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## FEE INCREASES

for vehicle registration and license renewals

Vehicle Type	Current Rate	Increase	New Rates
Mid-size car	\$36	\$13	\$49
Full-size truck	\$46	\$16	\$62
Commercial and some four door trucks	\$57	\$20	\$77
Commercial trucks in excess of 80,000 lbs.	\$817	\$283	\$1,100
Class E license renewal	\$25	\$29	\$54
CDL license renewal	\$72	\$9	\$81

Were you born in September, October or November? If so, you could avoid the 35 percent increase in tag renewal fees that become effective September 1, at least initially, said Tracey Martin of the local Department of Motor Vehicles' branch in the tax collectors office.

Because the DMV allows renewals three months in advance, only drivers born after December 1 will have to pay the higher fees.

Ms. Martin also said that drivers can renew for two

years, the maximum allowed in Florida, to delay paying the rate hike until 2011.

"Basically, the fee is just double," she said, explaining there's no discount when paying two years up front. "We're having a lot of people renew for two years to miss the increase."

State legislators used more than \$800 million expected from the increase fees — including court filing, title and registration fees — to balance the state's \$66.5 billion 2009-10 budget.

All figures are approximations from the Tax Collector's office.

## The plague of ATV wrecks

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Despite the increase in accidents involving ATVs in recent years, particularly in rural areas like Baker County, many riders still don't wear safety gear or take other precautions while using the top-heavy and flip-prone vehicles for recreation or short-distance transportation.

Statewide there were 30 more crashes involving these vehicles in 2007 than during the previous year, fatalities resulting from ATV wrecks jumped by 12 during that period and injuries

rose by 26, according to statistics from the Florida Highway Patrol. Figures for 2008 haven't been released yet.

What follows are two stories about crashes occurring in Baker County — one this week involving a sheriff's deputy and a separate accident from 2008 that claimed the life of an 8-year-old boy. Both involved riders in tandem on ATVs without helmets. All were ejected after striking roadside trees.

## Deputy, girlfriend injured in forest

A deputy sheriff and his girlfriend were injured late on June 21 when their four-wheel ATV left Doyle Williams Rd. in the Osceola National Forest and struck a tree.

The rider, Ashley Davis, 21, of Glen St. Mary, remained at Shands Jacksonville in critical but stable condition Tuesday with multiple head and internal injuries. It marks the second time Ms. Davis has been seriously injured in an ATV accident.

The driver, 22-year-old Matthew Sigers of Macclenny, was treated at Shands and released.

The Florida Highway Patrol said Mr. Sigers looked back while driving the Yamaha and it drifted onto the edge of the dirt surface. He lost control and the ATV struck a tree, ejecting both

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## A young life lost



Blane Coburn and his younger brother Briton.

This week marked the anniversary of the day that 8-year-old William "Blane" Coburn of Maxville was ejected from an ATV driven by his intoxicated uncle and suffered life-ending injuries only three weeks before his birthday.

His mother Josie Hodges hasn't made plans to mark either occasion.

"I wanted to, but I haven't gotten to that point yet," she said last week. "It's still kind of hard for everybody."

The uncle, Nathaniel Ryan, 27, had been drinking at a cookout on June 22, 2008 with family in Glen St. Mary along with Blane's father, Jason Coburn, 31, who shared custody with Ms. Hodges. They divorced in 2003 after six years of marriage.

Mr. Ryan was sentenced to six-years in prison last April after pleading to DUI manslaughter. His blood alcohol level was .04 above the legal limit.

For allowing his son to ride as a passenger on a vehicle designed for one rider and piloted by his brother-in-law, who he knew had been drinking, Mr. Coburn was charged with culpable negligence. He received a six month probation for

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Rescue workers needed 45 minutes to extricate all occupants. At left, Lt. Scotty Rhoden directs officers at the scene.

## 2 die in CR 125 crash

Two of four occupants of a car that left CR 125 north of Glen St. Mary the early evening of June 17 died several hours after they were airlifted to Shands Jacksonville. It marked the second dual traffic fatality in Baker County in 2009, and brought the number of persons killed on

local roads this year to eight.

Fire and rescue workers labored for 45 minutes to extricate driver Paul Durant, 57, of Pensacola and passenger Daniel Burke, 55, of Massachusetts from the front seat of the northbound 2000 Lincoln Continental they were in about 6:00 when it drove off onto the eastern shoulder and slammed into a large oak tree.

Mr. Burke, who along with Mr. Durant was in the area visiting passenger Gerald P. Ward, 56, of Sanderson, died about 10:00 pm, as did Mr. Ward. Mr. Durant's injuries were described as serious.

Also in the rear seat of the Lincoln and seriously injured was Matthew Durant, 4, of Pen-

sacola. All the occupants were wearing seat belts, according to investigating FHP Trooper K.M. Boatright Jr.

The three men were reportedly childhood friends in Massachusetts.

Trooper Boatright said the accident was alcohol-related. County Fire Chief Richard Dolan noted evidence of alcohol use inside the vehicle.

Mr. Dolan said four helicopters — three from Jacksonville and one from Gainesville — were summoned for the transport.

In February, two men were killed in a head-on collision on SR 121 near Northeast Florida State Hospital.

## Unoccupied trailer destroyed

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Firefighters took an hour in torrid heat to extinguish a blaze that consumed a single-wide trailer at 7000 Southern States Nursery Rd. south of Macclenny the afternoon of June 23. The home owned by Jordan Griffin and his wife was unoccupied and no one was injured. A neighbor alerted authorities about 3:15 pm and both the county and city fire departments responded with close to 20 personnel, three engines and two tanker units. A state fire marshal was called to the scene to investigate the cause.



## Non-profit's budget for jail triples; waiting on ICE inmates

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Last week the Baker Correctional Development Corporation's (BCDC) board of directors received its first budget since the new sheriff's complex opened for business.

The non-profit's \$15.5 million proposed spending plan for the upcoming 2009-10 fiscal year beginning October 1 was submitted for the board's review June 17 and could be approved as soon as next month.

It includes about \$6.5 million in salaries and benefits, \$920,000 for utilities, \$1.7 million for contracted medical services and a \$3.2 million pay-down on the \$45 million bonded in 2008 to purchase the 90-plus acre property off North CR 228 and construct the \$32-million jail and administration complex.

Corrections Captain Danny Thomas said the

budget is based on the facility eventually operating at about 80 percent capacity — 409 of the 512 beds occupied — with each prisoner generating about \$80 per day.

"The budget will reflect that," he said, adding that the Bank of Oklahoma, which is overseeing repayment of the \$45 million, will also review the proposed budget to protect bondholders' interests.

"It passes through about six people at Bank of Oklahoma," said Mr. Thomas.

The sheriff's office administration director Brian Bishop said an agreement with the federal government on the daily rate is still being worked out.

"This morning I spoke to them and they're doing their normal bureaucratic thing," he said. "The folks from Jacksonville are pushing and the folks from Washington are being bureaucrats. The ball's in their court."

Most of the federal law enforcement agencies have inspected the jail, a routine requirement

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### ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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# Jail awaits ICE inmates

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fore they will house inmates at any location, but Mr. Thomas said that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) hasn't done so because its in the midst of changing inspection contractors.

"All we're waiting for is ICE," he said.

The sizable increase in the size of the BCDC's budget — it amounted to about \$4.9 million for 2008-09 — also means a large jump in the number of checks that have to be signed each month.

Mr. Thomas said before the facility began operating, there were only a few checks written each month and therefore it wasn't a problem to track down a BCDC board member to sign them.

But with an anticipated 25 to 30 checks a month, he rec-

ommended adding Mr. Bishop and the sheriff's operations director Maj. Gerald Gonzalez to the list of authorized signatories. The move will ensure timely payments in the event board members are not available.

"As a practice, we're not wanting to do that," said Mr. Gonzalez.

The board voted 3-0 to approve the change. Members Alex Robinson, the Baker County Commission's representative on the board, and President Todd Knabb were absent from the meeting.

In other business, Sheriff Joey Dobson said he wanted to clear up any confusion regarding a ceremonial check

of more than \$600,000 he received from Ajax Building Corp. during the ribbon-cutting festivities at the new jail June 11.

Ajax was the lead construction contractor on the 15-month project and made the presentation to demonstrate the value of services provided beyond the scope of its contract.

"It was a good PR thing for Ajax," said Mr. Dobson, adding that neither the sheriff's office nor BCDC actually received the money from the builder.

"They just wanted to make a splash out of it," added board member Larry Payne.

## FCAT Report Card

**NAME**  
Baker County School District

**YEAR**  
2008-09

School	Score (out of 600)	'08-'09 Grade	'07-'08 Grade
Keller Intermediate	500	B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> -	C
Baker County Middle School	572	A <input type="checkbox"/> + <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> -	A
Baker County High School	419	D <input type="checkbox"/> + <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> -	C

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- A- 525 points or more, meet adequate progress of lowest students in reading and math, test at least 95% of eligible students.
- B- 495 points or more, meet adequate progress of lowest students in reading and math within two years, test at least 90% of eligible students.
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his plea.

"I'm trying to bring about awareness, that even if you aren't driving the vehicle that kills your child, you may still be held accountable," Ms. Hodges said in an e-mail to *The Press* last March.

Neither Mr. Ryan nor young Blane were wearing helmets that Sunday afternoon when the uncle lost control of the four-wheeler while making a right turn on Crews Road. They hit a rut that sent the riders slamming into a tree, according to reports from the Florida Highway Patrol.

About an hour after the accident, Ms. Hodges, 30, was notified by phone while on her way to a boyfriend's house. She said Blane was taken to Fraser Memorial because his heart had stopped and was later flown to Shands where he died about 3:30 am.

"All the tests came back showing there was nothing they could do," she recalled. "I wanted to donate his organs, but his body was too far gone."

The honor role student at Clay Hill Elementary would've soon accompanied nine of his classmates on a limo ride to Chuck E. Cheese, a reward for scoring a five on his FCAT.

"He was a good little boy. He played baseball, skim boarded at the beach, loved fishing and hunting, all the things that little boys do," said Ms. Hodges, who also had a second son with Mr. Coburn, 8-year-old Briton.

She had this warning for ATV riders and their parents: "I want kids to remember to wear their helmets and for parents to know they're the ones responsible, no matter what. Kids are kids for a reason; it's because they have parents to look out for them."

## Two die in 125 wreck

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occupants. Neither was wearing a safety helmet.

The accident happened about 10:00 pm.

Lt. Bill Leeper of the FHP's Jacksonville office said an investigation into the accident is ongoing. It occurred about four miles west of CR 125.

Ms. Davis and Meredith Hays, both then 11, were seriously injured in October, 1999 when their ATV ran through the intersection of Andrews and Sherman Streets in Glen and collided with a west-bound pickup.

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# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Shrinking cash in Glen is likely to worsen in future

Glen St. Mary Mayor Juanice Padgett couldn't have said it better.

Private businesses everywhere have had to make salary reductions. Government should also.

Ms. Padgett during the Glen Council meeting June 16 proposed an across the board 10 percent salary cut for the town's handful of employees — including the five-member council. The matter will be discussed further in a budget workshop next month when the mayor is expected to give more specifics about the slow drain of cash reserves from Glen St. Mary's coffers.

Salary reductions, and accompanying savings in tax and benefit costs, will only translate into a \$12,000 savings off a \$220,000 annual budget. But that's significant at 5 percent of the total, and significant in the message it sends to a constituency — many of whom have taken salary cuts or lost jobs altogether.

It was difficult to discern listening to a tape recording of last week's meeting [I was out of town that evening], but board members who commented on Ms. Padgett's proposal appeared somewhat tepid to the idea. They make \$200 a month for what is usually a meeting lasting between 10 minutes and one hour. You do the math.

What the mayor's proposal reflects, however, is an overall weakness in Glen St. Mary's fiscal future due to the fact that it anticipates greater public services [water service to the north town and eventually sewer to everyone] and the fact that it doesn't tax.

Mayor Padgett told the board she worries about the town's shrinking cash reserves — now about \$300,000. That's not small change, but in today's markets it's a relative pittance. In fact, should Glen St. Mary encounter any number of potential mine fields — environmental fines, more up-front cash for grant-in-kind, unforeseen infrastructure repairs — the town could be broke in the blink of an eye.

For decades, Glen St. Mary has rocked along funded via the largesse of utility and franchise taxes, state revenue sharing and the like. Those revenue sources will likely remain in place; the problem is they'll cover

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Jim McGauley

a decreasing portion of the town's anticipated expenses.

In the language of corporate American, Glen St. Mary is looking at a disastrous "business model."

As it heads into the second decade of the 21st Century, it's going to be harder for Glen to remain a free-standing incorporated municipality. The demand of services, either from its populace or via the state and federal government, will increase. Revenue sources to fund those demands is diminishing.

The town will not be able to snatch away enough grant money to fund utility infrastructure to make commercial investment feasible. You don't get that type of ad valorem revenue without an initial investment and you can't afford to make one unless you have said guaranteed revenue sources.

See what I mean?

The only sensible option on the horizon is to consolidate into the City of Macclenny and use its greater funding ability to lay down that infrastructure. Does that mean Glen residents would have to vote themselves a tax increase? Yes it does.

