County fire chief Steven Marfellonga blamed a perfect storm of circumstances for a May 17 vehicle extrication that took more than three hours to complete.

Tiffany Ann Doss, 23, of Macclenny was the last person to leave a two-door SUV, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. She was extricated after a proposal from the county’s health insurance carrier.

Mr. Doss turned over her left shoulder to check on the children and that the movement likely saved her right leg. “That’s what kept it from getting cut off,” said Mr. Doss. The mother of two while recovering from three surgeries, she’s been frequenting the locale quite a bit of late, going four times before the official start of summer. Mr. Stacy said he’s been frequenting the locale quite a bit of late, going four times before the official start of summer. Mr. Langford said the family came to the St. Mary’s River to “cool off” after riding four wheelers at home.

They were among about two dozen river worshipers near the Steel Bridge Rd. boat ramp at Olustee early this week.

Mr. Doss said she broke bones in both of her legs as well as two vertebrae, and a head injury required serious injuries, too. Only one of the other children was injured, according to the Florida Highway Patrolии.

Three-plus hours to free woman from SUV

Joel Addington

9:43 p.m.  City fire department arrives on scene to advise

9:53 p.m.  Extrication completed

Wreck occurred Sunday, May 25 on US 90 in Olustee during a severe thunderstorm. There were eight occupants, three adults and five kids.

6:49 p.m.  First group of victims taken by rescue to Shands in Lake City

6:33 p.m.  County Fire Chief Marfellonga takes command of the scene

6:30 p.m.  First county fire unit on scene

6:22 p.m.  BCSO & EMS arrive on scene

3 hours  23 minutes to extricate last victim in wreck

Accident Extrication Timeline

Information source: Baker County Sheriff’s Office Dispatch Logs

Branman pays fee to enter clerk race

Joel Addington

The state of Florida’s chief candidates for this year’s election was finalized at noon of June 30, the deadline for qualifying by paying a fee.

The last candidate to do so was retired sheriff’s deputy Chuck Branman, who handed in a check at the elections office for $1,120. About 30 minutes before the cut off to qualify as the second Republican in the race for Clerk of Court.

He is also the wealthiest of the clerk candidates with a net worth of $1.4 million, according to election’s office records. They also show his deputy campaign treasurer is his finance and assistant state attorney Linda Puglisi.

Mr. Branman is currently employed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as a program coordinator. He was the post by the department’s commissioner, Adam R. Putnam, a former Republican Congressman.

Previously qualifying on the GOP side of the ballot was Jack “Jacks” A. Baker III, whose father, Jack A. Baker Jr., is serving as his campaign treasurer. Retired banker and land owner John Kennedy was named deputy in January.

Jacks Baker’s net worth is $210,000 and he’s employed by Country Federal Credit Union as a loan officer, records indicate.

Mr. Branman and Mr. Branman, both Macclenny residents, will face off in the primary election on August 26. There are five Democrats vying for the county’s most professional and extensive source for news, classified, display and real estate listings.

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Initial deficit in '15 budget $2 million

Mike Anderson

Press Staff

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tions for family coverage.

The county currently subsidizes 6 percent of health care costs for employees and 75 percent for dependents. Mr. Thompson said he would recognize employee health care in- surance plans offered by other Northeast Florida counties and would have information available for the next board workshop at 3 p.m. on July 7.

Commissioners hope that the budget will not turn out to be as bleak as some have predicted. He said the revenue numbers should be higher for the next year and he will “revise special assessments” as a preliminary figure, “workable way to boost income. “I’m optimistic we may have better revenues by the next board meeting and the county revenue increase happens backed out of the budget picture,” he said.

Commissioners also agreed to issue constitutional officers to the next board meeting to discuss the county’s budget proposals were higher last year than 2009’s budget, the higher budget for the clerk of court’s office.

The total budget includes $49,106,000 for departmental expenses, most of which are personnel and employee benefits, in addition to $22,011,376 in general fund transfers, which is a 45 percent increase in planning and zoning to $62,782,118, which will result in an overall increase in the general fund.

