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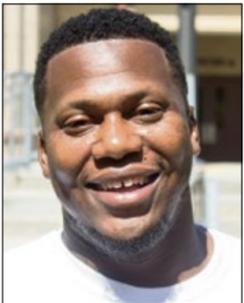
Council on Aging senior center

101 E. Macclenny Ave. Macclenny, FL 32063

A nearly month-long series of free classes on balance for those age 60 and up will begin August 9, 2018 at the Council on Aging senior center, 101 E. Macclenny Ave., downtown. The classes are "designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels for people ages 60 and up," said Tracy Jennings of the North Florida Area Health Education Center, or AHEC, in Jacksonville, which organized the program funded by ElderSource. The classes will be from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through September 4. For registration and information call Northeast Florida AHEC at (904) 482-0189 or online

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The Smokin' on the Creek team of James Brownlee (far right), which won the 2018 Best in Baker BBQ title Saturday.



The crowd and competitors gather to hear the winners.



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Brian Wallstedt of Macclenny during the fourth annual Best in Baker BBQ contest at Heritage Park. His team didn't place, but he said it was a cool experience competing for the first time.

Photos by Joel Addington

Brownlee team best local BBQ

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Brian Wallstedt is committed to the low and slow barbecue cooking method.

"You can't beat that taste, low and slow. All these people are saying they'll do their butts in four, five or six hours. It will be a butt but it won't be like a good butt. It'll be like a roast, you know what I mean," said Mr. Wallstedt, who was standing next to a smoker at the fourth annual Best in Baker BBQ contest at Heritage Park last Saturday afternoon.

Inside the smoker was a pork butt cooking at 220 degrees for the previous 16 hours. The contest — which attracted more teams than ever this year with 16 — was Mr.



Grand champions Dennis and Mary Morris of the Weekend Warriors team.

Wallstedt's first barbecue cook-off.

And while he didn't win, he said it was a cool experience.

"Everybody's been nice. All these veterans come over to offer help and tell us how they do their stuff. It didn't change ours, but it was nice to learn and we'll try it at another time, not in competition," he said.

Mr. Wallstedt is most proud of his brisket, which was not part of the competition that included chicken, butts, spare ribs and baby back ribs. He said his Boston butt and ribs are also pretty good.

"Those are my key meats and we usually use an electric smoker but those weren't allowed here so we had to go hardwood," said the 40-year-old Macclenny resident.

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CIRCUIT COURT

12 years for shooting in sour drug deal

A convicted felon from St. Augustine was given a sentence of a dozen years in prison on the last day of July after pleading no contest to a half-dozen felony counts stemming from a drug deal that went south back in early May.

Nimai McKee, 22, entered the pleas in circuit

court during a criminal docket session to felony possession of a firearm, possession of a pound of marijuana, shooting into a pickup truck and three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The defendant was arrested in the Walmart parking lot in Macclenny on May

5, two days after he met with three teens — ages 15, 16 and 17 — aside the Journey store south of Glen St. Mary to exchange the pot for \$3000.

One of the youths took the drug, then he and his accomplices fled in two vehicles without handing over the money. Mr. McKee, who was on community supervi-

sion for a Union County felony for fleeing police, fired at least five .38 caliber rounds, two of which struck a pickup driven by one of the teens as they quickly fled a parking lot north of the store.

Baker County authorities learned of the incident

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BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

\$50 hike for fire services

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County commissioners finalized the long-discussed roughly \$50 increase in the county's special assessment for the fire department Tuesday evening following a two-plus-hour public hearing that included a retracing of the assessment's history and the county's justification for the immediate increase from some \$30 to \$80 for the 2018-19 fiscal year, as well as future increases during the next five years to \$107.

Commissioners and residents used words like "embarrassing," "sad," "travesty" and "pathetic" to describe the current state of the fire department after seeing images of fire stations in disrepair and figures showing a rise in calls for service while the number of volunteers to respond has plummeted.

Commissioners also heard from a dozen residents, nearly all of whom agreed the fire department has been underfunded and needs more resources to replace or repair decrepit stations, vehicles and equipment, in addition to adding two full-time firefighters to respond to calls during the daytime, when most volunteer firefighters are working.

But some property owners objected either to the methodology used to set the higher assessment amounts or the large increase expected for non-residential properties.

Dickie Ferry, for instance, decried the increase he's anticipating for a property he owns housing a roughly 5000-square-foot shop where he and his son work on race cars. He says the shop doesn't make any money, but his assessment will likely increase from \$58 annually to \$680 annually.

"I'll tear it down," said Mr. Ferry of his shop before leaving the podium and soon the meeting.

According to county data, there are 19 similar properties in line for the

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Judge: ‘... that was good food!’

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“We’ve enjoyed it. It’s been a good competition,” he said.

This year’s Best in Baker BBQ title went to the former grand champion winner from 2016 James Brownlee and his family team, Smokin’ on the Creek. In addition to the Best in Baker honor, the team won third place in chicken and second place in the baby back ribs and pork butt categories.

The grand champion title holder this year was a husband and wife team from Callahan, Dennis and Mary Morris, or the Weekend Warriors, which also took the people’s choice award.

The couple racked up title after title at Saturday’s cook-off, placing first in the chicken, spare ribs, baby back ribs and pork butt categories.

Lead judge Dennis Schmitz, who is certified in judging barbecue, credited both Smokin’ on the Creek and Weekend Warriors for having great consistency in their cooking.

“He [Mr. Morris] doesn’t cook a bit better than the rest of you,” Mr. Schmitz told the crowd gathered to hear the results about 2:45 p.m. “But he’s on a time line and he’s on a ‘do everything exactly the same way every



Lead judge Dennis Schmitz (right) presents ribs to judge Pat Bran-nen.

time.’ Once he figured out what was a winning recipe and a way to do it, he didn’t change it ...”

By cooking a lot in both Florida and Georgia over the last two years, Mr. Morris honed his methods.

“... And he’s not a top three team in every contest, but he’s consistent. And there’s no reason the rest of you can’t be that way. You cooked some great barbecue today,” said the judge.

Other winners from the annual contest: Holy Smokers, last year’s grand champion and Best in Baker winner, won second place in chicken and third place in pork butt; Split Creek took



Mitch Thomas sings for the crowd at Heritage Park.

third in spare ribs, and Triple C won second place in the same category; and Big Breast, Great Butts and a Hot Box finished third in baby back ribs.

In the traditional pound cake contest, Marsha Bennett won first place, followed by Bill Tanner and then Christine Taylor. Rhonda Bennett took first in the non-traditional category with the Weekend Warriors placing second and Dallas Norman third.

“We’ve had a tremendous contest this year,” said Mr. Schmitz, adding that 17

teams signed up to compete though one did not participate. “It’s the best turnout we’ve had and there were some great cooks ...”

“Good Lord, that was some good food,” added Steve Branch, who was among several singers who entertained the crowd that day.

The Best in Baker BBQ contest, organized by the Clerk of Courts office and sponsored by many area businesses, was used to raise thousands of dollars to benefit several causes this year.

Clerk of Courts Stacie Harvey explained that rather than donate the proceeds from raffles, contest entry fees and a cake auction to one organization, which in the past has been the Council on Aging’s Meals on Wheels program, the money was split among that program and a few other beneficiaries.

The largest sum, \$10,000, was donated to the City of Macclenny’s Memorial Park for additional playground equipment and to make the park more accessible for the disabled.

Mrs. Harvey said she and her staff wanted to do something that would benefit local youth and helping to fund upgrades at the park was a great way to do that.

“We as a group prayed real hard about what we would do this year,” she said. “We had gave money to the Council on Aging for years and thought, well, let’s try something different. We had a meeting and said it’s time we do something for the kids. Kids in Baker County are being left to the side and we wanted to see something being done.”

In addition to the park donation, the event raised \$1500 for a scholarship fund in honor of the late Colby Hodges, a former Wildcat baseball player who lost his battle with cancer last year.

The local Vietnam Veterans group received \$2500 and \$1500 was pledged to Meals on Wheels.

Another roughly \$500 was raised in a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Wildcats soccer program, half of which was won by Jesslyn Thrift.

Other raffle winners won gift cards and baskets, tickets, a fire pit and hand-made guitar.



Commissioners James Croft, James Bennett and Cathy Rhoden during Tuesday night’s public hearing.

Concerns raised before approval

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same jump. There are another 143 non-residential properties expected to see similar hikes based on the tiered assessments derived from square footage.

The new assessment rate is roughly 17 cents per square foot, compared to 6 cents or less today, depending on their tier.

Edward and Elizabeth Johnson of Jacksonville own non-residential property where they rent space for 12 campers in Olustee. Their assessment, they said, is set to increase from about \$360 to about \$960.

Commissioners countered, however, that the assessments for non-residential properties would be determined by how they are classified under state law and by the property appraiser.

County consultant Erick van Malssen said that under state law non-residential agricultural property with structures with market values less than \$10,000 would not be subject to the assessment.

“You don’t have the ability to deviate from state law,” Mr. van Malssen told commissioners.

The Johnson’s property is valued by the property appraiser at \$41,753.

Others, like Sal Varvaro of Glen St. Mary didn’t object to the higher assessments in theory but called for more research and study to take place. He said cost estimates for new fire stations in the hundreds of thousands of dollars could be built for a fraction of that cost.

“I think we need it. I think more research needs to be done and we need to look at this as a rural community and other methods, other than the same old, same old ...,” he said, adding that the preceding presentation on the assessment increases and fire department improvements failed to reflect any growth projections that could lower the assessment fees in the future.

The roughly 45-minute presentation by county staff, the consultants working to outline a legally-defensible methodology for calculating the assessments and the chair of the citizen vision committee which recommended the higher assessments to fund an improvement plan included many facts and figures, but projecting how many new homes and other structures would be built in the future was not among them.

Commission chairman Bobby Steele would later address that issue, saying that there is no way to know for sure how much growth will occur in coming years.

“The intent would be that if we have some growth that the income would be stabilized and we wouldn’t have to go to the \$107,” said Mr. Steele, referring to maximum assessment level included in the ordinance approved Tuesday in the fifth year of the plan.

“That would be our hope. That would be our prayer that our county would continue to grow and have new houses and new things come in and we could maintain it even lower,” he said.

By the end of the meeting, all five commissioners were in agreement that something had to be done.

“We could kill another five years waiting until the time is right,” said Commissioner James Croft. “... I feel like we’ve built the momentum to get this thing moving and get the department into the shape it needs to be. I don’t think it’s the time to slow down. I think we’ve looked at it thoroughly and we know what the cost estimates are.”

“We’re responsible for doing what is right,” said commissioner James Bennett, “whether we like it or not. And we should be held accountable for it, each one of our actions ... But part of being accountable is doing what’s right even when everybody’s not happy about it.”

Commissioner Cathy Rhoden quoted motivational author Zig Ziglar to sum up her sentiments.

“If you aim at nothing, you’ll hit it every time. We’ve aimed at nothing for a long time. We have a target now and I hope we can start to hit it,” she said.



Audience members, including the gentlemen at right, who said emergency vehicles can’t travel down his road.



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AUGUST 21

Congressman Lawson’s staff visits 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. CareerSource
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Staff for U.S. Representative AL Lawson (FL-05) will host mobile office hours every 3rd Tuesday of the month, at the CareerSource NEFL Baker County Conference Room, 1184 South 6th Street, Macclenny, FL 32063, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., August 21, 2018. Congressman Lawson’s staff will be on hand to help with program updates from FEMA, the Small Business Administration, and other federal agencies. Staff will return October 16.

