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Fox is indicted for first-degree murder

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
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Sixteen days after police say Aaron M. Fox stabbed his neighbor to death, a grand jury took about three hours to indict the 25-year-old Sanderson man on charges of first degree murder and robbery with a deadly weapon.

Assistant State Attorney Patrick McClintock said State Attorney Bill Cervone has yet to decide whether to seek the death penalty in the case.

"We're still discussing our options," he said.

The defendant's arraignment will follow within the next few weeks, where Mr. Fox will enter his plea. He is being repre-

sented by a public defender.

While the accused could receive the death penalty for the first degree murder charge, robbery with a deadly weapon carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The latter charge stems from the theft of Mr. Howell's 2007 Ford pick-up, which was missing from the murder scene and recovered the following morning in a wooded area on Steel Bridge Rd.

Deputies found the body of Sterling F. Howell, 56, after responding to a disturbance call at his Howell Lane residence off S. CR 229 the evening of April 1.



Aaron Fox

The victim suffered several stab wounds to the torso and neck. His body was covered with a blanket when officers arrived.

Mr. Fox was taken into custody when his sister's vehicle was pulled over on Mud Lake Rd. about 1:30 am April 2. She had called police about 12:30 am and picked him up shortly before the arrest.

During a press conference the next morning, Sheriff Joey Dobson said investigators had spoken with Mr. Fox's live-in mother, who said she overheard him that evening talking on his cell phone about obtaining the victim's banking information.

"Based on our investigation, it appears that robbery is the motive," reads the sheriff's press release.

Follow-up interviews with several witnesses, including the man Mr. Fox was talking to on the cell phone, reinforce the prosecution's case, contended Sheriff Dobson on April 7.

Mr. Fox was released from state prison in 2007 after serving time for burglary and grand theft. He was also wanted at the time of his arrest in Duval County in connection with a DUI case.

"It doesn't look like we'll be offering him a negotiated plea," said Mr. McClintock, the assistant state attorney, referring to Mr. Fox's status as a prison release re-offender.

80 years serving as link to readers

The Baker County Press turns 80 this month.

It's an appropriate time to discuss the role of this newspaper, both when it printed the first edition in 1929 and when it rolls off the press this week.

The technology to get it from our shop into your hands has changed greatly, from the era of hand-set and hot type through letterpress to now the digital age.

But the purpose of the weekly newspaper in eight decades has not changed.

We have a deal, a pact if you will, with the Baker County community [and those of you who read the newspaper from afar — either via the mail or electronic edition].

Each week you pay us a fixed amount [it used to be 5 cents!] and for that we'll tell you to the best of our ability what we know.

"What we know" is loosely defined as "what you should know to be an informed and productive member of this community."

The Press is a link.

- A link between you and your local government.
- A link between you and your social network [weddings, obituaries, church revivals, school events and sports, to name a few].
- A vital link between you and area retailers whose businesses sell what you need to live, be it groceries, cars and trucks, furniture or services.
- A vital link between you and people out there who might need your services, or might want to buy that lawn mower or those baby clothes you don't need but want to turn into cash.

The Press is the conduit through which you feed the hunger that smaller communities have about their surroundings: what their elected officials are doing — ostensibly in everyone's best interest, what law enforcement and the courts are doing in the name of us all.

The newspaper regularly focuses on people — people you know who are engaged in activities that interest you and have an impact, however small, on the community.

Most are aware this industry is changing. Many larger metro newspapers are in trouble because the way people feed that hunger is changing — and changing fast.

I'm privileged this year to chair the governing board of the Florida Press Association, the state's newspaper support, education and lobbying organization.

The chair rotates annually between daily and weekly publishers, but both breeds are well-represented on the board.

And what an interesting year it's turning out to be.

Weekly and daily newspapers, and for that matter electronic media like television and radio, all must feed that hunger. All are adapting to the new delivery systems for infor-

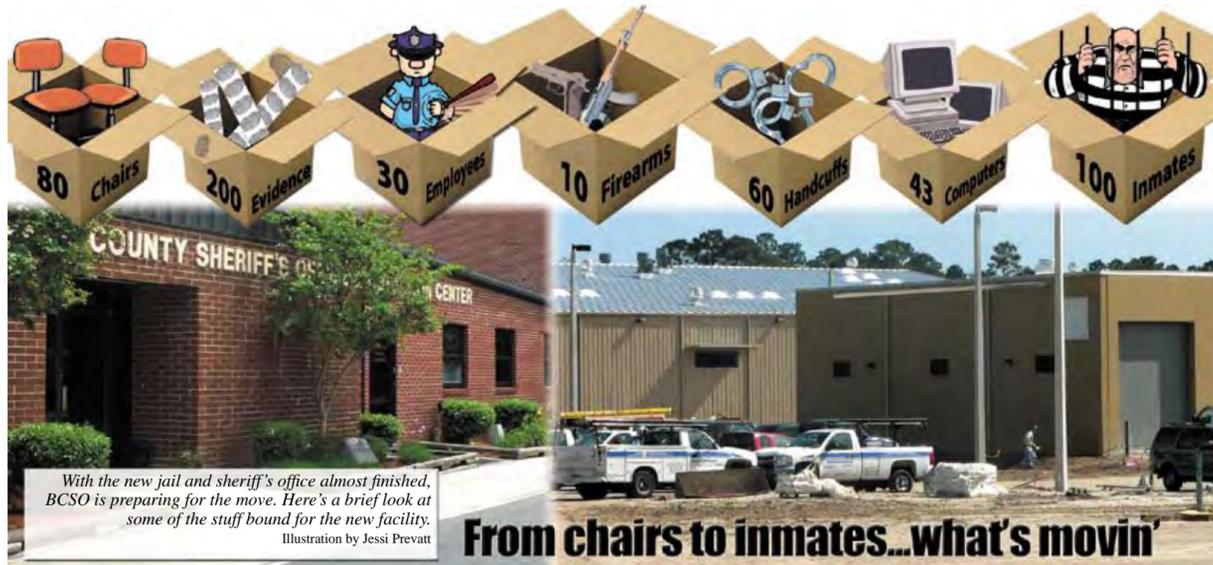
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New jail moving day soon 90% complete

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
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The ceiling panels and floor tiles of the main corridor through the administration building are installed and the walls have a fresh coat of paint. Industrial-sized kitchen appliances — capable of preparing three meals a day for more than 500 inmates — are hooked up. And the video-visitation monitors and phones are mounted but still wrapped in plastic.

The new, roughly \$42 million jail and sheriff's office complex in north Macclenny is about 90 percent complete, which mean's moving day is



With the new jail and sheriff's office almost finished, BCSO is preparing for the move. Here's a brief look at some of the stuff bound for the new facility. Illustration by Jessi Prevatt

From chairs to inmates...what's movin'

fast approaching for sheriff's office personnel, dispatchers and emergency operations staff.

The transfer of people, records, supplies, equipment and furniture will be accomplished almost solely by the employees — rather than hired movers

— although inmate labor could be used for some of the heavy lifting.

"When it comes time to move, everybody's going to pitch in and move as a coordinated team," said project manager for the new 512-bed facility, Danny Thomas, who

also oversaw expansion of Clay County's overcrowded jail in the late 1990s.

"It's a monumental task," he said of planning for the transition, and at the same time, re-writing the department's policies and procedures to reflect the new working environment.

"The entire facility and function has to be re-thought," Mr. Thomas said.

Orders for security posts must change to accommodate, for instance, a tripling in the number of control rooms at

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T-shirted Baker Bunch members attended Monday's commission meeting.

Campground clash

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The owner of a weekend campground operating in violation of its residential zoning drew the ire of some, but not all, county commissioners this week.

"I resent anyone coming before this board, not getting their way and carrying on as if they did," Commissioner Gordon Crews said of property owner George Bryan Rhoden during the board's meeting April 20.

The commission denied Mr. Rhoden's request to rezone the 6-acre site next to the Steel Bridge Road boat ramp for commercial use in 2007.

Mr. Rhoden — who was invited to the meeting but did not attend — operates the recreational site on the St. Mary's River with help from a local non-profit corporation founded in 2006 called The Baker Bunch.

The group's fund-raising chairwoman Nikki White said her organization's mission is to

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Animals in the workplace... Prowlers, socializers and protectors

In the morning when Jason Lanier reports to work at the Glen Cash Store, his faithful sidekick Dixie is right there with him. Dixie, a Boston terrier, has been coming to work with her owner for the last four years.

Good old Dixie doesn't just sit around looking pretty for the customers either. She actually earns her keep when she's at the store.

The first thing Dixie does every morning is to scout the warehouse out back, sniffing for any intruders who might have snuck in during the night and overstayed their welcome.

"There are feral cats that live around here and they sometimes manage to get inside and try to chew open the bags of cat food. We can't always see them, but Dixie finds where they're hiding and sends them packing," said Mr. Lanier.

The dog enjoys riding beside her owner on the fork lift. Wherever Jason goes, Dixie is usually right there. She does like to visit with the customers, too.

According to Nancy Foss, who also works at the store, the dog seldom barks at anyone and is very well-behaved.

However, on occasion something about a customer makes Dixie uneasy. She never bothers the person, but intently watches while they are inside the store, often giving a low, warning woof under her breath.

"Dixie seems to have an instinct about people and lets us know if there's someone in the store we might need to keep an eye on," said

By Kelley Lannigan
Press Staff

Ms. Foss.

The store also has two permanent residents — an Amazon parrot named Polly and a macaw named Harley.

The two occupy large cages in the middle aisle. These birds also work, mostly entertaining the customers.

