joel Addington's Jeep while trying to leave work in the evening, causing my back window to shatter and back hatch to cave in.

No worries, though, his Jeep was perfectly fine.

After covering the hole in my window with tarp and tape — more on that in a bit — I discovered it was 80 degrees inside our house despite the thermostat being set much lower. A technician made an emergency visit around 10 p.m. and determined the outside unit needed major repairs.

He didn't have the necessary parts to complete the service, leaving us without A/C for a warm summer night and a hot July day on Tuesday.

Despite all the frustration I was still reminded there are genuinely good people in the world.

While I was trying to figure out how to best attach the tarp to cover the hole, a woman offered to help me. Even though I hesitated in accepting her offer, she wasted no time in walking over to me to help, setting her glass of tea on the ground before helping me fold the tarp and tape it to my vehicle.

She even helped me fold it in a way that kept the license plate visible in case some "grouchy cop" wanted

a reason to pull me over, as she put it.

Unfortunately I didn't get her name, but I hope she is a reader so I can tell her how I greatly appreciate her going out of her way to help me. It was hot outside and

she didn't have to take time out of her day to assist me, but she did so anyway.

And I know this wasn't an isolated inci-

dent. People all over the world help strangers out on a daily basis. No matter how big or small an issue might be — from a shattered window to a soccer team being trapped in an underground cave — people come together every day to help those in need.

Those acts of kindness often go unnoticed except for the person or persons benefiting from them, which is a shame. In a world where we're seemingly drowning in negativity and hatred — one doesn't have to look much further than social media for proof — and divisive issues drawing lines in the sand, we need those acts of kindness more than ever.

Even the smallest action can have a massive impact on someone's day or life. And kindness breeds kindness, and in turn makes the world a better place.

So just take a moment to do something nice for someone, whether they're a stranger or a lifelong friend. You never know what kind of affect it might have on them.

Singer-songwriter Frank Turner sang it perfectly in his song "Be More Kind," the title track off his newest album released earlier this year:

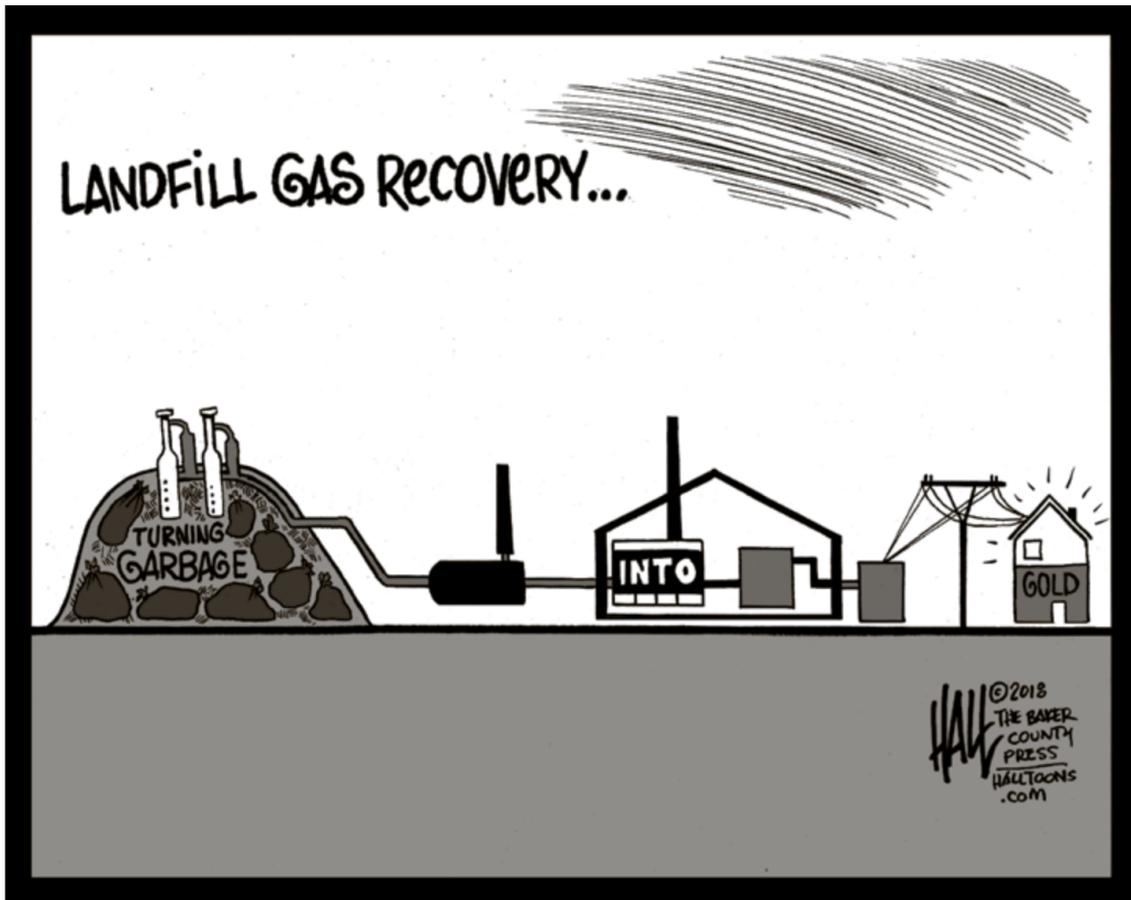
"In a world that has decided

That it's going to lose its mind

Be more kind, my friends,  
try to be more kind."

### The Extra Point

Jon Shumake



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Vets council advocates full funding

Dear Editor:

The men and women who make up the Baker County Veterans Council were pleased to see the county commissioners actively consider our modest request for monetary support. The request was made after discovering that other Florida counties support their veteran organizations with appropriations.