Though Macclenny may balk at the idea, Glen St. Mary might kick it off as a special taxing district for utilities only — no added police, no garbage pickup, etc. Even that will take leadership and patience to sell to Glen residents, who have been content for years to remain an independent town with essentially no services except water on the south side of US 90, sewer along the main drag and street maintenance.

In truth, consolidation should not stop with Glen St. Mary. Both it and Macclenny should be folded into a centralized county government with special tax districts for added services. Don't hold your breath until that happens.

This will be a bitter pill for many to swallow; change is always difficult. But Glen residents might as well face facts in 2009. Unless something bold is done, the situation isn't going to change. It'll just worsen and that trickling sound you hear is the remaining cash easing down the drain.

## Be a good 'Facebook listener'

I mentioned a while back that I got a Facebook page, though I thought at the time it was kind of a silly thing to do since I don't have anything very interesting to say to people. But I did it anyway, and I thought that I would update you about what's going on with my Facebooking.

Since some of you might not be up on the latest technology and stuff, Facebook is a social networking site where people contact one another and share what's going on in their lives. You'd think that would be an anathema to me since I am not social and have absolutely nothing to network about, but I must say it's been fun.

I've touched base with people I haven't seen in decades. I still don't say much on my Facebook page, but it's amazing what you can find out about other people.

In Facebook parlance, that would make me a stalker or a lurker or general scumbag — I can't remember what it's really called, but one of those is probably pretty accurate.

Here's what you get on Facebook. Lots of people talk about their kids and post pictures of their kids doing stuff. Other people talk about their pets and post pictures of their pets doing stuff. Other talk about their love life or lack of love life. Others discuss their work.

## MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

Then there are the games. People play all sorts of games on Facebook. You can send stuff to people. Some people play a game called Farm Town and though my wife doesn't play it, people are always sending her cows and pigs. I wish they would send her real cows and pigs instead. I could do something with them.

People are always sending my wife cyber drinks. At one point she had people send her 20 cyber drinks of all varieties. The drawback is that if you accept them you can become cyber drunk or cyber sloshed. I wonder if when you get cyber sloshed you jump on a cyber table and rip off your shirt and swing it around your head while loudly singing an off-key rendition of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'." Not that I, well, do that in real life or anything.

There are also quizzes. People on my Facebook page are always taking some quiz or another. I usually don't take them, although I have done one or two. I took one called "What state do you belong in?" only to discover it was Alaska.

Alaska? I thought it was the state of denial.

Some people will spend hours taking quizzes such as, "What color is your aura?" I didn't know I had one. Or "What snack food are you?" I was not aware that fried grasshoppers were considered a snack food in this country.

If you really have a lot of time on your hands, you can also make up your own quiz — about you. If I wanted to do so, which I don't, I could make a "How well do you know Bob Gerard?" quiz. It might have sample questions like:

- What color are Bob's eyes?
  - a. brown
  - b. hazel
  - c. blue
  - d. Eyes? He has eyes? I was too busy looking at those gigantic Dumbo ears.
- What Star Wars character would Bob be?
  - a. Boba Fett the Bounty Hunter
  - b. Han Solo
  - c. That woman in the cantina with three breasts
  - d. That obnoxious Jar Jar Binks
- What is Bob's favorite movie?
  - a. To Kill a Mockingbird
  - b. Porkys
  - c. Anything with that goofy Pauley Shore
  - d. The Veggie-Tales Kill Castro
- What is Bob's favorite way to relax?
  - a. Reading
  - b. Rebuilding the engine in his car
  - c. Gambling away the mortgage money while knocking back cans of Colt 45 Malt Liquor
  - d. Communicating with the dead on the Psychic Friends Network
- When were Bob and Kelley married?
  - a. In 1982
  - b. In a fever, hotter than a pepper sprout
  - c. When all the planets aligned perfectly
  - d. They're married? Why wasn't I invited to the wedding?

Other quizzes include things like: How fun are you? 2% like the low fat milk. Or How crazy are you? Crazy enough that my wife is considering investing in jumper cables for home shock therapy.

All in all it has been a good time and a good way to relax. I check in every now and then and see what the rest of the world is up to. Actually, they seem to be up to a whole lot more than me.



## You got 'wind' of this yet?

Maybe the dedicated readers of *The Baker County Press* already know about this one, but I only just caught "wind" of it, if you'll excuse the pun.

Seems there may have been some actual discussion recently at the Environmental Protection Agency that focused on considering levying a tax on farmers for the amount of methane their cows emit.

The Associated Press states that the origins of such a tax can be traced to last July, when the EPA released documents outlining how the Clean Air Act could regulate greenhouse gases. Farm groups such as the Agricultural Agency and The Farm Bureau seized on the proposed tax and issued warnings of the costly process of acquiring annual emission permits for cows: \$175 for dairy cows; \$80 for beef cows (pigs, if it comes to it, would cost a mere \$20).

Lisa Jackson, an EPA administrator, called the whole notion "ridiculous."

If you're laughing, so am I, as are a lot of other folks. The idea of taxing cow farts (hereafter referred to as gas or flatulence so I don't get run out of town) has generated tons of discussion in chat rooms and on blogs.

It's also resulted in some hilarious headlines in newspapers and on news websites:

*This is one tax that stinks! Proposed cow tax is bull!*  
*One clever headline referring to methane emissions produced by agriculture and industry read: What do cows and cars have in common? (No, not horns).*

Cows, if you believe the claims, are a leading cause of methane in the atmosphere, a major component of greenhouse gas (hops and sheep have been implicated, too). Their flatulence and belching are helping power the engines of dreaded global warming.

Enterprising scientists in Argentina, interested in reducing their country's carbon footprint, have been strapping plastic expandable packs on their livestock's backs and measuring their daily gas output which, according to statistics, is considerable.

However, a report just

## THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

issued from Reuters states the climate bill will exclude cow methane production after all. The EPA was directed not to include enteric fermentation — the fancy term for the gas created by a cow's digestion processes — in the limit it would place on greenhouse gas emissions.

The farmers are relieved, I'm sure, to be free of the headache and financial strain potentially imposed by such regulation.

But, I'm not sure the idea should be entirely dismissed. I've been unlucky enough to be standing behind a large bovine when it decided to let fly with a particularly voluminous amount of enteric fermentation. It was enough to render me unconscious and singe the eyebrows off my face.

Herein lies a more economical and green solution than the expensive and dangerous solid rocket fuel used to propel the space shuttle into orbit. Feed about 50 dairy cows a heavy meal, strap the shuttle on their backs, herd them onto

an inclined ramp and get the heck out of dodge.

The challenge will be getting them all to "emit" simultaneously. Maybe the guys from Argentina can figure that one out.



Measuring cow gas.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### We've severed ties

Dear Editor:

The Baker Bunch, Inc. regrets to announce that due to circumstances beyond its control, the organization found it necessary to terminate its association with Bryan Rhoden and his property located at the end of Steel Bridge Road known as the Boy Scout Camp and/or St. Mary's Cove Landing.

This letter is written to inform the public that the celebration advertised for the July 4th weekend has been cancelled. Effective immediately, there will not be any more fund raising activities sponsored by The Baker Bunch Inc., that have any affiliation with this said property or property owner.

The board of directors deeply apologizes to all the merchants, businesses and volunteers who have worked on the event and given of their time, money and goods.

The Baker Bunch Inc., and its board members feel it important to let the public know that any money given to Bryan Rhoden, or any other representative of Bryan Rhoden, in order to gain access and to enjoy his property will no longer go towards helping abused and neglected children, or women affected by domestic violence.

Nikki White  
 The Baker Bunch, Inc.

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Intervals of clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Thunderstorms possible in the afternoon	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible; warm	Partly sunny and humid	Humid and rainy	Turning cloudy, humid; a little p.m. rain
High: 94° Low: 70°	High: 94° Low: 72°	High: 92° Low: 74°	High: 92° Low: 74°	High: 93° Low: 73°	High: 92° Low: 72°	High: 92° Low: 72°

## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook



## Tides

Cedar Key	Jun. 25	Jun. 26	Jun. 27	Jun. 28	Jun. 29	Jun. 30	Jul. 1
First high	5:12 a.m.	5:48 a.m.	6:25 a.m.	7:02 a.m.	7:43 a.m.	8:29 a.m.	9:20 a.m.
First low	10:22 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	12:03 a.m.	12:44 a.m.	1:26 a.m.	2:12 a.m.	3:06 a.m.
Second high	4:07 p.m.	5:03 p.m.	6:02 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	8:29 p.m.	9:59 p.m.	11:29 p.m.
Second low	11:21 p.m.	—	12:11 p.m.	1:13 p.m.	2:22 p.m.	3:39 p.m.	4:55 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Jun. 25	Jun. 26	Jun. 27	Jun. 28	Jun. 29	Jun. 30	Jul. 1
First high	10:55 a.m.	11:51 a.m.	12:13 a.m.	1:05 a.m.	1:57 a.m.	2:50 a.m.	3:45 a.m.
First low	4:51 a.m.	5:42 a.m.	6:36 a.m.	7:31 a.m.	8:26 a.m.	9:19 a.m.	10:11 a.m.
Second high	11:21 p.m.	—	12:47 p.m.	1:43 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	3:37 p.m.	4:34 p.m.
Second low	5:00 p.m.	5:58 p.m.	6:59 p.m.	8:03 p.m.	9:06 p.m.	10:06 p.m.	11:02 p.m.

Mayport	Jun. 25	Jun. 26	Jun. 27	Jun. 28	Jun. 29	Jun. 30	Jul. 1
First high	11:34 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:50 p.m.	1:43 a.m.	2:38 a.m.	3:35 a.m.	4:33 a.m.
First low	5:00 a.m.	5:55 a.m.	6:51 a.m.	7:47 a.m.	8:42 a.m.	9:35 a.m.	10:26 a.m.
Second high	11:57 p.m.	—	1:27 p.m.	2:25 p.m.	3:25 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	5:22 p.m.
Second low	5:08 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	8:21 p.m.	9:24 p.m.	10:23 p.m.	11:19 p.m.

St. Augustine	Jun. 25	Jun. 26	Jun. 27	Jun. 28	Jun. 29	Jun. 30	Jul. 1
First high	11:31 a.m.	11:57 a.m.	12:19 p.m.	1:11 a.m.	2:03 a.m.	2:58 a.m.	3:51 a.m.
First low	4:53 a.m.	5:44 a.m.	6:38 a.m.	7:33 a.m.	8:28 a.m.	9:21 a.m.	10:13 a.m.
Second high	11:27 p.m.	—	12:53 p.m.	1:49 p.m.	2:46 p.m.	3:43 p.m.	4:40 p.m.
Second low	5:02 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:01 p.m.	8:05 p.m.	9:08 p.m.	10:08 p.m.	11:04 p.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday ..... 6:28 a.m.  
 Sunset Thursday ..... 6:34 p.m.  
 Moonrise Thursday ..... 9:57 a.m.  
 Moonset Thursday ..... 11:13 p.m.

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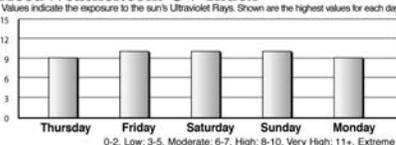
## Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Jun. 22.

Temperature  
 High/Low for the week ..... 89°/70°  
 Normal high/low ..... 89°/70°  
 Average temperature ..... 83.9°  
 Normal average temperature 79.7°

Precipitation  
 Total for the week ..... 0.18"  
 Total for the month ..... 2.66"  
 Total for the year ..... 30.86"  
 Normal for the month ..... 3.85"  
 Normal for the year ..... 21.24"

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## Solunar Table

The solunar period schedule allows planning days when 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.

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Jun 25	1:32 a.m.	7:48 a.m.	2:03 p.m.	8:18 p.m.
Jun 26	2:39 a.m.	8:53 a.m.	3:07 p.m.	9:21 p.m.
Jun 27	3:41 a.m.	9:54 a.m.	4:07 p.m.	10:20 p.m.
Jun 28	4:39 a.m.	10:51 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	11:15 p.m.
Jun 29	5:30 a.m.	11:42 a.m.	5:54 p.m.	—
Jun 30	6:18 a.m.	12:05 a.m.	6:41 p.m.	12:29 p.m.
Jul 1	7:03 a.m.	12:51 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	1:14 p.m.

## River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	.....	11.93	+1.24
St. Marks at Newport	.....	6.26	-0.02
Auclia at Lamont	.....	9.0	+0.46
Santa Fe at Fort White	.....	24.0	-0.06
Suwannee at White Springs	.....	56.62	-0.60

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## COURT

# Five years for trafficking

## She sold percocet to informant

A Macclenny woman was sent off to state prison for five years on Monday of this week after pleading to trafficking in prescription drugs.



Sharon Jackson

Sharon Jackson, 50, will have to serve a minimum of three years before her release, and then she will be on drug-offender probation an additional five years.

Ms. Jackson was arrested in August of last year after police arranged an undercover purchase of 20 pills of the drug percocet from her at an address off CR 127 north of Sanderson.

Circuit Judge James Nilon also ordered Ms. Jackson to pay a \$50,000 fine. She has a prior criminal record that includes fraud and theft.