"Harley is a big hit with the kids that visit the store," said Ms. Foss. "We have a little show we do. I ask questions" (See page 6)



Dixie and Jason Lanier. PHOTOS BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

County to pave a few EZ base roads, but low on \$\$\$

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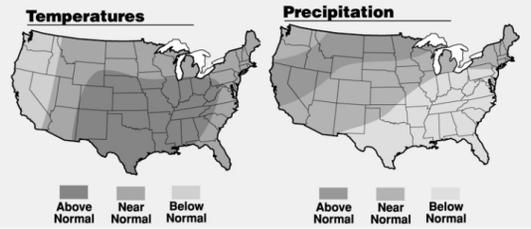
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny and beautiful	Mostly sunny and nice	Sunny to partly cloudy and breezy	Sunny, breezy and pleasant	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Times of clouds and sun
High: 86° Low: 60°	High: 81° Low: 60°	High: 79° Low: 59°	High: 79° Low: 58°	High: 82° Low: 60°	High: 85° Low: 65°	High: 82° Low: 64°

Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

April 23 - April 29



Tides

Cedar Key	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28	Apr. 29
First high	1:32 a.m.	2:19 a.m.	3:05 a.m.	3:51 a.m.	4:39 a.m.	5:31 a.m.	6:29 a.m.
First low	7:26 a.m.	8:01 a.m.	8:37 a.m.	9:13 a.m.	9:50 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11:16 a.m.
Second high	1:15 p.m.	1:44 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	2:49 p.m.	3:26 p.m.	4:09 p.m.	4:59 p.m.
Second low	8:01 p.m.	8:42 p.m.	9:23 p.m.	10:07 p.m.	10:54 p.m.	11:46 p.m.	---

Jacksonville Beach	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28	Apr. 29
First high	7:21 a.m.	8:06 a.m.	8:52 a.m.	9:38 a.m.	10:27 a.m.	11:19 a.m.	12:13 p.m.
First low	1:25 a.m.	2:13 a.m.	2:59 a.m.	3:44 a.m.	4:31 a.m.	5:20 a.m.	6:14 a.m.
Second high	7:42 p.m.	8:27 p.m.	9:14 p.m.	10:02 p.m.	10:53 p.m.	11:47 p.m.	---
Second low	1:34 p.m.	2:18 p.m.	3:02 p.m.	3:46 p.m.	4:33 p.m.	5:24 p.m.	6:21 p.m.

Mayport	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28	Apr. 29
First high	7:50 a.m.	8:35 a.m.	9:22 a.m.	10:11 a.m.	11:01 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	12:22 a.m.
First low	1:29 a.m.	2:15 a.m.	3:00 a.m.	3:45 a.m.	4:33 a.m.	5:25 a.m.	6:24 a.m.
Second high	8:14 p.m.	8:59 p.m.	9:46 p.m.	10:35 p.m.	11:27 p.m.	---	12:52 p.m.
Second low	1:33 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	2:57 p.m.	3:42 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:24 p.m.	6:26 p.m.

St. Augustine	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28	Apr. 29
First high	7:27 a.m.	8:12 a.m.	8:58 a.m.	9:44 a.m.	10:33 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	12:19 p.m.
First low	1:27 a.m.	2:15 a.m.	3:01 a.m.	3:46 a.m.	4:33 a.m.	5:22 a.m.	6:16 a.m.
Second high	7:48 p.m.	8:33 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	10:08 p.m.	10:59 p.m.	11:53 p.m.	---
Second low	1:36 p.m.	2:20 p.m.	3:04 p.m.	3:48 p.m.	4:35 p.m.	5:26 p.m.	6:23 p.m.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday	6:53 a.m.
Sunset Thursday	8:01 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	5:36 a.m.
Moonset Thursday	6:49 p.m.

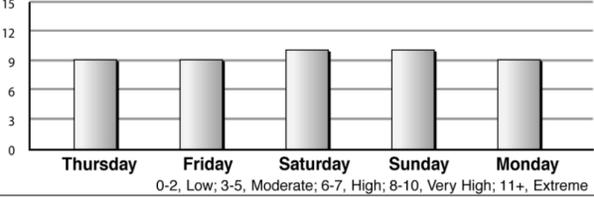
Phase	Date
New	Apr 24
First	May 1
Full	May 9
Last	May 17

Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Apr. 20.	
Temperature	
High/Low for the week	80°/48°
Normal high/low	79°/55°
Average temperature	64.2°
Normal average temperature	66.7°
Precipitation	
Total for the week	0.25"
Total for the month	5.90"
Total for the year	14.69"
Normal for the month	2.14"
Normal for the year	12.91"

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Solunar Table

The solunar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.

Date	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Apr 23	10:02 a.m.	3:51 a.m.	10:24 p.m.	4:13 p.m.
Apr 24	10:43 a.m.	4:31 a.m.	11:06 p.m.	4:55 p.m.
Apr 25	11:29 a.m.	5:16 a.m.	11:54 p.m.	5:42 p.m.
Apr 26	12:22 p.m.	6:08 a.m.	12:49 p.m.	6:36 p.m.
Apr 27	12:52 a.m.	7:07 a.m.	1:22 p.m.	7:37 p.m.
Apr 28	1:56 a.m.	8:12 a.m.	2:28 p.m.	8:43 p.m.
Apr 29	3:05 a.m.	9:21 a.m.	3:37 p.m.	9:52 p.m.

River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

Location	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	---	10.01	-0.25
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	7.63	-0.15
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	5.97	+0.13
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	26.18	-0.25
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	73.13	-0.68



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Jail moving day soon

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the new jail. While there's only one at the existing jail, there's three in the new one, said Mr. Thomas.

He estimated that revisions to operations manuals are about half complete now and will be inspected by federal law enforcement agencies as part of their review of facility's suitability for handling federal inmates.

In conjunction with overhauling its corrections manuals, the sheriff's office is also updating its guides department-wide.

"It's good timing to review all of our policies to see if we need any changes," said Sheriff Joey Dobson. "Most of them, it looks like are really good, but supervisors are going through every policy in a four-inch thick book, front to back."

Department heads have been meeting the last three months to work out the details for moving each division - from evidence and investigations to patrol, dispatch and detention. Everything must be inventoried and assigned to either the new complex or the trash.

A state-mandated schedule of retention identifies how long many items must be kept, even down to the kitchen menus.

But other property, like certain documents, records or evidence, can be eliminated. An example would be finger prints from a burglary case more than five years old, when the statute of limitations expires.

"You don't need to keep those for 20 years," said Mr. Thomas.

Of special importance, though, is maintaining chain of custody records for evidence that's still needed while moving it from one location to another.

"You want to maintain the integrity of the inventory," he

said.

Officials expect to hire 60 additional guards by the time the new jail reaches full capacity. About 20 officers will be on board at the opening and within two or three weeks, Mr. Thomas said the department should hire another 15 guards.

The new personnel - about 16 are slated for training now - must complete an 84-hour orientation.

"It will augment the training they have in criminal justice," Mr. Thomas said of the orientation. "It just shows them how to do it the Baker County Sheriff's Office way."

Then new hires will spend a six-week probationary period shadowing an experienced officer.

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Non-profit says illegal campground on river 'a God intervention'

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help abused and neglected children and their families by establishing a local supervised visitation center.

The center is Baker Bunch's first project. It has not yet been built and a location is still undetermined.

Ms. White said the group has struggled for 3½ years to make the center a reality.

"This is our phase one and we're not even off the ground yet," she told commissioners.

Money raised at the campground, called St. Mary's Cove Landing, benefits the non-profit group, although Ms. White didn't say how much had been raised thus far or how much was needed for the center.

She called Mr. Rhoden's assistance "a God intervention."

"He was our guardian angel sent to open up St. Mary's Cove Landing," she said.

Ms. White was joined by

more than a dozen supporters who sat in the audience wearing blue T-shirts with the Baker Bunch logo.

A number of Steel Bridge Road residents spoke in opposition to the campground, however.

Dan Hysler, who complained to the county's planning board two weeks ago about litter and criminal activity from the site, told commissioners it's destroying his neighborhood.

He called the Baker Bunch's cause a worthy one, but said he worried the campground could draw hundreds of strangers into the community.

"I believe these people's hearts are in the right place, but I'm opposed to these activities in a residential area," added Middleburg resident Larry Bishop, who owns a cabin nearby.

"Can I do the same thing on my property ... Are you going to allow that?" he asked.

Commissioner Alex Robinson visited the property over the weekend and suggested exempting it from residential zoning rules that prohibit campgrounds.

"What I saw was a bunch of people having a good time," he said, adding that the property appeared well kept.

Although they also commended Ms. White and her group for their desire to help local children, Commissioners Michael Crews and Mike Griffis said they couldn't overlook the zoning issue.

"We all live by a set of laws ... What if someone doesn't want to get a permit to construct a home? The possibilities are endless," said Michael Crews, who visited the site as well and called it "super clean."

"But that's not the point," he said. "This all goes back to the property owner thumbing his nose at the laws we all have to live by."

A telephone call to Ms. White

the following day to determine what the Baker Bunch intended to do next was not returned.

The county has not yet determined what action to take regarding the campground, although county attorney Terry Brown outlined three options during the meeting that County Manager Joe Cone said he'd like to discuss further with the board's counsel.

One is to seek a civil court injunction to cease the property's illegal use as a campground or pursue it through the county's code enforcement board.

However, the latter option may not work to end the property's use as a weekend campground.

"It's a grey area," said county Planning Director Ed Preston. "Zoning is a permanent use on the ground, and we have an intermittent use right now."

The county could also initiate a rezoning of property to allow such use, Mr. Brown said.

Newspaper's 80 year

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mation. Some will survive, and some will not.

More than likely, many newspapers both large and small will emerge as different animals as this world of instant transmission of news evolves.

The ones who capitalize on being the link will be in the best shape to reinvent themselves. We at The Press intend to be in that group.

The 80th anniversary of this publication's first edition only addresses our side of it.

We wouldn't be observing it if it wasn't for the support this newspaper has been fortunate to enjoy over the decades. It was, after all, founded during the Great Depression and has survived recessions and other

setbacks like unsuccessful attempts during the 1960s to acquire new owners.

Judging by the number of readers who faithfully support us week after week and uphold their end of the link bargain, that hunger for information is out there, and it's not diminishing.

We will continue doing our part, and we're very grateful our reading public sees fit to uphold its end.

So, there wouldn't be any 80th anniversary without you. Thanks for the support, and Happy Birthday to you, too!

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NEFSH 'lifts burden' for family of a patient

Dear Editor:
Bear hugs to Baker County and NEFSH!

I can't express my appreciation enough to those of you who live in Baker County and either work or know someone who has worked at NEFSH. My son has been a resident [patient] for only a few months, but in that amount of time I can tell you your hospital and its staff have made an impression on our family. It has been a burden lifted from me after fighting windmills like Don Quixote for 30 years.

I knew nothing about mental illness when my son was diagnosed with mental disorders. In my early thirties, I had my first rude awakening about mental health resources in Jacksonville. Since turning 18, my son has been placed in numerous facilities and hospitals under *ex-parte* orders or the Baker Act more times than I can count.

Many times, he would be so drugged up when he left the facility he didn't know who he was. Doctors ignored or shunned information I provided. By the time the Baker Act was up, he was usually "stabilized" and sent home, all so it could begin again. Paranoia, hallucinations, depression and suicidal tendencies were the "norm."

When I heard of NEFSH, I was skeptical but did my homework. I saw the facility and talked to current and former staff. I was shocked that this facility is so close to Jacksonville and yet I knew nothing about what it offered.

My son currently attends classes in the morning and works in the afternoon. He still suffers from psychotic episodes and we're not sure of his diagnosis yet, but I have faith in those of you who work with him daily and are more concerned about his welfare than a bottom-line profit for investors.