We have been intimidated largely by code enforcement compliance,” Planning and Zoning Director Eddie Preston told commissioners, “I don’t know why.”

The fire department wants the board to find ways to cut $2 million out of the bud- get and, “it would be unrealistic.” Mr. Barber said.

After the workshop conclude- ed at 5:30 p.m., commissioners met in a regular bi-monthly board meeting with an agenda that included the following topics:

• Approved a South Florida electric utility for the building of new power plants in the county.

The contract was awarded to Energy Conservation Engineer- ing Inc. of Palm Beach Gardens for an air conditioning system test and Thermal Energy Storge, or TES, feasibility study. The county’s estimated out cost for the project is approximately $100,000.

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Cruse ship experience a bit varied from past

It’s been a while since I’ve been on a cruise to the Bahamas and definitely a bit different. I’ve always enjoyed coming back to the cruise industry in general. I love cruis- es. It’s not so much that I like being on ship- board with hun- gry passengers and trivia contests. I just enjoy spending time on the weather.

Kelli likes being on a deck chair getting sun and reading while I just look around the expansive of blue sky and ultra- modern architecture like the speed and security. There’s only one problem. There isn’t much peace and serenity anywhere at all. You couldn’t really find a place where there wasn’t blaring music.

The first time was the first time that we sailed out of Jacksonville and it was so convenient. We’ve been on a cruise to the Bahamas for many years now. For the 2014-15 school year, our primary care physicians, who were under contract from United Healthcare that they would have this hospital in our Medicare for the 2015-16 school year. For the 2014-15 school year, teachers will start August 17 and students on August 18, no July 17 and 24 as previously re- ported. Last week’s edition of The Press reported in error that the school board adopted the 2015- 16 school calendar. The calen- dar adopted was for the 2016-17 school year.

Michael Nickles: If only we sold beer on Sunday we could appeal to a much wider audience. We have to work hard to provide for their needs. The river.

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Board overturns its LPA
Will permit 2nd unit on one acre

MIKE ANDERSON PRESS STAFF
County commissioners last week went against the wishes of their appointed Land Planning Agency by approving a request to rezone a one-acre residential lot to allow two half-acre lots on the site. They said board总而言之, it is our recommendation to do otherwise under the particular circumstances of this particular case.

The applicant Byjara Wilk resides on an adjacent property and wants to subdivided the lot to allow two half-acre lots for rental trailers at the wishes of their appointed Land Planning Agency.

The property, which includes a dwelling built in 1939, is surrounded by single family homes on lots one acre or larger and a mixture of residential and agricultural zoning, some of which restricts development to one dwelling for every 7.5 acres.

Although nobody in the audience objected to the rezoning at the June 17 commission meeting, the LPA had urged by several Mud Lake Road homeowners on May 22 to reject it, saying it doubling the density on the one-acre lot would be detrimental to the rural atmosphere of the neighborhood and could lead to similar requests.

“We would be setting a precedent for 1/2-acre lots in that area along Mud Lake Road,” said LPA office John Adams, who introduced the motion to deny the project. “We would be opening the door for the desires of others."

Fellow board members Glen Patten, who was absent to lead the LPA for a first reading, agreed and seconded the motion. The third member who voted against it, Joseph DeFee, said he shared “the concerns.”

The dissenting vote was cast by Philip Zimmermann in his own official act as board chairman. He supported the planning director’s recommendation to approve the rezoning, saying higher densities are “logically expected” at intertions.

Mr. Preston said staff recommended the rezon

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Mr. Thompson told the board that the mortgage balance on the Raulerson home exceeded the $36,000 cap for the affordable housing contracts to ensure that

The commissioners asked the county manage

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In the event of rain, an alternate date will be advertised for the kick-off  .

In June 17 to review the county’s

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Baker County Commission
Preliminary approval of changes to rules for recipients of SHIP grants

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The Baker County Commission is revising a state-funded housing program for low-income residents to raise the cap ondesignation to strengthen fraud-prevention procedures and clarify how fees are paid when applicants for the program.