A lengthy prior record figured into the 20.5 month prison sentence handed down June 22 to James Beard of Lake City for felony battery of his girlfriend at a Macclenny residence in March of this year.



James Beard

In return for Mr. Beard's plea as a repeat offender, the state dropped accompanying counts of resisting arrest, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

The defendant, 40, has a criminal past that includes battery, obstructing police, drunk driving and drug possession. The sentence handed down June 23 will be followed by a two-year probationary period.

Mr. Beard was arrested for beating and choking Julia Crews at a residence off Adams Rd.

In other cases heard on the criminal docket this week:

- Roger Dell Bennett was given a year on house arrest followed by three years on drug-offender probation in return for his plea to felony drunk driving. He was assessed a \$2000 fine and ordered to attend group therapy meetings weekly.
- Mr. Bennett was adjudicated guilty as a repeat offender.
- Marvin Davis pleaded no contest to a similar charge and

also got a year of house arrest. He will be on probation a year after that. Judge Nilon revoked Mr. Davis' license permanently and ordered the same counseling and fine as in the Bennett case.

Dustin Irish was given 42 days already served in county jail, an 18-month drug-offender probation and 50 hours of community service in return for a no contest plea to obtaining a prescription by fraud, reckless driving and sale and possession of a controlled drug.

Aaron Taylor and Douglas Wilds Jr. were given identical five-year probation terms after pleading to aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony. Mr. Taylor was ordered to undergo psycho-sexual evaluation and have no contact with the victim.

Mr. Wilds was ordered to have no contact with his victim also, and no contact with anyone under 18 years of age.

Judge Nilon withheld adjudication of guilt in the case of Rachel Rhoden after her no contest plea to obtaining prescription drugs by fraud. She will begin a two-year probation as a drug offender.

An eight-month jail term followed by a two-year probation were ordered for Justin Leatherwood after his no contest plea to burglary, grand theft and felony

criminal mischief. Judge Nilon also ordered him to undergo mental health treatment and pay restitution to be determined later.

A number of defendants admitted to violating probation from earlier offenses and were given time in county jail. They include Felicity Crawford for driving on a suspended license; Christie Raulerson for sale and possession of drugs and felony petty theft; Steven Stiles for driving on a suspended license.

Derrick Williams admitted to a probation violation and was ordered to perform 50 hours of community service and pay a \$250 fine. He pleaded to driving on a suspended license.

A capias warrant was ordered for the arrest of William Tatum, who failed to appear on charges of burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief.

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# Free mosquito repellent

The Baker County Health Department is offering free mosquito repellent to help combat the spread of diseases commonly transmitted by the insects during the summer rainy season, the most active period for mosquitoes.

The Florida Department of Health, along with other state and local agencies, monitor mosquito-borne illnesses like West Nile virus, St. Louis Encephalitis and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

The public is urged to take a number of precautions to prevent the spread of such diseases by:

- Avoiding the outdoors at dusk and dawn because that's when mosquitoes feed.
- Wearing clothing that covers most of your skin.
- Using repellents that contain up to 30 percent DEET.
- Ridding property of standing water.

"These precautions have helped prevent the spread of mosquito-borne illness in Florida as there have been no human cases of locally acquired mosquito diseases in 2008 and 2009," wrote Terry Graham, the county's environmental health director, in an e-mail to *The Press* this week.

The free repellent will be available at the county's environmental health office on North 3rd St. behind the county courthouse until the supply runs out — limit two per family.

"Our limited supply is what is left over from the Tropical Storm Fay event last year and I do expect to run out," he said.

Baker and other area counties have also requested that state authorities spray aerially to control mosquito populations to reduce

the public's risk of illness. Symptoms of mosquito diseases include headache, fever, dizziness and fatigue and children and adults older than 50 are at the highest risk for serious illnesses.

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Tina Smith of Baker Title and Barbara Yarbrough at recent closing on land for CoA.

# CoA buys land for \$255K

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The Council on Aging's hunt for a place to locate its new senior center ended June 12 when the organization bought five acres in southwest Macclenny for \$254,933.

About a dozen clients of the existing senior center on East Macclenny Avenue joined the council's board of directors and Executive Director Mary Baxla that afternoon in finalizing the sale with property owner Donnie Starling at Baker Title.

After closing documents were signed and the check changed hands, the seniors cheered, applauded and posed for pictures with board chairwoman Barbara Yarbrough.

Then the group went to view the property — located behind Winn-Dixie at the corner of Buck Starling and Willis Hodges roads — and removed the For Sale sign that hung on a nearby tree.

The council has been searching for a senior center site since May 2008, when it received \$750,000 from the Baker County Commission to help purchase property and build a facility.

The site was chosen from at least a dozen other potential locations, each evaluated for ease and safety of access, suitability with the surrounding neighborhood, availability of utilities and price.

"The price of some of the others were just exorbitant and not negotiable," said Ms. Yarbrough. "The price on this one we felt was



The council's David Kurtz removes the for sale sign at the property.

very affordable."

However, the multi-purpose center is envisioned to include emergency shelter, bus maintenance, adult day care, store front and chapel areas.

"We've got a long road ahead to get the money for a building," Ms. Baxla told the seniors.

Though conceptual plans for the new facility are still being drafted, Ms. Yarbrough said it will likely cost \$3 million and measure at least 125,000 square feet.

After spending about \$51,000 an acre for the land, the organization has about \$495,000 left

over for development and construction of the center, which means about \$2.5 million is still needed.

A consultant working off a \$50,000 grant from the Washington D.C.-based Community Transportation Association is expected to present the council with a site sketch this month or in early July.

Once the site plan is configured, Ms. Yarbrough said the council will hire an architect to draw up more detailed plans that should help in securing additional grants for construction.

# Choked his wife in parking lot

A Macclenny husband reportedly choked his wife in the Pizza Hut parking lot June 17 shortly after noon while in the presence of their 3-year-old daughter.

Selena Holland, 32, and Stanley Holland, 28, have a history of domestic violence. Ms. Holland told Deputy Scotty Rhoden when filing the complaint a few hours later.

His report of the incident states the couple had not been living together the previous week and were arguing over clothing and other issues when Ms. Holland says the suspect reached over their daughter from the passenger side of the vehicle to choke her.

Ms. Holland didn't want her husband immediately arrested, but pursued a battery charge against him and said she would petition for a domestic violence injunction, said Deputy Rhoden.

The charge was filed with the state attorney's office and the Department of Children and Families was notified of the incident due to the child's presence.

Two children, boys ages 5 and 7 months, were also present during a disturbance on Eastwood Road in Macclenny in which Richard Johnson, 23, allegedly pulled his wife to the ground by her purse and choked her at their residence the afternoon of June 20.

The wife, Mindy Johnson, 23, told Deputy Tony Norman the couple had been experiencing marital problems and were arguing about 2:00 when the violence

occurred.

The officer noted redness to the victim's arm and neck area and the older son confirmed she was attacked by Mr. Johnson. He was arrested and faces a misdemeanor charge of battery.

In other domestic violence cases reported this past week:

- The live-in boyfriend of a 19-year-old Glen St. Mary woman was arrested the afternoon of June 19 for allegedly hitting her in the face during an argument at the corner of Wildcat Drive and US 90 where their vehicle broke down.

Deputy Ben Anderson's report states the victim, Kendra Russell, said Gregory Andrews, 26, later

threw a stool into a window and the shattered glass cut her arm while at their Andrala Place residence. A photo was taken of the injury.

Ms. Russell also advised her boyfriend may have fled to a friend's house on Rufus Powers Rd. where the officer found him hiding in a shower.

He faces charges of battery and aggravated assault with a weapon. The latter is a felony.

- Billie Mackey, 41, of Sanderson was arrested for domestic battery after allegedly hitting and kicking her husband, 51-year-old Ralph Mackey, about 12:30 am at their residence on CR 122 June 21.

# Two mowers stolen

Two Snapper riding lawn mowers were stolen from a maintenance shed west of the Baker County High School campus overnight on June 15.

Employee Robert Guy initially told police one mower was missing that morning when he found that a lock had been cut on a rear gate. Four days later, Mr. Guy reported the second mower missing. Their value was not listed in the incident report by Deputy Chris Walker.

It is the second night burglary at the high school the past month. Shortly after school dismissed for the summer, several classrooms were entered and equipment belonging to teachers taken.

In other reports, a video camera of undetermined value was taken from the residence of Randall Smith on Copper Creek Dr. in Macclenny while he was away on vacation June 19-21.

The owner's daughter Kimberly Padgett told Deputy Walker she was at the residence June 21 and observed a white vehicle parked nearby when she left. While there she didn't notice that a rear door had been kicked open to gain entry.

- Jack Parker reported two rings valued at \$2000 were missing from his garage off Thomas Circle east of Macclenny at midday on June 17.

He told Deputy Earl Lord he placed them on a brick wall while tinting windows, and said he knows who may have taken them. He refused to identify the person to police.

# Store employee is accosted

A 17-year-old employee of Cuz's One Stop suffered a broken nose in an attack at the Sanderson convenience store the evening of June 14.

The victim reported the incident the following day to Deputy Matthew Riegel, saying he stepped outside the store and noticed a black male staring at him. A verbal confrontation ensued and several other black males approached causing the teen to retreat back inside the store located on the northeast corner of CR 127 and US 90.

The victim said a black male he knew only as "Jab" came inside the store and struck him twice in the face, causing a large contusion around the left eye that was noted by Deputy Riegel.

The Sanderson youth also complained of a possible injury to his nose, which was later discovered to be broken.

A photo line-up was presented to the victim June 16 by Deputy David Murray. The line-up included a photo of 32-year-old Kendrick Clayton, no address listed, who's known by law enforcement to use the nick name "Jap."

The victim identified Mr. Clayton as his attacker and a complaint for battery was forwarded to the state attorney's office.

The prosecutor will also decide whether to pursue a battery charge against Angela Holloman, 43, of Glen St. Mary for allegedly grabbing the arm of her son's attorney Maria Rogers as she got on the elevator at the county courthouse the afternoon of June 15.

Ms. Rogers reported to courthouse deputies that as the suspect grabbed her, she told her she was a sorry attorney. Ms. Holloman stated she did accost the attorney because she was upset with the handling of her son's case, ac-

ording to a report from Deputy Charles Ross.

In other cases reported this past week:

- William Stewart, 24, Glen St. Mary was arrested for disorderly intoxication and obstruction without violence after becoming unruly during questioning the evening of June 17.

While investigating a disturbance on Woodlawn Park Place in which Mr. Stewart was reportedly arguing with a neighbor, Deputy Matt Sigers noted a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the suspect.

Mr. Stewart had to be secured in the officer's patrol car after repeatedly attempting to walk away from the deputy, reacting aggressively when the officer tried to

apprehend him, and threatening to beat up the deputy when he was off duty, according to Deputy Sigers. Mr. Stewart was also warned twice not to hit his head against the rear window of the vehicle.

- Police couldn't locate a witness to determine who damaged Jason Amerson's 2004 Chevy pickup about 1:00 am June 21 during a fight at Mac Liguors.

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GLEN TOWN COUNCIL

# Calls for 10% pay cuts Glen mayor concerned about cash

With revenues crimped further by a stalled water utility project on the town's north side, the mayor of Glen St. Mary proposed last week that all employees take a 10 percent pay cut in the coming fiscal year.

Mayor Juanice Padgett said continued depletion of Glen's cash reserves is causing her concern, and suggested the belt-tightening also include both herself and the remaining four members of the town's board.

She estimates the reduction will result in a \$12,000 savings in fiscal 2010 when benefits including retirement are factored in.

"I'm getting a little concerned. I see this day-to-day and I'd rather take the 10 percent than to worry about what we're going to do otherwise," said Ms. Padgett during the council's regular meeting the evening of June 16.

Her proposal was prefaced somewhat by Clay Lyons of the Macclenny accounting firm Lyons and

Lyons, on hand to present an audit of the 2008 fiscal year that ended in September.

The document reflected an \$88,583 drop in net assets that included the recent \$20,000 pay-out to settle a lawsuit over Glen charging a commercial developer for separate utility hookups at a renovated property on US 90 east.

The remainder was taken up with depreciation expenses related to the cost of two utility bond issues — for water on the south side of US 90 and sewer installation on the main thoroughfare.

Mr. Lyons pointed out that the four council members present that Glen's cash position was down again last year and "we're using up our resources."

Reaction by council members to Mayor Padgett's suggestion on the salary cuts that also include the town's three other employees was muted.

Councilman Woody Crews was absent.

Councilman Perry Hays was the most vocal, however, initially saying the measure "does not sound right number-wise to me." Later in the meeting, he suggested Glen consider reductions in other areas like donations to the Chamber of Commerce or Council on Aging.

Council members make \$200 a month; Mayor Padgett, whose position is also part-time as town administrator, makes \$1567.

The matter will be resurrected during a workshop following the July regular meeting, during which the mayor promised a more detailed look at the shrinking cash supply. Glen St. Mary (see inset) does not tax, but instead relies heavily on licensing, franchise fees and state revenue sharing for cash.

