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The Haleigh search Yields only animal remains

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The investigation into Haleigh Cummings' disappearance moved to Mud Lake Road the morning of June 26, after police were told animal remains had been buried at the property her mother and grandmother share east of CR 229.

Authorities learned about the remains in an interview with local family members and began a search for them with the help of cadaver dogs

and private search teams.

Putnam County Sheriff's Office Detective Dominic Piscitello said 40 officers from his department, the Jacksonville and Baker County sheriff's offices were at the scene as well.

"The property owners said there were buried animals on the property so we need to turn over every stone to verify that's what it is," he said. "There's no reason to believe it's not an animal."

The search area encompassed 45 acres and



At left: A member of the search team cools off her K-9 assistant during the search off Mud Lake Road June 26. Above: Law enforcement personnel and others involved in the search break during the 40-plus acre scouring.

Roadside litter cleanup is costly

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As county officials begin preparing yet another extremely tight annual budget for adoption in September, they will be looking for ways to save money without increasing taxes or gutting services.

And there's an easy way county residents can help — by securing their garbage on the way to collection sites.

Road Department Director Robert Fletcher said trash along county roadways, especially near garbage collection sites, continues to be a problem that's costing taxpayers thousands of dollars every year.

And it's not difficult to fix. Too often trash bags aren't secured or tied shut to keep debris from blowing out as they're driven down the road.

"I've seen some with just a garbage can lid that comes off or they don't even have a lid," Mr. Fletcher said. "I don't think anyone does it intentionally; they just don't think about it."

The county used to employ a full-time worker that did nothing but pick up trash along the roads.

"When he retired, we didn't



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON
Litter on the east side of CR 125.

replace him with all the doom and gloom on the economy and the budget," he said. "Now we rely on state prisoners to pick up. They don't do it every week, but they try to stay ahead of our mowers."

The worst areas are those around the SR 228 south and CR 125 north collection sites.

"They run a tight race for the worst. We have it at all of them, but they're the busiest two sites," said Mr. Fletcher, who oversees garbage collection as well as road maintenance for the county.

Even with the use of prison labor, there's still costs associated with cleaning up the litter, however.

The county spends about \$2400 a year on trash bags alone, and 98 percent of that is for roadside litter pickup, he said.

Indirectly, taxpayers also foot the bill for an inmate van and prison guard, which Mr. Fletcher estimated to cost about

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LPA votes down mud bogging

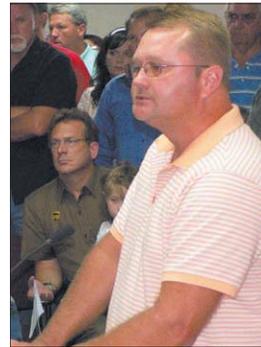
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Plans for a 20-acre mud bogging pit off Mud Lake Road were defeated narrowly during last week's hearing before the Land Planning Agency, though the Baker County Commission will hear an appeal of the decision next month.

The commercial mud pit envisioned by Troy McCullough would be located at the rear of his 76 acres on the south side of Mud Lake Road just west of Ira Starling Road.



Toppo Conner (left) and Troy McCullough during the LPA hearing last week.



He had requested a temporary use permit to operate a recreational mud pit for one year on the vacant tract zoned for agricultural use, which excludes mud bogs whether commercial or not, said Planning Director Ed Preston.

Mr. McCullough proposed holding weekend mudding events about once a month and closing the mud pit about an hour before sundown.

He also said an off-duty law enforcement officer and emergency medical personnel

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Camp sets sights on archery

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PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN
Counselor Teddy Callihan instructs camper Allia Jones on the proper way to lock into her stance.

Participants in Baker County 4-H's first-ever archery camp braved extreme temperatures last week to begin mastering the proper techniques used on an archery range.

"If I had let them, they would have stood out in the sun and shot all day, that's how enthusiastic they were," said Renee Gore, an extension agent at the center who conducted the camp along with Derek Clark, a certified youth archery counselor, and Teddy Callihan, who spent nine years with archery training at Camp Cherry Lake in Madison County.

"I had to make them drink a lot and take breaks," she said.

Ms. Gore was pleased with the level of participation and hopes it will generate enough interest to help start a 4-H archery

club. "We just need that dedicated adult who would like to take project on," she said.

The three-day camp, which ran June 23-25, consisted of two daily sessions, one for orientation to equipment and related indoor instruction. The second session took place outdoors after lunch in a nearby field where the campers learned to set up and operate an archery range.

"Some of the campers had some experience with a bow and arrow, but not in a structured setting," said Ms. Gore.

After learning the history of archery, campers were taught the difference between stick, long and compound bows, followed by the proper way to string and carry a bow.

Then came exercises such as determining a camper's dominate eye, done by holding hands out in front of the face, palms outward and making a circle with the thumbs. Finding arm and finger guards that fit were also

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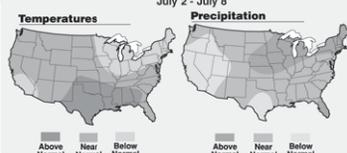
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
High: 95° Low: 74°	High: 97° Low: 75°	High: 95° Low: 75°	High: 91° Low: 72°	High: 89° Low: 73°	High: 91° Low: 74°	High: 89° Low: 74°

Temperature and Precipitation Outlook



Tides

	Jul. 2	Jul. 3	Jul. 4	Jul. 5	Jul. 6	Jul. 7	Jul. 8
Cedar Key							
First high	10:14 a.m.	12:42 a.m.	1:36 a.m.	2:18 a.m.	2:53 a.m.	3:25 a.m.	3:54 a.m.
First low	4:08 a.m.	5:12 a.m.	6:09 a.m.	6:59 a.m.	7:43 a.m.	8:23 a.m.	9:02 a.m.
Second high	—	11:07 a.m.	11:57 a.m.	12:43 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	2:05 p.m.	2:42 p.m.
Second low	6:00 p.m.	6:53 p.m.	7:39 p.m.	8:17 p.m.	8:52 p.m.	9:24 p.m.	9:53 p.m.
Jacksonville Beach							
First high	4:40 a.m.	5:33 a.m.	6:23 a.m.	7:09 a.m.	7:54 a.m.	8:37 a.m.	9:19 a.m.
First low	11:01 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	12:46 a.m.	1:33 a.m.	2:17 a.m.	2:58 a.m.	3:36 a.m.
Second high	5:28 p.m.	6:18 p.m.	7:04 p.m.	7:47 p.m.	8:29 p.m.	9:09 p.m.	9:47 p.m.
Second low	11:55 p.m.	—	12:38 p.m.	1:24 p.m.	2:08 p.m.	2:49 p.m.	3:28 p.m.
Mt. Airy							
First high	5:31 a.m.	6:24 a.m.	7:13 a.m.	7:59 a.m.	8:41 a.m.	9:23 a.m.	10:01 a.m.
First low	11:17 a.m.	12:13 a.m.	1:04 a.m.	1:51 a.m.	2:34 a.m.	3:14 a.m.	3:51 a.m.
Second high	6:16 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	7:50 p.m.	8:32 p.m.	9:11 p.m.	9:48 p.m.	10:23 p.m.
Second low	—	12:06 p.m.	12:54 p.m.	1:39 p.m.	2:21 p.m.	2:59 p.m.	3:35 p.m.
St. Augustine							
First high	4:46 a.m.	5:39 a.m.	6:29 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:43 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
First low	11:03 a.m.	11:52 a.m.	12:48 a.m.	1:35 a.m.	2:19 a.m.	3:00 a.m.	3:38 a.m.
Second high	5:34 p.m.	6:24 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	7:53 p.m.	8:35 p.m.	9:15 p.m.	9:53 p.m.
Second low	11:57 p.m.	—	12:40 p.m.	1:26 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	2:51 p.m.	3:30 p.m.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday	6:31 a.m.
Sunset Thursday	6:34 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	4:51 p.m.
Moonset Thursday	2:34 a.m.

July 7 July 15 July 21 July 28

Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Jun 29.

Temperature
 High/Low for the week 85°/69°
 Normal high/low 90°/71°
 Average temperature 82.9°
 Normal average temperature 80.4°

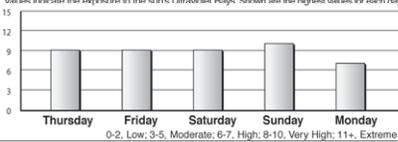
Precipitation
 Total for the week 0.55"
 Total for the month 3.21"
 Total for the year 31.41"
 Normal for the month 5.18"
 Normal for the year 22.57"

Solunar Table

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

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Jul 2	7:46 a.m.	1:34 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	1:58 p.m.
Jul 3	8:29 a.m.	2:17 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	2:41 p.m.
Jul 4	9:12 a.m.	3:00 a.m.	9:37 p.m.	3:25 p.m.
Jul 5	9:58 a.m.	3:45 a.m.	10:23 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Jul 6	10:44 a.m.	4:31 a.m.	11:10 p.m.	4:57 p.m.
Jul 7	11:32 a.m.	5:19 a.m.	11:57 p.m.	5:44 p.m.
Jul 8	12:20 p.m.	6:08 a.m.	—	6:32 p.m.

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Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	10:30	7.0	-0.77
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	6.21	none
Auclilla at Lanont	9.0	7.29	-0.38
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.60	-0.04
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	54.57	-0.45

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LPA nixes mud bogging request

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would be present for events, staff would keep the entrance clean and free of trash and debris, and alcohol would not be sold.

That's not to say attendees can't bring in their own drinks, pointed out Mr. McCullough.

"I've never drunk a drink in my life, but they do drink at these events," he told the planning agency's five-member governing board, which voted 3-2 to deny the temporary use request June 25.

More than 100 residents packed into the county commission chambers that evening for the planning agency's consideration of the request, which took about three hours.

Roughly 20 neighborhood residents spoke in opposition to the mud bog, citing fears of excess noise, littering, traffic congestion,

loss in property values and the nuisances that accompany large crowds and alcohol consumption.

Mike Allen attends many large mud bogging events and confirmed drinking is commonplace. A resident of the neighborhood, he predicted that if a mud pit opened on Mud Lake Road, it would be very successful.

"I would like to have one," he said. "But not right across from me, because I know what comes along with it."

Others opposing the plan talked of losing the calm and quiet atmosphere that brought them to the Mud Lake Road area.

"I don't want to live next to a mud bog pit and I don't think anyone my age would," said Tippy Conner, who lives diagonally across the street from Mr. McCullough's property.

"I don't like all the racket. I'm too used to the peace and quiet," he said.

Only about seven people in attendance said they favored the mud bog, and four of them were members of the McCullough family.

"I really would like to see a mud bog," said high school student and Wildcat quarterback Devin Ruisse. "I'd like to see something here, so I wouldn't have to go to Jacksonville all the time ... It could be a nice place for young people to hang out and have fun. To me, I don't want to offend the neighbors, but I'd love to have that place here."

Mr. McCullough's son Troy, also in high school, agreed.

"We have not a single thing to do," he said. "We leave our community to find things to do and

waste the gas to get there."

Supporter Russell Morrow of Sanderson addressed residents' traffic concerns by saying, "I don't see how any of us have a right to say who can go up and down Mud Lake Road. We might as well put toll booths up and down every road if that's going to be the case."

He also said he didn't understand the noise, drinking and property value concerns.

"It's not like it's every day," said Mr. Morrow.

Another experienced mud bogger, Kurt Miracle, said he gathered signatures from more than 600 Baker County residents in support of Mr. McCullough's plans.

By the end of the hearing, those plans came up one vote short.

Board members Jack Baker, Pat Collier and Derrick Harvey voted against the request, while C.J. Thompson and Amy Rios voted in favor.

"I have agonized over this for three weeks," said Mr. Baker before casting his vote. He said the already poor condition of Mud Lake Road, having a commercial activity in a residential area and other complaints from neighbors all led him to his decision.

"I'm a strong proponent of private property rights ... But this location is causing me great heartache," Mr. Baker said.

Before casting her vote, Ms. Rios recalled a recent temporary use permit request the planning agency granted for Avery Roberts. It allowed him to store construction debris, which is not a permitted use for his agriculturally-zoned property in Sand-

erson.

"You have to be consistent with that," she said.

However, following the vote, the board's attorney Will Sexton said each case before the planning agency should be considered on its own merits and a previous approval of a similar case in no way legally binds the board to make the same decision again.

The Baker County Commission is expected to hear Mr. McCullough's appeal July 20 at 6:00 pm in the commission chambers, 55 N. 3rd St.