AUGUST 24

BCHS Wildcats vs St. Augustine 7 p.m. Memorial Stadium
169 W. Shuey Ave., Macclenny

The BCHS Wildcats, the defending District 5-5A champions and Class 5A runners-up, open the regular at Memorial Stadium against St. Augustine.

Youths charged in crime spree

Stealing a pickup, property

JON SHUMAKE

Two Macclenny teens were arrested on August 3 on numerous felony charges after they admitted to stealing a truck and the resulting investigation revealed one of the boys had also burglarized several vehicles in July.

Christopher Collett, 17, and Christian Crawford, 18, were charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle, armed burglary, grand theft and felony criminal mischief.

The arrests came after items from the Chevrolet Silverado reported stolen the previous day were found in a shed at Mr. Collett's mother's residence. Mr. Collett was also charged with dealing in stolen property after he admitted to selling a rifle that was taken from the truck, which police later retrieved.

Inside the shed police also found a wallet belonging to Jeaneva McCullough and stolen in early July from her vehicle parked at her George Taber Boulevard residence.

Mr. Collett admitted to the July 3 burglary during an interview at the sheriff's

office following his arrest. He said he acted without an accomplice despite the victim and a witness saying two males ran from the street nearby the residence toward CR 125, according to Detective David Mancini Jr.

Mr. Collett was named in a sworn complaint for felony burglary for the early July incident.

The juvenile was also named in sworn complaints on two counts of burglary, one count of grand theft and one count of misdemeanor petty theft stemming from a pair of burglaries into unlocked vehicles in northeast Macclenny reported on July 31.

Angelica Gray reported that a credit card, driver's license and \$80 in cash had been taken from the center console of the 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe parked in the driveway of her North East Boulevard residence. Britany Zaricor said a Nintendo switch video game system with a game inside it was stolen from the glove box of the 2015 Chevrolet parked at her Largo Lane residence.

The Chevrolet Silverado was reported stolen from the same Largo Lane residence on August 2 by Daniel Powless, who said he believed the suspects had taken the key from his other vehicle that was burglarized on July 31.

Deputy Morgan McDuffie located the abandoned truck, which had a "blown engine," at George's Restau-

rant in Glen St. Mary while police were still at Mr. Powless' residence.

A Savage Axis Bolt Action XP Rifle, GPS system and eight boxes of various rounds of ammunition — valued at a combined \$1412 — were determined to have been stolen from the truck, according to Deputy McDuffie's report.

One of the suspects seen on surveillance footage gathered from one of Mr. Powless' neighbors matched Mr. Collett and police responded to the Stansell Avenue residence of Krystal Raines, who is Mr. Collett's mother.

Although her son was not at the residence at the time, a neighbor said Mr. Collett was seen entering the shed shortly before the police arrived.

Detectives Mancini and Jake Betros searched the shed and found a backpack matching one that was seen in the surveillance footage. Inside it were items reported stolen, including a GPS device, iPad, cell phone, ammunition and keys.

Several purses unrelated to the case were also found in the shed, and Ms. Raines said she did not know whose they were, the detective reported.

She identified one of the suspects in the surveillance video as similar to her son and that the other appeared to be Mr. Crawford.

After searching for Mr. Crawford, the detectives returned to Ms. Raines' residence where Mr. Collett was located.

He admitted to selling the firearm and confessed during an interview at the sheriff's office he had sold it for \$300 to Marcus Norton, who was later located at the Travelodge on South Sixth Street.

Mr. Collett additionally confessed to burglarizing several other vehicles in the same area when he was alone the night before the vehicle theft, Detective Mancini reported.

Mr. Crawford's grandmother transported him to the sheriff's office after Mr. Collett's arrival. They both admitted during interviews with police to participating in the theft of the Silverado as well several other burglaries in the area, according to Detective Mancini's report.

Mr. Crawford said the two left in the truck after they went "car hopping" in the Cypress Pointe neighborhood and at several homes on their walk to the subdivision. He said he knew Mr. Collett was going to burglarize vehicles and acted as the 17-year-old's "look out," Deputy Mancini noted.

The two also went off-roading in the truck prior to the engine apparently seizing, at which time they left it at the restaurant, Mr. Crawford said.

He also denied being with Mr. Collett on the previous night and claimed to have never seen the stolen rifle nor knew its whereabouts, according to Detective Mancini.

Ms. Raines also called police after both suspects had been turned over to detention deputies to report a shotgun she located under her bed that did not belong to her or her family.

Deputy Justin Yingling retrieved the shotgun, which had not been reported stolen and was unrelated to the case. It was placed into evidence as found property, Detective Mancini said.

Sgt. Tracie Benton found three guns in plain sight and a container of marijuana upon entering the motel room containing Mr. Norton, 21, and Alexis Williams, 20, both of Macclenny. Mr. Norton said he purchased the rifle for \$250 and he and Detective Betros retrieved it from Mr. Norton's vehicle without incident, according to Sgt. Benton.

The other guns' serial numbers were ran with no hits and the marijuana was destroyed, Sgt. Benson said.

Stashed meth in cruiser after chase

JON SHUMAKE

A Macclenny man was arrested the night of August 1 on multiple felonies after he fled from police at about 100 mph and a baggy containing methamphetamine was located in the police vehicle that took him to jail.

Deputy Tyler Baldwyn saw a 1971 Pontiac GTO driven by Jay Blanchard Jr., 27, traveling on South Sixth Street without an operational tag light about 10:30 p.m.

Mr. Blanchard sped away from the officer at the intersection with Woodlawn Road, and Deputy Baldwyn gave chase until the suspect's vehicle appeared to malfunction and the driver pulled over near the intersection of SR 121 and CR 125.

Mr. Blanchard opened the door and leaned out as if he was going to run. The suspect began reaching toward his waistline when Deputy Jeffrey Higginbotham attempted to remove him from the vehicle. Police were eventually able to handcuff him after giving several commands for him to show his hands.

Once at county jail, a search of the police vehicle revealed a small baggy containing half a gram of methamphetamine. Mr. Blanchard admitted to attempting to conceal the drug by shoving it down in the seat.

He was jailed for fleeing at high speed, possession of a controlled substance, tampering with evidence and introducing contraband into a detention facility.

In a similar incident, two Macclenny residents were arrested in the early hours of July 30 for possession of drug paraphernalia during a traffic stop for an expired tag.

Driver Randy Michael, 43, failed to pull over for more than a quarter mile after Cpl. Marc Heath activated his lights and siren at SR 228 and Lowder Street. The vehicle eventually stopped at SR 228 and South Boulevard about 1:20 a.m.

Cpl. Heath learned Mr. Michael's license had three suspensions and also noted the suspect and passengers Crystal Baker, 32, Taylor Bowles, 22, of Macclenny and Michael Burns, 36, of East Palatka all appeared extremely nervous.

While Cpl. Heath was running a check on the passengers, Deputy Baldwyn noticed Mr. Burns, located in the backseat, attempting to conceal something. All four occupants were ordered to exit the vehicle and consent was obtained to search the 2001 Ford F-150.

Four needles with residue and one glass pipe were found during the search. The pipe and one of the needles was found in Ms. Baker's purse and two needles were found in the glove box in front of the passenger seat she was seated in. The fourth needle was found beneath the driver's seat.

Ms. Baker was taken into custody for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mr. Michael was jailed for possession of drug paraphernalia, and felony counts for both fleeing and driving on a suspended or revoked license. He was later additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance and introduction of contraband into a detention facility after a corrections officer found a baggy with a half gram of methamphetamine located in his wallet.

In recent arrests for violation of probation:

- Mario R. Boykin, 29, of Jacksonville was arrested July 23 for violation of a three-year drug offender probation stemming from a drug possession arrest in 2016. He reportedly was arrested for fleeing and eluding, cocaine possession and other charges in Jacksonville and was sentenced here for the violation charge to 18 months in prison on July 24.

- Casey J. Lauramore, 25, was arrested that day for violation of probation from a July, 2017 weapons possession case. He was violated last June for reportedly using meth.

- William J. Williams, 47, of Glen St. Mary was arrested for violating terms of a 10-year drug offender probation imposed after a three-year prison term for failing to make payments, moving without prior approval and not taking a drug test.

Cashed a stolen check

In a previously unreported case, a Sanderson man was arrested on July 8 after a warrant was issued five days earlier stemming from a June incident in which he cashed a forged check he made out to himself for \$200 from a stolen checkbook.

David Brannen, 49, was jailed for misdemeanor larceny and felony counts of passing a forged document, forgery of a check and fraud for the incident, which was reported on June 21 by victim Raymond Tems of Glen St. Mary.

Mr. Tems said Mr. Brannen cashed the check at Wells Fargo, and that it was not the first time the suspect had done so in the previous month, according to police.

In an interview at the sheriff's office of July 25, Mr. Brannen said he took the check and cashed it.

In other recent arrests:

- Pamela S. Covington, 36, was arrested July 25 for failing to return leased property. The state attorney's office filed the charge in June, resulting in an arrest warrant.

- Matthew O. Manley, 19, of Macclenny was arrested August 1 for misdemeanor battery and disturbing the peace, and felony resisting arrest.

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- August 13, 2018 @ 6:30 pm**
Baker County Administration Office
55 North Third Street, Macclenny
- August 14, 2018 @ 6:00 pm**
Baker County Transportation Center
9264 Buck Starling Road, Macclenny
- August 16, 2018 @ 6:30 pm**
First Baptist Church of Olustee (voting precinct)
23311 Lakeside Lane, Olustee
- August 18, 2018 @ 10:00 am**
Baker County High School Auditorium
1 Wildcat Drive, Glen St. Mary
- August 20, 2018 @ 6:30 pm**
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BCHD role: Activity in the field

Chief is reducing ranks in the office

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After nearly a year as the interim health officer for the Baker County Health Department, Joe Pietrangelo could soon take the helm on a permanent basis.

When appointed to the post last September he was also serving as the administrator for the Union and Bradford county departments. But now he has an assistant administrator expected to complete a master's degree this year, a requirement to lead county health departments in Florida. The assistant runs the Union and Bradford county health departments in his absence, which alternates between three days a week and two days a week while he's at the department here on West Lowder Street.

Mr. Pietrangelo hopes to work here full-time in the near future once approved by county commissioners, perhaps later this month.

"I like Baker County very much. I was glad I got the request to come here ...," he said during an interview with *The Press* early this week.

He plans to redirect the department away from a large focus on primary and dental care toward a bigger focus on community health initiatives aimed at changing lifestyles and behaviors to improve the county's overall health.

"I want one health department that just does public health where I can put all my energy in one place," said the Union County resident and farmer for the last 12 years.

Still, there are many of the challenges the Baker County Health Department faces.

After four days in his new role, Mr. Pietrangelo was faced with a 25 percent general revenue cut from the state department of health, which equaled more than \$50,000. It was the penalty for the department operating with an 18 percent budget surplus in recent years, he said.

The budget reduction led to cutting back hours for some staff and offering four-day work weeks for any other staff who wanted more flexible schedules.

Open positions were also not filled and an AmeriCorps position was eliminated. The health education staff also lost a position.