In other business June 16:

• The board voted to reimburse Guy and Susie Taylor \$2250 for utility hookup fees on their commercial property on US 90. The Taylors made the

## Financial snapshot

The mayor of Glen St. Mary last week urged the town council to address a declining cash surplus by considering a 10 percent pay reduction the next fiscal year — applicable to the five-member board and three other employees.

Here's a snapshot of Glen's finances, culled from both the recent financial statements as of May 30 and an audit of fiscal 2008.

- The town's net assets dropped to \$1,598 million last year from \$1,686 million in fiscal 2007. Most of the total is in infrastructure, but the drop came in current assets [cash] in the form of \$20,000 to settle a utility hook-up lawsuit and \$62,000 in depreciation and amortization expenses.
- Glen St. Mary through May was operating at a \$5300 loss, less than the \$20,300 anticipated in its current \$201,770 budget.
- Its income for the same period was \$123,000, about \$4000 less than anticipated.
- Its expenses through May were \$128,300, less than \$147,430 budgeted.
- Cash on hand at the close of fiscal 2008: \$270,377.

payment several years ago because the building has four water meters. No fees were charged for connecting to the sewer lines.

The repayment reflects the recent settlement of a lawsuit by Savage Enterprises seeking a refund because the town did not have an ordinance authorizing hookup fees for multi-office commercial at the time.

• Heard from Mayor Padgett that she was advised nothing in the town's zoning regulations prohibits her from moving her real estate office to her home off CR 125 north.

Ms. Padgett, a partner in Florida Crown Realty, said the economic slump necessitated the move. She checked with Glen's zoning consultant Tony Robbins on the matter.

• Voted to seek bids on an unused 1993 Ford Ranger pickup.

## Vehicle burglaries linked?

Police are looking into a possible link in a rash of nighttime vehicle burglaries in the Macclenny area last week, the first three of which took place late on June 15 or during the early morning hours June 16.

Brian Harrington said \$2600 in property including two DVDS were taken from his 2007 Chevy residence truck parked outside his holiday off Fox Run Circle. There was no sign of forced entry into the vehicle, and the owner told police he discovered the burglary about 2:00 am when leaving for work.

Other missing items included a DVD player, cell phone and knife.

Jamie Webb reported a similar burglary at his residence in a connecting north city neighborhood. His 2008 Ford pickup was entered and an MP3 player, a phone ear piece and glasses taken. Value of the loss was placed at \$180.

Mr. Webb told police he had locked the vehicle. There was no sign of forced entry.

Across North Boulevard on N. 4th St., someone entered a 2001 Chrysler belonging to Ashley Bryant and made off with an MP3, purse, wallet and necklace

all valued at \$445.

The victim's mother told Deputy Matt Riegel her dogs barked about 4:30 that morning. The car was unlocked and nothing was taken from a pickup truck parked in the same driveway.

Tiffany Strait of Macclenny parked her mother's 1999 Mazda behind Winn-Dixie on South 6th for about an hour during the early hours of June 20, when someone ransacked the interior and took a camera, purse, checks and earnings. Value of the loss was \$550.

Deputy David Murray said entry was via a pried rear window

on the passenger side, and it appeared an attempt was made to break the front window.

The same night, a power drill valued at \$170 was taken from a tool box in the bed of a 1997 Ford pickup parked at the residence of Charles Broome on Blueberry Lane in Macclenny.

Mr. Broome said other tools were scattered on the lawn nearby.

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## Agrees to return of purloined cycle parts

A Sanderson woman sought to avoid a criminal complaint for burglary and theft against a relative on the condition he return several motorcycle parts he allegedly took from her address off Pine Ridge Dr. on June 18.

Krystal Cannon told police she returned home about 9:30 that morning to find Michael Bailey, 36, of Sanderson on her front porch accompanied by another white male who was not named.

She told Deputy Jared Peterson that Mr. Bailey acted nervous when confronted, and she later learned the parts had been taken from behind and inside the residence.

On June 22 Deputy Peterson said he was told that Mr. Bailey was back on the premises after being warned to stay away.

In other recent petty theft cases:

• Tammy Waters, 43, of Macclenny was named in a criminal complaint for attempting to leave Walmart the afternoon of June 17 with merchandise she had placed in a bag.

A store security worker said she observed Ms. Waters removing price tags from items with a total value of \$170, and confronted her when she reached the front entrance.

A payroll check worth \$237 and issued to Raymond Finton of Macclenny was forged and cashed earlier this month or in late May at the Raceway station off SR 121.

Mr. Finton said the check from his former employer Pallet Companies, Inc. was to be held for him at the Walmart Distribution Center. There is a suspect.

A Blackberry phone valued at \$175 was reported taken from a chair in the driveway of a residence off Huckleberry Trail in Macclenny on June 19.

Owner Christopher Romo told police he suspects nearby construction workers may be involved, though all denied knowledge. He told Deputy Matt Riegel the phone was used that day. He reported the incident on June 20.

Two knives, a wallet and debit card were taken from a parked and unlocked 1996 Toyota pickup between 2:30 am and 1:00 pm on June 15. Owner Justin Ploucher told police the vehicle was parked in his driveway off E. Ohio in Macclenny.

A wallet, credit card and identification were taken from the residence of Jeremy Anderson off US 90 in Macclenny between 10:00 am-4:00 pm on June 16. He named a relative as a possible suspect.

Two bicycles valued at \$250 were stolen from near the Little St. Mary's River bridge on US 90 between 5:00-7:00 pm on June 15.

Daniel Fields of Macclenny, owner of one of the bikes, told police he loaned it to a relative who went to the river to swim. The second bike's owner was not identified.

## Health fair June 27

A community health fair will be held June 27 from 9:00 am noon at the ag center. Attendance is free. To participate as a vendor please contact Karen McCollum for registration information at 397-9107. The fair is sponsored by local businesses.

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CASE NO. 2009-CA-0001

GREEN TREE SERVICING, L.L.C. / F/K/A CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING, CORP., 7408 Fallerton Street, Suite 201 Jacksonville, Florida 32256, Plaintiff, v. MICHAEL R. RAYBURN, ANTY W. RAYBURN, CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC., CLAY AND BAKER KIDS NET, AND STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 09, 2009 and entered in Case No. 02-2008-CA-000056 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and CHAD E. BENNETT, KRISTYL L. BENNETT, SUMMIT BANK, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM on the 14th day of July, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG 54 1/4 SEC EAST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 29 A DISTANCE OF 104.62 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF TOM WILKERSON ROAD (A 59.75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED); THENCE SOUTH 00 DEG 39 MIN 44 SEC WEST ON SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 296.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEG 39 MIN 44 SEC WEST ON SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 79.15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 23-R (AN 80 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED); SOLD POINT LINGS ON A CURVE CONTOURING NORTHERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1859.86 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY AROUND SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 467.01 FEET TO A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14 DEG 18 MIN 36 SEC; SAID ARC BEING SUSTAINED BY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 75 DEG 37 MIN 21 SEC EAST A DISTANCE OF 466.80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEG 10 MIN 30 SEC WEST, A DISTANCE OF 197.36 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG 40 MIN 30 SEC WEST, A DISTANCE OF 449.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 BELL COUNTY HOMES INC., 32 X 76 MOBILE HOME, VIN #G8HMM2523AB, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash at the inside the front doors of the Baker County Courthouse, 539 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 14 day of July, 2009.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-00036 DIVISION

CLARENCE JONES, III, PATRICIA ADDISON, DWIGHT JONES, CAROLYN CURRY, LEONARD JONES, LORETTA WEST, KIMBERLY JONES, TOMMY BROWN, DAVID JONES, DEBRA BARNES, and LORI BARNES, PLAINTIFF, vs. WILLIE LENA ALSTIN, YARBOROUGH MOBILE HOMES, INC., CHRISTOPHER SHARP, ASHLEY SHARP, HAROLD SHARP, INEZ S. DONALDSON, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: WILLIE LENA ALSTIN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Suit to Quiet Title has been filed in the following described property:

Commence at a point where the west line of West Boulevard of the Town of Macclenny intersects with the South Right of Way of the S.A.L. Railroad; thence run S 10 deg. 36' E along the West line of said West Boulevard 343 feet and to the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 10 deg. 36' E along said West Right of Way line 83.5 feet; thence S 81 deg. 07'05" W, 830.28 feet and to the East line of Learning Oaks Subdivision as described in Plat Book 3, Page 94 or the public records of Baker County, Florida; Thence N 10 deg. 36' W, 33.6 feet; thence N 7 deg. 24'00" E, 276.22 feet; thence N 10 deg. 36' W, 21 feet; thence N 73 deg. 24' E, 353.1 feet and to the West Right of Way line of West Boulevard; and to the Point of Beginning. All living and being in the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 2 South, Range 22 East of Baker County, Florida.

Witness my hand and Seal of this Court on this 27th day of May, 2009.

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# In a frenzy to steal ATVs Caught with one; wanted 4 others

A Callahan man was arrested June 20 on five felony counts including burglary, grand theft and property damage for allegedly taking an \$8000 ATV from an unlocked garage and attempting to steal four more ATVs from another residence, both on Huckleberry Trail in Macclenny.

About 3:45 that morning, deputies Thomas Dyal and William Starling responded to Violet Lane on a reckless driving complaint and observed a Polaris Sportsman 500 being ridden in a nearby backyard.

When they got closer, Deputy Dyal said he could see the ATV had been parked behind the house, and occupant Cathy Cohen told the officers her brother, Alvin Epperly, 29, had left it there.

Mr. Epperly — who had an active warrant from Nassau County — reportedly fled from the residence, returned about a half-hour later and admitted to police he'd stolen the Polaris and attempted a second theft, according to Sgt. Dyal.

The suspect directed the officers to 11764 Huckleberry Trail, where they found a 2007 Dodge pickup with an ATV in the rear bed, plus a trailer with three more of the vehicles.

The driver's side window had been broken, presumably using a concrete statue found nearby, and the ignition was damaged in an apparent attempt to hot wire the vehicle. While talking with the owner of the truck, police were advised that another call came in reporting a stolen Polaris from 5527 Huckleberry Trail.

Mr. Epperly was also charged with violation of an injunction and criminal mischief, both mis-

demeanors.

In other grand theft cases reported this past week:

- Ed Fraser Memorial employee Terri Thornburg, 48, no address listed, was accused June 18 of stealing a \$300 payment and later agreed to return the money when asked by sheriff's office investigator Steve Harvey the following day to take a truth test.

- "[The suspect] said she had enough money with her to repay the entire amount rather than take a truth verification examination and have her name in the newspaper," states Mr. Harvey's report.

- Maria Allen of the hospital's finance office said she intended to fire Ms. Thornburg June 22 and agreed not to pursue a theft charge if the money was returned.

- A Maxwell woman was arrested for fraud after cashing two bad checks totaling \$205 at the Fastway on Woodlawn Road the afternoon of June 20.

- The convenience store's owner Rubina Ali said Kathy Waters, 31, had come in every day for a week attempting to cash checks for as much as \$3000 and was told no checks from her would be cashed.

- Crystal Parker, the clerk working when the alleged fraud occurred, was unaware of that ban and discovered the checks were from a closed account after she cashed them.

- Ms. Waters initially said she didn't know the Bank of America account was closed, but later said she did know and simply grabbed the wrong checkbook by mistake, according to the arresting officer's report.

- Mary Dugger reported the

theft of her \$800 laptop computer from a residence at 12699 N. CR 23A in Macclenny about midday June 20.

Ms. Dugger named a former roommate at the address as a possible suspect because other property belonging to Lyndie Sweeney had been picked up about the same time from the unlocked home.

According to police, Ms. Sweeney said she gave her sister permission to pick up the property and the sister, Hannah Sweeney, denied knowledge of the missing computer.

- Tools were the main target of thieves in two other cases this week in the Glen St. Mary area.

- Robert Harris reported about \$550 worth of tools and other property taken from under a tarp at 8122 Ponsell Nursery Rd. on June 15. Mr. Harris left the items including appliances and silk flowers about 1:30 am while moving, and returned about noon to find them missing.

- Walter Perryman named his son, Jeffrey Perryman, 29, in the theft of about \$2260 worth of tools from his workshop at 10920 Westside St. on June 17.

- The suspect admitted to pawning the property with hopes of purchasing them back before his father returned home, according to police.

- The father declined to pursue charges against his son.

## Free HIV testing

The Baker County Health Department will be offering free HIV testing in observance of National HIV Testing Day, Friday, June 26, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the health department on Lowder Street. For more information, please call 259-6291 ext. 2240.

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# Campaign to eradicate weed

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Cogon grass is considered one of the top ten worst weeds in the world, and it's here in Baker County.

The aggressive, noxious plant is native to Asia and is proving even more problematic than the ubiquitous kudzu, which has plagued the southeastern United States for decades.

That's why the Florida Division of Forestry is promoting a Pilot Cost-Share program for treatment and control of it.

"So far, Baker County is luckier than other parts of Florida," said county forester Andy Lamborn. "Although it's definitely here, the infestation is relatively mild at this point."

But that scenario will quickly change unless existing areas with the rapid-spreading cogon grass are controlled and preventive measures adopted by citizens to guard against further infestation.

The department reports that in 1911, cogon grass was unintentionally introduced into the United States through Mobile, Ala. when it was used as packing material in shipping crates.