In other business, the planning agency granted:

- Fred Harris a family lot on his 2.7-acre Taylor property near Thannie Harvey Road by a 4-1 vote. Mr. Harvey cast the dissenting vote.
- The parcel was created without following the county's subdivision regulations and therefore wasn't eligible for a family lot. Mr. Harris requested a special exception to change that. He lives in a converted barn on the property and wanted to move family members onto the new lot.
- "I'm trying to get my daughter and granddaughter out of a bad situation in Olustee," he said. "I'm trying to create a safer environment for my grandchild."
- Another special exception for a 1.7-acre property with a parsonage in Baxter owned by the Church of God.

In effect, the exception made the lot zoned agriculture conforming and eligible for a number of options under residential zoning like the ability to add a pool or rebuild if the home is destroyed by fire.

"We have a buyer for it, but not if it's nonconforming," said the church's attorney Hugh Fish. The church hoped to sell the property after the Baxter congregation dissolved.

Cleanup costly...

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\$50,000 annually, though garbage pickup isn't their only duty. The road department also fields complaints about the trash from the general public, which leads to lost time and inhibits productivity.

The litter problem is not localized to the collection sites, either.

A particularly troublesome area is the stops signs at the CR 229 exit off of I-10.

"It seems like that's the spot where people feel like they need to clean out their cars. It's awful," Mr. Fletcher said.

So what can be done?

Law enforcement can ticket for littering, said Maj. Gerald Gonzalez of the sheriff's department, but that's very rare because the offense is difficult to prove unless witnessed by an officer.

He said there have been times when police have searched illegally dumped garbage for items indicating ownership and gone to speak with those individuals.

"But as you can imagine, the response is always somebody else must of taken my trash," said Mr. Gonzalez.

A public awareness campaign may work, but that's been done before with less than ideal results.

"We've tried different signs on the roads, but it doesn't seem to help much," Mr. Fletcher said. "They end up getting shot up and everything."

Another possible solution would be to abandon the collection sites altogether and establish house-to-house pickup.

"Many rural counties have gotten away from the collection centers and privatized collection," said County Manager Joe Cone. "They make small collection trucks that can handle the narrow dirt roads we have in Baker County. Obviously, this would cost the taxpayers money as we would have to increase the per parcel assessment."

How much the \$55 annual assessment would jump will remain unknown until the county advertises to bid the service. A proposal to do so in cooperation with other counties like Bradford and Union last year never panned out.

"I do not think it would be that much," Mr. Cone said. "People are spending time, inconvenience and gas money taking their trash to the collection centers now. Part of the question is how much are people willing to pay and is it worth it to not have to fool with the trash."

Haleigh search...

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three pounds. It began about 10:00 a.m.

The property owned by Bruce Griffiths has been searched once before, two days after Haleigh disappeared in the early morning hours of February 9.

Det. Piscitello said the five-hour and 45 minute effort unearthed the remains of a horse, goats and cows, which were examined by an anthropologist from the University of Florida to ensure they weren't of human origin.

An officer taking part in the search from the Palatka Police Department found two crack pipes and a plastic container with cocaine residue inside a pickup truck parked at the property, according to a report from Deputy Jerald Peterson of the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Peterson was maintaining a perimeter when Detective Peggy Cone advised him of the discovery. The drug paraphernalia came from inside a cigarette pack in the 1991 green and white Ford registered to Jessu Watkins, who was not immediately located.

The vehicle was parked on the opposite side of the property away from the family's mobile home.

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The newspaper reserves the right to reject any material which in the newspaper's judgment does not meet standards of publication.

Avoid 'family values' If you plan on stepping out on wife

There's a system at work here. If you're a public figure and you suspect there's even a chance you'll be having an affair outside your marriage, stay away from "family values" campaigning.

Conversely, if you make a practice of extra-marital affairs, or sense you'll be vulnerable when women (or in the case of a female — men) start throwing themselves at you because of your fame, stay away from "family values" and you'll probably be okay. You get a free pass.

South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford is but the latest "exhibit A" demonstrating this phenomenon. Whether his admitted affair with the lady in Argentina deep sixes his political career is anybody's guess right now. It's likely caused critical or fatal damage to his presidential aspirations.

Is that because American voters shun politicians who mess around? Ample evidence exists that it is not.

But unlike in some other cultures, Latin America and western Europe have notable examples, American voters don't take kindly to it when you act like something you're not.

This phenomenon isn't limited to higher office; I've witnessed it locally. I have in mind a very popular political figure of recent history (I ain't namin' names) who succeeded in making philandering part of his public persona. People expected it from him and they didn't hold it against him on election day.

About the same time, another local office holder watched his political fortunes go down in flames

IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

— at least for a while — for similar behavior. His mistake: he was a "family man" and campaigned as such. Tsk, tsk!

One doesn't hear it repeated much anymore, but old timers used to tell the tale (or myth) of the country politician who, when confronted with evidence of infidelity, blurted out, "Well, I've done said I'm a lot of things, but I ain't never said I weren't a man!"

Back to Gov. Sanford, at least his scorned wife had better sense than to stand beside him at the mandatory post-revelation news conference where he bared his soul. Such was not the case with other miscreants like Jim McGreevey of New Jersey, Elliot Spitzer (a particularly loathsome character) of New York and John Edwards, the former senator from Hair Spray.

I recall a discussion by the esteemed commentator Bill Bennett after the Spitzer public admission that he frequented pricey hookers. Sure enough, there was Mrs. Spitzer standing beside him, looking like she's just been blind sided in the face by a loaded water bottle.

Mr. Bennett commented on how demeaning the whole scene was, and recounted a discussion with his wife the previous evening. She said that standing beside him is the last place she'd be under those circumstances.

She also told Mr. Bennett the first words out of her mouth, if ever informed of his peccadillo, would be, "How do I re-load this thing?"
"Nuff said.

Giving lizard 'the boot'

THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

I went for a 15 minute walk early one morning last week as a warm up to my workout at the YMCA. Just as I began walking, I felt something in my shoe.

It wasn't uncomfortable, just noticeable. I figured it was a small stick so I just ignored it. Back from my walk, I got straight into my truck and drove to the Y.

During my 20 minutes on the treadmill, the "something" in my shoe became more noticeable. I kept flexing my toes to maneuver it out of the way. I had a good stride going and didn't want to break it by stopping and taking off my shoe, so I let the mystery item remain until I got home.

Once back at the house, off came the shoe. On the toe of my sock were several dark brown spots. Thinking it was blood, I checked my toes. Negative.

There didn't seem to be anything in the shoe, either, further adding to my puzzlement.

I probed as much as I could with my fingers and came up with nothing. Finally, I got a spoon and forced it down in the toe of the shoe and scraped it around.

I found the unknown object alright. It was a lizard. At that point, a very smashed, very dead lizard.

I remembered seeing a lizard two days before inside my apartment and tried to catch it to put it outside, but it disappeared.

Guess it crawled into my shoe to hide. After I got over my initial surprise and repulsion, I felt sort of bad. I can only imagine what the poor creature's last 40 minutes of life must have been like.

It must have tried desperately to save itself by squeezing into the tiny recess between my toes and the toe of the shoe, but it was a hopeless endeavor. Twenty minutes of pounding on a treadmill pulverized it to death.

Oh, the indignity of being stomped out of existence inside the dark, claustrophobic confines of a smelly tennis shoe.

This is not the first lizard story involving Lannigan women. My baby niece Valerie once dispatched a lizard in a similar fashion. She was sitting in her high chair and suddenly a lizard appeared out of nowhere, running across the counter (my sister-in-law still doesn't know how it got there).

The little girl spied it and immediately banged it with the bottom of her sippy cup. The lizard rolled over belly up, now dead as a doornail.

"Look mommy!" she said. "Go night, night."

The one that takes the cake, I think, involves my sister Tracy. She was sitting in her living room watching TV. Her two cats were lounging nearby. She felt something tickle her ankle and absently scratched at it with one hand. In a moment she felt it again. Again she scratched. A few moments later the tickle became more pronounced and moved further up her leg. She stood up, checked, but saw nothing. Then

something moved. Really moved. She started slapping at her leg and panicking.

Something was inside her clothes — something with feet and a tail.

A lizard had crawled up inside the leg of her pants and decided to take up permanent residence.

She told me this story on the phone with me dying of laughter on the other end.

"Did you do an Indian dance around the coffee table trying to get it out?" I asked her.

"Oh yeah," she told me. "After nearly kicking the windows out of the walls."

Humans don't like things crawling on them and that's for sure.

I once witnessed a woman in a store screaming hysterically and nearly beating herself to a pulp trying to kill a roach that had somehow crawled inside her sweater.

I've got more roach stories but we'll save them for another column.

Good night, sleep tight, don't let the bed bugs (or the lizards) bite.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wants a fresh start

Dear Editor:

I am a lifelong resident of Baker County, and as many know I grew up always in trouble with the law. That landed me in prison for ten years.

I can't speak for anyone but myself, but I'm honestly glad I was sent to prison when I was. Otherwise, I'd have probably gotten myself killed.

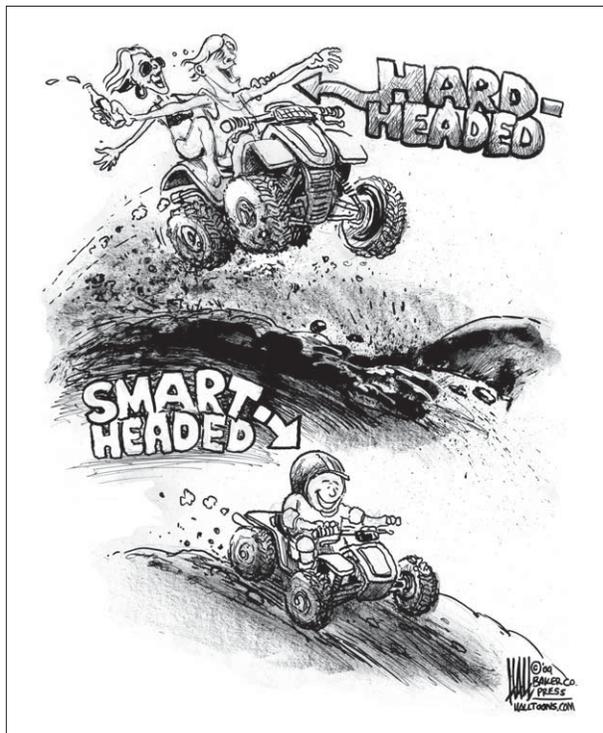
Since being in prison, I have obtained my GED, become a certified paralegal and am currently pursuing an associate of arts degree.

Actions speak louder than words, and all I ask is a fresh, clean start upon my release from prison in 2011.

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Spate of recent celebrity deaths marks end of eras

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

blown-back hair once described as the "falling out of an airplane" look, was the sex symbol of the late Seventies. It's hard to believe that she was only on Charlie's Angels for one season, because she defined that show and what it meant to be a clean-scrubbed pinup.

Her courageous battle against cancer brought her back into the public eye. But to all of us of a certain age, she'll always be the beauty in the red swimsuit.

As for Michael Jackson, he was the sound that defined a generation. Like so many stars, his off-stage life couldn't stand up to his celebrity, but it was his music that counted.

I owned the first Jackson 5 hit "I Want You Back" and sang along in falsetto to the 45. Later, I purchased Thriller like just about every one else in the world, and thought it was the coolest video ever. In fact, I am probably not alone believing Thriller is what cemented MTV's place in the entertainment world.

I scratched my head in confusion as Jackson tried to bleach away his ethnicity and turned his face into a cosmetic surgery proving ground, but that didn't stop wife Kelley and me from buying tickets to the Victory Tour when it came to the Gator Bowl. In fact, I even admit to owning a pair of red parachute pants.

Jackson's music transcends generations. My sons love Thriller and son Dylan's band has even used "Beat It" for sound checks before some shows. The crowd always cheers in recognition when the first few notes ring out.

As odd a character as he was in real life, I'm happy that his music will rise beyond that and continue down the years.

It's time to root around in the attic to try to find my old LP of Thriller.

I remember once asking my Dad why Ed McMahon was famous. After all, I asked, he doesn't really have a talent, does he? Dad replied that he was just famous for being Ed McMahon.

Billy Mays was the same way. If you played a tape of that irritating voice or showed a picture of that thick-bearded face, he was instantly recognizable. Besides Oxyaclean, I can't remember half the stuff he pitched, but he'd made himself famous doing it. "This is Billy Mays for..."

He's probably now trying to sell St. Peter something to polish harps and make angel robes sparkling clean with a fresh outdoory smell.

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Foresees better EZBase roads

9 segments with less traffic, better drainage

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It's been used as a cheap, substitute base for about a dozen paved roads county-wide, and according to Road Department Director Robert Fletcher, the benefits of the material known as EZBase out weigh its shortfalls.

The JEA by-product composed of ash, limestone and gypsum was used on 3.1 miles of Claude Harvey Road, and though the results weren't stellar, Mr. Fletcher believes nine more EZBase road segments about to be paved should fare better for a number of reasons.