The changes were approved during a 3 pm workshop on June 17 to review the county’s Local Housing Assistance Plan or LHAP, which provides funds for new home construction or rehabilitation of existing homes for eligible applicants.

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Hartley was outnumbered by his four colleagues, who expressed similar feelings about the issue but ultimately sided with Planning and Zoning Director Ed Preston.

Mr. Preston said staff recommended the rezoning application be granted because it was consistent with the county’s Comprehensive Plan and there were no objections.

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That's not the way it was done before Rich came here,” Mr. Thompson told commiss

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Commissioner Mark Hartley in a motion to deny the rezoning properties.

The LHAP had been scheduled for an expanded hearing in June, but the revisions still have to be in accordance to the same rules and regulations as the application. The plan may be revised, however, the lien shall be followed by a lien for non-payment of the new owner qualifies under the eligibility criteria ...

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The revisions are funded by a state program administered by the Florida Department of Housing, including 

Unseen unless someone tells us we're not going to know.

“The closest half acre residential lot is about a mile west,” Mr. Preston told commission.

According to the wishes of their appointed Land Planning Agency, which allows up to four dwellings too.

Preston said, but discourages it across the street.

Lake Road is the southernmost boundary of the Ur

The property lies within the county’s Urban Growth Area because it was consistent with the county’s Comprehensive Plan and there were no objections.

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Cedar Creek Bridge expected to open this week

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East-west motorists who had to divert over to CR 229 via CR 124 the past 24 months. Gina Busscher, spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Transportation that oversaw the project, said the new structure has two 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot wide emergency lanes buttressed by 3.5-foot high concrete barriers.

Case dispositions ordered on June 18

The following dispositions were ordered by Judge Joey Williams in county court during regular session on June 18:

• Jason Byrd, driving on a suspended license; 25 hours community service, three-month probation.
• Jody Castleman, contempt of court; failed to appear, warrant issued.
• Peggy Cook, lewd and lascivious behavior, lascivious exposure; court costs.
• Leonard Dix, driving on a suspended license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
• Connor McLean, criminal mischief and (2) petty theft; 60 days in jail.
• Cynthia Perez, expired driver’s license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
• Juan Prince, petty theft; failed to appear, warrant issued.
• Evan Rhoden, resisting arrest, reckless driving and improper tag; 12-month probation, anger management class, no weapon possession.
• Caleb Southard, disorderly conduct; 65 days in jail.
• Christopher Stokes, resisting arrest and disorderly intoxication; court costs.

Boy dies following snake bite

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The grandson of Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford died on June 20 following a week of treatment for a rattlesnake bite he sustained in Bryceville seven days before.

Brayden Bullard, 4, was bitten while in his family’s garden with his father, who immediately rushed the boy to a fire station in Baldwin. From there he was flown to UF Health Shands in Gainesville and later transferred to Wolfson Children’s Hospital in Jacksonville.

Early in the week, after receiving anti-venom in Gainesville, his prognosis was good, but early Friday morning his condition worsened.

His funeral was held Wednesday morning on June 25.

To read tips for dealing with snakes in Florida, please see the University of Florida’s publications online at http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_series_dealing_with_snakes_in_florida_residential_areas.
Abuse can happen at any age.

18% of women who experience sexual abuse are 60 years of age or older.

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Sponsored by The Women’s Center of Jacksonville, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families.
Stolen dolly recovered

Police arrested a Macclenny man on June 20 and charged him with selling at a time when he had rented his Kansas City home for several years to a man who had been living there illegally. The man, identified as Michael Bennett, was charged with violating the state's laws against selling dolly, a type of trailer used in the logging industry. Bennett had moved to Kansas City in November 2012, and had been living there illegally since then. The man's girlfriend, a woman named Nancy, had also been living there illegally, and had been charged with selling dolly. The man's girlfriend had moved out of the house when the man was arrested, and had been living in a house in Macclenny when the man was arrested. The man had been arrested for selling dolly, and had been charged with violating the state's laws against selling dolly. He had also been charged with selling dolly, and had been living in a house in Macclenny when the man was arrested. The man had been arrested for selling dolly, and had been charged with violating the state's laws against selling dolly.