Although the request was submitted in writing with all of the missions accomplished to date, such as building wheelchair ramps, providing vehicles and paying emergency bills, there seemed to be an interest in how any funds granted would be spent. All the funds received by the council are used to support Baker County veterans. Requests are investigated and vetted by all four elected officers before funds or services are approved as spelled out in our 501-C-3 incorporation documents.

As to the fact that the county's Veterans Service Officer (VSO) is a 30 hour position, the incumbent

and the council agree that is adequate office time and no need for a full time position. The need is not in the office, it is in the outreach and support of the veterans trying to survive and stay healthy. Although a few individuals had brought some concerns to the city manager about the incumbent VSO, the council has never been at odds with him and he is an integral part of the veterans council proceedings.

As to whether funding a nonprofit organization would set a precedence, in our humble opinion, getting a return of 4 or 5 times the money invested is highly desirable and a money multiplier that should be encouraged. The Veterans take on a county support project every year and have logged over 10,000 community service hours at no cost to the county. The BCVC rebuilt all the docks and maintain the veterans park, repaired the vandalized structure and added a deck to the Sanderson community center, built

the entrance kiosk at Shoals Park and recently painted the Agriculture Center ballroom. We also removed the rotted interior of the caboose located in Heritage Park and then remodeled the same. We have provided a \$500 scholarship to one outstanding Baker County A.F.J R.O.T.C. cadet and a \$1000 scholarship for the last two years and hope to continue this in the future.

We have purchased the materials and have built several wheelchair ramps for needy veterans in Baker County at no cost to the recipients, one of whom is the father of Commissioner James Croft. The cost was approximately \$2500, and we are in the process of providing another one at a similar cost to a needy World War II veteran.

The Council also hosts an annual fishing derby every year for the youth of Baker County at no expense to the participants. Our current project is building a memorial for fallen deputies at the sheriff's complex. On Memorial Day we

purchased and place flags on the graves of all the deceased veterans in Baker County cemeteries.

We sincerely hope the county leadership will decide to fully fund this modest request. Veterans make up nearly 10 percent of the county's population and many of them need assistance. The men and women who are the BCVC will be here to help those who served our nation. We appreciate the many individuals and business leaders who have supported and continue to support our efforts.

**Larry Porterfield,**  
Commanding Officer

**Hank Carrico,**  
Executive Officer

**Dan Masterson,**  
Treasurer

**John Joseph,** Chaplain

### Brannen inspired

Dear Editor:

The Celebrate Recovery ministry at Raiford Road Church recently received several monetary donations in the name of Patricia Brannen.

I did not know Mrs. Brannen personally, but after talking with family members I quickly realized that was my loss. I learned of a Godly woman who never forgot what Jesus Christ did for her through salvation, and she worked tirelessly to show those who struggle with addictions that there is hope and true freedom in Christ.

Those of us who work in the trenches stand upon the shoulders of the saints who worked before us. Thank you for the legacy you left your family, and those of us who continue the mission

**Mike Combs**  
Ministry Leader  
Celebrate Recovery  
Raiford Road Church

### Is it wildlife buffer, or not?

Dear Editor:

When I purchased my home in 2008 I was advised and it was understood that the lot size area to the left of my home separating another builder's lot (now known as 504 Fiesta Court) was a wildlife buffer area and no building would be permitted.

In April, 2009 I was advised by our Home Owner's Association that the area was indeed a wildlife buffer area and to install a fence on that side of my property, the fence had to be a picket fence no higher than 4-foot tall because of the wildlife area. I got permission from the HOA, and I purchased a permit (\$25) from the City of Macclenny to install the fence. In order to get that permit I was required by the city to give them a copy of the HOA approval letter, which the city representative made a copy of.

At no time was there a challenge or dispute that the area was a wildlife buffer area. That area was next to timber land owned by Rayonier.

A few months ago while looking at the Baker County Property Appraiser's website I noticed the street name Conch Court had

been given to the left side of my property line. I had not seen any bright orange re-zoning signs in the nine-plus years I have lived in my home.

I emailed the city and was advised that area is now zoned for multi-family homes. I can't see how that property can be legally rezoned from a wildlife buffer area and/or forestry/timber land to multi-family homes without a notice of zoning change being posted on that property in public view so we could to comment or object to any changes. Since the only possible exits/entrances from that property owned by BAR Construction is on Largo Lane or Fiesta Court, zoning change signs would be impossible to miss.

At least 2-3 times a year, I have had to escort tortoises exiting that area heading towards the retention pond across the street so they would not be injured by automobiles. If those tortoise are a Florida threatened species is for others to determine.

**Rafael Gonzalez**  
Macclenny

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome, but must contain the signature of the writer, a phone number and city of residence. Letters must be concise and reflect opinions and statements on current issues to the general public. The newspaper reserves the right to reject any material which in the newspaper's judgement does not meet standards of publication.

# Arrested driving stolen golf cart

JON SHUMAKE

A Macclenny man was arrested the morning of July 5 for grand theft after he was caught driving a golf cart that was reported stolen from a Harley Thrift Road residence.

Sgt. Chris Walker found David Crawford Jr., 42, driving the golf cart on SR-121 south. The suspect initially refused to stop, and continued driving despite the officer activating his siren. Mr. Crawford finally stopped and laid on the ground after Sgt. Walker gave two verbal commands over a loudspeaker, according to his report.

During an interview with Detective David Mancini at the sheriff's office, Mr. Crawford admitted stealing the golf cart from Phillip Crews' residence with

an intent to sell it.

Detective Mancini noted he had been investigating other ATV thefts in the area. Mr. Crawford denied any knowledge of those thefts, but said he believed he could find out who was involved.

Sgt. Walker responded to the residence after Mr. Crews learned from his son that the golf cart, valued at \$6000, was missing. Mr. Crews said he found a bicycle located in the woods near where the golf cart was left on his property, and he was able to follow tire tracks from the vehicle onto SR-121.