It takes a special kind of person to work in any job at NEFSH and I admire you all. You are my heroes, whether or not you know my son or me. You treat him as a human being and offer hope. Even when we have a pass to go into Macclenny for a few hours, there are never any odd looks or whispers because you just know. I thank you for that.

The hospital is almost 50 years old. So? It's a beautiful

campus because of people like you. From the security guards at the front gate to the operators I speak with daily when returning calls to my son's ward, kindness is evident. The doctors and nurses, social workers and others on the treatment teams actually listen to my concerns - and act on them! Even the administrative staff is accessible and I've never felt as if it was just "a job" to any of them. There are so many to thank, I'd never be able to do so personally so I send my bear hugs to you all!

I encourage everyone to contact both their state representative and senator to let them know that you stand behind those people in your community who've made a remarkable impression on mental health care in northeast Florida.

Florida ranks 48th of 50 states in mental health care spending and while it appears that it couldn't get any worse, it is my opinion that bringing in another private facility to take over the operations at NEFSH is ludicrous. Comparing the state hospital in south Florida to NEFSH is like comparing apples and oranges. Stand up for your friends, family and neighbors like they've stood up for my son. I'll be there with you. Thank you all!

Debbie Crawford
Jacksonville

Decries theft of yard signs

Dear Editor:

Since October of 2008, political signs have been taken from our property three times. What great change!

These people do not respect liberty, and they don't steal for sale or yard sale signs left overnight, just the political signs.

The weekend before last, our "Don't tread on me" and Tea Party signs were taken.

Do these thieves realize they are committing crimes against the disabled and elderly? Since they won't respect our First Amendment rights on our own property, they have upped the ante. Ever hear of wireless surveillance cameras?

Samuel Adams said, "... it does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds."

Kate Svagdis
Macclenny

Weary of old debate over 'off-site' retailing

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed reading your April 16th edition about the Macclenny City Commission debating the issue of limiting temporary business sales. I thought, "Oh Lordy, here we go again!"

The *Press* article read, "...in reaction to grievances from local auto dealers about unfair competition from these sales..." an ordinance to restrict any given location to one temporary business permit per year for each type of product being sold, like automobiles, boats, furniture, or lawn mowers, was in the offering.

Further, the article stated that the commission had charged Chamber of Commerce director Darryl Register with the responsibility of returning to the commission at a later meeting with results of a survey on how local businesses felt about temporary sales.

I am not aware of the results of the survey, but local financial institutions opposed the once-per-year permit restriction and thought that a maximum of four times a year is proper. That makes sense. It encourages business and is a win-win situation.

Last month local auto dealers were crying "foul" when a neighborhood federal community credit union [Country Federal] held a multi-day, on site car sale. By the way, car sales are a tradition among credit unions throughout the United States in serving their members.

Danny Lamb of Danny Lamb's Auto & Truck Center was fairly vocal in his opposition to the auto sales, but he appears to be a bit insincere. First, he says he loves competition. Then, he is opposed to the credit

union-sponsored auto sales because these auto sales companies do not invest in any capital improvements to the city.

What does that have to do with selling cars?

Mr. Lamb says the city should increase the fee of \$300 per day to some higher figure. Wow! That'll teach 'em for not making capital investments to the city of Macclenny! Let's run the rascals out of town with higher fees!

Are not these auto sales at the credit union handled expertly by established auto sales companies from Jacksonville like Enterprise and Duval Honda? These entrepreneurs offer a local outlet - ever so briefly - for their fine products so local folks do not have to drive all the way to Cassat Avenue to shop for a car.

More importantly, the credit union offers this sales exposure as a service to its members and the local community. That credit union has been here a lot longer than Danny Lamb's used car company. Isn't Danny Lamb's argument a bit hypocritical? There are several companies that do business in Macclenny without having a "capital investment." *The Florida Times-Union* comes to mind.

Mr. Lamb then admonished the credit union for holding the auto sale on a Sunday. I find it hard to believe Mr. Lamb does not know that many local folk who have to work all week cannot get out and shop except on Sundays. Besides, his dealership is open on Saturdays; that is the Sabbath to several religions, namely Seventh Day Adventists and Jews. Shame on you Danny Lamb.

Hal Lynch, who owned Lynch-Davidson Ford in Jacksonville and a bunch of other car dealerships through the years, told me once that having all the car dealerships on Cassat Avenue and open Sundays was good for business and competition.

The weary argument about the "tent sales" and "car sales" has been going on for years in this town. The Macclenny City Commission should quit reacting to every cry of "foul" and set the ordinance like other small towns do. Move forward trying to figure out how we can get Lowe's to re-consider its decision to halt Macclenny expansion plans and get us a new store here - open on Sundays.

Reed Dearing, Macclenny

(Note: the writer is a former executive of Country Federal Credit Union and is currently a self-employed consultant to credit unions and banks.)

You may be a dangerous 'extremist'

Dear Editor:

Janet Napolitano, the director of the Department of Homeland Security, says that people much like myself, veterans and average citizens from small towns like Macclenny, are to be considered threats to national security if they believe the Second Amendment allows citizens to own a gun, and they believe in strict law enforcement in regards to illegal immigration.

If you participated in a Fair Tax tea party protest on April 15th, you are also a right wing extremist and a dangerous potential domestic terrorist.

Janet also considers the term terrorist to be "too mean spirited" and aggressive. Now we are no longer allowed to call attacks against Americans "terrorist" attacks. The politically correct term is "man-made disasters." Listen for this in future news reports from CBS, CNN and NPR.

The world saw a test of America's commander-in-chief with the recent act of piracy against an American-flagged ship, which resulted in an expensive four-day standoff between three teenage hoodlum pirates. They were armed with cheap Chinese or Russian made AK47 rifles against a billion dollars worth of US naval assets because our president chose not to send in the Navy Seals for the first few days despite requests from the Navy's on-the-scene commander.

Even when the hostage captain briefly escaped,

the Seal team was denied permission to fire on the pirates to prevent his recapture because America is "too mean" in the eyes of the world. The president impaired appropriate military actions requested by the on-the-scene military commander to be nice to the Somali pirates.

Only when it appeared that the hostage ship's captain was in imminent danger of execution did the on-site commander become authorized to use deadly force and in seconds the Navy Seals successfully ended the standoff with deadly accurate sniper shots. Of course, the first person to take credit for the successful rescue with the media was the very person who delayed and prevented an earlier action to end the stalemate and in the process wasted tens of thousands of our taxpayer dollars as well as our country's esteem.

But we small town gun owners are the biggest threat to national security, according to those entrusted with the responsibility to prevent future "man-made disaster" attacks against American citizens both around the world and here at home in small town America.

Those who speak in opposition are the worst potential domestic terrorists - forget about Freedom of Speech. Be careful what you say in public these days, and don't apply for hunting permits this fall. You might be considered a threat!

Lewis (Lee) Covin
Macclenny



Worse places to be stranded than a scenic mountaintop

As I write this I am stuck up on a mountaintop in Arkansas.

As I do every year, over spring break I took a group of students to a college theatre festival on top of Petit Jean State Park in central Arkansas.

It is a great place with glorious vistas and nice people. We are the only high school invited and are treated really well.

This year, within sight of the end of the twisting mountain road that leads up to Petit Jean State Park, we had school bus trouble. The bus did not want to make the remaining 50 yards and stopped - at a 30 degree angle.

I put it in neutral, and Diane Wells and I said a quick prayer, thought briefly about how hard it might be to push a bus up hill and put it back in gear.

It got up the mountain and to the lodge before it gave up the ghost. Thank heaven for answered prayers.

So the nine of us are stuck here.

There are worse places to be stuck. We are in a couple of cab-

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

ins with kitchens. Everyone cooks their own food at the festival and we had shopped before driving up the mountain. So we

had provisions for three days. We did not have provisions for a week, which was the estimate on how long the bus would take to be fixed.

Hmm. Everyone at home was very supportive, spouses and parents, school administrators and Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson, who called several times to check on us.

It wasn't long until the whole festival knew about our dilemma. They shuttled us back and forth between the cabins and the big room where the performances took place.

In this cynical world it is easy to become jaded and think that people aren't friendly or helpful anymore. Not in central Arkansas.

Diane called the Morilton, Arkansas school district and told them about our problem and within 30 minutes their chief mechanic Tommy Cook was under the hood, diagnosing the problem and calling friends who had a tow truck to take it to the shop in Russellville, 30 miles away. He even tried to arrange for a school bus to take us back and forth to our workshops.

We did our performances and the kids were great. But it soon became clear that instead of leaving on Sunday, we wouldn't get out until Wednesday. With no way to get groceries, we were a little concerned.

Not to worry. They just announced to the festival that every scrap of leftovers were to go to the Baker County High cabins.

Sunday morning it looked like a line of ants going back and forth between cabins as bag after bag of food appeared at our door. Some nice souls cooked us a pan of lasagna, others gave us all the fixings for tacos, more lunch meat than we could eat in a month, spaghetti, fruit and much more.

One of the things other schools always seem to mention about us is that we seem like a family. We pretty much keep to ourselves. At night we play games like *Pictionary*, *Scattagories* and *Taboo*, or sing or listen to music.

But not this time. This time it sort of felt like a big community. It was like everyone pulled together to help the family in need. It just happened to be us.

The kids are having a great time and leaving the worries to us. We're hiking, doing arts and crafts, practicing for *The Wizard of Oz*, and making the best of the situation.

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Special Olympics torch passes to Sheriff Dobson...

Baker Correctional Institute officers passed the Special Olympics torch on to Sheriff Joey Dobson before the flame moved onto Nassau County April 17. Pictured from left are Lee Yates, Billy Rhoden, Mr. Dobson, J. Baglin and T.C. Harper. The ritual is an annual affair.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Suspect from Miami accused of stealing car, iPhone from woman

The house guest of a Macclenny family was accused of stealing Dayna Pearson's 2000 Ford Crown Victoria and her mother's Apple iPhone during the early morning hours of April 17.

The victim said she first noticed the vehicle gone about 8:30 am from the Largo Lane home she shares with her mother Yvette Pearson. She named Joseph Jermaine Jackson, reportedly from Miami, as the suspect.

Ms. Pearson told Deputy Jerold Peterson that the 37-year-old suspect spent the night and left about the same time the car disappeared.

The elder Ms. Pearson said the Mr. Jackson moved her Cadillac to back the Crown Victoria out of the carport and that he was the only person with access to both sets of keys. She advised her cell phone was missing as well.

Robbed as they tried to buy coke

Three men attempting to purchase cocaine in Margaretta were robbed at gunpoint April 18 at Jerusalem Church on CR 139 about 7:30 that evening, according to police.