A key difference in those 3.8 miles of roads and Claude Harvey is they have less traffic and typically higher elevations than the stretch northwest of Glen St. Mary. Those factors should be enough to ensure a better quality surface on the new roads, said Mr. Fletcher. Lighter traffic and better drainage means less moisture that can raise the EZBase and cause it to move as vehicles move over it. That slippage is what leads to cracks in the asphalt, which are beginning to appear in certain spots on Claude Harvey after only one year.

But neither Claude Harvey nor the nine roads for which county commissioners committed \$316,000 in early June to pave, were properly prepared for such work before the EZBase was applied.

"It was never intended to be paved over," Mr. Fletcher said of Claude Harvey. "We used the EZBase for stabilization ... It was one of our worst nightmares as far as maintenance."

When paving is anticipated, preparations include taking elevations, grading the road's profile and other steps that would've taken about three months to complete for Claude Harvey.

Only 14 days of prep work went into Claude Harvey before the EZBase was put down, said Mr. Fletcher. And soon after, Tropical Storm Fay rolled through.

By contrast, such preparations were undertaken on another EZBase road paved in partnership with the City of Macclenny. Mr. Fletcher pointed to Denise Street off South Lowder Street as an example of EZBase's potential when applied with proper planning.

"That's why it's smoother," he said.



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Claude Harvey Rd. has developed problem areas due to a short preparation time before EZBase was applied.

Also, Mr. Fletcher, his workers and JEA have spent the last few years experimenting with the material and honing its processing and application.

"We've learned a lot since we did Claude Harvey," said Mr. Fletcher.

JEA markets EZBase as a road stabilizer that's environmentally friendly because its ingredients would otherwise end up in landfills if not recycled. The public utility has also gained approval for using it on roads from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The biggest advantage of the material is the low cost.

Using a traditional base for Claude Harvey would've increased the project's price tag about \$225,000, or 37 percent, using current asphalt prices.

EZBase was initially given to the county for free, and now is about \$25 a truck load.

"That doesn't even cover their cost to truck it here," said Mr. Fletcher.

The county recently completed paving 2.4 miles of Crews Road using traditional methods, which cost roughly \$458,000.

For Claude Harvey's 3.1 miles the county

spent \$416,000, but since then asphalt prices have plummeted with demand. At today's price, the job would've cost \$358,000.

Mr. Fletcher has learned though, the product's affordable price is tempered by the breadth of its usefulness. It works best in dry areas with light traffic.

"You're limited to the areas you can use it and get good results," he said.

For instance, EZBase would not work well on Southern States Nursery Road due to the amount of traffic there and its low elevation in some areas.

Nonetheless, Mr. Fletcher remains a proponent of the experimental material.

"We're not spending but a fraction of the cost that goes on state roads and it's still a hundred times better than a dirt road ... If we hadn't paved Claude Harvey, people would've been getting stuck during these last rains we had. It might be a little bumpy, but now you can get in and out no matter how much it rains."

For more information about EZBase, visit <http://www.jea.com/business/services/products/ery/byproducts> and click on the Electric Generation Byproducts link.

Jacksonville teen abandons stolen car

A Jacksonville teenager was apprehended in Baker County in connection with a stolen car found abandoned in the Glenwood subdivision the evening of June 25.

The 17-year-old male suspect of Evergreen Avenue was seen by a neighborhood resident, Adonna Jackson, acting suspiciously as he walked along the roadside in Glen St. Mary. She said he was hiding in the bushes each time a vehicle drove by.

The stolen 1992 Mercury sedan was found about 150 yards from Ms. Jackson's home, and as she described the suspect to Deputy Tony Norman, the officer realized he'd just seen a black male matching the description near US 90 and George Taber Road.

Deputy Norman and other officers canvassed the area for the suspect, calling in a K-9 unit from Baker Correctional for assistance. Two hours later, the suspect was found hiding under a camper trailer.

He was taken to Ed Fraser Memorial for medical clearance as he was bleeding from the mouth following his arrest. He was later taken to Wolfson's Children's Hospital in Jacksonville and his mother was notified of the incident.

The suspect faces a felony charge for grand theft.

In other crimes involving vehicles this week:

• Jeffrey Perryman, 27, of Westside Street in Glen was arrested for allegedly breaking into Lauren Reinhard's car on Rufus Powers Rd. in the early morning hours of June 23 and removing more than \$600 worth of property, including the 23-year-old woman's purse, wallet, Ipod, medication and designer perfumes.

Ms. Reinhard found two of her vehicle's windows broken about 2:30 am and called police, whose records show blood was also found on a door.

Witnesses at James Davis' Rufus Powers residence said Mr. Perryman had gone outside for a period and was later seen in the bathroom bleeding.

The suspect was tracked to another home at 11238 Rufus

Powers Rd. from which he'd fled, but later returned while deputies were waiting on a wrecker to tow his truck.

Mr. Perryman admitted to the burglary and stealing a number of items, but not the purse.

He informed officers that he threw the wallet off the Manntown Road bridge at CR 125 South, tossed a credit card in the woods off Nursery Boulevard and placed a bottle of prescription medication on the roof of the latter Rufus Powers address.

Only the pills were recovered, despite attempts by law enforcement to locate the other property.

Mr. Perryman faces charges for burglary and grand theft, both felonies.

• Tamara Harris reported the evening of June 23 that her boyfriend took her vehicle to the Club 229 on Friendship Place in Sanderson and later called to tell her someone had busted the front windshield of the 2004 Saturn. The damage was estimated at \$250.

• Randall Jeseman's 2002 Ford F250 was taken from the roadside of SR 228 South at I-10 after he had broken down and left the location about 7:30 pm June 25. He returned the following afternoon to find it gone.

• Two vehicles belonging to Charles Jackson and Latoya Holmes were damaged while traveling south on CR 139 about midnight June 26.

They said four or five black male juveniles had thrown rocks at their cars in the area of Thompson Road.

Deputy Patrick McGauley said he'd been called to the area several hours before on the same complaint, but no suspects were located in either instance.

• Christine Jones reported that her 2009 Cadillac SUV was scratched while at Emmanuel Baptist Church on 8th Street in Macclenny the morning of June 28.

Deputy Jerald Peterson noted five, foot-long scratches on the door and another slightly longer scratch to the quarter panel. He said they appeared to be intentional.

Injured patron arrested at tavern

A Lake Butler man bleeding from his head at Gator Patrick's Bar in east Macclenny the evening of June 28 was arrested for disorderly intoxication after refusing to calm himself in the presence of Deputy James Marker.

Kenneth Clyatt, 46, appeared to be attempting to start a fight with several people standing nearby and reportedly had a knife, said the officer.

Deputy Marker asked where the knife was and the suspect

pulled it out, but didn't comply with orders to place it on the roof of a car.

He eventually dropped the knife on the ground and continued to yell at bystanders. The deputy said while trying to find out who caused Mr. Clyatt's injury, the man became belligerent towards him and refused to answer questions.

It was about 15 minutes before the 2:00 am closing time and other patrons were beginning to leave and gather around the ongoing disturbance involving Mr. Clyatt. His hostile comments continued on the way to jail where he threatened other officers, said Sgt. Marker.

• A 23-year-old Macclenny man smelling of alcohol and slurring his words while speaking with police was also arrested for disorderly intoxication at the BP station on West Macclenny Ave, after beating on another man's vehicle about 1:00 am June 27.

Deputy Erik Deloach observed Jonathan Stafford raising his arms and yelling while looking down into a blue car that he soon began striking as it drove through

the parking lot.

The officer said he separated Mr. Stafford from the car and questioned its occupants, who stated the suspect ran over to the car and began trying to break the passenger's window where Dustin Crews, 18, was sitting.

Mr. Stafford reported the incident was due to a strained relationship with Mr. Crews involving his previous girlfriend and that Mr. Crews hadn't spoken to him that evening, nor tried to harm him, states the officer's report.

• A Macclenny man who called 911 because his feet were hurting and he wanted a ride home from the CVS store on West Macclenny Avenue was arrested for disorderly conduct late the evening of June 24.

According to police records, after being informed about 11:00 pm that misuse of emergency services was a crime, Jeremy Anderson, 43, of West Macclenny Avenue refused to leave the business and became aggressive toward deputies.

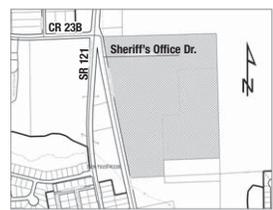
• Sean Crosby, 31, was arrested on an Alachua County warrant for

failure to pay child support after being involved in a disturbance at the Waffle House on South 6th Street about 2:30 the morning of June 27.

CITY OF MACCLENNY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY AND COMPANION AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S 2010 FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP

The City Commission of the City of Macclenny, Florida shall consider Ordinance No. 09-11, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MACCLENNY, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM BAKER CORRECTIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PARCEL I.D. NO. 29-25-22-0000-0000-0080; AMENDING THE 2010 FUTURE LAND USE MAP WHICH SHALL CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR LANDS DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE C AND INSTITUTIONAL TO PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC AND LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; REZONING THE LANDS DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM INSTITUTIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL CONVENTIONAL OR MOBILE HOME TO COMMERCIAL GENERAL AND RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; AUTHORITY; FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY; FINDINGS OF FACT; SEVERABILITY; RECORDATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

SYNOPSIS: Ordinance No. 09-11 involves an application for voluntary annexation of approximately 63 acres into the City of Macclenny. The Subject Property's Future Land Use Map ("FLUM") and Zoning Map designations shall be changed from its Baker County designations to equivalent City categories. Ordinance No. 09-11 will cause the Subject Property to be reclassified as follows: 43 acres as Low Density Residential (LDR) on the FLUM and zoned Residential, single-family (RS-1); 20 acres as Public/Semi-Public (P) on the FLUM and zoned Commercial General (CG). The complete legal description by metes and bounds and the ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.



FIRST READING: A public hearing on the first reading of the proposed ordinance will be held on **Tuesday, July 14, 2009** in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. **There shall be no vote by the City Commission regarding this ordinance at this meeting.** The City Commission meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the public hearing will be held shortly after the meeting is called to order. Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the adoption of the proposed amendment.

COMMISSION VOTE: A public hearing requiring City Commission action on the proposed ordinance will be held on **Tuesday, August 11, 2009** in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. The City Commission meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the public hearing will be held shortly after the meeting is called to order. Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the adoption of the proposed annexation.

The proposed ordinance is available for review at the City Manager's Office, City Hall, on Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Should any person decide to appeal any decision made as a result of this hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of these proceedings is made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Manager at (904) 259-0972 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

4-H camp on archery

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necessary.

An effective method for teaching proper stance for shooting utilized a nine-part chart. Campers had to practice critical thinking skills to determine the proper order of directions.

"There is a lot to shooting a bow properly," said Ms. Gore. "The placement of feet, alignment of shoulders, tilt of chin, how far back you draw the bow string and standing still after you shoot all influence the direction and accuracy of a shot."

Campers learned the proper way to set up an archery range and also made some of the target covers. Mr. Callihan and Mr. Clark supervised practice drills using whistles. Such practices made safety a priority on the range, one of the camp's main areas of focus.

"Training themselves to anchor and follow through were probably their biggest challenges," said Ms. Gore.

Anchoring refers to drawing back the arrow until the thumb and elbow are aligned with the chin and holding it steady. After anchoring, then shooting, the archer remains motionless for a few moments, then lowers the bow — hence, following through.

"Helping them master those two things greatly increased their chances of hitting the target and helped keep them positive and interested," said Ms. Gore.

Her biggest personal challenge was keeping the campers safe and above all, hydrated.

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Deputy chases pickup on 90 Battery, suspended license arrests

Two persons were arrested, one as an habitual traffic offender, following an incident at Mac's Liquors in downtown Macclenny and a brief vehicle chase in the early morning hours of June 27. Amy Moffitt, 25, of Glen St. Mary told Deputy Earl Lord she was accosted by boyfriend Brandon Wilkerson, 32, of Macclenny just before the 2:00 am closing time. She then pointed to a black Ford pickup heading westbound on US 90, and said Mr. Wilkerson was in it.

Deputy Lord said the pickup failed to stop when he got behind it between Macclenny and Glen, then pulled over near CR 125.

Mr. Wilkerson was arrested for domestic battery on Ms. Mof-

fit, the mother of their child.

The driver of the pickup, Laue Wartluft, 20, also of Glen, was arrested for driving on a license that has ten prior suspensions. He was also charged with fleeing police.