"We had a lot of staff that were poorly utilized and we had staff that was duplicative of efforts of other staff," he said. "So what I've done is not filled positions as they've come vacant to put that money toward actually doing something on a community level."

"You don't do public health from your desk. Ever."

And a health department is probably the most ineffective place to do it ... Health needs to happen in the community, not the health department."

But first things first. Mr. Pietrangelo is also tackling a more than \$100,000 budget shortfall projected for this fiscal year, which for state agencies began July 1. Current expenditures are roughly \$3.7 million while revenue is estimated at \$3.59 million.

"I will fix that this fiscal year," he said early this week.

Probably the biggest health issue facing Baker County, in his view, is obesity and all the health risks linked to it, from diabetes to heart diseases to cancer.

"We have some real issues in Baker County that need to be addressed but that won't be addressed with one-on-one medical care or one-on-one dental care," said Mr. Pietrangelo.

"Our obesity rate is 25 percent higher than the state average. Our diabetes rate is almost twice as high as the state average," he continued. "In every chronic, significant disease we are well above the state average. We have one of the highest repeat teen birth rates in the state and one of the highest teen birth rates in the state."

And while Baker County is not as poor as its neighbors in Union County, for instance, the obesity rates are higher, which is unusual.

"We are poor, but we're not the poorest of the poor, where you tend to find more bad eating habits linked to obesity," he said. "Even our high school students are more and more overweight all the time. We also have one of the highest tobacco use rates in the state."

In his view, what's needed, in addition to good primary care and dental programs, is a "tremendously energized community health program."

What does that look like? He said ideally it will mean, once funding is available, a health promotion position as well as a community outreach worker to report to the former.

"Those are my two dream positions," said Mr. Pietrangelo. "I'll find the money for them somehow."

He offered the department's diabetes prevention and management program as a prime example of a less effective way to reach public health goals.

The department offers classes at its West Lowder Street location to teach residents how to manage or prevent diabetes with healthy eating and exercise habits. In addition to advertising the classes, they're also marketed to existing patients and their family members, who are known to be at risk.

"It reaches a select, small group of people in the health department. I don't want it in the health department. I want it in the community. That's where you reach people," he said. "It takes a different kind of motivation to go to Bible study Wednes-

Cub Scout enrollment

Boys entering into grades K through 5th grade are invited to sign up for the Pack 555 program for the coming year. It will be held the evening of Tuesday, August 21 from 6:30-7:30.

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My responsibilities are two-fold. One to improve the quality of life for the people of Baker County and one to create a meaningful and secure work environment for my staff ... In that order. I can't do one without the other ...

—Joe Pietrangelo
Interim Health Officer
Baker County Health Department

day night and have us see you after Bible study than it does to drive to the health department and sit there for a lecture."

That's why he wants to locate funding for a community outreach position — what he called a "grassroots, door-to-door, what do you need and how can we help you" person.

Similarly, with tobacco prevention, he wants to recruit more passionate advocates to effect change at the community level.

Walgreens, for example, has a highly visible wall of tobacco products near the cash register, in easy view for youths, while tobacco

cessation products are much less visible.

"We have to do better in community health," he said, pointing to the need for someone to persuade store managers to move tobacco products to more conspicuous areas, even if it leads to fewer sales, for the sake of the community's health.

Currently, the state funds the tobacco cessation program with some \$113,000. That cash has been used to pay multiple staff people.

Mr. Pietrangelo says he would like to see it redirected to one "really good staff person" and the rest to "community intervention and getting the word out."

He said a partnership exists here to combat tobacco use, including the high school's Students Working Against Tobacco or SWAT club, but it could be stronger.

"It's not a strong partnership because we're not doing anything in the community to change perspective," he said. "The partnership is adults who have a vested interest in tobacco prevention and kids involved in tobacco prevention."

"Our tobacco partnership needs to be comprised of adults who have a serious gripe against tobacco, who really want to keep tobacco out of kids' hands."

He also wants to focus more of the program on youth prevention.

"We have a tobacco program that works for adult cessation. But adult cessation is not really where we need to put our energy. Adults either quit or don't quit, and often don't quit. The tendency to resume tobacco use is really high and where we put our energy has to be with youth."

"If a kid does not begin tobacco use until they're over 18, they're likely not to do it. If they start before they're 18, they're likely to be life-long tobacco users ... That begins the domino effect of all other maladies that affect adults and make them unhealthy."

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SA files charges in earlier arrests

The state attorney's office recently filed criminal charges in a trio of previously unreported cases dating back to May and June.

• Chasity Ellis, 25, of Glen St. Mary faces counts of reckless driving, high-speed fleeing, child neglect and possession-sale of meth, all resulting from a pursuit in and out of Baker and Charlton County, GA by two narcotics detectives on May 3.

Detective Keith Parker said Ms. Ellis was observed placing 2.3 grams of meth or "ice" in the seat of a junk car off Rewis Road and CR 122 as pre-arranged for an undercover buyer.

With two children in the car, she then fled east and north, crossed the one-lane Reynolds Bridge at the state line at an estimated 70 mph, then led along various routes at speeds up to 100 mph before reaching a dead end at Tiger Branch Road.

• The prosecutor in a July 31 filing charged Donald Hank, 55, with failure to register as a sexual predator when he moved from Jacksonville to north of Macclenny off Steel Bridge Road.

Mr. Hank told Detective Tracie Benton he failed to register because he was in the process of moving his business to Baker County.

• A former state corrections employee was charged with using access to confidential juvenile records in an attempt to force an ex-boyfriend to accede to her demands concerning the custody of their child.

The state contends that Megan Tucker, 23, unlawfully used her position to extort or threaten the boyfriend's reputation. The charge was filed in Baker County because he lives in the county. A case report notes Ms. Tucker initially agreed to meet with a BCSO detective but reneged and a warrant was issued for her arrest.

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Battery, threat to kill her dog

A Macclenny man was arrested the early morning of August 4 on both felony and misdemeanor charges after police were called to his Blair Street residence in Macclenny when he allegedly attacked a woman and threatened to kill her dog with a knife.

James Hodges, 54, also faces both felony and misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest for spitting on Deputy Shane Dickens and attempting to kick officers as he was placed in a patrol car.

Deputy John Taylor said he arrived at the scene about midnight to find Nancy Blanton, 64, of Macclenny with a swollen and closed left eye she said resulted when Mr. Hodges struck her with a cup.

Ms. Blanton said he became irate accusing her of taking drugs, pulled her hair and cursed at her while threatening the dog.

The suspect, described as "extremely intoxicated" and bleeding from small cuts on his back and arms, became aggressive while awaiting an EMS team, cursing at officers and refusing to be handcuffed. Once in the patrol car, he repeatedly struck his head on the cage surrounding the rear seat. He was cleared at Fraser Hospital before being booked for aggravated battery, felony and misdemeanor resisting police.

In other recent incidents, a 14-year-old girl was arrested the evening of August 2 for domestic battery on her

father, 35, and an uncle, 38, at a residence on Shuey Street in north Macclenny

Deputy Jared Sharman said police located the girl at another residence on South Second Street where she went following the incident about 9:30. Her father was struck in the face with a porcelain doll and closed fist, according to statements given to Deputy Sharman. The girl then threw the doll at her uncle, striking him on the right leg.

Both bore signs of the physical struggle, and the teen did not although she claimed earlier she had been struck.

• Charles Rafuse, 34, of Macclenny was arrested early on July 30 for resisting police when he ran from his residence in the Blackbottom subdivision four days earlier.

Deputy Jared Mallard went there on July 25 to arrest Mr. Rafuse on an unspecified warrant, and he fled into nearby woods to evade arrest.

When officers returned

again, the suspect was taken into custody after initially hiding inside, and surrendered at the urging of his father.

• Jonniesue Bailey, 18, of Glen St. Mary was arrested on July 31 and charged with harboring a Jacksonville juvenile who had been reported missing from Duval County.

Deputy Shane Dickens said the sheriff's office received information that the youth was staying at Ms. Bailey's residence on CR 229 and when he arrived she at first insisted he was not there. She then admitted he had been there a day earlier and stayed about an hour before leaving on foot.

Deputy Dickens went to the rear of the residence while Cpl. Randy Davis continued to question Ms. Bailey, and he caught the youth and another juvenile attempting to leave by climbing through windows.

• Chance Hardenbrook, 19, of Sanderson was arrested the evening of August 5 in the parking lot of Macclenny McDonald's and charged with underage possession of beer.

Deputy John Taylor answered a call about 10:30 that the suspect was throwing lit firecrackers out the window of his 2001 Chevrolet pickup.

He noted the presence of an opened beer when he questioned Mr. Hardenbrook.

BCSO captain alerted FHP after tailing DUI driver

JON SHUMAKE

A Jacksonville man was arrested the late afternoon of July 29 for DUI and other offenses after he drove recklessly on Interstate 10 and attempted to flee from police.

Off-duty Captain Mike Crews said he started following Joshua West, 33, on I-10 west near Chaffee Road and saw the driver collide with another vehicle, according to Trooper K.M. Boatright Jr.'s report. Mr. West continued driving recklessly as he ran vehicles off the road, failed to stay on the paved road and drove over 100 mph.

The off-duty officer attempted to stop Mr. West, who exited onto SR-228 and then re-entered I-10 traveling east and fled from the captain.

Mr. West was eventually stopped at the TA Truck Stop on U.S. 301, and Trooper Boatright saw the suspect being held by Captain Crews on his trunk.

Another trooper saw a half-full vodka bottle on the floorboard of Mr. West's vehicle, and the suspect admitted he drank a glass of alcohol. He spoke with slurred, sometimes unintelligible speech.

Mr. West also had trouble comprehending what others were saying and had bloodshot and watery eyes. He had trouble maintaining his balance when walking to a police vehicle, and at one point stumbled and nearly fell.

Mr. West refused to submit a breath test multiple times, and a records check revealed he had a prior refusal to submit a blood, breath or urine test.

Trooper Boatright also smelled marijuana coming from the suspect and the vehicle, and an empty Oxycodone bottle was found on his person. A K-9 search of the vehicle failed to locate any narcotics.

Mr. West was jailed on charges of DUI reckless driving, driving on a suspended or revoked license and refusal to submit to a DUI test after a license suspension.

In another DUI arrest, a Clarkson, GA man refused to submit a breath test after he was jailed following a field sobriety test.

Police learned of a reckless driver who was unable to maintain a single lane eastbound on I-10, and Deputy Jeffrey Davis Jr. stopped the 2007 Ford F-150 on the SR 121 exit ramp in Macclenny. Deputy Davis said he stopped the vehicle, driven by 55-year-old Terrence Vonnieda, due to it swerving and nearly striking another vehicle.

Mr. Vonnieda stumbled as he walked to speak with Cpl. Marc Heath and had to place his hand against his truck to maintain his balance. He also had bloodshot and watery eyes.

The suspect performed poorly on a field sobriety test and refused to submit the breath sample following his arrest.

Mr. Vonnieda was taken into custody on charges of reckless driving, DUI and refusal to submit a DUI test after license suspension.

Extension offering two gardening classes

The Baker County extension office in the Ag Center is offering gardening classes later this month and early in September focusing on landscaping and gardening.

• Florida-friendly landscaping will be offered on August 17 from 10 a.m.-noon with great resources to help you be successful in your yard, whether you are new to Florida gardening or not.