In another vehicle theft, a Colorado man was arrested locally on June 28 on a grand theft auto warrant following his arrest the previous day in Union Coun-

ty after he admitted to stealing two vehicles, one of which was taken from Raiford Road Church.

Victim Harold Griffis of Macclenny said he was mowing grass when a subject later identified as Joel Guerrero, 18, took his vehicle. Church surveillance footage showed Mr. Guerrero travel south on SR-121 after taking the vehicle, according to Deputy John Taylor's report.

Mr. Guerrero was arrested shortly after in Union County and admitted to stealing both Mr. Griffis' vehicle and another one he left on the side of the road at Northeast Florida State Hospital. Deputy Taylor recovered the second vehicle, learning it was stolen out of Gainesville.

# Store burglar busted after a wreck

JON SHUMAKE

A 17-year-old Macclenny boy was arrested for burglary on July 3 after police found items stolen from the Macedonia Store strewn across the crash site after the suspect's truck rolled over.

Sgt. Ben Anderson found Damien Pryde walking away from the crashed Nissan truck on Harley Thrift Road, which was about a quarter-mile from the burglary. Deputy Justin Yingling located one beer, multiple

packs of tobacco, and an empty cigar box in the immediate area of the crash scene, and all the items matched the description of what was stolen.

Police also found \$55 in cash on the ground at the scene, and another \$20 and two packs of cigarettes in Mr. Pryde's pockets after he was cleared at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital, where he admitted to the burglary.

Employee Sharon Thummel told Cpl. John Murphy

she found the front window had been smashed out from the store after arriving to work. She then noticed the packs of cigarettes, cigars and cans of oral tobacco were missing from behind the store counter. Alcoholic beverages were missing from the store as was \$382 from the cash drawer.

During the investigation, Sgt. Anderson responded to the crash scene.

Mr. Pryde told Deputy David Mancini he entered

the store through a window he claimed to have found broken open. He said he was driving through the area when he noticed the window, and that "he saw an opportunity and took it," according to Deputy Mancini's report.

The suspect also denied taking any money, and \$117 in items and cash were recovered.

Mr. Pryde was also charged with criminal mischief.

# Serve up some love this summer

FAMILY FEATURES

Many of today's families have something in the kitchen that previous generations didn't — more men involved in meal preparation. This summer, that trend will likely continue as men, especially fathers, take to the grill to prepare popular fare for the family.

As millennials shatter stereotypes and share household tasks, fathers are using cooking as a way of bonding with their children by making their favorite family meals together. According to a study conducted by Men's Health, more men are helping out in the kitchen than ever. Not only are they becoming primary grocery shoppers, but 92 percent of men surveyed said they are preparing meals for themselves and 77 percent are preparing meals for others.

Men are also among the ranks of the top food bloggers, often writing about their cooking adventures with their children. Among them is Derek Campanile of "Dad with a Pan," whose passion for cooking and sharing recipes grew even stronger with the birth of his son.

"I've always enjoyed cooking for people and mixing different ingredients to come up with something everyone enjoys, but it wasn't until I became a dad that it truly began to sink in," Campanile said. "When I cook with my son, food is so much more than food - it's pure love. Cooking together makes it fun to come to the table and enjoy great food."

Many times, fatherly chefs include meat in all kinds of recipes, but swapping in an ingredient like Jennie-O turkey for beef makes it easy to modify their favorites into more nutritious choices for the entire family without



sacrificing flavor. Give it a try with this Easy Cheesy Burgers recipe that makes it simple for parents to cook with their kids.

Find more ways to involve the whole family in the kitchen at jennieo.com.

**Easy Cheesy Burgers**  
Servings: 8

- 2 packages (16 ounces each) Jennie-O Lean Ground Turkey
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 sesame seeds buns, warmed
- ketchup (optional)
- yellow mustard (optional)

Heat grill or griddle to medium heat.

In large bowl, gently combine ground turkey and salt. Shape ground turkey into eight balls. Cover with plastic.

Mix mozzarella and cheddar to create eight piles of shredded cheese, each between 1/4-1/3 cup.

Grill patties 12-15 minutes, or until cooked through. Always cook to well-done (165 F) as measured by a meat thermometer.

Once patties are cooked through, place on aluminum foil-lined baking sheet. Top patties with shredded cheese and place under broiler 3-5 minutes; cook until cheese is bubbly.

Place patties on warmed buns. Add ketchup and mustard, if desired.

## '93 reunion on July 28

The Baker County High School class of 1993 will host a 25-year reunion the evening of July 28 at the Crooked Rooster in Macclenny.

The \$25 ticket includes a Low Country Boil with Scallan's crawfish and Mayport shrimp, Wild Night craft beer and cover charge for the Robbie Litt Band that will play from 8 p.m.-midnight. Dinner begins at 8 p.m.

RSVP to David and Tracy Boggs at 904-517-4093 or email tracyboggs0412@gmail.com

## Utility bill help

Baker County residents may be eligible to receive between \$475-\$600 assistance with summer electric bills depending on federal poverty guidelines, income and family size.

To schedule an appointment call the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency at 259-4481 or 1-844-625-8776.

# WMD cuts tax rate in new budget

ST. JOHNS WMD

The St. Johns River Water Management District's governing board Tuesday approved a tentative \$142.5 million budget that reduces the millage rate for property owners for a sixth consecutive year while also allocating funds for programs and projects to ensure sustainable water resources, increase water conservation and protect water quality in springs and other priority water bodies.

The majority of the budget, 69 percent or more than \$92.5 million, comes from such property taxes. But thanks to increasing property values the proposed lower millage, or property tax, rate, down about 6 percent, will raise 1.8 percent more revenue than the current year.

State funding accounts for the second largest portion of the tentative budget at \$33.5 million or 25 percent of the total. That's up from 24 percent this fiscal year, which ends September 30. Other revenue sources include timber sales proceeds, cattle leas-

es, interest earnings and permit fees.