Ironically, in the 1930s the U.S. Department of Agriculture actually promoted its use as a forage grass for livestock and as a soil stabilizer to combat erosion. Florida embraced it for both reasons.

Because of its high silica content and sharp edges, it turned out to be unsuitable for forage (even goats won't eat it). While it does stabilize the soil, it gobbles up nutrients and water, becomes impossibly dense and quickly chokes out native plants. This ruins habitats for native animal species such as gopher tortoise and indigo snakes. It also creates a severe, fast-burning fire hazard due to flammable oils contained in the leaf blades.

According to Greg MacDonald, a University of Florida weed scientist, between 500,000 and one million acres across 30 counties

in Florida have some levels of infestation.

Cogon grass has no natural enemies and unless eradicated by burning and chemical herbicide, grows unchecked.

It's notorious for quickly overtaking disturbed areas such as roadsides, cleared lands and forestry plantations.

In one documented case it displaced 80 percent of the resident plant community of longleaf pine flatwoods in just three years.

Cogon grass blades can reach a height of four feet and are yellowish-green in color. Although not readily visible to the eye, the edges of the grass blade are serrated. It grows in dense, field-like mono-cultures, displacing other plants. The seed head is a fuzzy white plume. The main vein of the leaf blade is off-center which helps in identification.

Machinery used for roadside maintenance and land clearing is a major way the weed is spread and established. Cogon grass seeds and rhizome matter (root segments) stick to equipment and may be transferred to another site. The weed is notorious for its regenerative properties. Even a speck of a rhizome is enough to produce a new plant.

For this reason, Baker County's road department is participating in a Cogon grass management workshop in Jasper County. Workers will be trained in identification, treatment methods and preventive measures.

Mr. Lamborn urges Baker County landowners to be on the lookout for Cogon grass on their property.

Participation in the cost-share treatment program can benefit landowners by increasing their land management options, protecting property values and decreasing potential fire hazards. Effective treatment must be done for two consecutive seasons to be effective.

Registration for the program ends July 31. For more information call The Baker County Division of Forestry at 259-5128.



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Andy Lamborn examines a stand of Cogon grass on CR 125 north of Glen St. Mary.

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# A seamstress and a soldier

## Their love affair began in liberated Paris

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The year was 1944 and for the first time in four years, French citizens walked freely in the streets of their beloved Paris. The city had finally been liberated from German occupation and there was much celebration.

Curious about the Americans who had freed her country from years of tyranny, the beautiful young French girl came every morning to "the rope," a simple barrier that cordoned off the troops.

Behind the rope soldiers rested, played cards or maintained equipment and weapons. Soon, they would press on into Germany and The Battle of the Bulge.

One particular American caught the girl's eye. He didn't speak French. She couldn't speak English. Another young girl who happened to be present was fluent in both languages and translated their questions. He told her his name was Donald Wilson. He learned that she was Jacqueline Bulant.

"I was on my way to see if the shop where I had formerly worked might be open," said the woman who eventually became Ms. Wilson. "It was a long way. I had to walk past the Arch de Triumph."

Every day for the next week, she sought Donald Wilson out. Through the bi-lingual girl, who always seemed to be around, the two communicated and got to know each other. One day she brought him home to her parents' apartment for lunch.

"Food rationing was so severe during the occupation. Many people lost their teeth because of malnourishment," said the former Jacqueline Bulant. "I don't remember what we had to eat, but I do remember lots of radishes. We could not have conversation, but somehow we managed to communicate."

Before the war, the young Jacqueline had become a level two seamstress (sort of like playing second violin in an orchestra) and landed a position working for Ellen Rouff, one of Paris' major fashion houses. The talented seamstress sewed garments for such high profile clients as the Duchess of Windsor. Her world changed drastically when the German occupation of Paris began in 1940.

Her parents, Yolande and Andre Bulant, had both survived the First World War. Afraid of what conditions would be like, Mrs. Bulant took her children and fled into the countryside where they hid for four months, often

sleeping in barns. Her father had left before them, working somewhere else for the war effort.

When he determined that they would be able to tolerate the conditions of the occupation, he got word to his family and they were reunited in their Paris apartment.

French citizens tried to carry on as normally as possible under the circumstances, made tough by the rationing that had been imposed.

"As long as you did what the Germans wanted, you could get by, but you didn't dare go against them," she said.

She was ultimately conscripted from her job at Ellen Rouff by the Germans and sent to work in a parachute factory. Interestingly, her first day at the factory coincided with the Normandy Invasion. Two months later, Paris was liberated.

Before he left for Germany, Donald asked Jacqueline for her address and told her he would write.

All soldiers say that, she remembers thinking to herself, hoping for but never truly expecting a letter. She was almost correct in that assumption. Months went by with no word from her American. Then one day, a letter finally arrived.

It had been a long, bitter winter in Germany. Struggling to survive, often within the confines of an armored tank during the Battle of the Bulge, Donald had not had much time to think about writing his French girl. But he certainly had not forgotten her.

When the promised letter finally arrived, Jacqueline's mother had to locate a friend who could read English.

Letters then began to arrive frequently, sometimes two in one day. Through their letters, the shy American soldier and the beautiful French seamstress fell in love.

Exactly one year to the day they first met, the two were united when Donald returned to Paris for a week's furlough. He gave her flowers and the promise of a ring. She understood that she must be patient. He would return to America soon and then send for her when he could.

Things began to return to normal in Paris. Businesses and schools reopened. Jacqueline



Jacqueline Wilson, with WWII memorabilia, holds the handmade French flag presented to her husband in 1944.

went back to work for Ellen Rouff and for the next ten months took English classes at the Sorbonne.

There remained a shortage of food and goods in France for many months after the war. Sometimes packages arrived from America, put together by Donald's mother. Once, Jacqueline received some shoes. In the contents of another, she found some Jello.

"We had no idea what Jello was. We made a drink with it," she said.

In America, Donald was busily amassing the \$1500 bond necessary for her to enter the States, plus her travel fare. He also started building his bride-to-be a small house next to his mother's home.

Jacqueline said goodbye to her family and traveled across the Atlantic to join her fiancé. Aboard the S.S. Washington, she claimed her bunk for the journey and discovered many other war brides on their way to join their

sweethearts. On the boat Jacqueline made friends with a Polish girl who had married an American soldier and was going to live in New Jersey. Some 63 years later, the two

women still communicate. "I will never forget how hard my heart began to beat when I saw the tall buildings on the New York City skyline and the Statue of Liberty. America meant so much to the French people because of our freedom," she said.

Donald met her at the boat. Never before had she seen him in civilian clothes. They went for a meal, to the movies, for a walk and then to a hotel. He kissed her good night at the door of her room and then left. The next morning, the couple boarded a bus bound for Tampa.

Much later, Jacqueline would learn that Donald only had enough money to pay for one hotel room. As his fiancé slept, he passed the rest of the night sitting in the lobby.

The couple set up housekeeping in the small unfinished house with sparse second-hand furnishings. Donald, in true gentlemanly fashion, slept on the sofa. The bride-to-be hastily sewed herself a wedding gown. One week later, they married in a Presbyterian church. She didn't understand the minister, but she knew how to say "I do," in English. Jacqueline Bulant of France was now Jacqueline Wilson of

America. "Oh, how I cried after the ceremony," said Mrs. Wilson. "I was sad because my parents were not with me."

It would be nine years before she saw her parents again in France.

Today, Mrs. Wilson, 84, and her husband, who recently turned 90, make their home in Macclenny, where they have family. Mrs. Wilson has lovingly kept her husband's WWII uniform and the tiny, tattered pocket-sized Bible he carried with him throughout Europe.

Another prized treasure is a small French flag, hand-made by a grateful citizen of Paris and given to Donald Wilson on the day of liberation.

"The American people have been wonderful to me," said Mrs. Wilson. "I have loved living in this country and will always be grateful for what Americans did for France."

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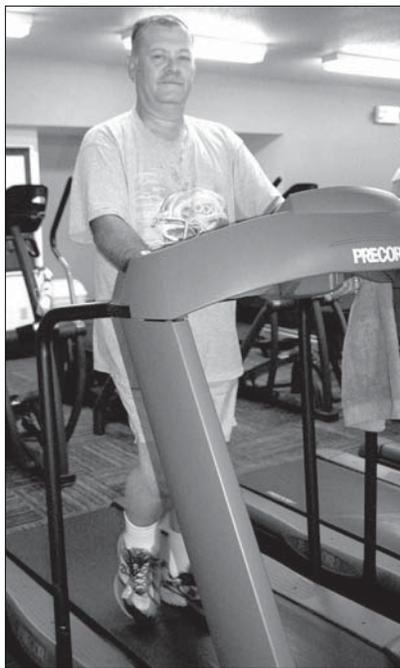
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Guy Ambrose on the treadmill.

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# A couch potato no more NEFSH nurse hit the treadmill

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Guy Ambrose can be found working out at the Baker County YMCA most Mondays and throughout the week as his job schedule at Northeast Florida State Hospital permits.

Despite being a nurse at the facility and his former career as an Army medical technician, the 56-year-old Baldwin resident wasn't paying much attention to his health and fitness until this year.

By his own admission, he'd become a couch potato since leaving the service.

"My blood pressure went up and then my wife and doctor started getting after me to do something about it," said Mr. Ambrose.

That led him to enroll in Get Fit, Stay Fit, the YMCA's 12-week program designed for people at any level of fitness, last January. He completed the program and has continued working out regularly.

Awareness of men's health, and success stories like those of Mr. Ambrose, is what National Men's Health Month each June is all about. It was established to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and

treatment of disease among men and boys. National Men's Health Week, June 15-21, was also observed this month in conjunction with Father's Day.

In the early part of the 20th century, women lived, on average, one year longer than men. Today men typically die over five years earlier than women. They are also more likely to become victims of conditions such as heart disease, stroke, cancer and depression.

According to the Men's Health Network, a higher percentage of men do not have health care coverage and typically make only one half as many physician visits. Men generally participate less in health screenings that can identify problems in the early stages when they are much more treatable.

Exercise and diet are two simple, proactive things men can do to help offset or prevent many of the common problems associated with the onset of age. Not smoking and limiting alcohol are also very important.

Through healthy cooking and regular workouts, Mr. Ambrose has been able to completely eliminate one of his high blood pressure medications and arrived at the opinion that exercise is something that is not optional.

"You just have to do it," he said, adding that starting a pro-

gram is the toughest part.

"I started with cardio and the elliptical machine," explained Mr. Ambrose. "You need a certain modicum of rhythm to work out on that and it was a challenge. It came to be what I enjoy most."

He also enjoys watching the Food Channel while completing the cardio portion of his workout because it gives him healthy cooking ideas and helps 30 minutes on the treadmill pass quickly.

In 2003, then Governor Jeb Bush recognized the need for men to become more engaged with the health care system and issued a Florida Men's Health Week proclamation to correspond with National Men's Health Week. The high points of the proclamation read as follows:

- Despite the advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of seven years less than women.

- Women visit their doctors more often than men, enabling them to detect health problems in their early stages. Educating the public and health care providers about the importance of early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from their diseases.

- Men who are educated about the value of preventive health will be more likely to participate in health screening.



Trevor Stout

## Brother arrives

Tyler Stout is pleased to announce the birth of brother Trevor Andrew Stout on June 4, 2009 in Des Moines, Iowa. Trevor weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 1/4" long. Proud parents are Gary and Corrine Stout of Des Moines.

Grandparents are Joe (PaPa Joe) and Pat (Granny Pat) Raulerson of Glen St. Mary.

## Family reunion

Descendants and friends of the Robinson B. Dugger and Isham J. Rhoden families are invited to attend the annual reunion at Lake Butler Community Center on June 28. It begins at 10:00 am through 2:00 pm, with a covered lunch at 12:30.

Bring a covered dish, photos and family history to share. Call Larry at 904-397-0377 or 993-5019 for more details.

# Summer camp in full swing at YMCA

If you've driven by the middle school and seen a bunch of smiling happy kids running around playing games and having a generally great time, then you've seen the Baker County Family YMCA summer day camp in action.

The Eco-Adventure Day Camp has about 75 kids ages 5-14. The camp runs all summer from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, concluding right as school starts.

Counselors are certified in CPR, first aid, swimming and life guarding. The kids learn arts and crafts, play games and go on field trips. They visit the YMCA pool on Mondays and Fridays.

Field trips include movies, bowling and ice skating. Kids have themed Fridays that include Hawaiian luau, Halloween in June and pajama parties.

It's not all play. The campers sing songs, learn sign language and take part in arts and crafts.

The camp this year is based around the environment and ecology with rooms decorated in ecological themes.

For more information contact the YMCA at 259-0898.



YMCA day campers at the playground.

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# July's gardening programs

**ALICIA LAMBORN  
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The following gardening programs have been scheduled during July at the ag center:

√ July 13th – Florida-Friendly Landscaping 6:00-7:30 pm. Learn to create and maintain attractive landscapes that enhance the community while protecting Florida's natural environment.

All participants will receive a Florida-friendly landscaping handbook which includes a guide for selecting Florida-friendly plant material. This program is

free; RSVP by calling 904-259-3520 or email alamborn@ufl.edu by Friday, July 10.