Log trailer overturns on CR 229 S.

A Sanderson man was arrested on June 19 and charged with possession of marijuana following an incident on CR 229 South. The man, identified as John Staley, was arrested on June 19 and charged with possession of marijuana following an incident on CR 229 South. The man's car was stopped by a deputy who smelled the odor of marijuana emanating from the interior. The man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

Ignores court order, arrested

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The Workshop on recreation board

The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public workshop regarding the creation of a recreation advisory board on Thursday, July 1, at 4 p.m. The workshop will be held at the commission chambers located at 55 N. 3rd St. in Macclenny. The purpose of the recreation advisory board is to provide vision, guidance and direction on recreation to the county commission.

Any member of the public with interest in any aspect of public recreation is encouraged to attend. The board is selecting feedback on the draft charter, by-laws and roles and responsibilities for the recreation advisory board. They are available for review by calling 599-3843.

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OBITUARIES

Service Wednesday for Brayden Ballard

Brayden William Bullard, 4, of Sanderson died on Friday, June 21, 2014 at Wolfson Children’s Hospital in Jacksonville. He attended Children’s All-Star Detectives for the past two years and enjoyed watching Tom and Jerry cartoons every evening beginning with his mom and Mr. Chandler.

Brayden was full of life. His favorite color was green, he loved the outdoors, catching frogs, playing in the dirt, hunting and fishing with his dad, using oatmeal cream pies and dill pickles. He was an inquisitive young boy, always asking questions and wanting the answers immediately. He was a great storyteller, the stories never got old and always shared. He enjoyed jumping up on his grandmother’s lap while riding the tractor around the farm and playing with his dogs Bolo and Jada.

He was predeceased by his maternal great-grandparents Ulys and Thelma Davie, great-grandparents F. I. Bullard and Shannon Davis.

He is survived by his father Blake William Bullard of Broyville and mother Julia Elizabeth Crawford Bullard; stepfather Chad Rhoden of Sanderson and step-mother Nike Rhoden; maternal grandparents Darrel and Nita Crawford of Macclenny; paternal grandparents Fred and Diane Bullard of Broyville; great-grandparents Tommy and Gayle Crawford of Macclenny, Marion Bullard, Silas and Sarah Pitman, all of Balby, nieces and nephews Clay Bullard of Jacksonville, and Carlos and Jennifer Victoria of Baldwin; aunts and uncles Rhoden Rhoden of Sanderson and step-sister Makenzie Lee Rhoden; and numerous cousins.

A celebration of life service was held on Wednesday, June 25 at 11 am at the Christian Fellowship Church with pastors Chris Drum, Dan Sneesh and Donna Williams Sr. officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. T. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was on charge of arrangements.

Memorial later for Glenda Ketchum

Glenda Propes Ketchum, 52, of Glen St. Mary died June 25, 2014 at her residence with family by her side. She was born in Jacksonville on November 7, 1961 to the late Preston Reed Propes and Naomi Ruth Richards Propes. Glenda was a resident of Glen St. Mary for the past 29 years. She was an avid Bull FC fan who enjoys surfing the internet, traveling to California and shopping at flea markets. Glenda loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Tandy Propes.

She is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, Lindsey Keith Ketchum of Glen St. Mary; children Kevin and Jennifer Ketchum of Glen St. Mary; grandchildren Vision and Roger Sheely of Glen St. Mary and Naomi Allen of NC; brothers Daniel and Eugene Propes of Jacksonville; sisters Sandra Propes of Jacksonville, Brenda and Dale Carmine of VA, Patty Propes of Jacksonville, Robin Allen of NC, and Barbara and William Reynolds of Waycross, FL; granddaughters Victoria, Jennifer and Kevin Ketchum, Jr., Lindsay, Audrey and Alex Rhoden, Ryan Rhoden, Shandy and Madison Rhoden; sisters-in-law; special friend Marc Coleman of Bakersfield, CA.

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Service for Hollie Gotcher, 41, on July 1

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Garrett reunion

The annual Garrett family reunion will be held Sunday, July 26, 2014 at the Baker County Agricultural Center. Family and friends are invited to bring their favorite dishes and enjoy the day. Lunch will be served shortly after noon.