"This tentative budget reflects the district's continued commitment to our core missions of water supply, water quality, flood protection and natural systems," said St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle. "We continue to invest taxpayer dollars and focus our efforts on cooperative projects that are helping to restore and protect our water resources."

Under a 0.2562 millage rate — 25.62 cents for every \$1000 of assessed property value — the owner of a \$200,000 house with a \$50,000 homestead exemption would pay \$38.43 in the coming year in property taxes to the district.

The proposed budget will fund the district's major programs, such as priority water body and springs restoration and continued cost-share partnerships. Public hearings will be held at 5:05 p.m. September 11 and 25. Final budget adoption will occur at the September 25 governing board meeting.

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# OBITUARIES

## Rev. Johnnie Anderson dies July 8

Rev. Johnnie Wayne Anderson, 73, a lifelong Baker County resident, died suddenly on Sunday, July 8, 2018. Johnnie Wayne was born on July 6, 1945 in Taylor to the late J.C. and Mary Williams Anderson. He was one of eight children; five of whom preceded him in death: Edward Anderson, Clyde Anderson, Lavonne Anderson Brumfield, Genevieve Anderson Lucas and Esther Mae Anderson. He was an ordained bishop and pastored the Baldwin Church of God since 1990. He had a passion for the Lord, ministering to others and fishing. He spent most of his time with the love of his life and wife of 54 years, Ruby Sweat Anderson, his family, church family and friends. If Johnnie Wayne was here, he'd say, "If you aren't ready to go then you better get right with God." He will be greatly missed!



Johnnie Anderson

Other than his wife, Rev. Anderson is survived by children Johnnie D. (Barbara) Anderson of Lake City and Tammy L. Anderson of Macclenny; siblings Cleo (Sammy) Osteen of Mayo, FL and Michael (Sherrie) Anderson of Macclenny; grandchildren Derek, Dustin, Coleby, Tera and Savannah; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service to honor the life of Rev. Anderson will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, at the Macclenny Church of God with Pastor Shannon Conner officiating. Interment will be in Taylor Cemetery, Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

## Service for James Conner in N.C.

James Edward Conner, 69, of Glen St. Mary and formerly of Ahoskie, NC, died on July 3, 2018 at the St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital in Jacksonville after a short illness. Mr. Conner was born on November 6, 1948 to Lloyd and Sarah Belle Vaughan Conner in Windsor, NC. He was a long-distance truck driver for many years and started driving the truck with his daddy at the age of 14. James was given a 17-year pin and was awarded "Million Mile-Accident-Free Driver" in 2015 from Transport America. He was a loving husband, father, brother and friend that will be deeply missed by all that knew him.



James Conner

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Earl Conner. He is survived by his loving wife Nancy Baker Conner; children Billie Jo (Sam) Ivey of Ahoskie, Mary Clements and fiancé Brian Shafer of Roanoke Rapids, NC; grandchildren Alston Hathaway, Tyler Hathaway and Caleb Ivey, all of Ahoskie, Bobby Clements and Sarah Clements of Roanoke Rapids; sisters Sarah Turner and Peggy Whitaker, both of Colerain, NC; brothers Wayne Conner of Ahoskie and Ray Conner of Woodland, NC; three great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, July 7 at Garrett-Sykes Funeral Service, Ahoskie to celebrate James' life.

## Gail Kirkland, 75, dies on July 3rd

Carolyn Gail McKelvey Kirkland, 75, of Macclenny died peacefully in her sleep at home with her family by her side on July 3, 2018. Gail was born November 3, 1942 in Oak Ridge, TN and later moved to Carrollton, GA, where she and her husband Jim McKelvey had three children. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority prior to relocating to Macclenny in 1983 to marry Kenneth Kirkland. Gail was active in Taylor Church where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, authored a book and helped others with godly counseling. She was the founder of ABBA Ministries (Addictive Behaviors Broken from Above) that extended from counseling groups to a prison ministry that provided free study Bibles to inmates throughout the State of Florida. ABBA Ministries was so successful that Gail was chosen to receive the 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award from Lake City Correctional Facility.



Carolyn Kirkland

Mrs. Kirkland was preceded in death by her husband Jim McKelvey, parents Arnold and Ruth Norman, sister Brenda Payne and brother Lynn Norman. She is survived by husband Kenneth Kirkland of Macclenny; children Leigh (Warren) Davis of Macclenny, Wade (Joetta) McKelvey of St. Augustine, Jason (Kim) McKelvey of Brunswick, GA, Tina (Lance) Veitch of Jacksonville, Travis (Erin) Kirkland and Ryan (Jill) Kirkland, both of Atlanta; grandchildren Elise (Randall) Crawford, Laurel Davis, Daulton McKelvey, Kellen (Tiffany) Hatcher, Nicholas (Sarah) Hatcher, Brianna McKelvey, Bailey McKelvey, Oliver Veitch, Molly Kirkland, Walker Kirkland, Emily Kirkland; three great-grandchildren; brothers Holly (Virginia) Norman and Tommy (Blenda) Norman; sisters Betty Finchum and Mary Culbertson.

The funeral service to honor the life of Mrs. Kirkland was held at 5 p.m. on July 5, at her church with pastors Mark Woods and Bob Proy officiating. Interment was on July 6 at Carrollton Memory Gardens in Carrollton, GA. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to ABBA Ministries, PO Box 1091, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

## Private service for Linda Pass, 65

Linda Evelyn Pass, 65, of Lake City died on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at her daughter's home in Sanderson after a brief illness. She was born on April 28, 1953 in Indianapolis, IN to the late Robert and Lillian Dale (Stanley) Lewis. Linda had been a resident of Lake City since 1995 having moved there from Orlando. She worked most of her life as a waitress and was a Baptist. Linda loved to cook and take care of her family. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.