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• Fall vegetable gardening is the subject of the class on September 7 from 10 a.m.-noon.

It offers basic gardening techniques, raised bed gardening, growing organically and tips for growing our favorite fall veggies.

The \$10 per person fee includes take-home information and a seed variety pack of broccoli, cabbage, carrots, kale, lettuce and radish.

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Gloria Walker Running for Circuit Court Judge

Gloria Walker is the Managing Attorney and Director of Litigation at Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc., a non-profit law firm dedicated to providing quality legal services to the abused, disabled, and elderly in North Central Florida. As the Managing Attorney, Gloria supervises eight attorneys and support staff and as the Director of Litigation, she directs and oversees litigation in 17 counties, including Alachua, Bradford, Baker, Levy, Gilchrist and Union counties. She has helped over 1,000 families with legal disputes, including evictions, foreclosures, family and domestic disputes, contractual issues, and administrative law matters.

Gloria graduated from both, the University of Florida College of Business and College of Law with honors. She is now a leader in the community and legal profession. She is the President of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, the Circuit in which she seeks to fill an open seat for a judicial vacancy.

"I am driven by my faith in God, my family, and my desire to help others – I have the heart of a public servant," Gloria said. "I knew that as an attorney, I would have the opportunity to help others. Utilizing my education and legal skills, I have been able to help the residents of this Circuit," she said. Gloria's public service in the Eighth Judicial Circuit started in 1996 when she volunteered as a Guardian Ad Litem and continues to this day as she helps the residents of this Circuit with their legal concerns, issues and disputes as an attorney.

In 2017, Gloria became more involved with her alma mater, the University of Florida, when she joined the teaching staff at the Levin College of Law as an Adjunct Professor and began teaching law students pre-trial skills, an essential course that she plans to teach every year. Gloria has held many leadership roles. She was the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Florida Bar's Grievance Committee. For the last few years Gloria has been a Table Captain at the PACE Center for Girls annual fundraiser and she "adopts" a daughter every other year through the Santa Fe College national "take your daughter to work day." Currently, Gloria is the President of the Eighth Judicial Bar Association and a Program Chair for the Bennett Inn of Courts.

Gloria married her college sweetheart, Rogers Walker, who also serves this Circuit as an Assistant State Attorney at the Office of the State Attorney. Together Gloria and Rogers have two beautiful daughters ages 8 and 11 who attend public school in this Circuit. "As a family, we believe we should live in a community where the constitution is revered as the supreme law of the land, the rule of law is upheld and justice is served," Gloria said and added, "It would be an honor and a privilege for me to continue serving the residents of Baker County, as your next Circuit Court Judge."

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Building bonds at 'Night Out'

JON SHUMAKE

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The sheriff's department, city and county firefighters, FWC officials and other personnel were in attendance to meet with residents. Sheriff Scotty Rhoden said events such as the National Night Out are important to build bonds between first responders and residents of the county.

"In our profession in order to do our job and do a better job we have to have that relationship with the community," he said. "... The partnership is very, very important for any community, and Baker County is no exception. We're just glad to be a part of this, and every year since we've done it you've just seen it grow and grow. That's a good sign that it's working."

Residents were able to tour fire trucks and the sheriff's office's Mobile Command Center, pet horses from the Baker County Mounted Posse, donate blood and play video games in a game truck along with other activities. Hot dogs, chips and sodas were also served, and the school board gave out snow cones.

In addition to the local police, firefighters and school board, about a half-dozen other local organizations had booths at the event. Animal control, the Department of Corrections, Women's Center, Biker's Against Child Abuse, the DOC K-9 unit, the division of forestry and the Baker Prevention Coalition were also on-hand, Sheriff Rhoden said.

"I think it's a great way to spend time with family and it gives the kids something fun to do before school starts," said Danielle Grimes of Glen St. Mary. "... I was looking forward to it all day at work."

National Night Out also helps first responders build a positive relationship with youths, many of whom adorned plastic firefighter helmets Tuesday.

"We want to teach them that we're their friends. We're who you come to when you need help," Sheriff Rhoden said. "We're not just there for the bad times. Some kids encounter us on bad occasions, and we don't want that to be a mindset for them where we're there during the bad times. We want them to know we're there for the good times. We're there to help whenever they need us."

The Macclenny event was one of many similar ones held around the county on Tuesday, which celebrated the 35th anniversary of the National Night Out.



PHOTOS BY JON SHUMAKE
Cousins (l-r) Kaytum, Jaylin, Jayden and Colton Jarrell pose with county firefighter Bradley Clark.



Chloe Dube and Myarion Tisdale are joined by Mikeshia Tisdale as they pet Aggie of the Baker County Mounted Posse.

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vs.

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What's the 'eyeshine' of night creatures?

Since some of us drive country roads after dark, our travels may take us through many rural areas. This offers us the opportunity to observe, sometimes very briefly, several types of nocturnal creatures that you may not see often during the day.

Perhaps the most commonly sighted are white-tailed deer. Over the past couple of weeks, I have seen more than a dozen including a couple of impressive size. While graceful, fast and agile on grass, mud and sand, deer, being hoofed animals, seem to tip-toe across hard surfaced roads. Probably one of the reasons many become fatalities in collisions with vehicles.

The eyeshine of nocturnally active animals has always fascinated me. Night active animals have eyes that are rich in rod cells. Nocturnal animals have a mirror-like membrane at the back of their eyes behind the retina that basically reflects light back through the eye. This layered membrane is called the tapetum. The reflected light is basically unused light. Humans do not have this membrane. The "red eye" from a camera flash is the light reflecting off blood vessels and red tissue in our eyes.

The eyeshine of a deer is usually whitish. It can also appear light green or yellowish. Alligators have brilliant ruby-red eyeshine. If you find a pond, lake or swamp with a good population of alligators, shining a light across the

surface will reveal several reddish eye shines dotting the surface. Bullfrogs fittingly have green eyeshine. Bright yellow eyeshine usually belongs to a raccoon. Coyotes, wolves and dog's

eyes usually have a fiery white glow. A bobcat's eyeshine is yellowish white. A bear's eyes will glow fiery orange. Night eyeshine is not only exhibited by some of the mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Wolf spiders have

star-like glittering white eyeshine. Many moths exhibit an orange-red glow to their eyes. The same holds true for owls.

Humans have more cone cells in our eyes than the rod-rich nocturnal creatures. As a result, we give up good night vision but can detect many colors. Night active animals normally do not have acute color vision but can see very well in limited light conditions.

In the Baker County area, the Osceola National Forest is a good place to cruise rural roads after dark. Remember to practice safe driving habits when looking for animal eyeshine during your adventure.

The next time you are outdoors at night, look for the eyeshine of our wild neighbors. It can be a fun and educational experience. A nocturnal detective game that can be enjoyed by young and old alike. Keep a list of critters and the color of their eyeshine that you observe.

Eyeshine Fact: armadillos are said to have no eyeshine.

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County commissioners were set to listen to public input on the proposed increase to the county fire assessment from some \$50 to \$80 the first year and eventually up to \$107 to fund better equipment, vehicles and full-time firefighters. We asked our readers on Facebook for their take on the increase? Is it badly needed or an unjust tax increase? Here's what how they responded.

Mike Spence: More money for County service a good idea

Bonnie Gay Dean: Way to high!

Kenny Miracle: Extremely necessary and been needed for decades ...

Nick Apromollo: How about allowing the taxed sale of alcohol on Sunday that would bring more business and thus more tax money?

Terri Kay Hicks: Joshua Forth yea they all buy their liquor and beer on Saturdays!

Amy Luding Williams: I highly agree. Our first responders deserve to work with better equipment .

Marsha Bennett: It won't be easy for disabled citizens on a fixed income to pay higher taxes. It's called a fixed income because it's "fixed!"

Joshua Forth: City doesn't care they only care about \$\$\$.

Angela Suppa Callahan: Much needed! You get what you pay for!

Blake Lumpkin Sr.: I've said it before but we need to be able to sell alcohol on Sundays. It'll bring more business into the county. More

business = More money. But the ole timers don't want to listen to change, to stubborn to listen to reason.

Nancy Storch Oliver: I gave 16 years to the county as a volunteer firefighter. I know the need for a paid department.

Lisa Conner: Who you gonna call when you need help? Not what I want but makes sense.

Eddie-Angie Williams: The taxes are probably going to raised weather we won't it or not. So what about all the extra money that the county makes after buying new equipment and putting on full time employees why not start fixing some dirt roads that flood or have drainage issues because of graders hitting culverts and ditch's not getting dug like they should. Where is all the extra money going to go?

Michael Dowie: As was explained tonight at the commission meeting, the fire assessment fee is a restricted fund, meaning that it can legally only be spent on fire protection. Roads and the road department are funded by the gas tax. Can't spend gas tax funds on the fire department either.

Debbie Griffin: We need more money invested in our Road Dept...

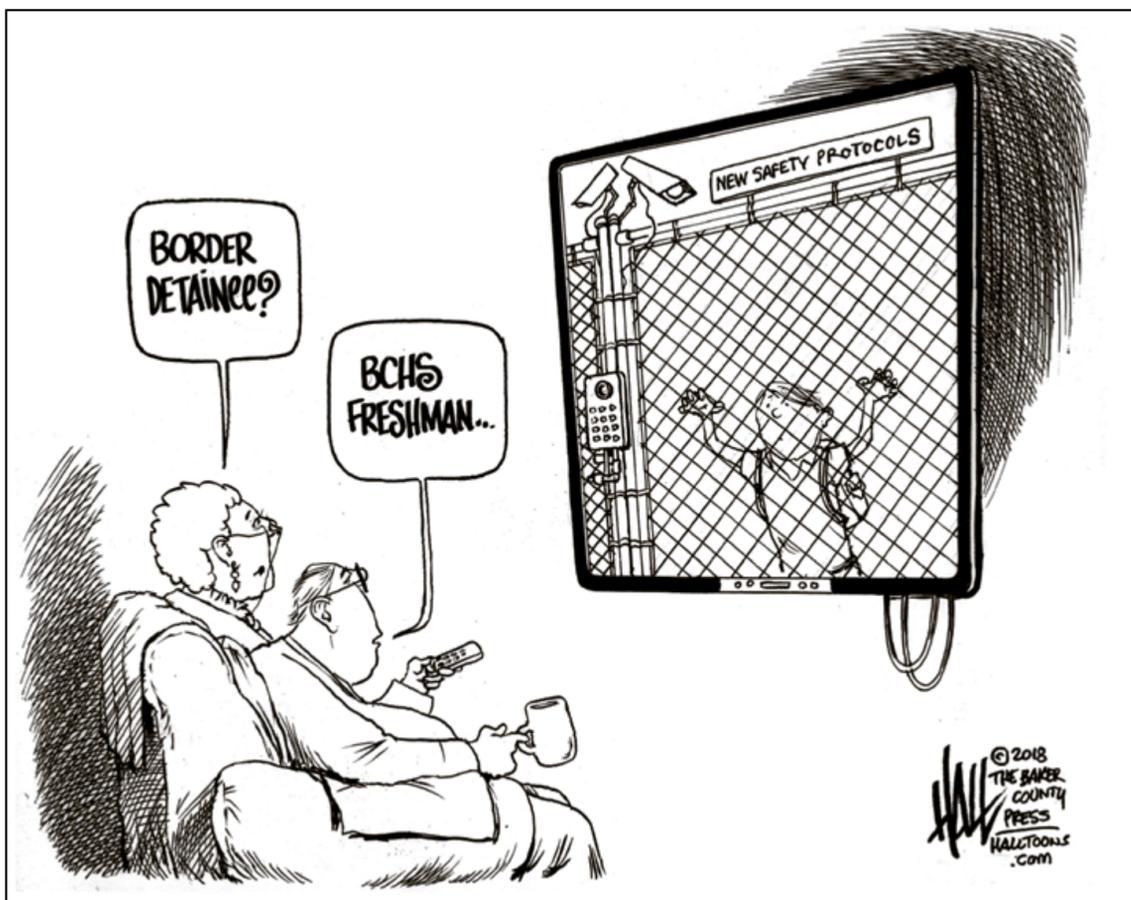
Daisy Cook: I disagree with an increase. Outlying areas such as Olustee will not benefit from the increase, as the chief doesn't work with people to keep volunteers active. If we had better leadership and a better organized fire department then maybe an increase could be justified.