Two black males with handguns ordered victims Daniel Kent, 32, and Donald Self, 30, both of Macclenny, and Clint Waters, 20, of Jacksonville out of Mr. Kent's 1999 Pontiac sedan and took their belongings, including clothes and cell phones, states Deputy Ben Anderson's report.

One suspect was described as about 6-foot, 3-inches tall dressed in hoodie and sweat pants, while the other reportedly stood 5-feet, 7-inches tall and wore a white tank top and shorts.

Deputy Anderson said Mr. Waters advised the taller robber fired a round near his feet, shot out the left back tire of the car and also struck him in the head with the gun, causing a small cut.

The victims said the gunmen fled the church property after an vehicle started heading toward the scene. Mr. Kent and his passengers then drove to his home on Klein Road and called police.

An hour-long search for the suspects in Margaretta yielded no results. The case remains under investigation.

The case was forwarded to investigations.

Another overnight guest, this one off the Aunt Mary Harvey Rd. residence of Jeffery Overstreet, was blamed for swiping about \$1100 from his wallet April 18 about 4:30 that afternoon.

Mr. Overstreet couldn't provide much information to Deputy Michael Lagle about a woman he identified only as Sarah.

The victim said he picked up the white female in Jacksonville the previous day and dropped her back off there the next morning. However, he did not recall the name of the road where he left her or directions on how to get there, according to Deputy Lagle's report.

The officer also noted that Mr. Overstreet spoke with Sgt. Gary Burned earlier in the day while still in Jacksonville and reported that only \$700 had been stolen.

In other grand theft cases re-

ported the past week:

• Roger Robinson of 1549 S. CR 229 said an auger and chain saw said to be worth a combined \$1925 were missing from his camper trailer April 11.

He advised Deputy Wayne Limbaugh he last saw the tools about two weeks prior and didn't have a lock on the trailer, only a piece of wire securing the door.

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Man wanted in Duval burglary

Already in county jail for Raceway break-in

The sheriff's department learned last week that one of the suspects in jail for the night burglary of the Raceway station near Interstate 10 in south Macclenny is wanted in Jacksonville for burglary of a vacant structure.

Justin Leatherwood, 19, of Macclenny remains in county jail under \$12,000 bond following his arrest April 9, and the Duval County bond is \$25,000.

He and roommate William Tatum, also 19, are charged with breaking a window at the station office after closing time. Mr. Leatherwood admitted entering the building and stealing two cash drawers and various brands of both cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. Most of the loot was later recovered when the two were arrested by Cpl. Mike Lagle in the parking lot of the Kangaroo store on US 90 east across from the courthouse.

In other recent arrests, Alex Timbs, 31, of Stoka, Tenn. was jailed the evening of April 15 for resisting arrest after he refused to calm himself during questioning by Deputy Claude Hurley following a disturbance with his wife.

The incident took place on Independence Dr. in Macclenny about 9:45, and the officer's report noted Mr. Timbs continued yelling and interrupting the officer.

• Wesley Gullett, 44, of Lake City was arrested for disorderly intoxication after he was found staggering in the right lane of I-10 near Sanderson about midnight on April 13.

Deputy Matt Sigers respond-

ed to a report that traffic was swerving to avoid striking Mr. Gullett, who said he had been left on the roadside by a friend.

• Deputy Chris Walker arrested Brenda Bones, 52, near her residence off MLK Dr. in Macclenny about 11:00 pm on April 14. She was booked for disorderly conduct for continuing to argue with neighbors after the deputy had been there a half hour earlier and issued a warn-

ing.

• Jaleel Ruise, 29, of Macclenny was arrested the afternoon of April 17 on a warrant from Polk County for failure to appear in court.

• In another arrest that occurred off the interstate, this one in the west county, Nicholas Hobbs, 20, of Black, Ala. was picked up on a warrant for desertion from the Army. He will be held at the Baker County jail for military police.

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Five suspended license arrests

Five drivers were arrested the past week for being behind the wheel despite the fact that their licenses had been suspended, in two of the cases as habitual offenders.

Deputy Jerald Peterson learned shortly after he stopped a 2000 Chevrolet pickup the morning of April 17 that driver Kenneth Barron has not had a license since September, 1978.

The Macclenny resident was stopped off North Boulevard after Sgt. Greg Burnsed, who was aware of Mr. Barron's status, spotted him driving the vehicle past where the two officers were parked on the roadside. The suspect was questioned after he parked the pickup in the driveway of his residence off Deerwood Circle.

Derrick Williams, 33, of Macclenny was also listed as an habitual offender with three prior suspensions when Deputy Ben Anderson stopped him in an SUV about 5:00 am on April 20.

Cpl. Anderson said he stopped the driver just east of the city limits after observing him going 56 in a 35 mph zone on US 90. He was given a warning ticket for speeding.

• The same deputy arrested Traneika Wilson, 23, of Jacksonville after stopping her for speeding on Interstate 10 near Glen St. Mary in the early morning hours of April 20.

A computer check revealed Ms. Wilson's license has five suspensions, all for failure to pay fines in Duval County. She was ticketed for driving her 2007 Pontiac at 88 mph in the 70 mph zone.

• Deputy Darrin Whitaker followed a 1995 Mercury driven by Steve Looney, 30, to the suspect's address on Davis Rd. off CR 139B near Glen St. Mary the morning of April 5 after the driver failed to signal a turn.

The officer learned that Mr. Looney's license had seven prior suspensions for drunk driving, failure to pay fines or appear in court.

• Franklin Davis Jr., 22, of Macclenny was arrested late on April 13 because of five prior suspensions.

Deputy Patrick McGauley said Mr. Davis was at the wheel of a 1991 Oldsmobile in the north Walmart parking lot and the vehicle and driver descriptions matched those of a complainant earlier about shots being fired from the liquor store.

No firearms turned up in a subsequent vehicle search, and police never located an alleged third male suspect who was said to have entered the store.

Growing marijuana lands two in jail

The sheriff's department arrested three Baker County men separately the past week on felony drug charges, two of them for allegedly growing marijuana.

Deputy Matt Riegel said he was summoned to an address on E. Michigan Ave. in Macclenny late in the afternoon of April 16 on an animal cruelty complaint.

When he went in the backyard of the residence to check on the status of a chained pit bull, the officer spotted 16 young pot plants growing in containers in a plastic wagon. Jeremy Brown, 20, who lives at the address, admitted they belonged to him but said he had not tended to them since the birth of a child.

He was booked for possession with intent to sell, a third-degree felony.

As to the animal complaint, Deputy Riegel noted in his report that the dog, though ill, had ac-

cess to food and water.

• Travis Tyson, 31, of Glen St. Mary was jailed on a similar charge and others after Deputy Jerald Peterson found a half dozen potted plants in the bed of the suspect's 2000 Chevrolet pickup the afternoon of April 19.

Deputy Peterson and Sgt. Mike Lagle made contact with Mr. Tyson investigating an earlier disturbance, and confronted him in the Mercantile Bank parking lot on 6th St. in Macclenny about 4:30.

A vehicle search yielded four bags of fertilizer, a growth enhancer for plant roots and a small amount of marijuana in a rolled piece of paper stuffed in an ash tray.

Mr. Tyson was also charged with misdemeanor possession and possession of equipment for manufacture of narcotics, another third-degree felony.

• Lee Battles, 18, of Mac-

clenny faces a felony count for possession of marijuana with intent to sell within 1000 feet of a school.

Deputy Chris Walker confronted the suspect about 10:45 the evening of April 17 on Grissholm St. near South Boulevard in west Macclenny. The location is near Mr. Battles' residence, and the officer noted the suspect was standing in the roadway.

Deputy Walker said that during a security search, he found a plastic bag in one of Mr. Battles' pockets, and inside it were 16 smaller bags of pot commonly used in drug sales.

The felony charge is because the point of arrest is near Keller Intermediate School in a neighborhood rife with drug-related activity.

Mr. Battles was also charged with misdemeanor possession and impeding traffic.

City complying with DCA Commissioners adopt mandated report, plan

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
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The City of Macclenny took two actions April 14 to stay in the good graces of the state's planning agency, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), endorsing a report evaluating the city's comprehensive plan from planning consultant Tony Robbins of Prosser Halllock in Jacksonville, and passing a five-year capital improvements plan (CIP).

"This is another aspect of keeping us out of trouble with the state," Mr. Robbins said of the CIP, which the state mandated for adoption by all municipalities by December 1, 2008.

The planning consultant told city commissioners not to worry about missing the deadline though, saying 75 percent of communities in Florida had done so as well.

The plan specifies 23 projects totaling \$16.5 million in the areas of water, sewer, transportation, recreation and garbage services; when they're expected to be done and how the city intends to pay for the projects coming in the next two years.

Fulfillment of the plan is not required by the state, only that it's updated annually. If money isn't available for a project, it's rolled over into the next fiscal year.

Some of the most expensive projects slated for 2009-10 fiscal year are the \$700,000 grant-funded extension of water lines connecting the Ohio St. plant with the Macclenny II plant, the \$159,297 school-district funded roof replacement at Keller Intermediate School and about \$500,000 in road improvements to Buck Starling Road.

The cost of the latter project is expected to be shared evenly by city and county general revenues.

The report evaluating the city's comprehensive plan, or

comp plan, examines how effective the document has been in managing growth and how well the city has adhered to it.

There are a few objectives identified in the comp plan that haven't been achieved, at least partially. For instance, the goal of establishing a program to eliminate 60 percent of the city's substandard housing has not been met.

The evaluation is required by the state every seven years and is formally known as the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR).

The EAR was first completed, approved by the city and sent for DCA's review in January. Last month the state agency suggested three changes. Mr. Robbins used those to revise the EAR, which the board approved last week.

"It's encouraging they only had three minor changes," he told commissioners.

The 89-page document will be sent back to the state for approval and then be used as a basis for updating the comp plan during the next 18 months.

In another planning measure considered last week, the city took the first step to differentiate between small and large Planned

Unit Developments (PUDs).

PUD is a flexible zoning category that allows developers to negotiate with the city on site features like setbacks, landscaping, open space, permitted uses and development density (units per acre).

Currently PUD zoning is restricted to projects of five or more acres. The ordinance approved on first reading (two readings are required before final adoption) by city commissioners opens the category to projects on five or less acres.

In other business, the board:

• Passed on first reading an ordinance that will require mortgage lenders foreclosing on properties within the city to register with city hall. The move is designed to streamline the code enforcement process should foreclosed homes become abandoned and fall into disrepair.

• Granted final approval for changing the land use and zoning designations on two county-owned properties from residential to government. The first was the historic library and jail museum on McIver Street and the second a vacant parcel east of the courthouse on 2nd Street.

Glen man wanted in theft case of jewelry

Police are looking for a Glen St. Mary man who is suspected of stealing two items of jewelry from a residence on Thompson Rd. and selling them to the mother of the victim for \$10.