In other cases:

- James Curry Jr., 40, of Macclenny was booked at county jail the morning of June 22 for allegedly brandishing a .10 mm pistol at Kristen Rigney, 18, and her boyfriend Joshua Wilkerson, 22, after first following them to River Oak Circle from Interstate 10.
- The couple told Deputy Jeffrey Dawson that Mr. Curry tailgated their vehicle in his Dodge pickup about 7:30, then threatened them with the pistol. The suspect's

father and another relative said Mr. Curry then left the weapon at their residence, also on River Oaks.

A warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a third-degree felony, was issued and Mr. Curry was arrested the following day at his residence off Hickory St. in Macclenny II.

- A criminal complaint was filed against a 24-year-old female patient at Northeast Florida State Hospital for alleged death threats on employee Amanda Walker, 32, of Glen St. Mary, a rehab supervisor.
- Ms. Walker told police June 26 the accused has a history of threats and violent acts on staff. Deputy Brad Dougherty noted a letter from the suspect threatened harm to Ms. Walker and her family.
- The state attorney's office will decide whether to charge Charlie Burroughs, 24, with battery on Ashley Amerson, 23, during a confrontation on E. Ohio Ave. in Macclenny the evening of June 27. The victim told Deputy Earl Lord Ms. Burroughs confronted her about an earlier argument with a relative.
- A complaint for felony child abuse may result against Louie Creekmore, 44, of Sanderson following an investigation by the Child Protection Team in Jacksonville.
- The team determined facial and head injuries to the suspect's 5-year-old son were consistent with abuse, including "significant bruising."
- The child was reportedly disciplined for misbehavior in church on June 14. The report by Deputy John Hardin does not specify who made the complaint.

Theft of bicycle

A Macclenny man questioned by a county deputy in the early morning hours of June 27 after he was spotted on McIver St. ended up charged with felony grand theft of the bike he was riding.

Randall Barton, 19, was also charged with underage possession of three beers. Deputy Matt Riegel, who spotted the suspect about 1:30 while on routine patrol, said the beers were in Mr. Barton's pockets.

The suspect initially said the bike valued at \$325 belonged to a cousin who gave him permission to use it. Deputy Riegel later learned it was the property of the cousin's roommate, who did not give him the permission.

In other reports:

- A compressor and copper tubing valued at \$520 were removed from a four-ton air conditioner outside a vacant restaurant in Olustee during the month prior to June 22 when the theft was reported.
- Owner Roger Elhasan of Jacksonville said he returned to the property to mow grass and noticed the main unit had been dismantled, and the tubing leading to a propane gas tank was taken.
- Power tools including impact wrenches and a router were taken from a locked shed outside the residence of Carolyn Velleca on Eloise St. in northwest Mac-

clenny between June 15-25.

Deputy David Murray said it appeared several handles were removed to gain entry, then replaced. The owner believes a step-son who had been seen in the area since June 15 may be responsible for the burglary and one back in November. Value of the property taken this time was placed at \$640.

- Shelly Lafoze reported two safety helmets valued at \$400 taken from her car and from inside her residence on North 6th St. in Macclenny.
- She estimated they went missing between June 19-22 and told police her ex-husband may be responsible.
- Police investigated an attempted burglary at Baker Gun and Gold pawn shop in west Macclenny late on June 22.
- When Cpl. Ben Anderson responded to a burglary alarm, he found damage to locks on a side and rear door of the building. He also noted that phone lines had been cut.
- Nothing was said missing from inside the store.
- Latoya Holmes returned to her residence on Dolphin St. in Sanderson after midnight on June 27 and found that a rear door had been forced open. She told police a watch valued at \$35 was the only property missing.

Sheriff pay, pension remain

Double-dipping statute revised after July, 2010

There was a lot of bluster and flurry earlier this year about abuse of the state's retirement system, particularly by elected officials and judges taking advantage of a loophole in the Florida DROP system passed in 2001.

Governor Charlie Crist was one of the vocal opponents of the loophole that allowed officials to take a lump sum retirement payment after laying off the job 30 days, then resume their posts at the same salary and begin drawing generous retirements.

In the end, the governor and Florida Legislature compromised. The "double-dipping" loophole was closed — but not until July 1, 2010. That conveniently allows some elected officials, notably legislators, time to finish next spring's session, stay out the required six months and come right back again. They will have to forego pension payments for one year.

Governor Crist signed the bill earlier this month, and Senate sponsor Mike Fasano (R-New Port Richey) says it slams the door shut on what he viewed as the most egregious abuse — that of elected officials.

"There were shameful abuses by elected officers and judges who have used loopholes that created the problem," Sen. Fasano was quoted as saying earlier this spring. "They were cheating the system."

The new bills require elected officials remain off the job six months, triggering a gubernatorial appointment or special election to fill the vacancies.

The bill will not affect Baker County's most notable example of "double-dipping" — four-term Sheriff Joey Dobson. He took the month of December off shortly after his re-election last November, then was re-instated in January, drawing a \$311,173 lump DROP

aide to Sen. Fasano.

A House companion bill introduced last year and passed by that chamber forbade retirees from going back to work. It died in the Senate.

The new system allows a \$30,000-a-year clerical worker who needs to continue working to do so, but not at the same job if it was held open for them. They, too, must remain off the job six months and can't collect pensions for a year — a requirement of the previous statute.

A list compiled by the state's Division of Retirement shows 25 employees at Northeast Florida State Hospital "double dipping." The average monthly pension in addition to their regular salaries is about \$1500, though some administrative positions are double that.

Nine other employees of the sheriff's department are also in the system, also marking up pension payments averaging about \$1500 monthly.

A half-dozen are doing so in the Baker County school system, garnering pensions as low as \$120 to an average of about \$1800.

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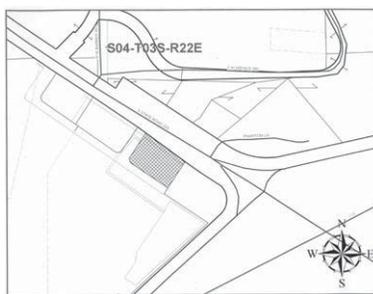
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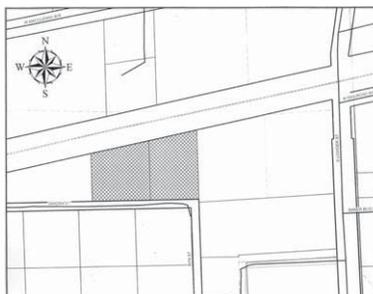
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Marketing for musicians

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When he was young, Jeremy Beasley was forever doodling funny caricatures of his teachers in class when he should have been doing his assignments.

"I was always getting in trouble for that," he says, laughing.

Those early days of random doodling have translated into a rapidly expanding graphic design career for the 19-year-old entrepreneur who makes his home in Glen St. Mary.

Mr. Beasley designs CD covers, tee shirts, performance backdrops, Web sites and a host of related marketing materials for clients in the music industry. His client list so far includes

Jacob Dylan (Bob Dylan's son), Lenny Kravitz and Dashboard Confessional, whose song *Vindicated* was featured on the second Spider-Man movie soundtrack.

Where it all began

While at Baker County High School, Mr. Beasley worked for a brief time at *The Baker County Press* where he helped with advertising.

After leaving the newspaper, he worked at the Macclenny Winn Dixie during his senior year, finally earning money to purchase his own Macintosh computer and design software.

"For the type of graphic design I was interested in producing, I didn't really know jack squat. I had to teach myself a lot in the beginning," he said. "What I couldn't figure out, I asked someone to show me how and a lot of people helped me along the way. I also studied the work of contemporary designers like Stefan Sagmeister and Alex Steinweiss."

A life-long music enthusiast, he got involved with performing at Sarah's Coffee, a popular coffee house in downtown Macclenny that operated for about two years. While affiliated with the Sarah's scene, he played guitar and designed posters and playbills advertising the different performers appearing at the coffeehouse.

At the end of his senior year at Baker County High School in 2007, life threw him a curve ball regarding his transcript. Thinking all his academic credits had been satisfied, he suddenly learned that he lacked one half credit to be eligible to graduate.

"I had worked my tail off to have a good GPA, but somehow I came up short," he said.

Because his little brother needed to be in a special school for hearing impaired children, his family had made plans to move to

West Frankfort, Illinois. Once there, Jeremy enrolled in the local high school for another semester to make up the credit he lacked to graduate.

His ties to Macclenny remained strong, however, because Amy Stalnaker, the girl he would ultimately marry, was still here.

During the next eight months in Illinois he went to school, got a job in the advertising department of *The Daily American* newspaper and began marketing his skills as a graphic designer on Facebook and similar sites.

Marketing connections in the biz

The Internet opened up a large networking opportunity. Soon he was e-mailing and chatting with art directors, graphic designers



Jeremy Beasley in his at-home design office. PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

and producers around the country. Because he was just starting out, he was advised to pursue design work for emerging bands, those climbing

the ladder toward recognition but not quite there yet. They don't always have big budgets for CD covers and marketing materials.

"I actually did design work for free at first, which helped me establish a portfolio and most important, a solid reputation in the industry," said Mr. Beasley. "My schedule became crazy. Between school, working at the paper and producing graphic design work, I hardly slept. At one point I got pneumonia because I was so exhausted, but I still managed to deliver."

When he finally earned that aggravating half credit, he returned to Florida and walked with the graduating class of 2008 and receive his diploma. The following October, he and Ms. Stalnaker married in a morning garden ceremony outside their home in Glen St. Mary.

His sacrifice and determination have paid off. Today, he owns and runs Midnight Morning, Inc., specializing in art direction, design and development. He works from his home office and hired an additional employee part time and took on an intern for the summer months.

"Word of mouth has been the best thing for me," he said. "Honesty, integrity and dependability speak for themselves. If you operate otherwise, you sink your own ship."

"The music industry is huge, yet it's small. People are familiar with each other and if you've done shoddy work and the word gets out, you might as well change your name and start over doing something else."

His commitment

Jeremy Beasley admits he has always had a strong work ethic.

"If you're going to do something, why not do it to the best of your ability? Nothing else really makes sense," he reasons.

He likes to work a little differently from other graphic designers who tend to specialize in a specific area and do that exclusively. He's not afraid to go the extra mile and immerse himself in multiple dimensions of a project, from set design, to photography, to original illustration.

"I'm involved and responsible for everything at once — concept, development, art direction, production — every aspect of the final product," he said.

Mr. Beasley enjoys involving friends and local people in his design projects when possible. In formulating the design concept for a CD by the band House of Heroes, he used the title of one of the songs, *The End is not the End*, as inspiration.

The idea appears throughout the CD insert numerous times in different photographic interpretations. The model for the cover image features former Baker County art teacher

Ralph Kline as a homeless person.

"Ralph was such a blast to work with. He has a great sense of theatre and totally immersed himself in the role," said Mr. Beasley. "He even showed up wearing dusty old clothes to make it authentic."

Local businessman Matt Putney portrayed a lawyer and was photographed in Wood-

lawn Cemetery. Even Mrs. Beasley became a model, photographed in a scene set up on the courthouse steps.

Award winning *Florida Times-Union* photographer Jon Fletcher, who also lives in Macclenny, worked with the project and shot the series of photos.

Jeremy Beasley believes being a musician himself has given him an edge in his chosen profession. He also views the opportunity to combine his two passions — music and graphic design — as a blessing.

He values his ongoing friendship with members of local bands such as Soapbox Havoc and Don't Sigh Daisy for whom he produces design work.

"All those guys are really talented and used to sit in with me when I played my gigs at Sarah's Coffee," he said.

The new Midnight Morning web site will be up and running July 7. To view a portfolio of Mr. Beasley's work go to midnightmorning.com after that date.

Employee arrested for Walmart thefts

An employee at the Macclenny Walmart was arrested for grand theft on June 25, and admitted to a county deputy she had been stealing from her register for a month.

A store security worker summoned police after compiling a file of videos and still pictures that allegedly show Linda Alexander, 49, of Macclenny siphoning cash. She was interviewed by Deputy Chris Walker late that afternoon and confessed to taking \$528. The charge is a third-degree felony.

In other reports of store thefts, Paul Karnes, 30, of Glen St. Mary was allowed by owner Phillip Crews to pay back \$40 for merchandise he allegedly shoplifted from the Extreme Outdoors store on US 90 west in Macclenny.

Mr. Crews called police June

26 after reviewing a surveillance video depicting the theft of several items. He told Deputy Daniel Nichols he would not seek criminal charges if Mr. Karnes paid him.

The suspect was issued a trespass warning banning him from the store and from Moody's Chevron next door.

A criminal complaint was filed charging Christopher Schell, 39, of Lake City with petty theft for allegedly taking a 32 oz. bottle of beer from the Citgo Store on CR 125 near Interstate 10.

The store clerk said she observed the man she later identified via a photo as Mr. Schell walk out of the store the evening of June 24. She obtained the license number of his 2000 Nissan sedan, and Deputy Jeffrey Dawson traced it back to the suspect.