√ July 17th – Vermi-composting 10:30-11:30 am.

Vermi-composting uses worms rather than heat to break down materials, and can be used inside the home to reduce food waste. The worms break down the food, creating worm castings (manure) which can then be used as an excellent, nutrient-rich organic fertilizer and soil con-

ditioner for your house or landscape plants.

This class will teach participants how to care for red worms, what to feed them, and how to use their vermi-compost around the house (worms can also be used as fish bait). There is no charge for the class and all who attend will receive some worms to help them get started. No pre-registration is required; please call 259-3520 with any questions.

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## Wrap-up party

The wrap-up Party for the Baker Relay for Life is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 at the Woman's Club at 6:30 pm. This is the time we celebrate our hard work and talk about our future relays. We all worked hard this year and we want to thank everyone that participated.

This party is for team captains, team members and the planning committee. If you are interested in getting involved next year, please come and see what we are all about.

There will be food and drinks and some fun games – guests welcome. Any questions call JoAnn at 259-6942.

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**Wilma Beal, 97, dies on June 18th**

Wilma Lee Beal, 97, of Jacksonville died June 18, 2009. Born on July 11, 1911 in Danville, Georgia to Hoyt Edwin Thurmond and Minnie Lee Sanders, she moved to Jacksonville in 1925 where she lived the rest of her life. She was a long standing member of the former Lake Forest Baptist Church, where she taught 1st grade Sunday school for many years and was a kindergarten teacher for 17 years. She faithfully served in the children's ministry, WMU, visiting, choirs and meeting the needs of the church families.



Wilma Beal

At the time of her death, Mrs. Beal was a member of the Faith Bridge Church. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved to crochet, garden, read and cook. She was predeceased by husband Robert N. Beal.

Survivors include daughters Linda (Lyman) Friend, Linda (Ray) Hollister and Elaine (Will) Matz, all of Jacksonville; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters-in-laws; niece Sydney (Vinnie) Ferriera of Macclenny and other nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held June 22 at 11:00 am at her church. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Jacksonville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Faith Bridge Church children's ministry or Community Hospice of NE Florida. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Noel Hicks, 61, Bryceville native**

Noel Dwight Hicks, 61, of Hilliard died Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the McGraw Center in Jacksonville following a brief illness. He was a native of Bryceville and resided in Hilliard most of his life. He worked as a heavy equipment operator at the Anheuser-Busch brewery in Jacksonville before his retirement in 1981.

Mr. Hicks was a member of the New Life Baptist Church in St. George, GA, former member of the Army National Guard and a member of Teamsters Local Union #947 of Jacksonville. He was preceded in death by parents Kellon Leamon Hicks and Doris Green Hicks; brothers Deryl and Kenneth Hicks.

Survivors include wife Barbara Hicks of Hilliard; sons David (Amanda) Hicks of Hilliard and Donnie (Melissa) Hicks of St. George; sisters Geraldine Pickren of Brunswick, Billie Jones of Waldron, AR, Helen Conner of Hilliard and Debbie Knight of St. George; brother Clyde 'Bo' Hicks of Brunswick; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 am on June 20 at his church with Rev. James Conner officiating, assisted by Rev. Floyd Pickren. Interment followed at Conner-Green Cemetery, Nassau County. Guey Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

**July 4th celebration**

The First Baptist Church of St. George invites the public to its July 4th celebration beginning at 11:00 am and ending at 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. There will be entertainment for the children and local talent will perform.

**Sincere thanks**

The family of L.E. Parish would like to thank the entire community of Baker County for their prayers, kind acts of sympathy, food and flowers. A special thanks to the Baker County Sheriff's Department and the churches of the community and surrounding area, especially Taylor Church. These moments did lift our spirits during the loss of our loved one.

L.E. Parish Family

**Hazel Jacobs, 90, loved gardening**

Hazel Elizabeth Higginbotham Jacobs, 90, of Baldwin died June 17, 2009. Hazel was a member and the last surviving charter member of Grace Baptist Church in Baldwin. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She taught Sunday school in Baldwin and Dillon, SC for many years. Gardening was her passion and her flowers were her pride and joy. She loved the outdoors and spent countless hours in her yard doing what she enjoyed.



Hazel Jacobs

She was preceded in death by husband of 67 years, Johnnie Jacobs; parents John and Bertha Higginbotham.

Survivors include sons Ronnie Jacobs (Pat) and David (Melba) Jacobs; daughters Ann (Tommy) Fouraker, Barbara Braddy and Linda Edwards; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Beula Higginbotham and Dorothy Rogers; many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was blessed with wonderful caretakers that became her friends and for whom her family is most grateful.

The funeral service was held at 3:00 pm on June 19 at Grace Baptist Church with Rev. DeWayne Jowers officiating. Interment followed in Brandy Branch Cemetery. Giddens-Reed Funeral Home of Baldwin was in charge of arrangements.

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**Francis Jones, 85, was postal worker**

Francis Virginia Perry McKinney Snipes Jones, 85, long-time resident of Macclenny, died June 20, 2009. She was well-known and loved throughout the communities and neighboring cities. She lived briefly in Jacksonville prior to residing in Baker County. Mrs. Francis was employed at the Macclenny post office for many years and later became self-employed. She accepted Christ at an early age in Ellaville, GA. God enriched her life in marriages to Miles, McKinney, Walter Snipe and Leo Jones. Each preceded her in death.



Wilma Beal

Survivors include sons Michael (Nazarene) McKinney and Terry (Denese) McKinney; stepsons Leo and Solomon Jones; step-mother Hattie M. Perry; sisters Mary L. Gay, Eva M. Dumas, Gwendolyn F. Miller, Sandra Y. Johnson, Marjorie Gobbons and Cynthia L. (Stanley) Nickles; brothers James E. Perry Sr., Raymond C. (Mary) Perry, John L. (Brenda) Perry; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

The funeral service will be held June 27 at 11:00 am at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church with Rev. Willie McLaurin and Elder Charles H. Kelly officiating. The family will receive friends Friday from 6:00-8:00 pm at the church. Toston-Lafrans Funeral Home of Jacksonville was in charge of arrangements.

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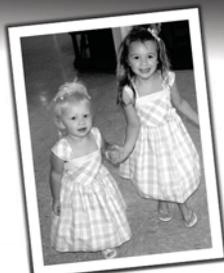
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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 pm



Jesus answered, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5

### James McAbee, 74, died June 19

James Sonny McAbee, 74, of Middleburg died June 19, 2009 in Jacksonville following a lengthy illness. Mr. McAbee was born August 22, 1934 in Canton, North Carolina, the son of Luther Roman McAbee and the former Jessie Medford. He was preceded in death by wife JoAnn McAbee and grandson Jerimiah Christopher McAbee.

Survivors include daughters Kathy (Steve) Porter, Robin (Tony) Rider and Jamie (Ray) Adkins; son Ricky (Michelle) McAbee; son Ricky Florida Dean; nine grandsons; two granddaughters; ten great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 2:00 pm June 23 at Oak Grove Cemetery with Brother Jed Carnes officiating. Prestwood Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Oscar McAlum, 75, dies June 1st

Oscar Allen McAlum, 75, formerly of Jacksonville, died June 1, 2009 at the home of his daughter in Buena Vista, GA. Oscar was born in Georgia to Omie Katherine Oliver and Curtis Lee McAlum on September 19, 1933. He served in the Army and worked for over 20 years in the pest control business. He worked as a security guard at Winn Dixie for nearly 10 years.

Mr. McAlum was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather Claude Major Wilhite; daughter Donna; brother Ernest Eugene McAlum, killed in action June 23, 1966 in Vietnam; sister Annie Sylvia Ashton.

Survivors include sister Mildred J. (Don) Dobson of Sanderson; daughter Janie Murray of Buena Vista, GA; sons Keith, Anthony (Mildred) and Preston (DeAnn), all of Thomaston, GA; son Vance of Orange Park; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Mr. McAlum was cremated and a memorial service for him was held at his home.

### Robert Melton, 49, Army veteran

Robert Edward Melton, 49, of Lakeland, GA, died Saturday morning, June 20, 2009, at his residence following an apparent heart attack. He was born August 30, 1959 in Charlton County, GA and had lived in the Lakeland area for the past 10 years. He was a veteran of the US Army. Robert was predeceased by mother Bonnie Hickox Melton Crews; grandmother Nellie Green Hickox.

Survivors include wife Kathy Melton; daughters Robin Melton of Lakeland and April Knapik of Homerville, GA; sons Billy Melton of St. Mary's, GA and Jason Corbitt of Hilliard, father Cecil Melton of Sargeant, TX; brothers Brian Melton of LaPorte, TX and Darren Crews, Nahant, GA; sister Michelle Gest of Durleston, TX; numerous aunts including Gail (Ron) Fowler of Macclenny, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral service was held June 22, at North Cemetery in Dupont, GA. Music Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

### 'Tody' Padgett, 50, of Maxville

Ellis David Padgett 'Tody', 50, of Maxville died June 18, 2009 following a brief illness. Tody was born December 13, 1958 in Jacksonville, son of the late Fred Padgett and the former Cornelia Nolan.

Survivors include sisters Maude (Raymon) Miller, Levonia Ezell and Carolyn (Edwin) Higginbotham; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral service was held at 10 am June 20 at the chapel of Prestwood Funeral Home with Pastors L.A. Whitehead and Freddie Griffin officiating. Interment followed at Nolan Ridge Cemetery. Pallbearers were Rodney Harris, Cody O'Brien, Mark Tucker, Pat O'Brien, Robby Lee and Johnny Smith. Honorary pallbearers included Clayton Harris, Aaron Thomas, Russell Carter, Kent Williams, Bill Taylor and Zibo Thomas.

### Mary Pipkins, enjoyed dancing

Mary Olivia Pipkins, 56, of Port Charlotte, FL died Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Mary was born in Douglas, Georgia on March 4, 1953, the daughter of Levi and Pearl (Carlton) Pipkins, and lived most of her life in Baker County. Mary enjoyed dancing and going for walks and spending time with family. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Virginia Hulet and Barbara Wright; brother Eugene Pipkins.

Survivors include sisters Eula Mae Unger of Port Charlotte, FL and Frances Brown of Macclenny; brother Levi Pipkins of New Mexico; numerous nieces and nephews.

The graveside service will be at Woodlawn Cemetery at 11:00 am on June 27 with Rev. Carl Evans officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the cemetery. ICS Cremation and Funeral Home of Lake City was in charge of arrangements.



### In Loving Memory of Deloris Belford 8/31/43 - 6/23/08

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### In Loving Memory Happy Birthday, Daddy Henry Sweat 6/25/47 - 2/07/09

Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on. And cherished memories never fade, just because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart. For as long as there is memory, they'll always live on in our heart. WE LOVE AND MISS YOU, KATHY, CINDY, DANIEL, HALEIGH, FREDDY, MICHELLE, EMILY AND SKYLAR

## BCHS drama alum in 'Guys and Dolls'

A number of BCHS drama students will be showing their stuff this weekend in the LCCC production of *Guys and Dolls*. The classic musical is Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 pm in the Levy Performing Arts Center on the campus of Lake City Community College.

BCHS Drama Hall of Fame members Sara Beth Gerard, Josh Blackmon, Trey Orberg and Sarah Nichols all have leading roles. Current Baker High students and grads Jaime Buford, TJ and Tucker Washburn, Ashleigh Thick and Savanna Jones also have important roles.

The classic comedy is currently in revival on Broadway and is the story of a bunch of gamblers trying to find a place to have their dice game. Nathan Detroit (Orberg) is trying to avoid police Inspector Brannigan (Blackmon), while he and his friend Benny Southstreet (Gerard) try to locate a place for the game. His girlfriend Adelaide (Nichols)

is frustrated with his gambling and wants him to settle down and marry her.

The musical is full of great songs that have become Broadway standards. *Guys and Dolls*, *Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat*, *Luck Be a Lady* and *Bushel and a Peck* are all part of the Broadway lexicon.

The show is full of singing and dancing and the cast of 20 has been rehearsing hard to bring it to the LCCC stage. *Guys and Dolls* is directed by BCHS director Bob Gerard. Tickets are \$7 and \$5 and are on sale at the door.

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Placement, correction or cancellation of ads may be phoned in anytime before Monday at 5 p.m. for publication on Thursday.

Advertising Info.

Classified ads and notices must be paid in advance, and be in our office no later than 4:00 pm the Monday preceding publication, unless otherwise arranged in advance. Ads can be mailed provided they are accompanied by payment and instructions. They should be mailed to: Classified Ads, The Baker County Press, P.O. Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063. We cannot assume responsibility for accuracy of ads or notices given over the telephone. Liability for errors in all advertising will be limited to the first publication only. If after that time, the ad continues to run without notification of error by the person or agency for whom it was published, then that party assumes full payment responsibility. The Baker County Press reserves the right to refuse advertising or any other material which in the opinion of the publisher does not meet standards of publication.