Harrie Evans told Deputy Matt Riegel she recognized a watch and necklace she bought from Jermaine Dixon 33, as identical to the ones she gave daughter Lojoya Evans for her birthday last year.

Ms. Evans reported a burglary at her residence on April 15, and said it likely occurred between April 5-11 while she was away. There was no sign of forced entry, and a television and DVD player were taken also. Total value was placed at \$375.

The mother told Ms. Evans on April 11 she purchased the jewelry, and her daughter identified the watch and necklace as hers.

Deputy Riegel also noted that Chassity Gaskins told the victim she was approached by Mr. Dixon's brother Issac to purchase a pair of shoes she recognized as belonging to Ms. Evans.

The officer said initial efforts to question the brothers were unfruitful, and he filed a complaint for burglary and grand theft with the state attorney's office.

In other recent burglaries, Justin Loveless said someone entered his trailer between April 17-19 and took a radio, DVD player and \$100 cash. The residence off Andrala Pl. near Sanderson was also ransacked.

• A dozen light bulbs taken from ceiling fans are the only property reported stolen from the North Prong Church off CR 120 in the north county overnight on April 16.

A door into the main church was forced open after initial entry via an unlocked rear door.



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Role of animals varies in local workplaces...

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and he responds by shaking his head back and forth or bobbing his whole body up and down in a dancing motion. The customers just love it."

In another location in downtown Macclenny, Melanie the cat snoozes in the bed she occupies behind the front desk at the Ivy Cottage, the store where she is a permanent resident.

"I decided I needed a cottage cat," said owner Kathleen Arnold, who opened the store three years ago in the Midtowne Center.

Ms. Arnold didn't want to raise a kitten. She wanted an older cat that was already settled. One of her neighbors knew just the right cat and arrangements were made for Melanie to relocate. The cat quickly adapted, becoming familiar with every nook and cranny of the store's five rooms of vintage and collectable merchandise.

Melanie, who is quite the lady, doesn't sleep in just any old pet bed. Instead, she takes her repose in a miniature version of an actual bed behind the front counter.

She also has a favorite glider chair that she often occupies during the day.

"Melanie has become a central ingredient of the store experience," said Ms. Arnold. "Many customers now immediately ask where she is when they come in."

To Ms. Arnold, the most noticeable thing since Melanie arrived is her calming effect on the children who come in with their parents.

"Melanie is a very quiet, calm cat and children just seem to calm down too when they get around her," said Ms. Arnold. "They get focused on petting and interacting with her and their parents can actually relax and shop leisurely."

Ms. Arnold says Melanie's most vital role is keeping her company during the hours when few customers are around.

"It's really like having a family member around," she said.

Mark Lancaster's dog Buck is like a family member, too, and is always with him, whether he's working at his home office, out in the field or running errands.

The big yellow lab is a familiar canine face around Macclenny and Glen St. Mary. Folks passing by often see him holding down the fort in the truck he habitually occupies when not at home.

"The bed of the truck is Buck's security blanket," said Mr. Lancaster. "Unless I tell him different, he never leaves it."

Buck has a calm, almost stoic personality. One gets the feeling he is casually observing everything going on around him and mentally filing it away for future reference. He rarely barks at strangers, but will engage in a little laid back canine conversation if another dog is in a car or truck parked nearby. Buck likes to watch the traffic going by when his master is inside Fraser's Cafe having lunch.

Buck even goes to church and waits patiently for his masters while they worship. The dog with the placid personality might not seem like much in the way of a guard dog, but Mr. Lancaster knows differently. He does not doubt the extent of his pet's loyalty, even his willingness to sacrifice himself for his master.

Mr. Lancaster is indebted to Buck because the dog once saved his life.

A few years back the man was working alone on an outdoor renovation. Buck had wandered off to explore. Suddenly, Mr. Lancaster heard an unfamiliar noise and looked up to see a huge, snarling rottweiler, teeth bared, charging at him like something out of a nightmare.

"It was coming at me like it had been shot out of a cannon. I didn't even have time to run or react," said Mr. Lancaster. "I just braced myself to be torn apart."

Seconds before the rottweiler took him down, Mr. Lancaster saw a blur out of the corner of his eye. It was Buck. The lab had silently materialized out of no-



Kathleen Arnold and Melanie.
PHOTOS BY KELLEY LANNIGAN



Buck and Mark Lancaster.

where it seemed, his body sailing like a juggernaut through the air toward the attacking dog.

slammed into the rottweiler and the fighting and noise was vicious. I tried to get the dog off

Buck but it seemed hopeless." The horrific noise finally attracted the rottweiler's owner, who came running to the scene.

"This is how out of control that dog was," said Mr. Lan-

caster. "The guy grabbed a thick board and began beating the dog like crazy and it didn't seem to phase him."

The rottweiler's vicious attack left Buck severely injured, but the lab never faltered. Somehow, the two men managed to get the dogs separated. Mr. Lancaster quickly got Buck to the vet's office.

Nothing like that has ever happened again.

"Never before and never since that incident have I seen Buck show any kind of aggression," said Mr. Lancaster. "I didn't even know he was capable of such a thing. All I know is he saved my life."

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Adkins-Forte

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Family and friends are invited to celebrate the couple's wedding on May 9 at 2:00 pm at New Life Church of God in Macclenny. At the request of the bride and groom, no children please.

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Thrift reunion

The annual Thrift family reunion will be held May 3 at the Georgia Bend farm of Felton Thrift. Take 121 north to 185, go to mile marker 3 and turn left on Alfred Thrift Road.

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Family reunion

The Rowe, Barber, Thompson family reunion will be April 26 at Celebration Park in Glen St. Mary.

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Wilma Combs, 87, dies April 20

Wilma Jeanette Combs, 87, of Glen St. Mary died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday, April 20, 2009. She was born in Olustee on March 22, 1922 to Laurry and Lettie Beasley and was married to the late Colonel W. Combs Sr. for 45 years until his death in April 1986.



Ms. Combs

Mrs. Combs retired from Northeast Florida State Hospital as a charge aide after 23 years of dedicated service. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, enjoyed fishing and traveling to the mountains, but most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Her family will miss her warm loving heart and strong spirit, along with her red velvet cake and beef stew. Mrs. Combs was also preceded in death by brothers Dewey, Elzie and Cecil Beasley, and sister-in-law Beatrice Beasley.

Survivors include loving children Barbara (Johnnie) Croft, Lynda Combs, Patricia (Lester) Davis, Sandra (Jim) Nickles, Nancy (Steve) Kennedy, Karen (Rodney) Little and Colonel (Gayle) Combs Jr.; sisters Betty J. (Pete) Peters, Lois Pringle; brother Elic Beasley; 21 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; many other caring family members and friends.

The funeral service and a celebration of her life will be held April 24 at 11:00 am at her church with pastors Dan Powers and A.J. Nevill. The family will receive friends and family on April 23 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the church.

Interment will follow at Cedar Creek Cemetery, Sanderson. Arrangements are under the direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services.

Celebrate family

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Virgil Davis, 77, of Sanderson dies

Virgil Davis, 77, of Sanderson died April 20, 2009. He was the greatest husband, father, grandfather and friend. Mr. Davis served in the U.S. Army, was a retired carpenter, worked with the volunteer fire department and was a school crossing guard.



Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis was preceded in death by parents Albert and Pearl Davis; son Mike of Palm Bay; infant daughter and great-grandchild.

Survivors include wife Patricia of Sanderson; sons Pete Davis of Sanderson, Frank (Cindy) Davis of Jacksonville and Kevin (Ashley) Davis of Macclenny; daughters Marian (Randy) Castleberry and Judy (Melburne) Bailey, both of Macclenny, Anita (Buddy) Champion of Maxville, Becky (David) Knapp of Glen St. Mary, Lisa (Frankie) Keye of Whigham, GA; daughter-in-law Lynda Davis of Palm Bay; brothers Carlton (Margie) Davis, Bud (Shirley) Davis and Preston (Miriam) Davis, all of Sanderson; sisters Wilma Razo, Pearl Shumate and Faye Roaldson; 20 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am April 23 at the Dinkins New Congregational Methodist Church in Sanderson, with Revs. Tim Cheshire and Eddie Sanders officiating. Interment will follow at Cedar Creek Cemetery with Pastor Ernie Terrell officiating. Visitation was from 7:00-9:00 pm April 22 at the church. Pallbearers will be grandsons Michael Delp, Dustin, Chris, Cody, Duane and Frankie Davis. Honorary pallbearers will be the school crossing guards.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested c/o Vystar Credit Union (reference Jack Mims). Arrangements are under the direction of Giddens-Reed Funeral Home, Baldwin.

Brenda Hall, 56, NEFSH retiree

Brenda Hall, 56, of Macclenny died April 18, 2009 at the Morris Center for Caring in Jacksonville. Mrs. Hall was a lifelong resident of Baker County and the daughter of the late J.W. And Annie Ruth Harvey. She was a Primitive Baptist and an employee of Northeast Florida State Hospital for 35 years, retiring in 2008.



Ms. Hall

Ms. Hall also loved to hunt and fish, and loved her Gators. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include husband Dennis Hall of Macclenny; daughters Jamie Kay Prevatt of Jacksonville and Denise Hall of Macclenny; son Chan (Debbie) Prevatt of Olustee; sister Scotland Davis of Macclenny; brother Robert Harvey of Salt Springs; one grandchild.

The funeral service was held April 21 at 10:00 am at the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Elder David Crawford officiating. Interment followed at the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Ruby Smith, 86, dies April 16th

Ruby Jeanette Long Smith, 86, died April 16, 2009 after a lengthy illness. Ruby was born in Glen St. Mary on March 17, 1923 to Ernest (Earn) and Sarah Long, and lived most of her life in Jacksonville. She loved to play the guitar and sing, as well as cook.



Ms. Smith

Mrs. Smith was a caregiver to the sick and elderly until the onset of her illness. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband John T.K. Smith, son Carroll Eugene Bullard; sister Ernest (Bud) Long Jr. (Opal).

Survivors include daughters Bonnie Bolen (Londie Rhoden) and Phyllis Wilmot, both of Jacksonville, Hilda Bullard Manning (James) of Macclenny, Cynthia Smith of Shreveport, LA; sisters Faye Bennett of Sanderson and Sallie Traugott (Earl) of Glen; 11 grandchildren; 15 grandchildren; a host of friends.

The funeral service was held at 2:00 pm on April 20 at the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Rev. Tommy Anderson officiating. Interment followed at Cedar Creek Cemetery in Sanderson.