Linda Pass

Ms. Pass is survived by her children David Pass of Lake City, Shelly Herndon (Tim) of Sanderson, Heather Britto (Tobey) of South Carolina and Jonathan Pass (Felicia) of South Carolina; siblings Margaret Kidwell, Kay Ferguson, Amanda Brunger (Joseph) and Robert "Bobby" Lewis; grandchildren Brandon Pass, Jessica Warner, Brianna Flagan (Damein), Jordan Britto, Justin Britto, Brian Pass and Addison Pass; numerous other family members and friends.

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

## Teresa Raulerson, 56, of Sanderson

Teresa "Tata" Diane Raulerson, 56, of Sanderson died on July 2, 2018 at her home. She was born in Jacksonville to William "Bill" Raulerson and Gracie Harvey Raulerson. Tata graduated from Baker County High School, then continued her education at Lake City Community College where she obtained an associate degree. She worked in the insurance industry and became Vice-president of J.P. Perry Insurance Company in Jacksonville. Tata loved to be outside working in the yard and gardening. She also enjoyed playing golf and taking motorcycle rides. She was very talented and enjoyed making jewelry and interior decorating and designing. She also enjoyed sports and was an avid University of Florida fan.



Teresa Raulerson

Ms. Raulerson was preceded in death by her father and her brother Arthur Dwayne Raulerson. She is survived by her mother and sister Eva Marie Raulerson, both of Sanderson; niece Cassandra (Chris) Albritton of Sanford, FL and nephew Billy Wayne Raulerson of Sanderson; two great-nieces.

The funeral service to honor the life of Ms. Raulerson was held on July 8 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Rev. Davis Thomas, pastor of the Christian Fellowship Temple, officiating. Interment was at Cedar Creek Cemetery in Sanderson.

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HEALTHY BAKER

# Opioid blocker available at local clinic

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Meridian Behavioral Health in Macclenny has a key drug to treat opioid addiction that's available for low copays with most insurance.

Known as Vivitrol, the non-addictive medication is administered through a monthly injection that blocks opioid receptors in the brain to kill both cravings for opiate-based drugs like heroin and oxycodone and their effects.

A product of the Irish drug manufacturer Alkermes, Vivitrol has been shown to be more effective at fighting opioid addiction than the oral version with the same active ingredient — naltrexone.

According to research by the National Institute of Health published in 2010, there were "tentative indications of superior outcomes for heroin-dependent patients treated with long-acting injectable naltrexone compared to oral naltrexone."

However, researchers noted that addiction counseling was also used to treat those with severe dependency, which is something cited by the drug's sales representative Joel Duffey during his presentation at the county health department on July 9.

Mr. Duffey has been with Alkermes for the last four years and now markets Vivitrol to substance abuse treatment providers in North Florida and South Georgia, including Meridian here.

The non-addictive medication is designed to prevent relapses after detoxification from opioid and alcohol use. It should only be administered by a healthcare professional as part of a comprehensive substance abuse treatment program with psychological support.

The drug was approved by the FDA for treatment of alcohol addiction in 2006 and for opioid addiction in 2009. It costs about \$1400 per dose.

The copay for patients with Medicaid is just \$3 and Florida Blue covers it with no copay. Mr. Duffey said that under-insured patients can apply to receive it at no cost.

"Nine out of 10 plans cover it very well," said Mr. Duffey.

He said some patients stop taking the injections after three to six months while others continue the in-



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON  
Vivitrol sales representative Joel Duffey speaks to a group at the health department July 9.



jections for a year or more, which is more typical.

There are risks associated with Vivitrol, however.

Patients getting injections can develop a low tolerance for opioids and therefore if they take too much of an opioid in the future, they could overdose very easily.

"Cases of opioid overdose with fatal outcomes have been reported in patients who used opioids at the end of a dosing interval, after missing a scheduled dose or after discontinuing treatment," reads the "important safety information" of the Vivitrol brochures passed out at the meeting.

The key to effective use of Vivitrol, Mr. Duffey said, "is setting the right expectation, finding the right patient and counseling appropriately."

"... They'll be learning their triggers and stressors when they're on Vivitrol ... That's why counseling is so important. They can work through what's going on in their environment ..."

In other health news:

- The health department's pre-diabetes class information session was rescheduled to July 24 at 5:30 p.m.

The Type 2 diabetes prevention program will be led by the department's Luisa Fajardo.

She said it targets residents 45 years or older who have not been diagnosed with diabetes, who have a

family history of Type 2 diabetes, are overweight or not physically active. Women who've had gestational diabetes during pregnancy are also being targeted for the program. The information meeting will also include a free pre-diabetes screening and the program will focus on healthy eating and exercise.

The year-long program will start with weekly classes that will become more infrequent as the year goes on, she said, adding that the group setting should give participants extra support during the process.

"If you don't have that it's really hard to make this kind of lifestyle change," said Ms. Fajardo.

For more information, call (904) 653-5246.

- Tobacco quitting assistance is also available.

A six-week "Quit Your Way" class will start up July 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the health department. The weekly classes are one hour and include free nicotine replacement therapy and other resources to help quit smoking, vaping or chewing tobacco.



Luisa Fajardo

Not everyone quits on the first, second or third time ... You can come as you need to," said department spokesman Jose Morales.

There's also a one-day, two-hour class option for those without regular transportation, he said.

Registration is required. Call (904) 482-0189 to do so.

- Fatherhood classes for new dads are available on Mondays and Fridays at the health department from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They'll focus on parenting, financial literacy, career and education development and other support services. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

The program is sponsored by the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition. Call Jack Johnson at (904) 303-9684 for more information.

Healthy Start is also distributing reminder bracelets and car thermometers to help reduce the number of children left in hot cars during the summer.

Baker County Healthy Start coordinator Stephanie Bechtel said 37 children have died nationally after being left inside hot vehicles. In 10 minutes, she said, cars can heat up 20 degrees.