Kenny Miracle: So areas such as Olustee will not benefit from units that can actually make it to the scene? We none like or want to pay more but it's extremely necessary.

Daisy Cook: Kenny Miracle my understanding is that the paid positions will be during the daytime hours and at 3 stations, not to include the outlying areas such as Olustee. Maybe I misunderstood what I read. My husband and I were volunteer firefighters here in Olustee until new leadership came in and wanted to make volunteers work and train like paid firefighters. We responded to many calls before we got out. We've had a neighbor's house burn completely down, waiting for a fire truck to respond from the Sanderson or Glen station. We need to take a look at what caused all the volunteers to leave and try to recruit and keep good volunteers. I believe volunteers are extremely important and necessary.

Kathy Marie Merkle: Isn't there a forestation in Olustee oops, fire department

Daisy Cook: Kathy Marie Merkle yes there is but it is unmanned and has been like that for a few years. We were volunteers and were going to have to go to training every 2 weeks for 3-4 hours after working all day, so we got out. It was only once a month for 3-4 hours, until the new chief was hired. There were several other people who wanted to volunteer and even started their training but the chief never followed up with them.



The good and bad of reality TV

I try not to watch reality shows if I can possibly help it. I know that the concept of "reality" isn't really all it's cracked up to be, with much of it scripted and rehearsed. So I'm skeptical.

But there are a couple that I am addicted to for odd reasons.

I love the new show *Making It* on NBC. It features *Parks and Recreation* stars Amy Poehler and Nick Offerman and a bunch of crafters. They are given challenges and have to create remarkable wall hangings, quilts, collages in a limited amount of time.

What I love about the show, besides the hosts, is that it isn't cutthroat like some reality shows. The contestants are so likable. In Episode 1, when a contestant struggled to finish his project, someone else jumped in to help.

I also watch *American Ninja Warrior* to see people do things I can't ever imagine doing. If you've never watched this show, you should.

Athletic people go through a ridiculously difficult course that tests balance, arm and leg strength, core strength and determination. It is completely addictive.

Of course there is a back story to a lot of these athletes. Earlier in the season there was a woman who several years earlier was unable to walk and was competing — it was very inspiring. Even though she didn't get through many elements, it didn't matter. I

was teary eyed by the end.

Last night they had a deaf competitor and a woman who'd been bullied so badly in school that she suffered from depression until

a teacher took an interest in her. There have been cancer survivors, a guy with

a prosthetic leg and really goofy people who compete.

What becomes clear is these people spend thousands of dollars building courses that mimic the courses on the show. To trick them up, the producers add new and diabolical elements for every show.

I can't imagine it.

"What do you do for a living?"

"I'm a Ninja."

"Sure you are. And I'm Aquaman."

My wife was infuriating during last night's episode. She kept changing the channel to *The Bachelorette* during commercials. This is the brand of reality television I particularly hate.

Relationships are forced upon people for cash. If you're the last bachelor standing, you win cash and get the girl. Not a bad prospect, but the whole concept is just so sketchy to me.

You go into it like you're a Russian mail order bride. "Sure, I'll marry this person for a few minutes of televised fame and a sack of cash." What could possibly go wrong?

The worst of these programs, even worse than *The Bachelor* and *Bachelorette*, is the one where there is an actual wedding. A stable of

people have agreed to marry someone without ever having met them. They have 48 hours to get to know each other before they tie the knot. Really, there is such a little of it until we both got so disgusted we turned it off. We are convinced that we lost IQ points.

It's like watching a dumpster fire. You know you've got better things to do but you can't turn away. What possesses people to do that? Cash and the prospect of 15 minutes of fame. How desperate are they to get married? Incredibly and add cash and the prospect of 15 minutes of fame.

Another show that Kelley briefly watched was about gypsies getting married. That was just so culturally bizarre that you couldn't look away (repeat dumpster fire analogy). It seems

as if the gypsy culture is enamored with neon. Hot pink with sparkles and tulle is the go-to color for wedding dresses. There are only a couple of places in the country that make these labor intensive dresses that look like nightmare prom dresses on steroids, so gypsies travel thousands of miles to get them.

We stopped watching that show after the wedding ended in a brawl with police called and the mother-in-law threatening to cut the bride-to-be. Great way to start your life together.

I had thought at the beginning of this column that I would create my own ridiculous "Reality" show. But as I read through the ones I listed, I really don't know that I could come up with anything more bizarre than what is already being aired.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Tax zones' to pay for paving

Dear Editor:

I find great amusement that road impact fees are again under consideration by the County Commission while at the same time considering paving dirt roads by an underfunded road department.

People purchased lots on dirt roads because they were cheap, while others purchased on paved roads or paved road subdivisions at costs that included the paving and, needless to say, property taxes were also higher reflecting lot cost.

Now to suggest that new homes in paved subdivisions should carry impact fees to help correct the shortage doesn't seem fair as this problem should go to the cause — those on dirt roads.

Where is the impact on new homes built where roads, curbs and gutters, water, and sewer are contributed at no cost to government along with a tax income stream forever — where is the impact?

I would think adding new home inventory to the tax rolls would be encouraged and most desirable. Affordable housing encourages responsible homeownership and good citizens and is one of the biggest encouragement for potential employers when considering relocating their operation.

Fess up, the real problem is we allowed the problem of unpaved roads in the past and now want to find a way to move it on the backs of new homeowners. Does this sound a lot like what we criticize Washington for? Kicking the can to another generation?

Maybe the right thing to do is consider a special taxing district in the area where paving is desired and let the cost be passed to those who benefit.

Counting the votes doesn't always fix the problems.

Chris Gazes
Macclenny

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD



Liked by theluccaso, brooklynrhoden and 94 others
tasque_abby15 Happy 5th birthday to the Klynn Alivia Krebs u!!! Even tho we had to spend it at the hospital i hope you had the happiest of birthdays i love you so so much!!!



Liked by victoria.lewis, mallory_shaye and 51 others
tammyraulerson And just like that... we got her moved back in and all set for another exciting year at SEU!! So proud of her courage to continue this journey!! I will miss my sweet girl but i know that she is holding tight to Gods plan!! #seuhoer #dormlife #seufire #groudman

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Be vigilant on invasive plants

Can often be destructive of existing species

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Have you seen any plants on your property that seem to be newcomers? Do they seem to be spreading rapidly? Are other familiar plants disappearing? You may be the unwary host of invasive plants! Invasive plants, in some cases, have been introduced into our state by well-intentioned but misguided motives and in other cases purely by accident. Some species have been with us for a long time and some are relatively new. Regardless of how they got here or how long they have been here, they are here now and should be contained or eradicated whenever and wherever possible.

Some characteristics that most invasive plant species have in common are that they grow and propagate aggressively and crowd out native vegetation. In some cases, they have a negative impact on valuable cash crops and are a detriment to landowners and the local economy. They can also have a negative impact on wildlife, aesthetics and recreation.

The list of invasive plant species in Florida is long and each species varies in degree of impact depending on what they are and where they are located. Some common invasive species in northeast Florida are Cogon Grass, Chinese Tallow Tree, Japanese Climbing Fern, Camphor Tree, Mimosa and Air Potato. Of these, cogon grass is one of the most damaging to timberland. For this article, I will focus on cogon grass and its impact on timberland and associated activities.

First a little history and some identification tips. According to an article by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection titled "Invasive Plants of NE Florida," Cogon Grass was originally introduced to the U.S. as packing material for a shipment of plants from Japan to Alabama in 1911 and again into Mississippi as a forage crop before 1920. It was introduced into Florida in the early 1900's from southeast Asia, initially for soil stabilization. The article states that cogon grass is considered one of the ten worst "weeds" in the world.

Cogon grass can be identified by

a few unique characteristics. It is a perennial grass that grows from 2-5 feet tall and is a light yellowish green color. The leaf blades are one half to three quarter inches wide and have a "midvein" that is unmistakably offset to one side. The blade edges have very fine serrations that can be more easily felt than seen. Cogon grass is usually first noticed as a small patch seemingly appearing "out of nowhere". This appearance usually occurs after some event that introduces the plant to the site. Often this event involves farming, logging or mowing equipment carrying seed or pieces of rhizomes from another infested location. Inevitably, if left unattended, the patch grows in size from year to year.

Although cogon grass produces seeds like other plants, it also has rhizomes which can overcome mechanical attempts to control the plant. Rhizomes grow underground parallel to the surface and appear like roots. However, they are modified stems that grow new shoots upward and roots downward. If cut off and separated from the main plant, they can produce another complete plant. This form of propagation makes the plant less reliant on seed to reproduce and difficult to eradicate.

The impact of cogon grass on timber land is substantial. Any site/soil disturbance in or near a patch of this invasive plant is an opportunity for it to rapidly expand its presence. Operations such as timber harvesting, controlled burning or site preparation for reforestation will create a favorable environment for its expansion. Once cogon grass becomes established, it will choke out and kill any newly planted trees within the infested area. This virtually eliminates infested acreage from reforestation.

Although older stands of timber may not be immediately impacted by the presence of cogon grass, there are still long term and sometimes catastrophic consequences of its infestation. Over time, it can have a negative impact on the growth and health of older stands of timber by aggressively competing for soil nutrients and moisture. Also, since this grass is very volatile and burns very hot, it can cause substan-

tial tree mortality if fire is introduced to the stand. The combination of fire and tree mortality promote even more expansion of the grass as the ground is bared, sunlight is increased and moisture and nutrient availability are increased, all to the benefit of the invasive plant.

Although focus concerning this invasive plant is typically directed towards its impact on cash crops, cogon grass can also have a serious negative impact on aesthetics, recreation and wildlife. Native plant species help promote these benefits of a healthy ecosystem. Plant diversity is pleasing to the eye and provides sustenance for a variety of wildlife. Whether hunting, hiking, birding or observing nature in general, a diverse plant presence enhances the experience. The occurrence of an infestation by an invasive plant species (especially cogon grass), can significantly reduce or even eliminate native plant species in large areas. The result can be an expansive monoculture that excludes wildlife and native plants necessary for an environment that supports a variety of outdoor activities.

Whether the concern is for cash crops or the less tangible benefits of a diverse ecosystem, cogon grass should be viewed as an ongoing threat. Identifying it and reducing its impact is essential in preserving timberland and the activities that it supports.