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CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-0041

MERCANTILE BANK, a division of Carolina First Bank
Plaintiff,
v.
DANIEL P. EDGE and TINA M. EDGE, HIS WIFE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 25, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2-2009-CA-0041 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein MERCANTILE BANK, is Plaintiff and Daniel P. Edge, et al., are Defendant(s).

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day of July, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Parcel 2: A part of the East 1/4 of Section 28, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the South 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 5 00'35"30" W, along the West line of the South 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 28, a distance of 83.20 feet to the Southwest corner of a 30 foot easement as recorded in Official Record Number 2001, page 1532 of said county and to the Point of Beginning; thence S 62°18'24" E, along the Southerly line of said 30 foot easement 448.85 feet; thence N 73°23'30" E, continue along said Southerly line, 33.58 feet to the intersection with the Westerly right of way line of Crews Road (a 60 foot right of way now established); thence S 05°34'46" E, along said West 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 28, a distance of 116.55 feet to the intersection with the East line of Timber Trace (a 60 foot right of way now established; thence S 89°23'47" W, along said North right of way line, 452.58 feet to the intersection with the East line of "Timberland Estates" as recorded in Plat Book 3, page 3 and 4 of said county and monumented; thence N 00°47'09" E, along said East line of Timberland Estates as monumented, 329.91 feet; thence N 00°23'04" E, continue along said East line of Timberland Estates as monumented, 53.85 feet to the Northeast corner of said Timberland Estates as monumented; thence S 87°02'25" W, along the North line of said Timberland Estates as monumented, 7.44 feet to the intersection with said West line of the South 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 28; thence N 00°35'39" E, along said West line, 114.64 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

DATED this 26th day of June, 2009.

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The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction at 12:00 pm July 11, 2009 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:

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Schools hit again

Baker County school property continues to be a favorite target for nighttime vandals and thieves since the end of the school year in late May.

The weekend before last, two buildings on the Baker County Middle School campus were entered and a \$9000 "smart board" in one of the classrooms was destroyed when a pair of scissors was plunged into the screen. The board was also sprayed with chocolate syrup and candy sprinkles.

Fire extinguishers were emptied in hallways and classrooms in Building 15, the main campus structure, and in Building 14 on the north side. It appeared entry into the first building was through a rear hallway door.

In the main building, one classroom was entered and extinguisher contents sprayed on a computer. Three classrooms were entered in the second building.

Principal David Davis told

sheriff's investigators a surveillance video depicted a white teenage male ride a bicycle down a hallway, stop at a drinking fountain and look up at the camera. Mr. Davis said he may have recognized the youth.

In other reports, gasoline was stolen from vehicles in the maintenance shop on the Baker High campus overnight on June 25 and June 23. In the earlier case, Deputy Brad Dougherty said he followed ATV tire prints to an address off Rufus Powers Rd. and questioned two possible suspects there.

They denied involvement, but suggested that a third person who borrowed their ATV about 4:30 that morning may be involved. One of the suspects questioned admitted he was with two others, one of whom was arrested for another theft.

Police also obtained shoe prints from the maintenance shop.

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Telford Hotel in White Springs is step back in time

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At the turn of the 20th century, White Springs, Florida was a bustling community with a thriving tourism industry driven by the renowned healing quality of the area's sulfur springs.

Of the 15 hotels that accommodated an endless parade of out of town guests, many of them famous personalities like President Franklin Roosevelt, only one remains.

Today, the Telford Hotel, an imposing multi-storied structure built of limestone river rock and brick, still graces River Street in downtown White Springs. Its handsome facade is capped with a copper mansard roof, now dark from decades of exposure to the elements.

The hotel stands regally among huge oaks draped with graceful swaths of Spanish moss like an elegantly attired lady from an era of by-gone Southern gentility and hospitality.

One wouldn't be at all surprised if Scarlett O'Hara came walking down the lobby's grand staircase and through the front door, her hood skirts flouncing as she stepped into a horse-drawn carriage.

The hotel now operates as a bed and breakfast and offers an appealing lunch buffet in its restaurant. Owners Nick and Kathy Lyras rescued the unoccupied property six years ago, restoring to White Springs one of its most treasured historical landmarks.

Dining is especially popular on Sunday when the restaurant is often filled to capacity when locals stop by on their way home

from church. The hotel's lobby and adjoining meeting rooms feature a beautifully preserved original wood floor, period and reproduction furnishings and high ceilings. Many of the original gas light fixtures can still be seen in the dining rooms. The rooms are utilized for business meetings, wedding showers, birthday and anniversary celebrations. During the fall, winter and spring, patrons are treated once a month to live folk music.

The highlight, of course, is the restaurant. While not specifically restored to the appearance of the original hotel, one exposed wall of the limestone and brick structure makes an interesting backdrop. Gold wood tones create a pleasant interior and views through the large bank of windows along one side allow glimpses of the fountain and waterfall on the adjacent patio. White tablecloths, cloth napkins and floral centerpieces also add to the ambience.

The buffet is offered daily and a full menu is available in the evening on Friday and Saturday. Sunday's buffet features a roast beef carving station and chicken and fish are usually among the selections, along with a variety of vegetables and a choice of at least two breads. Cakes, cobblers, pies and banana pudding grace the dessert table. The Telford makes fabulous iced tea and soft drinks



The spacious hotel lobby.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

are available as well.

At \$9.95, the price of the Sunday buffet is very reasonable. Drinks are extra.

For a nice meal in a pleasant atmosphere that features a liberal dash of old north Florida history and charm, a visit to the Telford Hotel is a must. Since it closes for most of July and all of August

when business is slow, Sunday, July 5, will be the last opportunity to dine at the restaurant until it reopens in September.

The Telford is located at 16521 River Street in White Springs, ten miles north of Lake City on US 41. Call 1-866-397-2000 for more information.

Dirt biker arrested

Police chased the rider of a dirt bike through the Blair Nursery property on South SR 121 in the early evening of June 26 and later arrested him for trespassing and resisting an officer without violence.

The suspect, Darin McClure, 34, first fled from the property's owner and a contractor working there when they attempted to ask him to leave.

They summoned Deputy Patrick McGauley, who soon spotted Mr. McClure directly in front of his patrol car. The rider, who was not wearing a safety helmet, reportedly turned around and sped off as the officer gave chase with overhead lights activated.

The rider continued to ignore the officer while making several turns onto paths running through

the property and the officer eventually abandoned the pursuit due to the unfamiliar terrain.

However, 10 minutes later Deputy McGauley located Mr. McClure loading his motorcycle into the bed of a truck on South CR 125. The officer also noted numerous "No Trespassing" signs posted throughout the property.

Another driver found behind the wheel of a sedan on US 90 in Sanderson without a valid driver's license was arrested about 8:30 pm on June 27. The license of Major Tisdale, 44, of CR 127 has been suspended 12 times.

July 4th celebration

The First Baptist Church of St. George invites the public to its July 4th celebration beginning at 10:00 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.

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Discussing fitness at health fair

Susan Eason of Anytime Fitness dropped by the booth sponsored by Curves and Humana health care on June 27 during the health fair at the ag center auditorium. Pictured also are Penny Parker of Humana and Melissa Crews of Curves. Both organizations teamed up recently offering the conditioning training to new enrollees of the health insurer. A dozen or so agencies set up booths for the morning event that included a fun walk/run along US 90.

Did you stab a fox?

This may sound a bit wacky, but if you were the person who helped a Lake City man fend off an attacking fox on June 22, you may need to be treated for rabies.

The Florida Wildlife Commission put out the word two days later in hopes that the Good Samaritan will come forward. Since many Baker County residents attend Lake City Community College where the incident took place, FWC alerted local media.

According to the game agency, Richard McGlew, 42, was seated on a bench near Building 9 when the fox approached him from behind and grabbed his pant leg. Mr. McGlew seized the fox by the tail, and was bitten on the hand. The second man is believed to be another student who used a pocket knife to cut the animal's throat before it ran into nearby bushes, where it was later found dead.

The fox is being tested for rabies.

Anyone with information should call FWC's Lake City office at 986-758-0525 and ask for Capt. Roy Brown or Karen Parker.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE at the Regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida, the City of Macclenny will consider the below Ordinance for first reading:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM MURPHY OIL USA, INC., OF PARCEL 04-3S-22-0000-0000-0171; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



A complete legal description by meets and bounds and the Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.

Anyone having an interest in the first reading of this Ordinance is invited to attend the meeting.



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Driver goes bumper first into store

Deanna Wisner, 18, of Macclenny was behind the wheel of the this Nissan Sentra when it slammed through the front doors of the Movie Gallery on South 6th Street shortly before 9:00 the evening of June 30. Ms. Wilson told the Florida Highway Patrol her brakes went out as she pulled into the store. FHP's crash investigation was ongoing as of press time and its unknown whether the driver was cited in the accident. Deborah Starling of Macclenny was working inside the Movie Gallery at the time of the impact. "It scared the crap out of me," she said. "I'm fine, but a little shaken up."



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First prospect steer show held June 20

The Baker County Fair Association with the assistance of the Baker County Farm Bureau and the Baker County FFA Alumni on Saturday, June 20 sponsored the first annual Prospect Steer Show for Baker County 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors. A livestock fitting and grooming clinic was conducted that evening followed by exhibition of the 16 participating youth exhibitors and their steers. The Grand Champion Steer was exhibited by Chase Brannan who received \$150.00 and a trophy. The Reserve Champion Steer was exhibited by Derek Rigdon who received \$75.00 and a trophy. Chase is pictured with Judge Brad Muse of Starke.

Her SSI was stolen four times

A Glen St. Mary woman learned June 20 during an on-line check of her credit score that her Social Security number had been stolen under four different names to obtain credit cards used to run up a \$3600 debt.

Theresa Stoutenborough told police she has never had a credit card.

She contacted the sheriff's department after learning of the apparent identity theft from Equifax, one of the three major credit reporting agencies. She was able to give Tony Norman the names used with her number, and made the police report as a preliminary to disputing the charges.

In another recent case, Carolyn Tanner of Glen learned from Vystar Credit Union that her card was being used to run up a large number of purchases after it and her purse went missing at either Fastway Foods on Woodlawn Rd. or the Macclenny Walmart.

Ms. Tanner reported the theft to police June 24, and the amount of bogus charges was not revealed. The wallet also contained other cards, identification and a checkbook.

A video may aid police in locating a woman who passed a bogus \$20 bill at the S&S store on South 6th during the early morning hours of June 27.

The black female about 5'8" weighing 230 lb. presented the bill paying for a pack of cigarettes about 3:00 am and left the parking lot in a dark green SUV, according to police. Her image was captured on a surveillance camera.

Felony charges for having drugs

A patron of Mac's Liquors exited the establishment with a pitcher of beer the evening of June 26 and was later arrested on multiple drug possession charges.

Deputy Scooty Rhoden observed suspect Garrett Simmons, 24, of Maple Street leave the West Macclenny Avenue bar with the pitcher about 10:30 and approached him about drinking in public in violation of a city ordinance.

The officer said a search of Mr. Simmons right front pocket yielded a plastic bag with about two-tenths of a gram of marijuana, two methadone pills and one Xanax pill.

Mr. Garrett said he didn't have a prescription for the medication. The suspect faces a felony drug possession charge for the pills, a misdemeanor drug possession charge for the marijuana and another misdemeanor for violating the city ordinance.

In other drug-related cases this past week:

• James Childs was recorded exchanging 20 tablets of the prescription drug Loratab for \$100 from an undercover officer the afternoon of June 24 in the Walmart parking lot.

He faces a felony charge for sale and delivery of prescription drugs. • A Glen St. Mary man attempting to defraud the court by using a fake penis to urinate during a supervised drug test at Baker County Community Services on East Macclenny Avenue the morning of June 24 was jailed shortly thereafter.

The unsuccessful attempt to fool Christopher Thomas of Community Services landed 18-year-old Preston Burns in front of Judge Joey Williams, who ordered the suspect to jail.

Mr. Thomas reported the incident to Deputy Christopher Walker the following day and the officer filed a fraud charge with the state attorney's office.

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Master gardener

Master gardener applications are now being accepted at the Baker County extension service.

Area master gardener training will be held at the Duval and Nassau county extension offices on Wednesdays beginning August 26 and ending in mid-November. Training sessions begin at 9:30 am-3:30 pm.

Applications for a limited number of openings are now being accepted. Please stop by the ag center to pick up an application. You can also obtain an application online at <http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu>.

The cost is \$85.00 for the master gardener notebooks and program materials. Application deadline is 5:00 pm August 14.