She also sought volunteers to become trained certified car seat technicians. The four-day training is September 26-29 and costs \$85 through the Safe Kids of Northeast Florida organization.

She said there are only two certified technicians in the county now, which limits how many car seat safety checks events can be held.

Those interested can email Ms. Bechtel at steph-

anie.bechtel@flhealth.gov.

The 5th annual Baby Bug-gy Park Walk in the Park organized by the Healthy Start coalition for National Infant Mortality Month will be September 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Klutho Park in Jacksonville.

- ElderSource is offering financial assistance to low-income seniors on Medicare for Part D medication copays and premiums.

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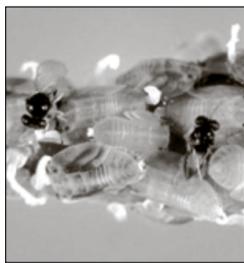
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# SPORTS

## Lady Cats move to sand courts

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BCHS Lady Wildcat volleyball players have been getting some sand between their toes in recent weeks.

It's not from lazy summer days at the beach, however.

The volleyball program has been hard at work at the Knabb Sports Complex's sand volleyball courts for summer practice because the BCHS gym floor is getting a new coat of wax. The Lady Cats first went to the sand courts on June 28, and returned to the courts the afternoon of June 9 following a week off for the Fourth of July.

The team has braved both the rain and heat while playing tournaments consisting of teams of three to four players each during the sessions.

Fifth-year head coach Ashley Holton said the players have enjoyed the change in scenery despite the sometimes adverse conditions.

"I think they're having fun with it. I see a lot more chemistry, bonding going on out here," she said Tuesday. "... Every day somebody's on a different team. They're having a bonding experience while being out here, so it looks like we're all getting to know each other and having a good time."

The sandy surface also has its own benefits the Lady Cats would not gain from normal sessions in the gym.

"Obviously sand is going to give you a better leg workout," coach Holton said. "I'm hoping with us being out here for the past two weeks being on the sand ... our legs are going to get stronger. We're going to be able to move quicker. It's definitely more of an advantage. We're building our endurance being out here."

Rising senior Madison Barton has seen the improvements first-hand.

"It's helping us become quicker, jump higher because the sand is absorbent to energy. You can run and dive and go nowhere," Barton said. "It's definitely been a workout but we're definitely improving. You can see a lot of people's shots are improving, a lot of people's mechanics are improving. It's kind of a blessing in disguise."

The outdoor practices are a continuation of the summer program that started in early June and runs through the end of July.

Coach Holton said more than 20 players have attended each practice, and that she and assistant coach Travis Barton are excited about the consistently large turnout.

"It's going to be very tough for tryouts. Very, very tough to make decisions this



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Bri Walton drops down in anticipation of the ball during Tuesday's session.



Eden Farmer

year," coach Holton said.

Tryouts are scheduled for August 1-2.

### Summer volleyball camp

In preparation of tryouts, the Lady Cats are scheduled to host the 2018 Summer Volleyball Camp on July 17 and 19 at the BCHS gym.

The camp is open to incoming sixth to ninth graders and will run from 5-7 p.m. both days. Players will work on every skill necessary for volleyball, including hitting, serving, setting and passing, coach Holton said.

"Everything there is for volleyball they're going to work on it," she explained.

Registration is \$40 per player and the camp will be limited to 30 players. Participants will also receive a T-shirt.

Players can be registered the day of the first session, coach Holton said.

For more information, contact coach Holton at (904) 327-9906 or by email at [ashley.holton@bakerc12.org](mailto:ashley.holton@bakerc12.org).



Kennedy Godwin returns the volley.

## Barracudas set 30 best times Lose to larger team

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The Baker County Barracudas YMCA swim team set 30 personal records in their third meet of the season held July 7 at the Barco Newton YMCA.

The Barracudas were outscored 1113-274 by the hosting Clay County Kingfish, whose 74 swimmers more than quadrupled Baker County's roster size of 17 competitors. Baker County won 10 of the 28 events in which it had swimmers, and three swimmers finished in first place in multiple events.

Logan Thomas set a personal record in one of his team-high three first-place outings, swimming a time of 48.01 seconds in the Men 9-10 50-yard butterfly. He also topped the age group's 100 individual medley (1:40.44) and 50 backstroke (45.32). Anthony Sweet finished fourth in the backstroke with a time of 1:12.47.

Anthony Sweet finished atop the division's 50 breaststroke with a personal best time of 1:04.11. His fourth-place time of 45.67 in the 50 freestyle was also a personal record.

Payton Thomas improved her times in all three events in which she swam, including a pair of first-place finishes in which she and Ashlyn Thomas finished first and second. Payton Thomas (30.78) and Ashlyn Thomas (40.90) both swam personal bests in the Female 6-and-under 25 breaststroke. Payton also won the division's 25 butterfly with a time of 30.78, while Ashlyn Thomas clocked in at 38.62.

Ashlyn Thomas won the 25 freestyle with a best time of 25.93, edging out Payton Thomas, who took second at 26.06.

Natalie Taylor claimed first with personal records in the Female 11-12 100 medley (1:29.79) and 50 backstroke (41.22). Peyton Rosepiller's record time of 43.93 earned her third in the latter event.

Rosepiller also set personal marks with second-place outings in both the age group's 50 freestyle (34.56) and 50 breaststroke (50.81). Mikenzie O'Hara fourth-place time of 1:11.60 in the breaststroke was also her best time.

In the Men 11-12 50 freestyle, Collin Richmond (35.75) and William Nickles (38.42) swept the top two positions with personal records. The two also bettered their times in the age group's 100 individual medley as Richmond (1:40.21) took second and Nickles (1:59.99) third.

Nickles swam a second-place time of 46.85 in the age group's 50 backstroke.