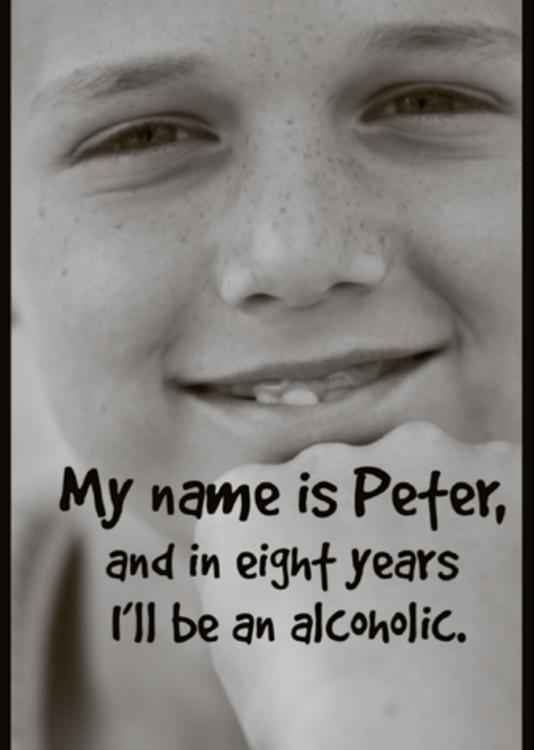
The best way to combat an infestation of cogon grass is through the repeated application of specific herbicides. Fall applications (September or October) are recommended and repeat applications are advised as new growth appears. After the fall application, the infested area will need to be treated again in the early spring before flowering. Cogon grass is difficult to control and treatments over successive years will likely be required to achieve eradication.

If you would like assistance in identifying cogon grass or other suspected invasive species and receive more information on how to control them, please contact your county forester (Jim Tootle: office 904-259-5128 or cell 386-292-4984 or email james.tootle@freshfromflorida.com).

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Ruise Jr. plays in camp

Coached by former NBA players

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Former BCHS Wildcat basketball star Charles Ruise Jr. received coaching from former NBA players at the National Basketball Players Association (NBPA) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Top 50 Camp, which ran July 27-29 in Atlanta.

Ruise, who is entering his senior season for Central State University in Ohio, was one of 50 players chosen from the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Southwestern Athletic Conference to participate in the second annual camp.

Purvis Short, who is currently the NBPA Director of Player Programs; Shawn Respert, currently the Chicago Bulls Director of Player Development; Ricky Davis and Damien and Gerald Wilkins were all former NBA players who were involved in the camp. Scouts and player personnel from the Milwaukee Bucks, Chicago Bulls, New York Knicks and NBA League Offices were also in attendance, according to a post on www.SIAC.com.

The camp opened with a dinner on July 27, and the final two days started with several hours of drills before transitioning into scrimmages, Ruise said.

"The trip was definitely worth it," he said on August 3. "I was introduced to a lot of new things. I was grateful enough to take heed to a lot of it. I feel like the trip was very helpful."

The players received on-court and career instruction from the coaches over the



Charles Ruise Jr. dribbles past the defense during his junior season. PHOTO COURTESY OF CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY

course of the camp. Ruise said the former professional players focused on the mental aspect of basketball, but also showed him stretches, workouts and defensive techniques that could help him at Central State.

"There are minor drills I can incorporate into my workouts and help me prolong and expand what I do on the court this upcoming year," he said. "... They showed us quick little sprints that get us in shape faster than running a mile on the track."

He was one of four Marauders selected for the camp, and was joined by teammates Dwight Richards, Davone Daniels and Chris Scott. The players were chosen by their collegiate programs to take part in the event.

Ruise quickly made an impact during an abbreviated junior season after joining Central State in January. He

averaged 14.5 points and 4.1 rebounds per game, helping the Marauders win eight of their 10 games with him in the playing rotation.

"That's special," he said about being selected for the camp. "That makes me feel like they have a lot in store for me and they think highly of me. ... It was unexpected to me, so I can only be grateful."

And Ruise hopes the success from last season carries over into his senior campaign.

"I just want to pick up where I left off," Ruise said. "I still have a lot more to show and lot more to prove. ... It's my last year so I've got to give it all I got."

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Applications are now available for the 2019 Miss Rodeo Florida Pageant to be held September 27 - 29, 2018 in Osceola County, Florida. Held annually, the Miss Rodeo Florida Pageant is open to Florida girls wishing to promote the great sport of Rodeo. Contestants from around the state of Florida will compete for the following titles.

- Miss Rodeo Florida (Age 19 - 25)
- Miss Teen Rodeo Florida (Age 15 - 18)
- Miss Rodeo Florida Princess (Age 11 - 14)
- Miss Rodeo Florida Sweetheart (Age 7 - 10)

All contestants compete in the areas of appearance, speech, modeling, impromptu questions, most photogenic and personal interview. Contestants ages 15 & up (Miss and Teen) also compete in horsemanship, horsemanship interview, the selling of a live auction item and a knowledge written text.

Rodeo Queens attend rodeos, parades, community events and speak to students in schools educating others about the sport of rodeo, the western way of life and our state agribusiness. Miss Rodeo Florida (Age 19 - 25) will represent Florida at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Miss Rodeo Florida Association is a 501 c3 non-profit organization dedicated to helping young ladies build confidence and achieve dreams.

Attached Photo is the 2018 Miss Teen Rodeo Florida - Makenzie Conner (Groveland), Miss Rodeo Florida Princess (Ocala/Ft. McCoy) Heaven Crosby and Miss Rodeo Florida Sweetheart (Miami) Aubrey Rosenhaus.

Deadline to register is August 31, 2018. Applications are available on www.MissRodeoFlorida.com

For information or questions concerning this press release please contact:

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OBITUARIES

Nettie Ruth Anderson of Cross City

Nettie Ruth Anderson, 88, of Cross City, Florida died Sunday, August 5, 2018 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. She was born and raised in Baker County and resided in Mayo, Florida before moving to Cross City 20 years ago. She was a homemaker and child care provider and enjoyed camping, fishing and gardening. She was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years Jimmie Anderson; parents Lawton and Essie Rhoden Conner; and siblings Ruby Raulerson, Fred Conner, Frank Conner, Evelyn Nipper and Marcus Gene Conner.



Nettie Anderson

Mrs. Anderson is survived by daughters Ann (Marcus) Hays of Cross City and Beverly (Perry) Koon of Williston, Florida; grandchildren Perry F. Koon III, Richard Edward Koon, Jessica Leighanne O'Neal and Benjamin Cole Hays; eight great-grandchildren; sisters Susie Marsh of Macclenny, Gladys Hair and Patsy Groves, both of Sanderson; brothers Virgil Conner and Floyd Conner, both of Sanderson and Henry Conner of Moniac, Georgia.

A funeral service to honor the life of Mrs. Anderson was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7 at the Taylor Church with Rev. Ed Ivey of Tallahassee and Pastor Joe S. Brooks of the Cross City Church of God officiating. Interment was at Taylor Cemetery. The family requests donations to Taylor Church. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

James Anderson, 68, of St. George

James Charles Anderson, 68, of St. George, Georgia passed away Monday, August 6, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on July 18, 1950 in Charleston, South Carolina to the late Cecil and Edith (Googe) Anderson. A retired truck driver, Mr. Anderson was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of Celebration Baptist Church in Macclenny and a resident of the area for the last 17 years, having formerly lived in St. Augustine. James was a man of many passions, especially motorcycles. An avid rider, he enjoyed traveling all over the country and taking in the scenery. While traveling with family, his favorite places to visit were the Smokey Mountains, Puerto Rico and Sturgis, North Dakota. His other hobbies included being on the water, model airplanes and cars and watching NASCAR (his favorite driver being Dale Earnhardt Sr.). He will be dearly missed by many.



James Anderson

In addition to his wife of 29 years Marian Anderson, he is survived by daughters Judi (Russell) Gombert of St. Cloud, Jamie Anderson of Jacksonville, Amanda (Scott) Wishard and Joy Thomas, all of St. Augustine; brothers TJ Anderson of St. Augustine, Ronnie Anderson of Jacksonville, Bobby (Sonya) Anderson and Billy Anderson, all of Welaka; sisters Mary Ann Ravan of North Dakota, Jean Anderson of St. George, Carol (Henry) Hodge of Hortense, Georgia and Pat (Bill) Davidson of Jacksonville; grandchildren James S. Anderson, Dalton Wishard, Breeanna Gombert, Bryan Gombert and Alonah Emerick; numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of Mr. Anderson's life will be held Saturday, August 11 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Forbes Funeral Home in Macclenny. The family will receive friends a half hour before the service. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Forbes Funeral Home, Macclenny. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that friends donate to the Just Our Soldiers Helpers (J.O.S.H.) organization. <https://justoursoldiershelpers.org/>

Retha Mae Raulerson of Moniac

Retha Mae Raulerson, 80, of Moniac, Georgia passed away peacefully on August 1, 2018 at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. She was born in Moniac on December 28, 1937 to John Crawford and Gussie Reynolds Crawford. She lived in Moniac all her life and was a member at Pine Level Church in Baxter. She was a school bus driver for the Charlton County school system until her retirement. Retha Mae was known as a hard worker and loved people; she will be dearly missed.



Retha Raulerson

Mrs. Raulerson was preceded in death by her husband William D. Raulerson; her parents; siblings Thelma Gainey, Ruby O'Quinn, Cedon Crawford and Gene Crawford. She is survived by her son John (Donna) Phillips of Moniac; grandchildren John Jameon Phillips of St. George, Stormy Dethanial (Lisa) Phillips of Palm Coast, Florida, and Hardy Lucian Phillips of St. George; three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service to honor the life of Ms. Retha Mae was held on Sunday, August 5 at 2 p.m. at her church with Pastor Fred Raulerson and Rev. James Conner, pastor of New Life Baptist Church of St. George officiating. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

Overwhelmed

Words don't accurately describe the overwhelming joy and thankfulness I have for our community and fellow citizens that was so evident during the recent passing of my mother Ann Combs. Thank you for the kind words, hugs, food, prayers, cards, flowers, and most of all love. I would like to give a special thank you to pastors Tom Pope and David Lumberry for the beautiful home going service, Garrett Milton of Guerry Funeral Home for leading us in this process with love and dignity, and to the First United Methodist Church in Macclenny for their love and amazing after-service meal. Ladies, Mama has given her seal of approval, and the spatula is officially passed. There were so many acts of kindness and love, and if I had the space, there would be no room for the news for all I could write.

God bless you all,
Love, Mike Combs
and Family

Thanks so much

The family of Donna Taylor Finley extends its thanks to all who helped and for the support given us during the loss of our dear and loving wife, mother and grandmother. We are so appreciative of those who traveled to be with her during this difficult time. We would also like to give special thanks to William Godwin of Ferreira Funeral Services for taking such great care of Donna and family. Thank you again for all the continued support.

The Finley Family

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Annual prayer service for start of school year

Teachers, school district administrators, school board members, students and their families met at the high school campus Sunday afternoon for a community prayer to start the new school year. Pastor Chas Rowland of First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary said that teachers should not only mold the minds of students but also their souls. "If you will give 100 percent of effort to molding their minds and 110 percent of your effort to molding their souls, you will raise a generation of people that will be the best future police officers that this county could have ... the best future teachers that county could have ... The best, not because they made straight As, but because their souls were molded by teachers who loved Jesus and loved them," he said. He called on parents to make their homes places of worship, saying, "Where you reside needs to be a church, a place of worship day in and day out." For students, he urged them to call on God to "use your work to grow you to maturity" and to be more concerned with "the quality of your effort than the quantity of your popularity."