For Sale

2000 Stratos Vindicator, 17'4", 150 hp, Johnson motor, dual aerated live wells, two low-depth fish finders. Perfect for fishing or skiing, \$8,000 OBO. 904-553-5936. 6/25-7/2p

Birthday Bash June 26 - July 11 25-50% off on purses, shoes, pictures and frames. 10-50% off throughout. The Cottage Consignment Shop just off I 21 across from the jail. 259-8711. 6/25-7/9p

2008 Big Horn 5th wheel, three slides, fireplace, kept under cover, like new, other extras \$34,000. 259-4264. 6/25p

Cypress mulch and red mulch 259-2900. 6/4-6/25c

15' 10" Key Largo center console, 50 hp Yamaha, GPS, fish finder, trolling motor, easy lift trailer. Asking \$6,000. 259-9690. 6/25-7/2p

25'x36' garage trusses \$1500 OBO. 259-3300. 3/12cfc

2004 Honda Aera, 4500 miles, front fender, sissy bar, black with lots of chrome \$4300 OBO. 318-7728. 6/25-7/2p

Pro Form treadmill \$100. Bench grinder \$50. 259-5970. 6/25p

Artists! Oils, acrylics, water colors, canvases, drawing pads and much more! On sale now. The Office Mart, 110 S. Fifth Street, 259-3737. 6/25-7/2p

Sands Farm fresh vegetables, taking orders now for pinky, blackeye, zipper cream, white acre and black chowder peas. 259-6891 or 303-1501. 6/25cfc

Honda generator NGK 4300H, 8 hp, 4300 watts, super silent, never used, only tired up, \$950 OBO. Call Ann 240-1525. 6/25-7/2p

Filr dirt, little or a lot, 10 yard loads and larger. 259-2900. 6/4-6/25c

2005 Polaris four wheeler 300 Mag model, \$2500. 275-2136. 6/25p

4x4 four wheeler, 2004 Bombardier Traxer, automatic, 839 miles, no kids used, reduced \$3600. 259-4132. 563-1322. 6/18-6/25p

14' aluminum HD boat and trailer, 9.9 Mercury \$1300. 259-8516. 6/25p

Huge sale, 5th Street next to Women's club. Business closing, merchandise must go. Reasonable offers accepted. Open 10-5 Wednesday through Saturday only. 259-9838. 6/25p

Automobiles

1995 Mazda 626, four door, four cylinder, five speed, A/C, good tires, clean inside and out \$2300 OBO. 904-591-2916. 6/25p

1987 J10 full size Jeep, four wheel drive truck, 360 engine with automatic transmission, \$1500 OBO. 200-5518. 6/25p

1999 Freightliner FL60, with 201 Caterpillar engine, 145,000 miles, six speed Eaton transmission with sleeper, ready for work, go anywhere \$15,000 OBO. 591-2916. 6/25p

Miscellaneous

Babysitting in my home, near 125 and 127, reasonable prices, hot meals, snacks, all ages, any hours Monday-Friday. Will keep overnight if needed. 838-2287. 6/4-6/25p

Have a junk car that needs to be hauled off? Now buying. 904-259-7968, cell 251-5655. 6/4cfc

Animals

Geese for sale, all ages, \$10 each, 259-5917. 6/25p

To place, correct or cancel an ad by phone, call 904-259-2400 Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm or email classifieds@bakercountypress.com or online www.bakercountypress.com

To place, correct or cancel an ad by mail, send a copy of the ad exactly as it should appear, payment and phone number where we can reach you. PO Box 598 Macclenny, FL 32063

RATES:

Line Ads: 20 words for \$6.00 20c each additional word Service Ads: 15 words for \$8.00 20c each additional word

AKC Chocolate lab, male 13 weeks and 10x10 kennel, \$525. 200-6769. 6/18-7/2p

Beautiful Maltese and Yorkie puppies, health certificates, wormed and first shots. 259-4717. 6/18-6/25p

German Shepherd pups, AKC registered, POP \$300. Call 259-1685. 6/25-7/2p

Dogs: all types from puppies to adults. Animal Control, \$65 adoption fees will apply. 259-6786. 11/20cfc

Help Wanted

Notice to Readers: The newspaper often publishes classified advertising on subjects like work-at-home, weight loss products, health products. While the newspaper uses reasonable discretion in deciding on publication of such ads, it takes no responsibility as to the truthfulness of claims. Respondents should use caution and common sense before sending any money or making other commitments based on statements and/or promises; demand specifics in writing. You can also call the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP to find out how to spot fraudulent solicitations. Remember: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. - The Baker County Press

Taking applications for experienced auto mechanic. Must have own tools. Gear and Wheel Mobile Repair. 259-5240. 6/25-7/9p

Full time office help. Experience in MS Word, Excel and Outlook. Great phone demeanor, strong customer service, organized, able to multi-task. Bring/mail resume to 6862 E. Mt. Vernon Street, Glen St. Marjorie, 32040. Fax 259-4633. 6/18-6/25p

RN - Well established local home health-care agency seeks experienced RN for PRN position. Must have one year Med/Surg. Flexible hours, competitive pay. Call 259-3111 or fax resume to 259-5176. 3/5cfc

Wanted, full time/part time reps to sell cell phone service. Largest network in US. No deposit. Call Sharon Beavers (904) 742-9399. 6/25-7/9p

Council on Aging, Inc. 101 E Macclenny Avenue Macclenny, FL 32063. Please mail resumes or email to marybbcoa@nelfcom.net. (1) FT / Full charge fiscal position, BA or equivalent accounting exp. Quickbooks / MS Office a must. Immediate start. EOC. (2) FT / Case Manager; BA / BS or equivalent field experience; elder sensitive and detail-oriented. Immediate start. EOC. (3) FT / Qualified Kitchen Supervisor. Immediate start. EOC. 6/18-6/25c

Dump truck drivers needed, asphalt experience only, Call 904-334-8739. 6/25-7/2p

Part time clerical help needed, must be computer literate and a self starter with good work record. Call 259-4774. 6/25p

Service technician and an A/C and duct installer, must be experienced, self motivated and have a good driving record. 259-8038 between 9-4 Monday through Friday. 6/25p

Business Opportunity

Restaurant for sale, Established business located in downtown Macclenny. Everything included in sale. \$25,000. Contact muse@nelfcom.net. 6/25p

Established retail business for sale, 25 plus years in Macclenny. Serious inquiries only. 904-533-2210 6/11-7/2p

Real Estate

Notice to Readers: All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll free telephone number for the impaired is 1-800-927-9275. 6/25c

FSB0 3 BR, 1 BA block home with fire-place on five acres, highway frontage, new central H/A, \$98,900 OBO. May finance. Also, 3 BR, 2 BA singlewide on 1.33 acres, high and dry, highway frontage, central H/A, Reduced \$78,900. Call me, let's deal. 591-2916. 6/25c

Six acres in Macclenny \$20,000 ac. 904-259-8028. 6/11-7/2c

House for sale in great location Beautiful hardwood floors, ceramic tile in kitchen and bath, large laundry, fireplace, new appliances, new air conditioner, irrigation system with separate irrigation meter. 3 BR, 1 BA, 1000 SF. Great start home. \$107,000. Call 759-2373 or 259-4793. 6/18-7/9p

FSB0, 7% acres on quiet dead-end road, mature oaks, zoned conventional or mobile home, one acre per dwelling, \$112,500. 259-5877. 6/18cfc

2003 doublewide 4 BR, 2 BA, 1612 SF, sits on 1.70 acres \$95,000 conv. finance only. 1.70 acres cleared for home or mobile home, \$59,900 or purchase 2003 doublewide with both lots totaling 3.4 acres for a steal at \$125,000. Call 904-259-9022. After 5:00 pm call 904-591-0981. 5/21cfc

FSB0, special offer, home on one acre lot, 2486 SF 4 BR, 2 BA, appraised for \$269,000 will take \$235,000. Seller will pay \$1500 of buyer's closing cost. Offer ends 6/30/09. 904-545-1413. 5/14-6/25p

FSB0, 4 BR, 2 BA located in Cuyler at intersection of 127 and 125, 17598 CR 127. No owner financing \$70,000 OBO. Shown by appointment only. Contact Dana at 904-306-6707 or cuylerhomeforsale@gmail.com 6/4-6/25p

Two lots in Copper Creek, Unit III, Call 813-1580. 12/11cfc

FSB0 4 BR, 2 BA brick home approximately 2100 SF on 2.82 Acres. Fire-place, tile, plantation shutters, 20x20 workshop, many upgrades, very nice. Neighborhood restricted to homes only. \$296,000. By appointment only. 237-0060 or 259-3963. 5/14cfc

3 acres, high and dry, fish pond, homes or mobile homes, set-up included, owner financing. 912-843-8118. 2/22cfc

400 acres to 120 acres, Baker County, starting at \$4000 per acre. 904-259-8028. 6/11-7/2c

Brick 3 BR, 1 BA home in Sanderson on one acre, nice open floor plan with attached covered carport, offers an additional hook-up site for mobile home at back of lot, \$149,000. Call 259-8444. 9/25cfc

MacClenny Builders, Inc. Brick homes in Macclenny from \$145,000-\$210,000. 813-1580. 11/13cfc

For Rent

3 BR, 1 1/2 BA house in Taylor, partially furnished, washer and dryer, new carpet and linoleum, service animals only. \$600/month, first month and \$350 security deposit. 259-7485. 6/25-7/2p

3 BR, 1 BA block home in Macclenny. Nice, established neighborhood. Close to hospital and schools. Big yard and covered double carport. No smoking and service pets only. \$775/month. Call 904-259-8444. 5/28cfc

2 BR & 3 BR mobile homes in quiet park just 1/4 mile off I-10 in Baldwin \$475 to \$625 plus security deposit. 904-233-4417 or 904-535-0914. 6/11-6/25p

2 BR apartment, central H/A, carport, W/D hookups, \$500 rent, \$500 deposit. 344 N. 5th Street, #2. 904-487-1184. 6/25p



YARD SALES

Wednesday through Saturday only, 10:00 am-5:00 pm, 5th Street, next to Women's club. Huge sale, business closing. Merchandise next to. Reasonable offers accepted. 259-9838.

Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am-noon, 4301 Stacey Barber Lane, between McDonalds and Wal-mart in Macclenny. Little bit of everything. Multi family

Friday, 8:00 am-noon, 933 Red Fox Way, Fox Ridge subdivision. Good variety, good prices.

Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm, and Saturday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, 1195 S. 6th Street, Frankie's Thrifty Gifts next to Connie's Kitchen. Lots of \$5 and \$10 items. Furniture, clothes, baby items, lots of everything. 571-0110.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-7, 3rd and Minnesota. Furniture, fish tank, knick knacks, etc.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-7, Cypress Pointe subdivision. Lots of baby girl clothes infant - 4T. Multi family

Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, 416 W. 8th Avenue behind Moody's Chevron. Look for signs. Two family

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm, Burnsed and Crawford Road, Glen. Take highway 90 to 125 N. one mile then turn left at 139B, first road on right. Everything must go!

Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am-7, Hwy. 127 in Baxter. Call for directions, 259-7614, 904-718-3108. Huge moving sale, everything must go.

Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, 710 Chipshot Drive. Look for signs. Love seat, brand new dishwasher, glassware, etc.

Saturday, 8:00 am-noon, 4498 Raintree Drive. Women's and boy's clothes, household items, too much to list. Two family

Saturday, all day, Oak Hill off north end of Crews Road, Cuyler. Moving sale, everything must go!

Saturday, all day, Off Mudlake Road at 6483 Jim Starling Road.

Saturday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 6604 Woodlawn Road. Men's, women's and children's clothes, toys.

Saturday, 8:00 am-7, 9492 Mudlake Road, last house on left before first curve from 125. Furniture, exercise equipment, clothes and much, much more. Multi family

Saturday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, At Macclenny Moose Lodge. Sponsored by the women of the Moose.

Saturday, 8:30 am-7, 6203 W. Thomas Circle. Gently used baby swing, clothes, bedding, play pen, changing table, bed, toys, household items.

Saturday, 8:00 am-7, Mia's yard sale/Lemonade stand. US 90 W, Nursery Blvd., Glenwood Drive.

Saturday, 7:30 am-noon, Indoor yard sale, 162 S. 2nd street, corner of McIver and S. 2nd.