Library closing

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Parish-McDowell

July 3 wedding

Lee and Trenia Parish of Macclenny are pleased to announce the engagement of daughter Stephanie Lynn Parish to Daniel Wayne McDowell, also of Macclenny. Daniel is the son of Jody and April McDowell of Glen St. Mary.

The couple will wed on July 3 at 6:00 pm at Souls Harbor. All friends and family are invited to share in the event.

Canine graduation

Jo-Ann Huk and Cheryl Lunn were in Orlando recently for the Canine Companions for Independence graduation of "Rya."

Rya was sponsored by the GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny in of last year. Rya will start advanced training to become a working dog.

These dogs are serving the needs of people with disabilities. They are referred to as "Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People." This was the fifth dog sponsored by the Woman's Club of Macclenny in eight years.

Sincere thanks

Thank you Baker County residents for all your prayers, cards, flowers and visits during my recent illness and recovery. With the Lord's grace I've been back at work and completely healthy. Once again, thank you for your support.

Nita D. Crawford
Baker County Supervisor of Elections



Sonny and Peggy Register

Registers celebrate 50th anniversary

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, the children of Sonny and Peggy Register of Sanderson invite everyone to celebrate this special occasion with us. The dinner reception will be held July 18 at the Baker County Agricultural Center in Macclenny from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Sonny and Peggy were married July 17, 1959 in Glen St. Mary and have three children, Doug (Penny) Register, Darryl (Danette) Register and Debbie (Ricky) Crews, all of Glen. They also have seven grandchildren, Crystal and Garrett Register, Curtis and Cason Lowery, Collin Crews, Joel and Alex Register.



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Miss Ebony crowned

Jasmine Paige (pictured middle) was crowned the winner of the 2009 Miss Ebony Scholarship Pageant June 20. The 18-year-old from Margareta received \$500 toward her college tuition. Also pictured are (left) second runner-up Mikell Witherspoon, 14, of Jacksonville, who received a \$150 scholarship, and first runner-up Brittany Robins, 18, of Macclenny, who received a \$250 scholarship.

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Garden classes lined up for July

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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 conditioner 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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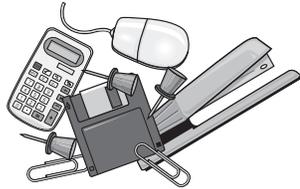
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Andy Ambrose, retired Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Alton Guy "Andy" Ambrose Sr., (USAF retired), 80, of Baldwin died Saturday, June 27, 2009 following a lengthy illness. He was born December 10, 1928 in Athens, FL, the son of Jacob Guy Ambrose and the former Bertha Lee Howell. Mr. Ambrose served in the Air Force during WWII, the Korean and Vietnam wars, and retired as a Chief Master Sergeant (E-9) after 20 years of dedicated service. He is preceded in death by wife of 47 years, Flo Ella Ambrose.

Survivors include son Guy (Carol) Ambrose Jr.; daughter Rhonda (David) Ryan; sisters Lilly Harrington and Sally (Brad) Manning; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; close friend Jackie Johns; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Mr. Ambrose was held at 11:00 am, June 30, at the First Baptist Church of Baldwin with Revs. Chris Drum and Leroy Lewis officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery with full military honors.

Pallbearers were Carl Masters, Duffy Trent, John Johns, Ernie Crawford, Murrell Mixson and Matthew Plemmons. Honorary pallbearers were Gene Hodges, David Ryan, R. Vance Prestwood Jr., Brad Manning and Marvin Broadlock. Prestwood Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Earl Allen Jr., 80, died June 29th

Earl Allen Jr., 80, of Baldwin died Sunday, June 29, 2009 following a lengthy illness. Mr. Allen was born September 29, 1928 in Baldwin, son of Earl Allen, Sr. and the former Annie Pearl Barbee. He was preceded in death by wife of 57 years Billye Allen.

Survivors include daughter Cathie (Johnny) Brantley; Son Curtis (Candie) Allen; three granddaughters; one grandson; three great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Sally Griner.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 am on July 1, 2009 at the United Methodist of Baldwin with Pastor Debbie Halcomb officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery, Bryceville. Prestwood Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mark Crossman, was a truck driver

Mark William Crossman, 50, died Monday, June 29, 2009. He was born in Watertown, NY and lived in Baker County the past 28 years. He was employed by Prestige A/B Management as a truck driver. Mr. Crossman was preceded in death by parents Michael and Marilyn Crossman and sister Mary Carol Crossman.

Survivors include wife of 27 years, Karen B. Crossman; son Walter (Rosina) Crossman; daughter Felicia (Paul) LeGrande; brothers Michael Jr., Martin "Marty", Marvin "Bob" and Matt; four grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be July 4 at 11:00 am at the chapel of Giddens-Reed Funeral Home in Baldwin with Rev. Buddy Lanier officiating. Interment will follow at Macedonia Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm Friday evening at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family. Mark will be loved and missed by all.

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Mr. Harkins, 26, enjoyed welding

Christopher Lee Harkins, 26, of St. George, GA died Tuesday, June 23, 2009. He graduated from Baker County High School in 2004, and was a junior firefighter at the St. George Volunteer Fire Station #2. He had a heart transplant at age 13 and lived 13 years in good health until rejection complications.

Christopher was always happy with a smile on his face. He was very compassionate and loved people, and enjoyed welding with his dad, his granddad and Uncle Larry. He was preceded in death by grandfathers John M. Dasher III and Everett E. Moss.

Survivors include parents Jean and Glen Harkins; John Milton Harkins IV; sister Nicole (Peanut) Harkins; step-sister Brandi Smith; half-brother Austin Harkins; grandparents Sandra and Larry Graham and Faye Harkins; one niece.

The funeral service was held June 26 at 10:00 am with Rev. Robert "Crickie" Watson officiating. Interment followed at St. George City Cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert and Dusty Mimbs, Garth Guinn, Cody McCoy, Rick Hand, Ronnie Johns, Rusty Hornsby, and Shane Roman. Shepard Funeral Home of Folkston was in charge of arrangements.

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Maxie Wilkerson, 56, of Macclenny

Maxie Dale Wilkerson, 56, of Macclenny died Sunday, June 28, 2009 at his residence following a sudden illness. He was born in Baker County and resided in Macclenny all his life. He worked as a pipefitter with Independent Sprinkler Corporation in Jacksonville for over 15 years until ill health forced his retirement. He was a Baptist.

Mr. Wilkerson was preceded in death by sons Dale and Matt Wilkerson and parents Thomas "Tom" James Wilkerson and Maggie "Bobbie" Lee Floyd Wilkerson.

Survivors include wife Mary J. Wilkerson of Macclenny; daughter Renee (Brian) Graham of Macclenny; sons Wally (Terri) Wilkerson and Michael A. Wilkerson, both of Macclenny; sisters Judy Harris of Macclenny, Paulette Darcangelo of Fleming Island and Brenda Thomas of Maxville; brothers Tommy Starling, James, Robert, Danny, David and Ricky Wilkerson, all of Macclenny; 10 grandchildren.

The funeral service will be July 2 at 3:00 pm at the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. J.C. Laumore officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

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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.



Francis Jones

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.

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 Nickles and Cynthia L. (Stanley) Gobbs; 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-Lafrens Funeral Home of Jacksonville was in charge of arrangements.

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Canaday, Brian William to Dopson, Brian in TOWN OF GLENNY BK 50, S 53-000 CT Properties to Taylor, M Chad in 5-35-22E, S125,000
Maronda Homes Inc Of Florida to Clark, Samantha A in CYPRESS POINT UNIT TWO LOT 94, \$127,000
Consolaro, Louis A to Milton, Timothy O in 25-25-20E, \$0
Canaday, Mitch to Gibson, Linda in FOX RIDGE EST PHASE THREE LOT 60, \$134,700
Parsons, Kevin M to Housand, Rodney K in HERITAGE OAKS LOT 86, \$130,000
Drees Homes Of Florida Inc to Broome, Charles B in ROLLING MEADOWS LOT 96, \$147,000
Creel, Dixie to Campbell, James D in YARBROUGH SPORTSMAN PARK CR-1 PG 6808A 6818A LOT 67 & 6, \$10
Gallion John Paul to Howard, Gerald H in FOREST GLEN LOT 8, \$215,000
Rhoden, George Bryan to Williams, Randall S in ST MARYS COVE ADD LOT 57, \$10,600
Davis, Thomas to Davis, Thomas in 50 HOWARD CIRCLE to Richardson, B F in 1-45-20E, \$10
Maronda Homes Inc Of Florida to Webb, Harold W in CYPRESS POINT UNIT 2 LOT 95, \$181,000
Crump, William F to Taylor, Adeline Patricia in 12-35-20E, \$0
Clifford & Lees Liquors Inc to Maa in LOTS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 BK C, \$350,000
Bishara, Said to Maa in TOWN OF SANDERSON LOTS 1,2,3, BK C, \$10
Howard, Tommy Dale to Ellison, James E in FAMILY OAKS EST LOT 18, \$5,000
HSBC Mortgage Services Inc to Small Stephen R in 16-25-21E, \$105,000
Taylor, James to Taylor, James E II in TOWN OF MACCLENNY LOT 5 BK 82, \$10
Poore, Wilbur J to Finley, Matthew A in RIVER COUNTRY EST LOT 3, \$10
Simmons, Gertrude to Godwin, Terrell J in 25-25-20E, \$10
Taylor Mary Elizabeth to Stevenson, Edith A in 15-15-20E, \$10
Clifford & Lees Liquors Inc to Maa in 12-35-20E, \$10
RK Muse Construction Inc to Yarbrough, William Brian in 32-25-22E, \$67,000
LFB Mercury Reo Investments Lc to Bennett Jeffery D in CANNON HEIGHTS PHASE II LOT 41, \$130,000
Howard Robert C to Richardson B F in 1-45-20E, \$0
Maronda Homes Inc Of Florida to Kafas Frederick Jr in CYPRESS POINT UNIT 2 LOT 86, \$146,500
Fm Florida Land Company Llc to Collins Builders Llc in GREYSTONE SUB LOT 32, \$28,850
Sawyer Richard J to Sawyer Richard J in 8-15-21E, \$0
Morano Barbara Ann to Ross Juliette M in 7-35-22E, \$10
Markham Robert W to Hartline William in 24-25-22E, \$10
Gardner, Mary Lee Mccray to Gardner, Mary Lee Mccray in 28-25-19E, \$10
Paige, Trease A to Thomas, Shawn in 36-25-20E, \$0
Rhoden, Thomas D to Rhoden, Theresa L in CANNON HEIGHTS LOT 16, \$10
Mobley, Emory Lee Revocable Living Trust to Mobley, Bryan in 17-25-22E, \$10
Medley, Wesley to Wesley, James Wesley in 17-25-22E, \$10
Duckworth, Richard E to Rhoden Theresa L in 12-25-21E, \$10
Baker Correctional Development Corporation to Baker County Florida in 29-25-22E, \$10
Cox, Frank Andrew to Martin, Roger M in OAKS OF LON LOT 5, \$165,000
Seda Construction Company to Craig, Matthew F in SANDS POINTE SUB LOT 14, \$172,865
Long Branch Farms Llp to Conner, Shane M in LONE BRANCH LOT 13-A, \$11,000
Roberts, F J to Gotay, Alexandria Belen in 30-25-22E, \$10
Wells Fargo Bank NA to Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development in FARMS AT CUYLER LOT 1 BK A, \$10
Maglen Inc to Cumpston, Robert Glenn in 16-25-21E, \$10
Cooler, George D to Harris, Mark S in 8-35-22E, \$215,000
Perry, Darrell G Sr to Perry, Darrell G Sr in 16-25-21E, \$10
Toney, Mark to Griffis, Amanda Gill in CANNON HEIGHTS PHASE ONE LOT 3, \$186,000
Turrentine, Kyle Brenton to Barnes, Larry Mark in CANNON HEIGHTS PHASE I LOT 48, \$0
Chesser, William Bryant to Canady, Jacquelyn Chesser in TOWN OF GLEN ST MARY LOTS 11 12 BK 47, \$0
Phillips, James Curtis Sr to Phillips, James Curtis Sr in 12-35-20E, \$0
Kurani, Sultan to Southeastern Pizza Real Estate Company Llc in 5-35-22E, \$800,000
Johnson Joseph C to Combs Michael N in 36-25-20E, \$165,000
Tilley, James Harlis Sr to Cheryl K LLC in 29-15-21E, \$69,995
Moody, Daniel L to Gainey, Carolyn C in 32-25-22E, \$10
Turrentine, Janeline C to Gainey, Marion E Jr in 12-25-22E, \$10
Brown, Shannon Kyle to US Bank National Association in JERRY E THOMAS SUB LOT 9 BK 6, \$131,400
Yarbrough, James M to Braddy, Stephen E in, \$10
Volz, Thomas C to Groves, Dwight I Jr, \$37,500
Ray, Priscilla to Ray, David Elk Jr in 35-1N-20E, \$10
Sigers, Diane P to Swearingen, Bart H in 16-25-21E, \$0
Crummey, Gary L to Brown, Agnes J in JERRY W THOMAS SUB LOT 4 BK 2, \$42,500
Woodington, William E to Keller, Shirley A in 25-20E, \$130,000
Little, Lindsay to Macdonald, Michael J in LANCASTER GLEN LOT 16, \$73,500
Turkey Creek Retreat Inc to Thlick, August A in TURKEY CREEK RETREAT INC LOT 4 Lbk 4, \$1
Madison Group Llc to Baker Quail Farms Llc in 17-35-21E, \$40,000
Hickman, Richard Marshall to Johnston, Ben W in QUAIL RIDGE LOT 2, \$235,000
Hickman, Richard Marshall to Hickman, Richard Marshall in OLD NURSERY PLANTATION LOT 17, \$10
Fish, Benjamin Lee to Stevens, Mark D, \$10
Barton, Wanda Lee to Barton, Wanda Lee in E R RHODEN LOT 18 BK 8, \$10
Barton, Wanda Lee to Barton, John J in E R RHODEN ADD LOT 18 BK 8, \$60,000
Fiore, Joseph A Jr to Bosworth, Earl F Iv in COOPER CREEK HILLS UNIT 1 LOT 27, \$0
Parker, Linda Marie to Parker, Dustin Marcel in 35-25-21E, \$10
Wilford, Stephen G to Wilford, Stephen G in 12-35-21E, \$10
Home Again Investments Llc to Griffis, Harold in 31-25-22, \$10
Green, William Joey Jr to Green, William Joey Jr in FRANK COMBS CIRCLE EST LOT 6, \$43,420
Taylor, Rodney to Green, William Joey Jr in 3-15-20E, \$30,000
Bargeron, Barry Alan to Bargeron, Barry Alan in COUNTRY EST LOT 8,9,10 BK 3, \$10
Bennett Vinco A to Dike, Roland M III in 5-35-21E, \$400,000
Daniels, Gary R to Daniels, Gary W in 7-25-22E, \$0
Combs, Timothy L to Terry, Michael Jules in 20-25-22E, \$10
Terry, Michael Jules to Kilpatrick, Adam S in 20-25-22E, \$149,875
Smurfit Stone Container Enterprises Inc to Walker, James E in 3-15-20E, \$125,000
Yarbrough, Riley G Jr to Home Again Investments Llc in 19-25-22E, \$34,500
Fish, Patricia M Trustee to Femell, Gene K in 20-15-21E, \$44,000
The Sanctified and Holiness Church Of God Without Spot Or Wrinkle to McCray Holiness Church Outreach in 28-35-19E, \$10
Byrd, Robin to Beneficial Florida Inc in RIVER COUNTY EST LOT 15, \$107,400
Raulerson, Cynthia P to Albritton, Linda in 15-35-21E, \$0
Raulerson, Cynthia P to Sigers, Diane P in