A family prays for teachers.



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Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson addresses the crowd.



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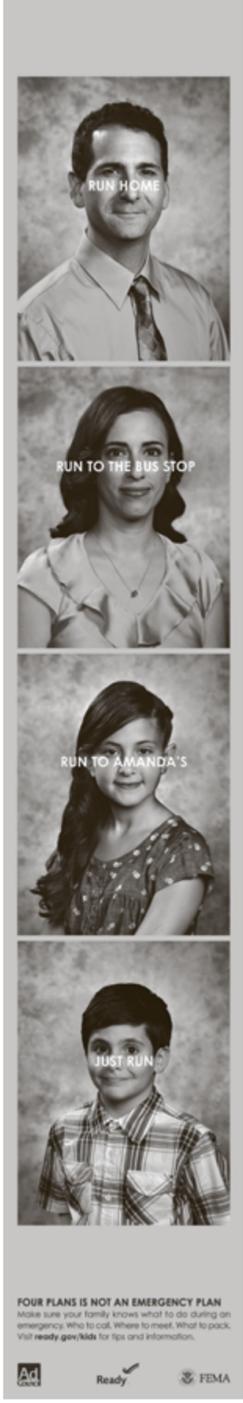
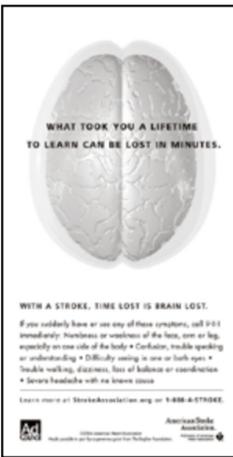
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Simple, savory recipes for busy families

FAMILY FEATURES

Back-to-school season means plenty of evening hours spent completing homework, attending extracurricular activities and preparing to repeat the school-day routine the next day. For many families, having time to prepare and cook quality, nutritious meals can be next to impossible.

Instead of choosing between valuable family time and hours spent in the kitchen, RAGÚ blogger, fitness enthusiast and busy mom Jamie Krauss Hess recommends stocking up on go-to pantry staples you feel good about and including them in quick, nutritious recipes everyone can enjoy together.

Try recipes such as Mini Turkey Sloppy Joes, which swap out beef for ground turkey to provide a flavorful alternative while offering a special twist to a classic family favorite. Quinoa Penne with Savory Tomato-Basil Sauce can hit the spot with just a handful of ingredients. Or, if the little ones clamor for a more kid-friendly dish and the adults don't mind a throwback to childhood, Grown-Up Tomato Mac and Cheese can provide the best of both worlds.

All three recipes take less than an hour to make and feature RAGÚ Simply pasta sauces, which are made with 100 percent olive oil and contain no added sugar. They're available in four varieties including: Traditional, Chunky Marinara, Chunky Garden Vegetable and Flavored with Meat. By using simple ingredients like California vine-ripened tomatoes, carrots, bell peppers, zucchini, onions and spices, the result is a taste-tempting sauce with recipe versatility.



Mini Turkey Sloppy Joes

Recipe courtesy of Honey and Birch
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 8

- 1 **teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil**
- 1 **cup onion, diced**
- 3 **cloves garlic, minced**
- 1 **pound ground turkey**
- 1 **cup carrots, finely diced**
- 1 **medium green pepper, diced**
- 1 **medium red pepper, diced**
- 1 **jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Simply Chunky Marinara Sauce**
- 1 **tablespoon Worcestershire sauce**
- 1 **teaspoon ground mustard**

- 1/2 **teaspoon kosher salt**
- 1/2 **teaspoon black pepper**
- 8 **mini buns**

In large skillet over medium heat, heat extra-virgin olive oil. When hot, add onion and garlic; sauté until onion is translucent.

Add ground turkey to pan. Break up meat and stir frequently until meat is browned. Add carrots, green pepper and red pepper. Cook 5 minutes so vegetables can begin to soften.

Add marinara sauce, Worcestershire sauce, ground mustard, kosher salt and black pepper. Stir and bring to boil. Reduce heat so it simmers; partially cover pan. Cook 10 minutes.

Serve on mini buns.

Grown-Up Tomato Mac and Cheese

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 8

- 1 **box (16 ounces) gemelli pasta**
- 4 **cups water**
- 2 1/2 **cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded, divided**
- 1/2 **cup (2 ounces) Pecorino Romano cheese, grated**
- 1 **tablespoon corn starch**
- 1 **can (5 ounces) evaporated milk**
- 1 **jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Simply Traditional Pasta Sauce**
- 2 **teaspoons cracked black pepper**

In large pot, combine pasta and water. Cook over medium-high heat 20-22 minutes, or until pasta is done, stirring occasionally.

In bowl, combine 2 cups cheddar cheese, Pecorino Romano cheese and corn starch. Reduce heat to medium; stir milk, cheese mixture and sauce together with cooked pasta. Cook 5-7 minutes, or until cheese is melted and mixture is thickened, stirring frequently.

Sprinkle with remaining cheddar cheese and pepper; serve immediately.

Tip: This stovetop method eliminates the need to drain the pasta after cooking. The starchy pasta water gets stirred in and helps create an extra-rich sauce. Elevate this dish by sprinkling crushed Parmesan cheese crisps on top before serving.

Quinoa Penne with Savory Tomato-Basil Sauce

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 8-10 minutes
Servings: 6

- 12 **ounces (about 5 cups) uncooked quinoa penne pasta**
- 2 **tablespoons olive oil**
- 1 **large shallot, chopped**
- 4 **cloves garlic, thinly sliced**
- 1/4 **cup oil-packed sundried tomatoes, drained and chopped**
- 1/2 **teaspoon smoked paprika**
- 1 **jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Simply Chunky Garden Vegetable Pasta Sauce**
- 1 1/4 **cups tightly packed fresh basil leaves, chopped, divided**

Cook pasta as directed on package. In large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add shallots; cook 5-7 minutes, or until lightly browned, stirring frequently. Add garlic, tomatoes and paprika; cook and stir 1 minute. Stir in sauce and basil, reserving small amount of basil for garnish. Drain pasta; add to sauce mixture. Mix well. Cook 1-2 minutes until heated through. Sprinkle with reserved basil before serving.



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SPORTS

Lady Cats boast six returning seniors Program keeps 24 players after tryouts

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The talent level at the BCHS Lady Wildcat volleyball program's tryouts was so high the program decided to keep more players than it had a year ago, head coach Ashley Holton said.

Twenty-four players — split evenly between the varsity and JV teams — were chosen from the nearly 30 hopefuls who took part in the two-day tryout on August 1-2, which is a four-player increase from last season. The ladies ran through individual drills during the first session, and the second day consisted of numerous short games that allowed players to showcase their skill-sets and versatility, coach Holton said.

"We had a lot of talent," she said on Tuesday. "We just decided there was no way we could cut the talent that we got in this year, so we had to go with more kids than normal."

The varsity Lady Cats retained nine players from last year's playoff team, including incoming seniors Madison Barton, Cassidi Beaver, Kiki Carter, Makayla Clevenger, Rachel Mechum and Dixie Raulerson. Underclassmen Allyson Crossland, Blakey Mallory and Skye Miller also remained on the varsity squad, and were joined by newcomers Launa Parker, Kayla Welch and Bri Walton.

But the wealth of experienced players created a logjam for the ladies who hoped to move up from the JV team, which also kept nine returning players, the fifth-year head coach said.

"We have a lot of ... in-

coming juniors that were on JV last year trying to earn that spot. It made it so much tougher this year," coach Holton explained. "Not a lot of spots were available for those juniors, so it was a really hard decision to make."

The veteran group has also resulted in heightened expectations.

"Higher expectations than I ever had before," coach Holton said. "... I know these kids know my expectations are higher than normal, so ... they're going above and beyond every day at practice to earn those positions on the court."

The positions will continue to be decided in the pre-season game on August 14 at Trinity. Both Carter and Parker have played libero for coach Holton's club volleyball program, she said, and are competing to fill the position left vacant for the Lady Cats following the graduation of Tori Richardson.

Coach Holton said the program looks for speed, quickness, agility and knowledge of game in a libero, who serves as a defensive specialist.

"I have a few kids I'm going to put there at preseason to kind of see what happens, and if it so happens that I like both of them then I'm just going to switch them out during the season also," coach Holton said.

She said she hopes the Lady Cats show the team chemistry that comes from years of playing together during the preseason along with growth from their summer of offseason workouts.

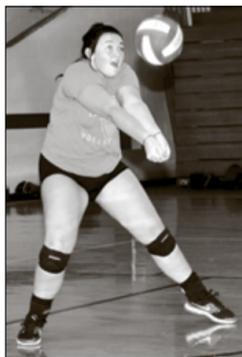
"I hope to see that we have that camaraderie and that we have that team connection," she said. "Coming



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Bri Walton reaches out for the volleyball on August 1 during the first day of volleyball tryouts.

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Dixie Raulerson

out here all summer I hope that overflows into our game on Tuesday and hopefully it shows that we haven't lost a step. We've actually picked up from where we left off and we're getting better."



Jae Moore makes contact with the ball.

Third in national tourney

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The Baker Bandits Soccer Club finished in third place in the Boys/Coed U17/U18 Rec division at the Challenge Sports 3v3 Tour National Championships at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort.

The Bandits went 0-2-2 during their four matches of pool play held on August 3-4 before falling to eventual runner-up Savages 10-4 in tournament competition on August 5. The team tied in its first two matches 5-5 against TSA Play for Brooke — the eventual Boys/Coed U16 Rec champion — and 1-1 against Lady Lake Futbol Club B16 before losing 10-0 to Savages and 12-0 to Valdosta FC to close pool play.

Coach Paul Wilson said the Bandits played up to their potential during their inaugural national tournament appearance.

"The kids played real hard. We did pretty good as far as third place out of five," he said. "... It was a lot of fun for them. They had a good time."

The Bandits nearly pulled off an upset in their tournament match against Savages, which turned into a back-and-forth contest after their shutout loss to the same team in pool play.

Coach Wilson said Keaton Padgett tied the score at 1-1 before Savages built a two-goal advantage. Wyatt



L-r: Wyatt Godbold, Keaton Padgett, coach Paul Wilson, Kesjuan Chrome, Montana McGinley and Nathan Wilson.

Godbold cut the deficit in half just before halftime and Montana McGinley added another goal early in the second.

Savages responded with two quick goals, however, and pulled away in the second half.

The hard-fought contest earned the respect of both Savages and eventual champion Valdosta FC, both of which approached the Bandits following the match to tell them how well they played, coach Wilson said.

"I'm very proud of them," he said. "It was one heck of a closing game where I truly thought they were going to pull it out and win it. The players never gave up."

Coach Wilson and the Bandits already have their eyes set for the next 3v3 season. The club has received interest from players who would compete in a young-

er division, and it will open sign-ups soon to determine the interest level, he said.

From there, the program will begin working toward getting prepared for the fall tournaments.