Richmond improved his time in the Men Open 100 breaststroke with a sixth-place outing of 1:47.46.

Alexander Sweet finished second in three events Men 7-8 division, and improved his times in both the 25 breaststroke (29.59) and 25 freestyle (26.53). Garrett McIntosh also swam personal records in both events, taking third in the breaststroke (45.15) and fifth in the freestyle (42.81).

Alexander Sweet also swam a time of 29.31 in the age group's 25 butterfly.

McIntosh finished third in the division's 25 backstroke, clocking in at 1:00.44.

Claire Nickles (56.24) finished fourth and Teanna Dinkins (1:14.47) claimed ninth as they both set personal records in the Female 9-10 50 backstroke.

Claire Nickles and Dinkins finished fifth and ninth, respectively, in two events. Claire Nickles clocked in at 45.37 and Dinkins bettered her time to 51.72 in the age group's 50 freestyle, and the former swam a time of 1:01.00 and the latter touched in at 1:33.77 in the 50 breaststroke.

O'Hara's recorded a personal best in the Female 11-12 50 freestyle with a time of 46.72.

The Female Open 200 freestyle relay team swam a third-place time of 2:22.87.

River Neri (1:34.94) and Katilyn Small (2:14.81) finished fifth and 10th, respectively, in the Female Open 100 breaststroke with a pair of personal bests.

Neri also took fifth in the division's 100 backstroke with a time of 1:32.20. Small set a best time of 2:00.37 to finish 10th and O'Hara clocked in an 11th-place time of 2:03.74.

In the division's 100 freestyle, Taylor (1:16.70) finished seventh, Neri (1:19.51) claimed ninth and Small (1:32.44) came in 13th.

The Barracudas are scheduled to return to the YMCA pool on Lowder Street for a home meet on July 14.

## Knight qualifies for finals in three races

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Braeden Knight finished in the top 10 in one of the three events in which he qualified for finals at the Southern Zone South Sectional Championships held July 6-9 at the O'Connell Center in Gainesville.

Knight took seventh place in the Men 200-meter butterfly A-Final — reserved for the fastest eight times in the preliminary event — with a time of 2 minutes, 10.47 seconds.

The Macclenny swimmer finished 21st in the Men 100 butterfly D-Final with a time of 58.93, which was a small improvement from his preliminary time. He also swam in the Men 50 butterfly C-Final, finishing 23rd with a time of 26.93.

Knight scored 29 points at the meet, helping the Episcopal AmberJax swim team finish 13th out of 82 squads with 387 points.

In addition to the three events in which he competed in the finals, Knight also swam in the preliminary events for the Men 100 breaststroke (1:14.07), Men 50 freestyle (25.50) and Men 100 freestyle (56.50). His time in the 50 freestyle was a slight improvement on his personal best.

Trent Mobley also competed in two preliminary events for AmberJax. He swam a personal record time of 1:14.44 in the Men 100 breaststroke, and clocked in at 33.75 in the Men 50 breaststroke.

### Range closure

The Lewis D. Whitaker Osceola shooting range in Lake City will be closed July 16 through August 13. The berms will be repaired due to erosion from last year's Hurricane Irma.

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# Junior all-stars finish third in state

## Boys fall to NOL

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Baker County's junior softball little league all-star team finished third overall in the state after splitting its four games at the 2018 State of Florida Championship Tournament held July 6-8 in St. Augustine.

The ladies, who earlier won the Section 3 and District 11 championships to advance to the five-team state tournament, won their first two games 7-4 against Brevard on July 6 and 17-4 over Apopka the following morning.

Baker County fell to runner-up Ft. Myers 8-6 in its second game on July 7. The team ended its tournament run with a 13-8 loss to state champion Keystone/West Tampa/Bayshore, and it was the only team to score against the eventual state champion.

"They played outstanding," head coach William Sullivan said about his team on Monday.

"... Just the combination of pitching and defense," he added about what made the team successful. "Fell a little short but they really performed good all weekend."

Keystone/West Tampa/Bayshore, the Section 7 and District 6 winner, advances to the Southeastern Region tournament beginning July 19 in Salisbury, N.C.

In other little league action:

After holding off Navy Ortega League's sixth-inning surge to force a winner-take-all game for the major baseball District 11 championship, Baker County's own late rally came up short in the title contest.

NOL withstood Baker County's three-run two-out rally in the sixth inning to hold on to a 10-6 victory in the District 11 title game on July 3 at Highlands Little League.

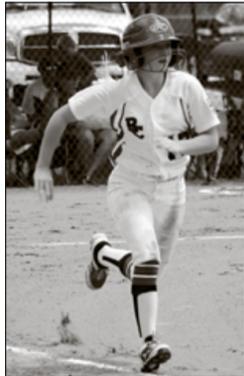
After starting the top of the sixth inning with two strikeouts, Baker County cut into the deficit with a two-run double and a bases-loaded walk. A new pitch-



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**Ansley Hodges slides into third base during the 2018 State of Florida Championship Tournament.**

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**Gracie Rhoden**

er for NOL entered the game to record the final out with a strikeout, ending Baker County's tournament run with the bases loaded.

NOL pulled ahead with a 6-2 lead by scoring three runs in each of the first two innings. NOL scored on a two-run first-inning double and two-run single in the second inning to take the commanding lead after Baker County pitched two runs in the top of the second frame.

The eventual district champions added one insurance run in the fourth and three more in the fifth to



**Serenity Jackson**

build cushion before Baker County's last-ditch effort in the sixth inning.