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Guy Williams, 54, former truck driver

Guy Aaron Williams, 54, of Glen St. Mary died Saturday April 18, 2009 at Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville. Guy was born in Jacksonville on June 14, 1954, son of the late Aaron and Hazel (Harnage) Williams.



Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams served in the US Army and was a truck driver for Winn Dixie for many years. He loved hunting, fishing and NASCAR.

Survivors include daughter Brandie Williams; son Joshua (Susan) Williams; sisters Becky (Adrian) Roberts, Cindy Morris, Jeanie Williams, all of Jacksonville, Gay (Buddy) Poore of Macclenny; brothers Bucky (Lori) Williams of Macclenny, Boyce Williams of Jacksonville; girlfriend Lori (Peaches) Lockwood of Macclenny; three grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on April 22 at Oak Grove Cemetery with Rev. Noel Roberts officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of ICS Cremation and Funeral Home, Lake City.

Gospel sing

The Road to Calvary Church on the corner of Stoddard and Madison in Glen St. Mary host a gospel sing April 24 from 7:30-10:00 pm.

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**County lacks funds for rehab
Officials want work at old jail scaled back**

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
reporter@bakercountypress.com

With cash for its own projects already scarce, the Baker County Commission was hesitant to commit nearly a million dollars to renovate the existing sheriff's office detention center so it could continue housing local inmates after the new jail north of Macclenny opens.

Parts of the county-owned building are over 30 years old, the roof leaks and maintenance on the heating, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems is long overdue, Sheriff Joey Dobson told the board during its regular meeting April 20.

He proposed the county fund the \$934,000 rehab job, which would leave more capacity for federal prisoners at the new jail expected for completion next month.

More federal prisoners would also mean more revenue for the Baker Correctional Development Corporation (BCDC), the non-profit established to build and manage the 512-bed facility and payback \$45 million in bonds used to buy the 90-plus acre property and fund construction.

As a way to recoup the existing jail's renovation cost, Mr. Dobson suggested the BCDC could lease the building to hold local inmates, "for say, \$600,000 per year."

The lease would be a new revenue stream for the county since the sheriff's office currently uses the 132-bed jail free of charge. In fact, the county pays the sheriff's office about \$42 per prisoner per day for housing and managing local inmates, a bill that runs about \$2 million per

year. However, if local prisoners are housed at the new 512-bed facility, the county's per day rate is expected to be at least double, depending on how much federal law enforcement agencies pay for their prisoners.

Although no written agreement has been reached with organizations like the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Mr. Dobson said he anticipates the rate to be between \$80 and \$90 per day.

"We don't know that yet, but somewhere in that neighborhood would be safe to say," he said.

The existing jail could take as long as a year to renovate, officials said, putting the payback on the county's investment sometime in the year 2012 if work started soon.

The plan was based on what's occurred in Glades County with its newly-built prison and its old jail. There the existing facility was retrofitted for about \$1.2 million and leased to the Glades Correctional Development Corporation, BCDC's counterpart there, for \$600,000 annually.

Although county commissioners agreed with the plan in concept, the nearly one million dollar price tag was too much to swallow.

"The facility is in use now ... The facility passes inspections. Why do we need to retrofit it right now?" asked Commissioner Alex Robinson.

Instead, he suggested scaling back the project, at least initially, to replacement of the leaky roof.

Installation of a new metal roof with a 20-year warranty

would cost about \$214,000, according to an estimate from O'Neal Roofing Co. of Lake City.

The remaining work for heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing improvements were estimated at \$660,000 by H2 Engineering of Tallahassee.

"The roof's got to be done. There's no question about that," said Sheriff Dobson.

Commissioner Mike Griffis agreed that limiting the project's scope to roofing was more palatable.

"Let's wait until we have a revenue stream coming in from BCDC before doing all the upgrades," he said, adding that he'd like to see a schedule of such revenues.

Beyond the proposed lease, the BCDC has pledged to remit any excess revenues (money left over after operational costs and required bond payments) from the new jail annually to the county.

"But we can't give you a date," Mr. Dobson said about when BCDC might begin fulfilling that pledge.

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Wildcat lifters eyeing second ever back-to-back state crown

BY BOBBY JOHNS
BCHS weightlifting coach

The old saying is, "It's time to put up or shut up."

That is exactly the time it is for the Baker County Wildcat Weightlifting team.

The Cats have a chance to accomplish what we have been expected to do all season, repeat as State Champions. The problem is that nothing worth having is ever given — it must be earned.

The lifters will have to stay focused on their goals and compete when the time comes for them to take care of business this Saturday, April 25, in New Port Richey, Fla. at River Ridge High School for the state meet, which begins at 10:30 am.

Last Saturday, April 18, the Wildcats qualified 11 lifters for the state meet, including: Ryan Young and Brandon Tuten in the 119 class, John Ford in the 139 class, Milton Baker in the 154 class, Greg Williams and Harold Moore in the 183 class, Darwin Ruise and Hank Farmer

in the 219 class, Thomas Braddy in the 238 class, and Ethan Munson and Ray Mangiafico in the heavyweight class.

Ryan, Thomas, and Ethan enter the meet in first place in their classes, but they will have to hit their lifts if they expect to finish as state champs.

Seven of the remaining eight lifters are all in the top eight in their respective classes with the top six places scoring points.

It will take a complete team effort to defend their title against a strong Arnold team and several more top teams from around the state, but the Cats should be up to the task.

Winning this Saturday would mark the second time in school history that the Wildcats have won back-to-back state weightlifting championships.

In 1988 and 1989, Coach Danny Green led the Cats to repeat state championships, the first two of the four currently held by Baker County.

This year's championship would also give me the first ever back-to-back state champion-

ships. While winning four overall titles, I've never won two in a row.

Twice before after winning state, our teams finished second the following season.

It would be a huge accomplishment for myself and the Wildcat lifters to bring home the trophy again this season.

Another important note regarding this week's meet is that Thomas Braddy has a shot to break several all-time records.

The clean and jerk state record for his weight class, and the overall clean and jerk and total record for any weight class.

Please continue to support the Cats as they represent the community of Baker County as well as Baker County High School this Saturday in New Port Richey. State Championships are almost impossible to accomplish these days and the Cats have a chance to place themselves in an elite group of teams with five to their credit.

Baseball cruises in tourneys

In boys baseball action this past week, the Wildcats won the prestigious Fernandina Beach tournament by defeating University Christian 14-2, Fernandina Beach 15-0 and Harmony of Orlando 11-3.

The tournament's most valuable player was Cory Elasiak, while freshman pitcher Chris Waddell went 7 of 11 at the plate and shut out Fernandina hitters for five innings.

"I'll say it again, Waddell will be the best player to ever come out of Baker County," said Coach John Staples. "He's a baseball-playing phenom."

At the Williston tournament the Cats won two out of three games by defeating Chiefland 10-0, topping the event's host Williston (16-4) by nine runs at 12-3 before getting upset by PK Yonge 4-3.

Last Friday, April 17, the Wildcat batters were upended by Middleburg 3-2 in a heated contest.

The Cats did not get the bats going like they had been, collecting only two hits.

Three days later on senior night, April 20, the Cats defeated Lake City 5-0 behind the shut-out pitching of ace Waddell.

The freshman leads the Jacksonville area in earned run averages.

Cory Elasiak hit a home run and Chase Bennett added two hits.

"The seniors really showed out on senior night, as well they should. They have been a tremendous group," Coach Staples said.

Going into Tuesday night's game against Episcopal April 21 (results were not available as of press time) the Wildcats were 21-3, the best record ever in school history. Also, the seniors have won a total of 78 games over the last four years.

On Sunday, Coach Staples was selected as Northeast Region 4A coach of the year.

Girls playoffs underway

With the top record in the district, the Wildcat softball team sat out the first round of the district playoffs Monday and knocked off Sante Fe 2-0 in the second round Tuesday for a spot in Thursday's April 23 district championship game.

The Lady Cats' batting wasn't pretty at Clay High School versus the Raiders April 21, but Ashley Holton's two-run double in the sixth inning made the difference.

"It was a rough game. We didn't hit well tonight at all, but we played good solid defense," Coach Cheryl Nunn said after the game.

The girls will face either Clay County or Middleburg in the district game in Green Cove Springs.

Three nights before the Lady Cats met First Coast for senior night and came away with another low-scoring win 1-0 in the eighth inning when Jordan Hand ran for batter, capitalized on a Raider error and was batted home.

"We hit the ball well. We just didn't execute when we had to," said Coach Nunn. "We left a lot on base."

In all, the Cats had 13 base runners left.

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Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 02-2009-0071-CA

IN RE: GENE HARVEY, as
TAX COLLECTOR OF
BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Delinquent Taxpayer Receiving This Notice

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Validation of Tax Warrant issued for unpaid 2007, Baker County Personal Property Taxes has been filed by Gene Harvey, Baker County Tax Collector, in which you are named as a party for nonpayment of 2007 Personal Property Taxes as assessed against you. Upon ratification and confirmation of the petition by the Court, the Tax Collector shall be authorized to issue a tax warrant against you, and levy upon, seize and sell so much of your personal property as necessary to satisfy the delinquent taxes, plus costs, interest, attorney's fees, and other charges.

YOU WILL BE DISMISSED AS A PARTY TO THIS ACTION WITHOUT ANY COURT APPEARANCE BY YOU IF YOU PAY SAID DELINQUENT TAXES OWED BY YOU AND COSTS TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AT: 32 North 5th St., MACCLENNY, FLORIDA 32063, PRIOR TO THE FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED IN THIS MATTER.

You are further notified that a Final Hearing will be held in this matter on the 26th day of May, 2009, at the Baker County Courthouse in Macclenny, Baker County, Florida, at 10:40 a.m. before the Honorable Phyllis M. Rosier, Circuit Judge, at which time you or your attorney may present your objections, if any, to issuance of the Tax Warrant against you. The amount of the assessment or amount of taxes levied have been paid or not.

A copy of the Petition filed herein may be obtained at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Macclenny, Baker County, Florida, upon request. WITNESS my hand and seal of this court on this 9th day of April, 2009.

LIST OF DEFENDANTS

- 07-5001805
FIBERSTEAM CARPET CLEANING
6166 Adams Rd.
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 07-5002280
BRUCE GRIFFIS
12222 Mud Lake Rd.
Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
- 07-5003285
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303 Macclenny Ave.
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 07-5003298
MACCLENNY PEDIATRICS
28 Macclenny Ave. W.
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 07-5003670
NORRIS WOODWORKS, INC.
10499 Mud Lake Rd.
Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
- 07-5005499
PATRICIA D. GRAY REALTY
1171 South 6th St.
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 07-5006477
NORRIS FARMS, INC.
10499 Mud Lake Rd.
Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
- 07-5006665
CREEKSIDE FARMS, INC.
P.O. Box 1218
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 07-5007458
CYPRESS BAY BUILDERS, INC.
5803 JB Hines Rd.
Macclenny, FL 32063
- 07-5007493
RIVER ROAD ENTERPRISES, INC.
4221 Deerfield Circle
Jacksonville, FL 32234

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AS CLERK OF THE COURT
BY: JAMIE CREWS
Deputy Clerk

4/16-5/7

A, R & R, INC
10525 DUVAL LANE
MACCLENNY, FL 32063
Phone (904) 259-4774

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction May 8, 2009 at 8:00 am at A, R & R, INC, 10525 Duval Lane, Macclenny, FL 32063.