6-3-21E, \$0
Boney, Walter T to Bolsor, William A in 23-35-21E, \$85,000
Richmond American Homes Of Florida Lp to Caldwell, Corey in ROLLING MEADOWS LOT 68, \$155,000
Boggs, William C to Boggs, David in 30-22E, \$10
Staley, Timothy D to Staley, Timothy D in COUNTRY CLUB EST LOT 6 BK 2, \$10
Nordstrom, Gregory I to Nordstrom, Gary V in 26-25-21E, \$25,900
Raulerson, Lynn to Sooter, Stephen W Jr in 29-35-19E, \$33,000
Boulduc, Margaret Y to Rites, Barbara in 1-45-20E, \$10
Boulduc, Margaret Y to Blinn, Ernestine in LOTS 22 & 23 CONFEDERATE FARMS SUBDIVISION, \$10
Goff, James T to Crawford, Brad Daniel in 31-25-22E, \$50,000
Hodges, Jonathan Terrell to Hodges, Jonathan Terrell in 15-45-20E, \$10
Williams, Castile to Williams, Virginia Cleo in 33-25-22E, \$10
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Jones, Lex Virgil to Coleman, Sterling F in 36-35-20E, \$10
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Harvey John to Beasley, Michael S in 525-25-20E, \$10
Mickler, Carol M to Moon Yung in LINCOLN PARK LOT 44 BK 41, \$9,000
Carolina First Bank to Stokes, Timothy in 6-35-22E, \$50,000
Richardson, Joseph Gordon to Richardson, Timmy Ray in 30-35-21E, \$0
Roberts, Patsy A to Gober, Jason J in TOWN OF MACCLENNY LOT 7 BK 18, \$129,900
Cristobal, Flavio to Raulerson, Lynn in 29-35-19E, \$40,500
Hall, Dorothy to Hall, Dorothy in TOWN OF SANDERSON LOT 5 BK 6, \$0
Wood, Thomas Daniel to Fish, Patricia L Trustee in FAMILY OAKS EST LOT 15, \$36,844
Sanders, Linda H to Hanson, Heather in OWENS ACRES UNIT 2 LOT 7 BK 5, \$130,000
Buggett, Dennis to Solano, Inet in 35-25-20E, \$10
Rock Contractors Inc to Rodriguez, Jorge A in CANNON HEIGHTS PHASE TWO LOT 24, \$64,500

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For Sale

Formal dining table and six upholstered chairs in very nice condition. Asking \$125.00. Call 259-8803. 7/2p

2000 Stratos Vindicator, 174", 150 hp Johnson motor, dual aerated live wells, two low-depth fish finders. Perfect for fishing or skiing. \$8,000.00. 904-553-5996. 6/25-7/2p

Cypress mulch and red mulch 259-2900. 7/2tc

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 121 across from the old jail. 259-8711. 6/25-7/9p

2006 Mountaineer camper by Montana, 33', two slides, one owner. Must see to appreciate. Like new. 259-3678. 7/2p

15' 100" 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 \$1500.00. 259-3300. 3/12tc

2004 Honda Aero, 4500 miles, front fender, sissy bar, black with lots of chrome \$4300.00. 318-7728. 6/25-7/2p

2006 30' 5th wheel. Two slides. Call 259-5382 or 318-2969. 7/2-7/9p

Artist Oils, acrylics, water colors, canvases, drawing pads and much more! On sale now. The Office Mart, 110 S. Fifth Street. 259-3737. t/c

Sands Farm fresh vegetables, taking orders now for pinkeye, blackeye, zipper cream, white acre and black crowder peas, corn and okra. 259-6891 or 303-1501. 6/25tc

Honda generator NGK 4300H, 8 hp, 4300 watts, super silent, never used, only fired up. \$950.00. Call Ann 240-1525. 6/25-7/2p

Everstar 10,000 BTU air conditioner on wheels. Can go anywhere, free-standing, 110 outlet, like new, \$275. Miscellaneous baby items, boys clothing. 259-2271. 7/2p

Large capacity white Frigidaire refrigerator. Side by side with ice and water. For. \$350.00. 904-708-5759. 7/2p

Dirt bikes, 2005 CRF 80F, 50 hours. 1995 CR 250R one hour on top end. 1987 XR 250X runs. \$1500 for all three. 923-0327. 7/2-7/9p

12 utility trailer with ramp and weather rack, looks good, \$500. 591-2640 7/2c

Fill dirt, little or a lot, 10 yard loads and larger. 259-2900. 7/2tc

Miscellaneous

Lose up to 30 pounds in 30 days. www.angelofcousinyourhealth.com Call Angel 904-945-3596. 7/2-7/9p

Want extra money or have some fund raising fun? If interested please call 877-229-1466 or visit www.richman.jerky-direct.com 7/2-7/9p

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. 7/2p

Pre-school teacher/stay at home mom has two positions open for infants through three years old. Smoke free, pet free, safe and clean environment. References available upon request. Please call 904-962-6650 for details. Leave message if no answer. 7/2-7/9p

Order your phone plan today! Prepaid \$49.99 a month, nationwide, unlimited. Available also: great post-paid plans. Contact Sharon Beavers 904-742-9359. 7/2p

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RATES:

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

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

Animals

CKC registered American Bulldog puppies, health certificates, first shots, POP, two males, three females, \$350. 904-838-6710. 7/2-7/9p

Dogs, all types from puppies to adults, Animal Control, \$65 adoption fees will apply. 259-8786. 11/20tc

Free to good home, yellow labs. 259-2229. 7/2p

AKC Sheltie puppies. 16 weeks old, two males, two females, willing to negotiate for a good home. Call 259-2399. 7/2-7/9p

Lost

English Pointer bird dog, male, orange collar, color white and orange. Last seen on June 29, Glen area. CR 125 North near Bob Burnsed Road. 259-8282/72p

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-FIT-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

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. 3/5tc

Wanted, full or part time reps. Your own online wireless business, great bonus, commissions and residual income. Get started today. Contact Sharon Beavers (904) 742-9399. 7/2-7/9p

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

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. 7/2p

Westside Jax company seeking individual who has extensive skills in payroll and billing. College degree preferred. Must have QuickBooks experience. This is a temporary position but could lead to permanent full time employment the right individual. Fax resume to 904-389-9931 or apply online at www.Giddens-Security.com 7/2-7/9c

Business Opportunity

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.

MacClenny Builders, Inc. Brick homes in Macclenny from \$145,000-\$210,000. 813-1580. 11/12tc

\$5000 cash back to buyer at closing, will pay realtor 2.5% to bring buyer. FSBO 4 BR, 2 BA stucco/stone home built Aug. 2008. 2015 heated SF, two car garage with cabinets, upgraded maple cabinets with Corian solid surface countertops, stainless steel appliances, custom painted interior, custom ceiling fans, landscaped with privacy fence. Cypress Pointe subdivision in Macclenny. Catch fish in your back yard on this desirable lot that backs up to large pond with forest on one side at the end of cul-de-sac. Call for appointment. 904-966-1568. 7/2-7/23p

Six acres in Macclenny \$20,000 an acre. 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 starter home. \$107,000. Call 759-2373 or 259-4793. 6/18-7/9p

FSBO, 7 1/2 acres on quiet dead-end road, mature oaks, zoned conventional or mobile home, one acre per dwelling. \$112,000. 259-5877. 6/18tc

3 BR, 2 BA brick home on corner lot with fenced in back yard, newly renovated with hardwood floors. Three blocks from Kindergarten Center and Middle School. \$1050/month or will sell for \$132,900. 509-7645 or 222-1628. 7/2p

2003 4 BR, 2 BA, mobile home, 1612 SF sits on 2.4 acres for a steel at \$125,000. Conventional financing only. Call 904-259-9022. After 5:00 pm call 904-591-0881. 7/2tc

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

2000 Palm Harbor doublewide on 1.25 acres 3 BR, 2 BA, central air and heat, dishwasher, shed out back. \$89,900. 904-334-6500. 7/2-7/9p

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

2003 4 BR, 2 BA mobile home, 1612 SF sits on 1.70 acres of land all for \$92,000. Conventional financing only. Call 259-9022. After 5:00 pm call 904-591-0881. 7/2tc

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

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

FSBO, 3 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, high and dry, 5.9 acres, fence and cross fence, \$140,000. 912-843-8214. 7/2-7/16p

3 BR, 1 BA house 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. 9/25tc

1.70 acres cleared for home or mobile home, \$55,000. Call 259-9022. After 5:00 pm call 904-591-0881. 7/2tc

3 BR, 1 BA house in the country, deposit \$500, \$ rent \$600. 923-2191. 7/2-7/9p

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4 BR, 2 BA downtown Macclenny apartment, newly renovated, over 1600 SF, \$399/month, \$900 deposit, one year lease. 874-2058. 6/25-7/2p

2 BR, 1 BA all appliances including washer/dryer and dishwasher, \$675/month, \$675 deposit. 904-259-3300. 7/2tc

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YARD SALES

Friday, 8:00 am-noon, 5454 Huckleberry Court in Rolling Meadows off 23B. Women and kids clothes, little bit of everything.

Friday, 8:00 am - 7, On US 90 across from Pit Stop in Glen. Tons and tons of clothes, baby, girls, women's, misc., toys.

Friday and Saturday, 7:00 am-3:00 pm, 4136 Hickory Street, Macclenny II. Women, men, boys and girls clothes, exercise equipment, baseball equipment, misc. Multi family

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-2:00 pm, Copper Creek Hills, 6110 Copper Drive in the very back of the subdivision. Misc. household items, name brand men, ladies, teen girls and boys clothing.