**Megan Sullivan fires the pitch.**

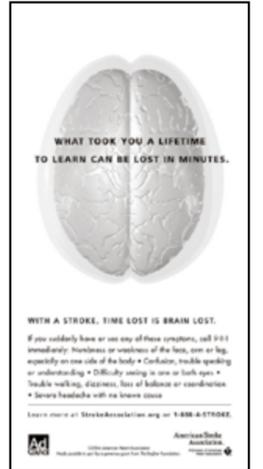
## Crushers car wash

**JON SHUMAKE**

The Columbia Crushers 10-and-under travel softball team will hold a car wash on July 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Baker Salvage to raise money for the team to attend the USA Nationals Tournament in Montgomery, AL.

The Crusher have about a half-dozen players from Baker County on its roster.

Baker Salvage is located at 7182 E. Mount Vernon St. in Glen St. Mary.



## FORMER CATS

# Callaway named to All-Academic team

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One former BCHS Lady Wildcat softball star earned recognition for her work in the classroom. An ex-Cat baseball star continued his summer league season, while a former football player's Canadian Football League team won its first game of the season in his absence.

• Tallahassee Community College sophomore outfielder Brandie Callaway was named to the National Junior College All-Academic first team for achieving a 4.0 GPA.

The honor was the latest in a growing list of accolades for the BCHS Class of 2016 graduate. She was also named Tallahassee Community College's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2017-2018 and she was voted to the Google Cloud Academic All-District Team by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America, according to a press release.

Callaway, a nursing major, was the lone softball player from a Florida College System Activities Association member school to make the list for District 1, which consists of 22 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, according to an article on [www.tceagles.com](http://www.tceagles.com).

Callaway hit .233 with five doubles, a triple, home run, five RBIs and seven stolen bases during her sophomore campaign. Her .984 fielding percentage was also second on the team.

• Pitcher Jared Crews fell to 0-2 on the season on July 6 as his Fayetteville SwampDogs lost 6-4 to the hosting Morehead City Marlins after building a 4-1 lead.

Crews allowed two earned runs on four hits over 3 1/3 innings in a relief appearance. He also recorded one strikeout in the 14 batters he faced.

The SwampDogs topped the visiting Lexington County Blowfish 6-4 on July 7 to improve to 2-4 in the second half of the season and 14-16 overall. Fayetteville returns to the field on July 12 at the Peninsula Pilots.

• Linebacker Bear Woods' Toronto Argonauts won their first game of the season on June 7, edging out the visiting Edmonton Eskimos 20-17.

The Argos (1-2), who are still without Woods as he remains on the team's six-game injured list, are scheduled to visit the Eskimos (2-2) on July 13 at 9 p.m. on ESPN2.

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# Barton to Palm Beach

## Commits following June visit

**JON SHUMAKE**  
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BCHS Lady Wildcat volleyball star Madison Barton likes to keep her options open.

That's why the rising senior still took a visit to Palm Beach State College in mid-June despite having her heart set on South Carolina's Coker University. But the trip to the campus located in Palm Beach Gardens changed her mind and ultimately her future.

Barton was announced on June 30 as Palm Beach State College's first verbal commitment in the 2019-20 class. She said she was relieved to have committed before her senior year, and playing college volleyball is a goal she's had since middle school.

"It's always been one of my dreams since I was in the sixth grade and didn't make the volleyball team. I was just like, 'This is what I want to do,'" said Barton, who plays outside and right attacker and middle blocker. "I fell in love with it when I played club volleyball [at Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Academy]. Ever since then it's just been my biggest commitment. I'm so happy it finally played out to where I can do what I really love to do."

The Macclenny resident said she had been in contact with Palm Beach State College head coach Timothy "Drew" Colvin, a BCHS graduate, since playing club volleyball during her freshman year.

Barton initially liked Coker University because its location felt like Baker County, and she said she had her mind made up before the visit to Palm Beach



Madison Barton (right) spikes the ball over the net. FILE PHOTO

State College.

"So then I went [to Palm Beach State College] and completely fell in love with the school," said Barton, who plans to major in chemistry and pursue a career in the medical field. "They gave me a full ride offer. You just can't deny something that's like right there in front of your face. It's literally perfect. It's the best offer I had. I'm super excited."

She toured the campus and town homes in which the Panther volleyball players live during the visit. She said she liked the school's atmosphere and the volleyball program's coaches.

"[Coker] was just Baker in a bigger sense, in a college sense, so it felt like home. But then I went to West Palm and I found out it's a different home," Barton said. "Still in Florida. Still in the sun. I just connected with the school a lot more than I did Coker. I just found it more 'me.'"

The Panthers compete in the Southern Conference of the Florida State College Activities Association, which is a body of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I, Region 8. Palm Beach State College had three straight winning seasons, including consec-

utive seasons of at least 22 wins in 2015-16, before going 10-17 in 2017.

Barton's commitment added her name to the growing list of BCHS student-athletes in the Class of 2019 who have already committed to college. She joined football player Tyler Burnsed (Troy) and baseball players Colby Kennedy (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University) and Michael Davis (Trinity Baptist College).

She is also the first player BCHS volleyball head coach Ashley Holton has coached for four years to commit to playing in college.

"We're excited for her. I know that's she excited. She's worked hard. She's earned it," coach Holton said. "... She loves the game. She truly loves it and that's why she's getting the scholarship."

But before she moves on to the college ranks, Barton still has one final season as a Lady Cat.

"I have a really good feeling we're going to do really good this year. I have a really good feeling we're going to win districts," Barton said. "I don't know how far we'll go, but this year is one of the best years we've had in a long time."

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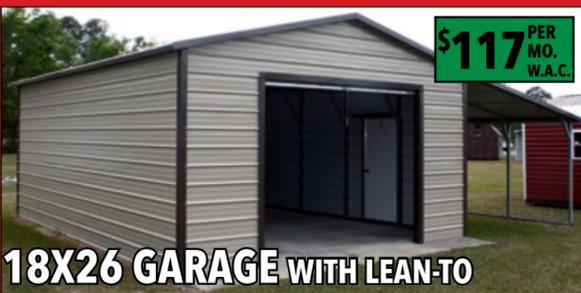


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