1986 Dodge Pickup
VIN #1B7FD04H2GS056406
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VIN #1HGEJ8149XL099642
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VIN #1G8AL52F1Z3122936

4/23

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

Timothy W. Burnsed
Last known address of:
28693 CR 127
Sanderson, FL 32087

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Macclenny, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. If further assistance is needed, contact the Supervisor of Elections at the below listed address or call 904-259-6339.

Nita D. Crawford
Baker County Supervisor of Elections
P.O. BOX 505
Macclenny, Florida 32063

4/23

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Max H. Morse
Last known address of:
2761 Saint Johns Ave. Apt. 8
Jacksonville, FL 32205-8268

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-0050

COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
A Federal Credit Union,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

JUSTIN GRAY,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JUSTIN GRAY

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Verified Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint has been filed against you on the following described property:

Parcel ID# 20-2S-22-0160-0000-0440

Part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Township 2 South, Range 22 East, Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 20, thence South 89°54'14" East, on the South line of said Section 20, a distance of 604.62 feet to a point of the East right of way line of Tom Wilkerson Road (a 59.75 foot right of way as now established); thence North 0°03'44" East, on said East right of way line, a distance of 327.39 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 0°03'44" East on said East right of way line, a distance of 103.37 feet; thence North 89°40'30" East, a distance of 437.62 feet; thence South 0°01'30" East, a distance of 103.36 feet; thence South 89°40'30" West, a distance of 439.13 feet to the Point of Beginning.

and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on FRANK E. MALONEY, JR., P.A., Attorney, whose address is 445 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063; (904) 259-3155, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice and on or before the 16th day of May, 2009, and to file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on FRANK E. MALONEY, JR., P.A., attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 9th day of April, 2009.

T.A. "AL" FRASER
CLERK OF COURT
By: Bonnie Pallesch
Deputy Clerk

4/16-5/7

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS CUMULATIVE NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND BAKER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND REMEDIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT(S) IN COMPLIANCE DOCKET NO. 09-R1-NOI 0201 (A) (I)

The Department issues this cumulative notice of intent to find the Baker County Comprehensive Plan Amendment adopted by Ordinance No(s). 2006-49 on April 16, 2007 and the remedial amendment(s) adopted by Ordinance 2009-04 on March 16, 2009, IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184, 163.3187 and 163.3189, F.S.

The adopted Baker County Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Department's Objections, Recommendations, and Comments Report, (if any), are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the Baker County Planning and Zoning Department, 81 North 3rd Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063.

Any affected person, as defined in Section 163.3184, F.S., has a right to petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the proposed agency determination that the Remedial Amendments are in Compliance, as defined in Subsection 163.3184(1), F.S. The petition must be filed within twenty one (21) days after publication of this notice, and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. The petition must be filed with the Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100 and a copy mailed or delivered to the local government. Failure to timely file a petition shall constitute a waiver of any right to request an administrative proceeding as a petitioner under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. If a petition is filed, the purpose of the administrative hearing will be to present evidence and testimony and forward a recommended order to the Department. If no petition is filed, this Notice of Intent shall become final agency action.

If a petition is filed, other affected persons may petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding. A petition for intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28 106. 205, F.A.C. A petition for leave to intervene shall be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings, Department of Administration, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such a person has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

After an administrative hearing petition is timely filed, mediation is available pursuant to Subsection 163.3189(3)(a), F.S., to any affected person who is made a party to the proceeding by filing that request with the administrative law judge assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The choice of mediation shall not affect a party's right to an administrative hearing.

Mike McDaniel, Chief
Division of Community Planning
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

4/23

Department of Children & Families - Northeast Florida State Hospital

The Northeast Florida State Hospital Community Behavioral Healthcare Services Advisory Board announces a meeting. Date and time: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 @ 11:30 Place: NEFSH CBHS, 84 W. Lowder ST., STE. C, Macclenny, Florida 32063. General subject matter to be considered: organizational meeting and general provision of services by NEFSH CBHS. Please call (904) 259-4671 ext. 32 for instructions on participation.

4/23

MORAN'S MOTOR AND WRECKER SERVICE, INC.
59 NORTH SEVENTH STREET
MACCLENNY, FLORIDA 32063
Phone (904) 259-2850

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction May 22, 2009 at 10:00 am, at Moran's Motor and Wrecker Service, Inc., 59 North Seventh Street, Macclenny, FL, 32063.

1996 Ford Taurus Stationwagon
VIN #1FALP57U1TA55675
1988 Chevrolet Truck
VIN #1GDCD14HXJZ193477
1989 Buick Riviera
VIN #1G4EZ11C2KU402992

4/23

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

Angelina Delp
Last known address of:
20883 Frank Combs Circle
Sanderson, FL 32087

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Nita D. Crawford
Baker County Supervisor of Elections
P.O. BOX 505
Macclenny, Florida 32063

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

Carrie L. Morrison
Last known address of:
P.O. BOX 97
Macclenny, FL 32063

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Macclenny, Florida 32063

4/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 02-2009-PR-12 DIVISION:

IN RE: ESTATE OF
GLENDA LOUISE CLINE
a/k/a GLENDA THIGPEN CLINE,
deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GLENDA LOUISE CLINE a/k/a GLENDA THIGPEN CLINE, deceased, File Number 02-2009-PR-12 is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063. The names and addresses of the joint-personal representatives and the joint personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have been served a copy of this notice, and who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY CLAIM BE FILED LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is: April 23, 2009.
The date of death of the decedent is: February 16, 2009.

Attorney for the Joint
Personal Representatives
Sandra W. Johnson
Florida Bar No.: 353884
2110 Park Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32204
(904) 388-9800

Joint Personal Representatives
Aaron S. Cline
5902 Horseshoe Circle
Bryceville, Florida 32009

Keri D. Cline
673 W. Minnesota Avenue
Macclenny, Florida 32063

4/23-4/30

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

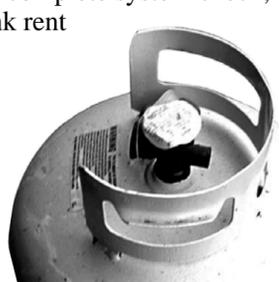
Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 27th at 4 P.M. for comment on the Macclenny Housing Authority's and Baker County Housing Agency's FY2009 Agency Plan Annual Updates as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The FY2009 Agency Plan Annual Updates will be available for review over the next 45 days at the Authority's central office located at: 402 E. Stansell Avenue Macclenny, Florida 32063

The Public Hearing will also be held at this location. Any person wishing to comment on either Agency Plan may file his or her comments in writing with the Executive Director of the Macclenny Housing Authority at the address above no later than 5 P.M. May 26th, or may attend the Public Hearing being held at the central office. All comments will be considered in preparing the final plans.

4/16-4/23

OPEN REGISTRATION
SUMMER A & C
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4 advance to regionals

The Wildcat track team will send four athletes to the regional championship in Tallahassee this year — Kiana Parker, Ellie Helms, Jazime Cooper and Christopher Robinson.

Coach Charles Ruise said he hoped to send Harold Moore as well, but a hamstring injury coming off the blocks during the district meet in Starke April 16 sidelined the runner.

"He probably would've been one of the number one sprinters in the state at the 100-yard dash," said the fifth-year coach.

At the district meet, the girls finished in sixth place out of the nine-team field.

Ms. Parker cleared 5-feet,

two-inches to finish first in the high jump while Ms. Helms took second in the 100-meter hurdles and third in the shot put.

Ms. Cooper also placed second in the 200-meter dash.

The boys squad didn't do nearly as well, finishing in last place. Mr. Robinson did place third in the high jump at 5-feet, 10-inches.

The regional meet will be held at Chiles High School Friday, April 24.

"Each year we've been improving," said Coach Ruise. "We feel pretty good about our progression and our future outlook."



Youth club decorates hall...

Members of the middle school's Youth Power club (from left) Brooke Adams, Shiloh Richardson and Garrett Nipper teamed up with school nurse Shelly Bennett to paint and decorate the clinic area's Wellness Walkway with preventative health messages like saying no to alcohol. Posters were also created for the walkway and are available for classrooms as well.

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Friends catch a stringer full...

In less than three hours, and after releasing 11 other fish, a group of local youths from Baker County Middle School caught this string of catfish from a Georgia pond. Pictured from left are Joshua Allen, Rasheen Gaskins, Josh Nichols, Joseph McCrey and (kneeling) Landon Davis. The boys are friends that play various sports together at BCMS.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHUCK NICHOLS

LCCC summer semester hours

Lake City Community College will begin summer term hours as of May 11. The college will be open from 7:30 am-5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and all offices will be closed on Friday.

Regular hours from 8:00 am-4:30 pm resume August 13. The library will be open from 7:30 am-7:00 pm Monday through Thursday.

LCCC general and nursing graduations

Lake City Community College (LCCC) nurse pinning and graduation ceremony will be held Friday, May 8 beginning at 2:00 pm in the Howard Conference Center. Immediately following the nurses pinning there will be a reception in the Lake City Medical Center auditorium inside the Barney E. McRae Jr., M.D. Medical Technology building for family and friends.

Later that afternoon at 5:00, the LCCC 2009 Graduating Class commencement will follow in the Howard Conference Center.

School Calendar April 23

BCHS: District Softball @ Clay County. BMS: "Straight A" Banquet, 7:00 p.m. WES: Good Morning Show, 8:00 a.m. PK/K: Kindergarten Registration (Bring Birth Cert, Immunization Record, Physical & Picture I.D.), Student Advisory Council Mtg., 8:00 a.m.

April 24
BCHS: Senior Grad Nite, FFA to Contest @ University of Florida. BMS: Accelerated Reading Points Due. KIS: Fifth Grade field Trip to Wild Adventures. WES: Second & Third Grade Field Day. PK/K: Kindergarten Registration (Bring Birth Cert, Immunization Record, Physical & Picture I.D.)