Nashville group

New Hope Church will host a gospel sing on Saturday, June 28 starting at 6 pm. Info is free and enjoy the day. Lunch will be served promptly at 12 noon. There will be free and enjoy the day. Lunch will be served shortly after noon.

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The event, which is timed to coincide with National Nurses Week. CNA's do in the region. Similar events were held in Jacksonville, Orange Park, chicken and battered fries as a way to show its appreciation for the work the afternoon of June 12. Community Hospice funded the lunches of fried the one’s ten siblings took part was held at the First Baptist Church of Macclenny, followed by a reception at the Ag Center. Following a homily in Puerto Rico, the couple will live in Tallahassee where they are both pursuing advanced degrees at Florida State University. Andy seeks a doctorate in meteorology and Caroline a master’s degree in Spanish. UCF graduate Andre Tamara Paige of Lake City will graduate from the University of Central Florida in Orlando on August 7 with a bachelor’s degree in business and a minor in psychology. Ms. Paige is the daughter of Lumpy M. Lewis of Lake City and the late Ardris D. Paige of Sanderson. She is a 2009 graduate of Columbia County High School. Her grandparents include Barbara Paige of Sanderson, Larry White of Atlantic, Alaja- non and Margie White and Aaron and Vordie Lewis, all of Lake City.

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July 11th vows

Shawn and Tammy Dudley of Glen St. Mary are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Kelsey Dale to Ron Charles Worley, the son of Ron and Carol Wor- ley, also of Glen.

The ceremony will take place on July 11, 2014 at Fort George Island, FL. Mr. and Mrs. Wor- ley will reside at Pk. Drum, N.C.

Ms. Paige

UPCOMING EVENTS

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The ceremony will take place at the First Baptist Church of Macclenny on July 11th vows.

The next event is planned for July 1 at the fairgrounds from 7 to 10 p.m. Laser tag will be featured. Ms. Paige is the daughter of Lumpy M. Lewis of Lake City and the late Ardris D. Paige of Sanderson. She is a 2009 graduate of Columbia County High School.

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The Wildcats football team planned for the first three scheduled seven-on-seven drills when it hosted the Oakleaf Knights June 25, showcasing the West Florida lineup for the first time since the spring game at First Coast.

Both teams ran about 60 offensive plays during the practice with the first team playing the majority of the snaps while the backups and younger players worked in.

The seven-on-seven drills give the team extra field time to learn the schemes against different looks. The Cats also got to see how much they’ve improved since the spring game, and head coach Tom MacPherson noticed a big difference.

“Obviously we were way better than our defense was against the spring game,” the head coach said after the practice concluded.

“We’ve got anywhere from 30 to 35 more guys near who we want to be in our program and our expectations for Baker County football are always going to be extremely high. I set those expectations for my coaching staff and for the players. We’ve never told them anything for less than what we think our kids are capable of, and we’re getting better.”

The coaching staff redrafted the receiving corps and defense after the spring game to make the unit as productive as possible and cut down on the number of two-way players. Incoming freshman Seth Page, a relative of former Wildcat playmaker and current North Carolina Tar Head Kendrick Singleton, has shown enough athleticism to play on the outside of tight end Greg Givens. With Givens and Page on the outside, Zach Bauman moved inside and will host Blayne Sherhart to be a backup on offense so he can run a可惜 him. I think my coaching staff can expect more from us, and I think our kids are capable of it, and we’re getting better.”

The spring game paid off as the offense moved the ball consistently and clicked on a few big plays. Quarterback Jackubowicz Carter completed a little over half of his passes and connected with Givens for two touchdowns, including a 45-yard pass that will no doubt pass that ruled the boundary. The quarterback had another high completion percentage, but the Cats only dropped passes about 10 times. The Cats can run five plays for now, coach MacPherson said, so long as the defense can’t catalogue in practice.

Carter wasn’t without his mistakes, however. Through those three sessions and several of his passes were out of reach for wide receiver. Coach MacPherson likes what he saw from his quarterback for most of the night, but he knows there is room for improvement.