"I feel that if we continue practicing with the six kids that want to continue on in this division and start up the next division by the time October and November games come around they'll be better acclimated for it," coach Wilson said.

Knight competes in finals in four events

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Macclenny swimmer Braeden Knight swam in finals in four events at the 2018 Futures Championships held August 2-5 in Cary, NC.

Knight swam in three relay events for Episcopal AmberJax. His best outing came in the Boys 800-meter freestyle relay, in which his team clocked in a sixth-place time of 7 minutes, 52.41 seconds. His relay teams also finished 14th in the Boys 400 freestyle relay (3:38.59) and 21st in the Boys 400 medley relay (4:11.98).

Individually, Knight swam a personal record time of 57:36 to finish 20th in the Boys 100 butterfly. He also clocked in a time of 25:23 in the Boys 50 freestyle time trials.

Knight competed in two additional preliminary events. He shaved more than two second off his previous best time in the Boys 100 backstroke to post a time of 1:03.75. He also touched in at 2:10.55 in the Boys 200 butterfly.



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FORMER CATS Season ends in playoff defeat

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A former BCHS Wildcat baseball player's summer came to an end in a heartbreaking playoff loss, while an ex-Cat football star's football team may have saved its season with a comeback victory. Another former football player is also preparing for his upcoming NFL preseason debut.

• Pitcher Jared Crews' Fayetteville SwampDogs were eliminated from the Coastal Plain League's Eastern Semifinal on August 5 with a 7-6 loss to the hosting Morehead City Marlins in a 16-inning marathon.

The SwampDogs ended the season with a 24-26 record, including a 11-14 mark in the second half of the season.

Crews settled in during the second half of the season after a rocky start. He allowed just five runs over his final 15 1/3 innings on the mound with 14 strikeouts.

Overall, Crews finished his season with a 1-2 record in three starts with a 6.85 ERA and 20 strikeouts in 23 2/3 innings.

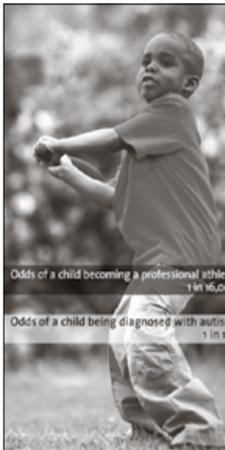
• Linebacker Bear Woods' Toronto Argonauts snapped a three-game losing streak on August 2 with a dramatic 42-41 comeback from behind home win over the Ottawa REDBLACKS.

The Argos (2-5) scored the game-winning touchdown with one second remaining in the game, which fully erased the 24-point third-quarter deficit.

Woods, 31, remained sidelined as he recovered from offseason back surgery. He was "close to returning" and could be back on the field "right after the bye week," tweeted Mike Hogan, the Toronto's play-by-play commentator and communications coordinator, on August 2.

The Argos return to action on August 18 when they host the West Division's BC Lions (2-4).

• Undrafted rookie running back Mike Boone and the Minnesota Vikings are scheduled to make their preseason debut on August 11 against the visiting Denver Broncos. The game is set to air live on NFL Network at 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.



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The BCHS Wildcats warm up on August 6 prior to their first padded practice of the season.

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Coach: Lack of communication

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The BCHS Wildcat football team wasted little time going into live contact on August 6 during its first padded practice of the season.

Baker County opened the practice with the 10-and-in drill, in which the scout offense, mimicking Baldwin's offense, ran the ball four times from inside the 10 yard line in an effort to get into the end zone. The scout offense succeeded in its first four plays, but the defense stiffened the second time through and prevented the offense from scoring.

The drill was the first of about four to five live sessions during the first two padded practices, head coach Jamie Rodgers said. The team also ran 11-on-11 drills, which was the earliest the Cats have done under coach Rodgers, because of its number of experienced players, he said.

Despite having 20 seniors, the Cats are inexperienced at the varsity level at key positions, which has resulted in some communication errors.

"The first two days I didn't like that. We're not talking enough in the secondary," coach Rodgers said on August 7. "You end up lost out here if you have guys running a bunch of different routes out here like Baldwin does. You end up lost if you don't know exactly what you're doing and talking to the guy beside you and know what he's doing."

The lack of communication was due, in part, to the inexperience in the secondary. The Cats completely revamped the unit from last year following the graduation of starters such as Nick Lee, Braeden Sanders, Jamon



John Green (right) looks for a hole after taking the hand-off.



Quarterback Alex Bowen finds running room near the sideline.

Jones and others.

The coaches are expecting players such as Chris Smith, who had an interception in Baker County's spring game at Oakleaf, Robert Baker, Ja-

cob Williams and Avant Lee to fill in many of those open roles at cornerback and safety.

Coach Rodgers also said transfers Maurice Moore

from Yulee and Tracy White from Columbia are expected to make an impact on both sides of the ball. Moore will play wide receiver and White will split time with Green at running back and play slot receiver, coach Rodgers said, while both will line up in the secondary on defense.

"We're having to share skill kids (on offense and defense) for the first time since I've been here," coach Rodgers said.

Much like in the secondary, the offensive skill players have been almost entirely new for the Cats, too. Outside of the four returning starters on the offensive line — Myles Morrison, Tyler Burnsed, Matthew McDuffie and Ace Crews — Green is the offense's only starter back from last year's Class 5A runner-up squad.

Still, despite the turnover, coach Rodgers said he has been pleased with the development of the offense so far.

"Talking to coach (Josh) Jacobson just now, we got a lot of plays in in a short amount of time. We did not have very many screw ups, and that's good for Day Two," he said after Tuesday's practices.

The Cats are scheduled to visit Baldwin on August 17 in the Kickoff Classic before they host St. Augustine at Memorial Stadium to open the regular season on August 24. Coach Rodgers said the team has to be more disciplined in its assignments to be prepared for the Indians.

"We've got a long way to go," coach Rodgers said. "We need these two weeks big time before we play the Classic and then we'll need another week to get ready for St. Augustine for sure."

Former Cat hired as high school's basketball coach

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For the first time in more than two decades, the BCHS Wildcat basketball team has a new head coach.

And he's a player from one of former head coach Charles Ruise Sr.'s best teams.

Marcel Thomas was named Baker County's new head coach on July 30 after interviewing for the position the previous week. He was one of 19 applicants, five of whom were interviewed, to take over the program from Ruise, who was announced in June as Florida Gateway College's new men's basketball head coach after spending 25 years with the Cats.

"He understands our kids. He's from here. It's a good hire," BCHS Athletic Director Jamie Rodgers said. "... It definitely helps from being around here and knowing some of the kids. ... Mr. (Allen) Murphy and myself thought it was the right fit for right now out of the guys that applied."

Coach Thomas, a BCHS Class of 2003 graduate, said he's happy to return home.

"It's a tremendous opportunity, man. In a sense it's a dream come true. It's something I've always dreamed about," he said. "... To come back to somewhere where I actually played, it's crazy to be back here coaching. I'm excited to say the least."

Coach Thomas played under Ruise during Baker County's successful run in the early 2000s, during which the Cats posted a 68-9 combined record between the 2000-01 and 2002-03 seasons.

The program advanced to the Class 3A state semifinals in 2001, and won back-to-back District 3-4A championships the following two seasons. Baker County played in the 2003 Region 1-3A finals, but fell two points shy of returning to the Final Four for the second time in three seasons.

"I was introduced to organized basketball at the high school," said coach Thomas, who also played collegiately at Edward Waters College. "[Coach Ruise] was the one that gave me my start in basketball. I will always respect him and love him for that."

An event at Heritage Park to honor coach Ruise's legacy is being planned, coach Thomas said, but no official date had been set as of press time.

Coach Thomas also started his coaching career under Ruise's tutelage. He began as an assistant coach for the

Cats in 2012 before serving as Fleming Island's head assistant coach since 2015, he said.

At Fleming Island, he gained experience managing a larger program — 8A compared to 6A for Baker County — and had the opportunity to act as the

head coach for a handful of games, he said.

Coach Thomas and head coach Traavis Chandler led the Golden Eagles to an 18-13 record last season, which was the program's first winning record since the 2013-14 campaign.

He said he hopes a fast-paced style of basketball can continue building the Baker County program. The Cats missed the playoffs last season for the first time since 2012, but haven't won a district championship since coach Thomas' playing days.

"In this day and age it's not like your old methodical basketball. It's going to be a lot of run and gun," coach Thomas explained. "... Your fours and fives have to be able to shoot the basketball. ... We're going to play hard-nosed defense. A lot of offense is going to come from our defensive presence."

The new head coach said on August 7 that coach Bo Clayton would return as the program's JV coach, but he was still filling out his coaching staff. He also has plans to meet with parents in the coming weeks and begin preparing for his first season.

"I'm overly excited. I'm ready to get to work," said coach Thomas, who also organizes the annual Wildcat Alumni Weekend and helped create the BC Legacy Elite AAU program with other BCHS alumni.

"Right now it's about getting these guys prepared for the season. A lot of these guys have aspirations to go on to play college ball so it's about getting them prepared so they can maximize their opportunities. ... I'm excited to start the job and get to work."

Okefenokee hunting sites, dates, times

Public hunting on the Okefenokee NWR is permitted in three areas: the Suwannee Canal Recreation Area, the Pocket, and the Cowhouse Unit during certain periods during the upcoming hunting season.

All hunters must possess all applicable Georgia hunting licenses in accordance with state regulations. Hunters may view the refuge-specific hunt brochure (available online at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee) for additional hunt regulations and information.

The three areas are:

- Suwannee Canal Recreation Area. Deer and feral hog lottery quota hunt, located near Folkston. Dates of this hunt are Friday October 26 and Saturday October 27 (5 a.m. – noon). A total of 40 permits will be awarded for the hunt, 10 of which will

be reserved for mobility-impaired hunters (i.e. confined to a wheelchair) and/or youth hunters (ages 16 and under).

Hunters are required to use shotgun with slugs or muzzle loaders only. Deer taken do not count against the state limit and a special refuge tag will be provided upon check-out for each deer taken.

Lottery applications will be accepted from August 15 to September 15. Lottery applications can be found here (<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2354.pdf>). Applications should be submitted as follows:

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per person. Each hunter drawn for the lottery hunt must purchase a SCRA hunt permit (\$15) the morning of the hunt.

- Pocket Unit Hunt. Deer and feral hog archery only, located near Fargo. Dates of this hunt are September 8 – October 12, 2018 in accordance with state regulations. All hunters must sign in and out each day of the hunt. All stands must be removed daily. Contact Stephen C. Foster State Park at (912) 637-5274 for early exit to hunt area if you are staying in the park overnight.
- Cowhouse Unit Hunt. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNA)

is managing deer, feral hog, small game, and turkey hunts on Cowhouse Island in conjunction with their Dixon Memorial Wildlife Management Area (WMA) hunts. Hunters on this portion of the refuge are limited to foot and bicycle traffic only. No dogs allowed except for hunting quail.

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Dennis Dugger auctions off one of a dozen cakes.

More Best In Baker snaps



Holy Smokers, the 2017 Best in Baker and grand champions, won second place in chicken and third in pork butt this year.



Above: Ricky Harvey sings and plays guitar.

Left: Dennis Schmitz and Don Weddle of Big Breast, Great Butt and a Hot Box, who finished third in the rib competition.

Below: Daffie the Clown makes balloon animals for children.



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