3 BR, 2 BA mobile home on five acres with garage and fish pond on Mudlake Road, lawn maintenance included. \$950/month, \$1250 deposit. 259-9066. 6/25cfc

2 and 3 BR mobile homes, central H/A, service pets only, water, lawn, garbage included. First, last and deposit required. 259-7335. 4/30cfc

3 BR, 2 BA doublewide on one acre close to I-10, garbage and lawn service provided, \$750/month, first, last and deposit. 259-2552 or 614-6111. 6/25-7/2p. 6/18-6/25p

2 BR, 1 BA apartment, washer/dryer hook-up, \$700/month, \$600 security deposit, one years lease. 351 N. Lowder. 259-9797. 4/30cfc

Homes and mobile homes for rent from \$750-850 monthly, 259-3343. 11/13cfc

3 BR, 2 BA \$600 and 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA \$525 mobile home. Garbage pickup, sewer, water & lawn care included. 912-843-8118. 6/18cfc

YARD SALE

Saturday 7:00 am -7 4704 Dogwood St. Macclenny II Multi-family Tons of namebrand clothes, tools & furniture

LEGGITT'S APPLIANCE & TV SERVICE

Now offering IN-HOME TV repair & appliance service All makes & models 259-1882



"Florida Food & Fun!" NOW HIRING SERVERS Apply in person between 2:00-4:00 pm at Woody's BBQ 1482 South Sixth St. Macclenny

**2 BR, 1 BA** brick home on fenced city lot, 661 Lavender Street. Washer and dryer, \$775/month, first and last month's rent plus \$500 deposit. 813-5558. 6/25p  
**Baldwin apartment.** 2 BR 1 1/2 BA, central H/A, washer/dryer hookup, 12 miles to 110/285, pet friendly, \$600/month, \$600 security, will work with you. 266-9898. 6/18-6/25p

**2 BR, 2 BA** \$300 deposit, \$600/month. Call 259-2072 or 259-2787. 6/18-6/25p  
**Experience true southern living** in downtown Macclenny. 4 BR, 2 BA fenced yard, heart pine floors and 10' ceilings. Taking application now. \$1250/month plus deposit. Call 259-8444. 6/11tc

**3 BR, 2 BA** house, 1744 SF \$1300/month plus deposit on 2.24 acres, two-stall barn. 259-5313, 904-408-1274. 6/18-6/25p

**2 BR, 1 BA** apartments in downtown Macclenny. Nice, quiet, established neighborhood close to schools. No smoking and service pets only. \$550/month. Call 904-259-8444. 5/28tc

**4 BR, 2 BA** downtown Macclenny apartment, newly renovated, over 1600 SF, \$995/month, \$995 deposit, one year lease. 274-2058. 6/25-7/2p

**2 BR, 1 BA** block house in Glen, fenced in yard, \$650/month, \$500 security deposit. 259-6128 or 334-3419. 6/25-7/2p

**3 BR, 2 BA** house with detached garage on an acre in Macclenny II, \$1200/month plus \$1200 deposit. Available now. 904-614-4650. 6/18-6/25p

**3 BR, 1 BA** house in Glen. Call 259-6590, 319-0116 after 5:00 pm. 6/18-6/25p  
**1 BR, 1 BA** apartment in downtown Macclenny. Nice, established neighborhood. No smoking and service pets only. \$500/month. Call 904-259-8444. 5/28tc

**3 BR, 3 BA** doublewide mobile home washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, pets welcome. \$850/month. Extra field available for horses. 904-412-4004. 6/25p  
**Country charm, city comfort** 3 BR, 2 BA mobile home on St. Mary's River. Fish in the back yard, \$850/month plus security deposit and one year lease. Call Mike, 904-465-3841. 6/18-6/25p

**Baldwin 3 BR, 1 BA** \$595/month, 4 BR, 2 BA \$695/month; McDuff 3 BR, 1 BA \$695/month. Alec 759-9662 6/18-6/25p

**Wanted, female roommate** to share nice 3/2 doublewide with single father and teenage daughter, nonsmoker, no drugs. \$300 per month, includes all utilities and most meals, times are tough on everyone. Serious inquiries only. 904-210-8507, leave message, will return call. 6/25p

**Mobile Homes**

**2003 like new** 4 BR, 2 BA 16x80 singlewide \$19,900. Call 904-259-8028. 6/18-6/25p

**2008, 28x52** 3 BR, 2 BA "must go", will sell at invoice. Call Lewyn 904-259-8028. 6/11-7/2c

**2003 Homes of Merit.** 32x80 3 BR, 2 BA fireplace, large den, \$35000 or \$39,500 for delivery and set up. By owner 904-334-9304. 6/11-7/2p  
**Reduced All lot models.** 904-259-8028. 6/11-7/2c

**Commercial Rental**

**Office space for rent,** prime location, downtown Macclenny, \$588.50 per month plus deposit. Call 259-6546. 1/8tc  
**Commercial storefront building** in downtown Macclenny. Approximately 3000 SF, \$1000/month. Call 904-545-7679. 6/11-7/2p

**The Crockett Building** has two offices for rent, a single and a two office suite. These include all utilities, free access to the building's spacious conference room, off street parking and is located in downtown Macclenny on US 90. Additionally we rent out our conference room to non-tenants. Please contact us at 259-5361. 6/11-6/25p

**Large commercial rental space** on US 90 in Glen. \$550/month plus tax, \$250 deposit. 259-2707. 6/25c  
**Commercial building for lease** with 4,000 SF available, on main Macclenny intersection with plenty of parking space, call 259-2417. 10/16tc  
**Small office,** utilities included, \$400/month. 259-9022. 3/12tc

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**Academy accredited**  
 Betty Taylor, Tammy Gibbs and Leigh Ann Hays, faculty members in the Baker High Career Academy of Business Administration, will be recognized at the July 6 school board meeting.  
 These teachers will be recognized because of the recent accreditation of the academy by the National Career Academy Coalition, and the distinction of being accredited as a "model" academy. This is the highest recognition offered by the coalition.

**Classes closed**  
 The Adult Basic Education and GED classes offered by the Baker County school district will be closed at all sites June 29 through August 7.  
 For more information contact the district's vocational and adult education department at 259-0403.

*All New -*  
**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**  
 Let people know what's going on - post your special event online [bakercountypress.com](http://bakercountypress.com)

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 Application Deadline: 7/7/09.  
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**GORGEOUS HOME!** MLS#477694 This 4BR 2.5BA hm in Macclenny II Subdivision offers 3,108 SF w/ pool on 1 acre. Sunken liv. rm, frpk, screened patio w/built in brick grill. Huge game rm/bonus room. Detached shed & fenced back yard. Call today! \$19,900  
**GREAT PRICE!** - MLS#416031 Heavily treed lots, no building time frames, 2400 SF, min. home, 1 horse per acre allowed.  
**VACANT LAND!** MLS#469645 Bring those house plans with you, once you walk this land you will look no further. 2.50 acres w/deep pond in front. Call today!  
**10 HIGH & DRY ACRES!** - MLS#460640 Waiting for you to build your dream home. Zoned for houses or mobile homes. Located on secluded rd & corner lot.  
**PERFECT LAND!** MLS#408878 45.63 Acres! Great for horses & agriculture. CR121. Has older home & 2 rentals. Close to St. Mary's River. \$600,000  
**GREAT STARTER!** MLS#473391 Adorable double wide 3BR 2BA mobile home. Open floor plan, lg family room w/frpk. This home has been well taken care of.  
**DONT MISS OUT!** MLS#416015 This is it. Build the home of your dreams here. You won't regret it. Call today!  
**BEAUTIFUL HOME** - MLS#481245 Nicely landscaped 4BR 2.5BA hm w 2,088 SF features automatic vacuum, in-ground pool w/spa, frpk & much more! \$219,900  
**DREAMS COME TRUE!** - MLS#416021 Build the home you have always wanted on this beautiful land with lots of trees. Why wait?

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**THE PLANTATION** - MLS# 465612 Beautiful 3BR/2BA home on 2.54 acres in old nursery plantation. Make this your dream home. \$247,000  
**READY FOR YOU!** MLS# 480840 Cute 3BR 2BA in the country offers 1512 SF 5/3's acres. Very well maintained mobile home. Deck in back!  
**ADORABLE!** - MLS#406637 Cute 3BR 2.5BA offers 1696 SF, wood floors throughout. One acre lot w/ mature oaks. This is a must see!  
**HIGH & DRY!** - MLS#428488 5.63 acres for you to build your dream home. Surrounded by gorgeous homes. Lg pole barn. Homes only.  
**SECURED ACRES!** - MLS#438950 Thirteen private & secluded acres. Partially fenced with water & power already installed. Close to everything!  
**PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS!** - MLS#416054 Perfect land for your new home to be built. Five acres vacant land waiting for you.  
**NEW HOME SITE!** MLS#416006 Heavily treed lots, no building time frames, 2400 SF, min. home, 1 horse per acre allowed.

**1395 Chaffee Road**  
**South, Jacksonville**  
**904.772.9800**  
**COUNTRY SETTING** - MLS#467440 One home per 7.5 acres. Build your dream home on 15 acres completely cleared and waiting for you! \$262,000  
**BUILD YOUR HOME HERE!** - MLS#416042 Plenty of beautiful trees, no building timeframes, 2400 SF min. home. One horse per acre allowed.  
**JAY RANCH CLUB** - MLS# 452129 Get away from city by owning this spectacular vacant lot of 2.53 acres. Come canoe & ride horses. \$100,000  
**WATER FRONT LOT!** MLS#473281 This well taken care of 3BR 2BA hm is located on the beautiful St. Mary's River. Don't let this one slip by!  
**BRING YOUR HORSES!** MLS#459119 Beautiful 4BR/3.5BA cedar home on 9.3 acres. Four car garage, 3 fenced grazing areas and pool with spa & much more! \$449,900  
**THIS IS A MUST HAVE!** - MLS# 473434 Looking for a place to call home or a summer retreat... look no further. Nargable river front property located near public boat ramp. Gorgeous land with 3BR 2BA 2000 doublewide mobile home.  
**BRING EVERYONE!** - MLS# 423992 Bring family, pets & all the neighbors! This property will take care of all. Seller will give an allowance for any painting & updating of house. Price has been drastically reduced. Bring all offers! \$599,000

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 \$500 off any roof Florida Roof Care Kimberly Houston Roofing Licensed and insured CCC057820 6/18-6/25p  
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 24 hour service calls and more Licensed, insured EPA approved **904-259-4233** **904-209-8044** 6/18-7/9p  
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Baseball scholar athletes on hand for June 15 presentation: (front, l-r) Cory Elask, Cameron Crews, Cason Lowery, Tyler Mobley, (back row) Jake Betros, Chris Waddell, Coach Staples, Matthew Blackmon and Scooter Gross.

## 'Honors' baseball squad

The Baker County School Board on June 15 recognized 16 members of the winningest high school baseball team in county history for maintaining honor roll grades. One of the players posted a perfect 4.0

"These players are one of the best group of athletes I've ever coached," remarked Coach John Staples. Sixteen of my 29 players had grade point averages of 3.0 or above, and the group averaged a 3.1. They are true scholar ath-

letes." On the performance side, the 2009 edition of Wildcat varsity baseball ended the season with an overall 25-5 record that included a district crown and advancing in post-season to the semi-finals of the regionals before being knocked out by Paxon, a surprise entry that went all the way to the state quarter-finals.

Dillon Jones blazed his way to the top of the academic starting lineup with a straight A average.

Others on the honor roll included BJ Rowe, Dalton Raulerson, Trevor Bloxham, Randall Carns, Corey Mercer, Jordy Taylor, Colby Dinkins, Cory Elask, Cameron Crews, Cason Lowery, Tyler Mobley, Scooter Gross, Matthew Blackmon, Chris Waddell and Jake Betros.

Coach Staples also noted during the presentation that night his graduating seniors won 82 games during their four-year run at BCHS.



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## Dodgers are champs in majors...

The Dodgers defeated the Braves 9-0 in the Baker County Little League Major League Championships June 15. The 15-1 Dodgers only loss of the season came against the Braves. That game ended 5-4 in extra innings. "We beat ourselves with errors," said Dodgers coach Cecil Horne. The major league division included seven teams and more than 500 young athletes participated in Little League this year. Pictured (front row from left) Caeden Clark, Hunter Riggs, Shawn Danese, Dylan Davis, Tyler Brown, (back from left) Jared Crews, Blaine Merchant, Crow Orender, Jacob Milton, Hunter Long and Ridge Horn. Also pictured is head coach Cecil Horne (rear right) and assistant coach Terry Crews. Not pictured is assistant coach Austin Milton.

## Outnumbered Bullets second



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Amanda Flakowicz, top, competed in the girls 6 and under 25 meter backstroke at Saturday's meet.

The YMCA's Baker Bullets swim team took second place in Fernandina Beach June 19 against the local YMCA and a squad from St. Augustine.

Coach Andy Johnston said he was once again impressed with his team's performance, though the youths were woefully outnumbered by Fernandina's 140-plus swimmers.

The Bullet's first place finishers included Travis Oswald in the senior 100-meter freestyle; Byron Barton, Paul Horne, Tim Padgett, and Kenny Stelme in the 13-14 year old 200-meter medley relay; Jacob Anderson,

Deryk Clark, Cory Campbell and Oswald in the senior 200-meter medley relay; Braeden Knight in the 6 and under 25-meter backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle; Oswald in the senior 100-meter backstroke and 50-meter freestyle; Clark in the senior 100-meter breaststroke; and Jackson Neri in the 10 and under 50-meter freestyle.

There were also 21 second and third place finishers for the Bullets. Jackson took second in the 100-meter backstroke, Anderson did so in the 100-meter freestyle, Padgett in the 50-meter butterfly, Campbell in the 100-meter back-

stroke, Barton in the 100-meter breaststroke, Dillon Ray in the 8 and under 25-meter freestyle and Campbell in the 50-meter freestyle.

Byron Barton brought home third in the boys 13-14 50 and 100 meter freestyle, Cory Campbell in the 100 m freestyle, Dillon Ray and Jarrett Barton in their freestyle events and Jacob Anderson in the backstroke. Other notable thirds were the relay teams of Chad Collins, Zackary Horne, Ethan Knight, Jackson Neri and Dominic Peopitone, Jarrett Barton, Jarrett Raulerson and Jonathan Mobley.

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