“I was happy with his reads for about 75 percent of the time tonight,” coach MacPherson said. “A couple of his bad reads cost him. We have to learn sometimes to either take a sack or run with the ball or throw it out of bounds, when he does make a bad read it’s not a turnover.”

Givens didn’t show one sniff of nerves. He took on a role in the offense, too. He interrupted two throws, one of which was a terrific defensive hit, and Givens also broke up another pass. Even though Givens is the Cats’ lead receiver, the coaching staff is trying to prevent him from being one-dimensional. It makes because of his contributions on offense. Incoming freshman Curtis Harmon received some reps at safety and showed flashes of potential with tight coverage on a few plays.

The Cats now have more seven-on-seven practices to close out the week. They traveled to Bartram Trail June 24 and will host Clay June 26. Coach MacPherson said he hopes to see fewer mental mistakes that will give the other big plays.

The chance to play different looks in seven-on-seven drills is a huge learning experience for both the players and the coaches, he said.

“Even in practice, you can never play enough football,” coach MacPherson said. “We never get enough reps. We’re playing programs that are established, so as far as we concerned, it’s a little bit behind the curve for the new coaching staff. Right now, it’s still an experience for everybody.”
Bullets finish second in inaugural

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The Baker County Little League tee ball season capped off June 21 with a four-team all-star tournament at the Knabb Sports Complex, and the Yellow team won the championship in a close game over the Red team.

Three players from each regular season team were selected as all-stars and were then divided into four teams. Two opening games were played early in the day, and both the Red and Yellow teams edged out their competition by one run to advance to that night’s championship game.

For some, it was the first time they came out on top this year.

“He was very excited,” said Krista Gainey about her son John. “It was the first game he was in the lineup. After the lead-off batter ran his way to third, he was batted home to break the tie and give the kids the victory.”

Gabe and Autumn White, whose son Austin was on the championship team, thought the tournament was a great way to finish their son’s first tournament.

“It’s a good ending and a nice night,” Mrs. White said. “It’s a lot more competitive than the teams we had before.”

The Baker County Little League director White said. “It’s a lot more competitive than the games during the season.”

Nelson and Lori Ann Bliss finished second and third in the girls’ 11-12 50-yard breaststroke. Brandon Wheeler came in third in the event in boys’ open division.

In the 50-yard backstroke, Crawford came in first for the 11-12 boys with a time of 26.40. James Richardson finished second in the 9-10 boys with a time of 28.41 seconds.

While the individual swimmers had a nice day, the relay teams also had some solid showings.

The boys 8-and-under freestyle relay team of Nickles, Colin Richardson, James Richardson and Jack Patney finished atop the event with a time of 1:10.03. The 8-and-under girls’ team of Patney, Avery Wilkerson, Addie Bliss and Turner came in second in the event.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, both the 11-12 girls’ team of Nelson, Dillard, Ellis and Bliss and the open boys’ team of Prevatt, Kyler Wilkerson, Crawford and Brody Kliger came in second place.

The Bullet’s coach Trevor Nelson and his assistants will host the pool for their first home meet June 28 when they host McAlister and Williams in a tri-meet.
Varsity baseball coach Fred Maturo's Big Cat Academy baseball camp came to an end last week on the big field on Landrum Street.

The kids splashed down on the main stage with a cooling mist and dried off with towels. The kids made the most of the cooling technique, but it was also a nice way to see how much the kids grew during the four-day camp. The attendees dove hand over hand from the top of the stadium and coaches sprayed them with a water hose to make sure they got as much water as possible. The final day of camp ended with the coaches sending out “wildcat” Wildcats baseball jerseys (right) to the Campers and their group. Picture above in Wesly Cook.

### LL-all stars have mixed runs

**JON SHUMAKE**

Sports Editor

The 2014 District 1 Little League all-star tournament began June 21 and the three Baker County teams that played thus far have had mixed results.

The lone win of the tournament season so far belongs to the 9- and 10-year-old softball team, which won their opening game against Tallahassee's young ball handlers.