April 25
BCHS: Boys' Weightlifting State Meet

April 27
KIS: DIBELS Testing. MES: Gates MacGinitie Testing. WES: Gates MacGinitie Testing

April 28
BCHS: Regional Softball (TBA). MES: Third Grade Orientation at Keller. KIS: DIBELS Testing, Family Reading Night, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. MES: Third Graders' Orientation WES: Gates MacGinitie Testing, School Advisory Council Mtg., 8:00 a.m. Family Reading Night, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

April 29
District-wide: Early Dismissal. KIS: Gates MacGinitie Testing. WES: Gates MacGinitie Testing, Parents Pick up Fundraiser Items

School Lunch MENU

April 27 - May 1

Offered everyday:

Cold lunch plate, chef salad or pasta salad w/wheat roll or crackers and dessert (when offered), OR 1 main dish and 2 sides with dessert (when offered)

Monday, April 27

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk

Lunch: BBQ Ribbette on a bun or bake Italian lasagna with a slice of homemade wheat Italian bread, choice of 2 sides: garden tossed salad, steamed green peas, fresh fruit or juice choice with a slice of homemade cake

Tuesday, April 28

Breakfast: Ham and cheese biscuit, fruit juice, milk

Lunch: BBQ chicken or beef nuggets both served with rice ad gravy, choice of 2 sides; seasoned cabbage, chilled fruit or juice choice, tossed salad with dressing and a slice of cornbread

Wednesday, April 29

Breakfast: Chicken biscuit, fruit juice, milk

Lunch: Hamburger or hot dog on a bun, choice of 2 sides: baked french fries, creamy coleslaw, lettuce and tomato slices

Thursday, April 30

Breakfast: Cereal with slice of toast, fruit juice, milk

Lunch: Tuna salad sandwich or sloppy Joe on a bun; choice of two sides: bake potato rounds, pole beans, chilled fruit or juice choice

Friday, May 1

Breakfast: Pancakes with syrup, fruit juice and milk

Lunch: Shepherd's pie with a homemade wheat roll or deli turkey and cheese sandwich, choice of 2 sides: baked potato rounds, steamed broccoli, lettuce and tomato slices

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- Bessie Wilcox - CNA 12 years
- Tina Sunstrom - LPN 12 years
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- Lucinda Moring - CNA 9 years
- Tina Bennett - CNA 9 years
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2005 Chevrolet Colorado Stk. # P9037 \$14,577	2008 Chevrolet HHR Stk. # P9048 \$21,777
2008 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Stk. # P9030 \$38,688	2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Stk. # P9028 \$10,377
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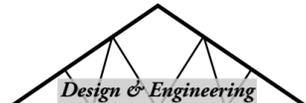
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Long awaited road paving set for bidding

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
reporter@bakercountypress.com

After months of discussion on how to fund paving nine short road segments on which an experimental base has been applied, the Baker County Commission decided to bid the projects, even if there's only enough cash to pay for a few of them.

The county has \$150,000 budgeted for the work, but price quotes for all nine roads received six months ago total about \$434,000 for traditional asphalt and \$356,500 for a gravel-like alternative called chip seal.

Combined the roads measure only a little more than a mile and include Thomas Loop, Rubeen Crawford Road, Rufus Powers Road, Burnsed Crawford Road and Ruise Lane.

Each is already covered with EZ Base, an ash-based material development by Jacksonville Electric Authority.

"The sooner the better is my philosophy," said Commissioner

Mark Hartley during the board's meeting April 30.

The delay has come as commissioners have struggled to find a way to fund paving all the roads at one time.

The county is expecting \$200,000 from DuPont for county road right-of-way it gave up during a realignment for the mining operation's benefit.

That cash has yet to arrive though.

Another roughly \$366,000 is also anticipated from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from impacts during Tropical Storm Fay last year. However, the county is still waiting on federal funds from as long ago as Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

"We don't have the money, but it will come one day," said Robert Fletcher, director of the road department. The funds, he said, have been approved by the federal agency.

Without those revenues, the county is also short on another project, the entrance to the 1600-acre St. Mary's Shoals Park on Odis Yarborough Road.

The park's 34 miles of multi-use trails is set to open April 30 with a noon time ceremony, despite the remaining road work.

The project includes installing turn lanes, repaving about 3.5 miles west of the intersection with CR 125, straightening out a dangerous curve near that junction and associated drainage work.

About \$100,000 was shaved off the \$1.3 million project by making changes to the scope, like replacing sod with mulch and concrete pipes with aluminum metal ones, for instance.

Grants from the state will cover all but about \$150,000 of that project.

Owner of Earthworks Jeff Cook bid for the job, but said his prices were tied to a 60 day time frame.

"We're getting down to the last two weeks," he warned the commission.

Relay for life

Everyone is invited to come to the eighth annual Relay For Life starting at noon on Saturday, April 25 at Memorial Park (the duck pond) on West Boulevard in Macclenny. This 18-hour event is the American Cancer Society's signature fund raising effort as it involves communities in raising money and awareness in the fight against cancer.

For more information please contact Kristie Fletcher at 259-6727. Email her at kristiefletcher@mail.com or go to www.relayforlife.org/bakerfl

Kingdom Fest

Kingdom Christian Fellowship and the Baker County Community Development Center have joined together to present Kingdom Fest on Saturday, May 2 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm at Jonesville Park, 9572 CR 127 in Sanderson.

Come enjoy the music, free food, fellowship, and learn about the various agencies of the community and the services they provide.

GOP meeting

The monthly meeting of the Baker County Republican Party will begin at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 28 at the historic Mathis House on the Glen St. Mary Nursery.

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Johnny Raulerson: His yard has lots of personality.

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Little patch of heaven...

BY KELLEY LANNIGAN
Press Staff

The yard where angels dance

Spring has come to a tucked-away little spot on East Florida Avenue in Macclenny and almost every inch of the place is ablaze with something in bloom.

Last week found owner Johnny Raulerson dressed in his familiar working uniform of well-worn flannel shirt and comfortable overalls, busy with his many outdoor projects.

"Now I don't mean to brag," said Mr. Raulerson, "but you don't see many yards like this one."

He's right.

The yard of the home he has shared with wife Gracie for decades is like a whimsical garden habitat for fairies and gnomes.

A sea of petunias ramble around the yellow, green-shuttered house. To approach the front door means negotiating a thick hedge bursting with tri-colored blossoms in shades of deep purple, pale lavender and white.

"Those are yesterday, today and tomorrow bushes," explained Ms. Raulerson. "The flowers are purple when they bloom, later turn lavender and fade to complete white at the end of their life cycle."

Since the shrub blooms continuously for a while, the flowers are always in different stages, which is why the three colors can occur at once. The process explains the name.

A walk around the Raulersons' yard is a delight; cares

and worries simply fade away. Scattered throughout the yard, which surrounds the entire house, are painted wooden figurines, bird feeders of all shapes and sizes and farm implements from days gone by. Later in the spring and summer, the place will be afluster with birds and butterflies.

"Mocking birds and blue jays will be all over," said Mr. Raulerson.

A painted wooden sign in one corner of the front yard displays some sage advice: *Leave room in your garden for angels to dance.* Not far from it, a red honeysuckle, also known as hummingbird vine, is heavy with trumpet-shaped blooms.

The buds of yellow blackeyed susans are getting ready to open. Just outside the back door steps, two hydrangea bushes will shortly be showing off bunches of tightly packed blue blossoms.

"Johnny loves flowers," Mrs. Raulerson said as she stood on the front door steps looking out over the landscape. "Everything out there is his."

Part of every day, Mr. Raulerson, who was raised on a farm in south Georgia, can be found outside fixing, watering, clipping, hauling — always tending to something.

"I come up behind a plow," he said. "It's just natural for me to be doing something outside. I also grow vegetables — tomatoes, corn, beans and the like — in another location. Grow sugarcane too. Between that and this place, I stay pretty busy."

Two huge bottlebrush trees loaded with fuzzy scarlet blossoms and narrow blade-like leaves, anchor one side of the yard.

Nearby, large pear trees planted in 1960 are loaded with small green orbs which will become mature fruit later in the summer. Vines on the grape arbor are just putting out foliage and a ponderosa lemon tree promises massive lemons in late fall. Uniform rows of plants in containers line a sandy section beneath the trees.

"Lots of the plants around here send out scouts so I dig em' up and pot 'em," he said.

He points to several potted palms whose trunks resemble huge onions nestled on top of the soil. They are ponytail palms and appear in numerous places around the yard.

Mr. Raulerson breaks off a small branch of a bush that has lots of small flowers so dark red they're almost black.

"This is a strawberry sweet shrub. We used to break off a piece to carry in our pockets when we were little. When it got all swiveled up, boy, could you smell it!"

He points to a bush in a different part of the yard. "There's banana sweet shrub, too. And wild honeysuckle trees are strung all along that railroad ditch back there and over there are blueberry bushes."

He kicks at a large stump with his boots. This used to be a giant cedar tree, one of two that flanked the house. After using them as indoor Christmas trees, he planted each in the yard where it grew to maturity. The trees displayed the family's outdoor Christmas lights for years.

"Florida Power and Light used to bring their truck and string up the lights for us. Did that every year 'til the trees got to tall to mess with," he said.

"I was raised in this house," said Ms. Raulerson. "The main structure, before the later additions, was made from lumber of pine trees my daddy cut off the property," she said.

Mr. Raulerson moves along a small foot-path leading through the

droves of petunias that nearly overrun the yard every spring. He didn't plant them, just let nature take its course.

"These are old time petunias," he said. Some came up in the yard one day and I just let 'em grow. They been coming back, more and more, every year," he said.

He gestures to a neatly constructed wooden shed on one side of the house.

"I built that about 40 years ago. Never did get around to painting it. It's my 'junk' place. And that '65 Ford truck over there, well, I been haulin' stuff around here in that since nineteen and seventy two."

The flowers and shrubs never seem to end. There are also begonias, English dogwood, roses, cactus, clover and kumquats.

Mr. Raulerson grabs a branch of a bush and bends it forward.

"This here is Lantana (Lantana), but we always called it Rang Tang. Its got lots of little yellow blossoms all over."

Keeping up with so much seems an overwhelming task, but Ms. Raulerson knows her husband feels happiest when he's busy in his yard.

"He's no indoor person," she said.

"My daddy always knocked off about 4:30 in the afternoon and I do the same," said Mr. Raulerson. "Besides I never, ever get through out here. I just quit and come back the next day."

He always knows when it's getting near quitting time. One glance at his bed of "four o'clock flowers" tells him so.

"Those things close up every afternoon right at four o'clock and they don't follow this daylight saving time either. They know what time it really is," he said.

In the midst of all the natural flora, a group of fake flowers cluster around the trunk of a tree. Ms. Raulerson looks at them and shakes her head.

"I gave Johnny those old things to throw in the trash," said Ms. Raulerson, laughing. "The next thing I knew, here they are in the yard."



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