Saturday, 7:00 am-7, 540 N. Lowder Street in Macclenny. Items include infant girl clothes NB-12 month, all in great condition, no stains. Eddie Bauer bassinet - comes with all accessories and works, misc. baby items, poppy pillow with cover, bathbub, blankets, etc. Also we have clothes for women, men and some toddler boys, paintball guns and accessories, free weights and bench, couch and loveseat with decorative pillows for \$300, home decor, etc. Come by and see us and let's make a deal.

House raffle

Lovely 3 BR, 1 BA brick home, built in 1993 on cul-de-sac. Nice neighborhood, within minutes to everything. Only 5,000 tickets will be sold. Drawing held on 12/4/09. Tickets \$100 each. Tickets can be purchased at Fast Way Food Store, Woodlawn Road, Macclenny. For more details and to view pictures, go to www.houseaffle.webs.com. 7/2-7/23p

14 acres with 2100 SF home in Glen St. Mary, 5 BR, 2 BA spacious floor plan, eight stall barn with wash rack, feed/tack and lots of storage. Separate workshop and much more. \$335,000. 904-626-1324. 7/2-7/9p

For Rent

4 BR, 2 BA doublewide mobile home with fenced-in yard in Taylor. Call 386-719-6698, 259-7694. 7/2p

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

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2 BR, 2 1/2 BA house in city, central H/A, service animals only, \$650/month, first, last and \$300 deposit. 259-2547. 7/2-7/2c

Mobile Homes

2003 like new 4 BR, 2 BA 16x80 singlewide \$19,900. Call 904-259-8028. 7/2-7/23c

2008, 28x52 Fleetwood, 3 BR, 2 BA \$54,900. Call 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 904-334-8904. 6/11-7/2c

Reduced All lot models. 904-259-8028. 6/11-7/2c

2009, 32x56 Fleetwood 4 BR, 2 BA \$59,900. 904-259-8028. 7/2-7/23c

2000 General 32x48 3 BR, 2 BA \$24,900. Call Lewyn 904-259-8028. 7/2-7/23c

1995 Homes of Merit 28x52 3 BR, 2 BA, \$26,900. Call Lewyn 904-259-8028. 7/2-7/23c

1999 Fleetwood 16x80 2 BR, 2 BA \$22,900. Call Lewyn. 904-259-8028. 7/2-7/23c

Commercial Rental

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

Large commercial rental space on US 99 in Glen, \$550/month plus tax, \$250 deposit. 259-2707. 7/2c
Small office, utilities included, \$400/month. 259-9022. 3/12tfc

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BE AN ESCAPE ARTIST.

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Hotel packages starting as low as \$59 a night!

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Rivercats second in Georgia tournament

The 14-year-old and under Rivercats traveling baseball team finished second at the Peachstate Wooden Bat Tournament in Brunswick, Ga. June 13-14. Pictured (front from left) are Ethan Wilkerson, Robert Raulerson, Daulton Mckelvey, Hunter Bell, Chandler Taylor. (back from left) Justin Guillory, Logan Fox, Caleb Rodgers, Chase Taylor and Hunter Hanks. Coaches (from left) are Hugh Wilkerson, Darrell Rodgers and Robert Bell.

THE PLANTATION - MLS#466512 Beautiful 3BR, 2BA hm on 2.54 acres in old nursery plantation. Make this your dream home. \$247,000

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

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

THIS IS A MUST HAVE! - MLS#473434 Looking for a place to call home or a summer retreat... Look no further. Navigable river front property located near public boat ramp. Gorgeous land with 3BR/2BA 2000 doublewide mobile hm.

PERFECT LAND! MLS#408378 45.63 Acres! Great for horses & agriculture. CR121. Has older home & 2 rentals. Close to St. Mary's River. \$600,000

BEAUTIFUL HOME! MLS#483996 Nicely landscaped 3BR/2BA. Beautiful palm trees in front & back. Built in 2005 with over 1300 SF. \$100,000

JAX RANCH CLUB - MLS#452129 Get away from city by owning this spectacular vacant lot of 2.53 acres. Come canoe & ride horses. \$100,000

BEAUTIFUL HOME - MLS#481245 Nicely landscaped 4BR/2.5BA hm w 2,088 SF features automatic vacuum, in-ground pool w/spa, frpt, & much more! \$219,900

YOUR DREAM HOME - MLS#489647 3900 SF of pure charm. 1.71 acres, big rms, family custom sun rm & bonus. Grand master open plan. \$383,850

FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS - NOW IS THE TIME! MLS#483867 This 3BR/2BA home has a beautiful pool w/48 foot deck. Large open floor plan & lots of storage. Call today! \$108,000

WHAT'S YOUR NEED? - MLS#468881 4BR/3BA 11.74 acres built in 2006 custom home, virtual tour on-line. Call today! \$263,000

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. Frptlc screened patio w/built in brick grill. Huge game rm/bonus room. Detached shed & fenced backyard. Call today! \$319,000

READY FOR YOU! MLS#480840 Gutsy 3BR/2BA in the country offers 1512 SF w/35 acres. Very well maintained mobile hm. Deck in back.

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Bullets' middle finish between Ponte Vedra and St. Augustine

The Baker Bullets swim team took second place in the final meet of the regular season behind Ponte Vedra and ahead of St. Augustine June 27.

They will get this weekend off before facing Clay County in regional competition at the Fleming Island YMCA July 11.

"The kids are steadily improving," said coach Andy Johnston, adding that the Bullets had their first meet ever in Ponte Vedra two years ago. He said a staffer there commented on how much the young team has improved.

"He was impressed with the skill level of our swimmers," Mr. Johnston said.

Highlights from the meet included senior swimmer Cory Campbell shaving 15 seconds off his personal best in the breaststroke and the boys 8 and under relay team coming from two lengths behind to win their race.

"That was pretty exciting," said Mr. Johnston.

The top eight finishers in each event against Clay County will move onto the First Coast YMCA championships two weeks later.

Below are a lists of first, second and third place finishers from the meet this past weekend in Ponte Vedra.

First place: Cory Campbell in the senior 200 meter, Braeden Knight in the 6 and under 25-meter freestyle, 25-meter backstroke and the 25-meter breaststroke; Travis Oswald in the senior 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter backstroke and 100-meter breaststroke; Kenny Stelmie in the 13-14



Trent Mobley and Gregory Barrios is cheered on by Coach Oswald at the Fernandina Beach meet.

year old 100-meter backstroke; and Jacob Anderson in the senior 100-meter butterfly.

Second place: Andrea Clark in the 10 and under 100 meter, Jonathan Mobley in the 11-12 year old 100 meter, Jacob Anderson in the senior boys 200 meter, Deryk Clark in the senior 50-meter freestyle, Campbell in the 100-meter backstroke, and Clark in the 100-meter breaststroke

Third place: Jarett Raulerson in the 11-12 100 meter, Kyrie Holman in the 8 and under 25-meter freestyle, Dillon Ray in the 8 and under 25-meter freestyle, Raulerson in the 50-meter freestyle, Anderson in the 50-meter freestyle, Ethan Knight in the 10 and under 50-meter backstroke, Raulerson in the 50-meter backstroke, Clark in the 100-meter

backstroke, Lorian Bliss in the 8 and under breaststroke, and Byron Barton in the 13-14 100-meter breaststroke.

Other notable finishers this season were Erica Flakowicz, Chad Collins, Jackson Neri, Dominic Peopitone, Byron Barton, Paul Horne, Hannah Johnston, Amanda Flakowicz, Lorian Bliss, Savannah Peptonne, Cassidy Beaver, Ashlyn Range, Alyssa Flakowicz, Mimi Willis, Trent Mobley, Danny Neri, Dalton Ray, Landon Prevatt, Lucas Cox, Kaylee Range, Karlee Nelson, Reagan Wilds, Emily Phillips, Blair Shadd, Ethan Knight, Gregory Barrios, Zackary Horne, Scotty Willis, Mallory O'Donnell, Ashton Ray, Emily Collins, Katelyn Johnson, Jonathan Mobley, Jake Smith, Kenny Stelmie,

Cats looking for height

Just like their counterparts in the football program, the BCHS basketball program has not been resting this summer.

The basketball players have been hard at work honing their skills, even though the start of the season is months in the future.

This is the time for Coach Charles Ruise and his staff to

work on fundamentals and teach all the skills the players will need when they take the court for real this winter.

The Cats recently returned from the University of Florida Camp in Gainesville and from camp in Tallahassee. They took on other basketball teams from around the state and South Georgia, including a strong Gadsden County team.

"The team looks good so far," said Ruise, "though we could sure use some height."

The Wildcats are quick and fast, but lack a big man on the inside. The squad lost some of its top scorers to graduation, including forward Josh Wiseman, who will be playing his skills this season at Oregon Tech.

Ruise and his team will host a camp of their own starting July 20 at the gym. The cost is \$65; for more information call Coach Ruise at 259-6286.

All-stars' district win

The Baker County Little League's girls 9 and 10-year-old all-star team defeated San Mateo handily for their first win in the district tournament June 27.

Kaylon Golden pitched the entire game, giving up only two hits to the opposing offense. The team went 16 of 41 at the plate and committed only one error in the game, which was called at 2-2 in the fourth inning due to the mercy rule.

The girls then marched on to play last year's district winner Yulee June 30, and came away with a 13-6 victory.

The tournament is being held at Highlands Little League Park in Jacksonville. The division also includes St. Augustine.

Next they'll head to the championship where someone will have to beat them twice to take the district crown.

"The team looks great and has a great chance of bringing home the district title and move on to sectionals," said coach David Crumme. "The girls have really worked hard, even practicing twice a day in the scorching heat leading up to the tournament."



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Crush finishes undefeated

The Baker County Little League girls 10-year-old and under softball team crush undefeated in the three-team division this past season to take the minor league title. Pictured (front from left) are Tori Richardson, Cheyenne McGee, Kelsey Strickland, Makayla Tennison, Cheyenne Krauss, Karly Richardson, (back from left) Kasey Weber, Allie Crumme, Tristan Lauramore, Anna Bowen, Madison Kennedy; and coaches (from left) Riley Strickland, David Crumme and Matt Kenney. Not pictured is Amber Miller.

'On court' grunting the norm

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URRRRRGGHHH!!

No, that's not the sound of a bad case of constipation, it's Wimbledon and all the best tennis players in the world are out on the grass court trying to beat each other at tennis and make the most noise doing it.

I watched a little of the round of 16 yesterday and compared grunts. Some players prefer noises that sound as if they had just been punched in the stomach. Others like the "hoisting a truck tire over their heads" kind of sounds.

Some of the women have moved into the high-pitched grunts that sound a lot like someone falling off a high building, while others seem to like the sound of a bad case of stomach cramps.

The grunts came into vogue with Monica Seles. Chris Evert, who somehow managed to win a few Grand Slams without making any sound, thinks that enough is enough. She thinks that for many, it's an attempt to throw their opponents off guard. Martina Navratlova goes even farther and thinks it's akin to cheating.

I think they just need a good laxative.

• Though most of you probably didn't catch Sunday's soccer match between the USA and Brazil, it was exhilarating and depressing at the same time. The US lost perhaps its biggest match in history to the purveyors of "the beautiful game" 3-2 in a stunner.

The US went up 2-0 and I thought the team might actually pull off an historic win against the second best team in the world (they had already beaten the best team in the world on Wednesday when they shut out Spain 2-0).

But Brazil scored three in the second half to take the trophy. Regardless of the score, it shows that on a good day, the USA can play with the best in the world. That in itself is something of a shock to those of us who follow soccer.

'Young' Cats in weight room

"We're a young team but we're experienced."

That's how Coach Bobby Johns characterized the Wildcats as he took prospective players through their paces in the Baker High weight room during summer conditioning.

Johns likes the summer months because it allows him to concentrate on teaching and fundamentals. During the fall the time is so structured he doesn't give much attention to the little things.

"During the summer if I want to spend 20 minutes working on a drill I will," he said.

The Wildcats have been spending four days a week in conditioning and agility drills. For two days they do a lot of running and agility, and two days

are primarily in the weight room building strength.

Later this summer they will take part in a passing league with Orange Park and Clay County High. During the summer, players can do almost anything they could during the regular season, short of working in pads and helmets.

Coach Johns is pleased with the new district structure that sees Jackson moving on and Ribault moving in. Jackson had been a bugaboo for the Cats over the last couple of seasons.

He believes the redistricting poses a tougher road in the playoffs.

"2A North might be the toughest in the state for getting to the championship game," said Coach Johns.

If the Cats make it into the playoffs they could conceivably meet state runners up Godby, Madison, state champions Cocoa and Belle Glade.

The Cats have a lot of experience despite being very young. Five out of six linemen are underclassmen, but started last season. Only the tailbacks, receiver and center are seniors.

Still, Coach Johns is optimistic.

"If we can stay healthy, out of trouble and get a little luck this could be the best team I've had here," he said.

That certainly makes this season something to look forward to.

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