But at the dinner table. After the camp Sunday, Seniors Kyle Holton, McEnroe, Wingard and Brandon Jarvis, who will play college baseball, said Washington was selected to the all-star team based on all around standing during the season.

Coach Franklin Griffin is proud that so many of his play-
ers were honored at the University of Florida this past week.

“Her output was impressive,” said Griffin. “She’s going to be able to contribute a lot over the next two years.”

“Winning isn’t the same as it was for some two years ago,” he added. “I think she could add some things.”

Wingard was named to the All-Four All-Star first team for his impressive effort on the mound. She pitched her way to an ERA of 0.78 and struck out 14 in ERA. Her 129 strikeouts on the season helped her throw six shutouts.

Rounding out the team is Jarvis, who was an honorable mention. The senior first base-
er led the team in innings played (153.667) and tied for the team-high in triples (2). The dependable hitter was also second in doubles (3) and third on the squad with 30 RBIs.

Griffin Griffin said even though it’s never part of the team’s goals, his team always has high expectations for their individual awards, especially for the sen-

“We don’t talk about individual goals and stats, it’s a part of team talk,” he said. “It’s still nice to be recognized by area coaches and their contrib-
tiuons and ability to the team. I’m kind of sad I won’t be able to see [the seniors] in that role anymore.”

But it’s nice to see all the individual awards and accolades means a lot to me as a coach.”

Jada Jackson and Delicia Washington.

### Big Cat Academy sliding practice

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Sports Editor

The Lady Wildcat basketball team traveled to JU to play four games during a camp June 21 and 22, and coach Chris Chisholm was happy with the way the girls grow together as a team despite only winning one game.

The girls split their two Saturday games as they lost 54-50 to Backwoods and rebounded to beat Mandarin 59-54 later in the day. Backwoods played a physical game, which led to sloppy play and careless turnovers for the Lady Cats.

The ladies stepped up their physi-
ically in the late game and played tough defense, which coach Chisholm called the difference maker between the two games.

On Sunday, the Lady Cats dropped both of their games against a team from St. Petersburg and an AAA travel team from Bloomington, Ind. The coach said the girls worked hard and kept the game against Bloomington close, but his team’s inexperience kept them from winning the game.

The coach gave the team an idea of what they need to work on and the motivation to keep practicing while they wait for the summer season.

“They beat me to practice today,” coach Chisholm said the Monday after the camp. “They’re going to make the most of what’s left of this week’s heat and their summer. We need to come up with a couple more practices.

The best part of the weekend for coach Chisholm didn’t come on the course, though, but at the dinner table. After the camp Sun-
day the team had a meal at Golden Corral, which the coach called a bonding experience and said it brought the girls closer together as a team.

### Four make All-First Coast

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Sports Editor

Four Lady Cat softball players were pivotal to the team’s district title and run to the Class 5A Regional Finals. They were selected to the Florida Times-Union’s All-Star team.

Seniors Kyle Holton, McEnroe, Wingard and Brandon Jarvis were named to the All-Star team, all based on their all around standing during the season.

Coach Franklin Griffin is proud that so many of his play-
ers were honored at the University of Florida this past week.

“She’s going to be able to contribute a lot over the next two years,” he said. “She’s such a great athlete and will be able to contribute to softball for two years.”

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Baker County will play Callahan in the junior division tournament. The major division team will take on St. Augustine at the Navy Ortega league, division tournament, the major division team will travel to JU to play four games.

### Brewers win pee-

**JON SHUMAKE**

Sports Editor

The Baker County Babe Ruth League has completed the regular season with a 1-2 overall record after they won both halves of the season.

The championship game was to be played between the winners of both halves of the season, but it wasn’t played since the Brewers finished on top of both.

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Red squab nabs pee wee all-star title

The Red Team won the Baker County Little League Pee-Wee All-Star championship June 13 with a 12-11 victory in the title game. The “Big Reds,” as the Red Team is known in this hemisphere, comprised the Suwannee Valley Water Management District. It recorded just under 22 inches of rain from April, 1988 to May, 1989.

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