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## Transportation work to shift traffic patterns in downtown Macclenny, Taylor

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## Two swine flu cases at NEFSH

### Precautions taken with staff members, patients

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**T**wo male patients at Northeast Florida State Hospital were confirmed to have the H1N1 influenza virus, commonly known as swine flu, on Sunday, July 12.

Early last week hospital staff isolated the patients after they displayed flu-like symptoms and results from a rapid influenza A test came back positive.

Health department epidemiologist Vivian Crews said 90 percent of the time, influenza A turns out to be swine flu.

The results triggered the disbursement of Tamiflu, a drug used for both treatment and prevention of influenza, to 52 other patients and 80 staff members, plus the quarantine of two living areas at the facility.

"That means the only people going in and out are assigned to those areas and the patients can't leave," said Joe Infantino, the hospital's chief administrator.

Both he and Ms. Crews were confident the containment measures have worked. They said the two infected patients are recovering well and that nobody else is displaying any flu-like symptoms.

"They've done everything they can do," Ms. Crews said Tuesday morning. "It looks like they've contained it. There's been no more infections."

The quarantine could be lifted as soon as Wednesday, July 15, provided the patients are still feeling well and show no symptoms.

The Press was told about the quarantine by an acquaintance of a NEFSH employee.

Ms. Crews said no public alerts for swine flu were issued by the health department because the infected persons were confined to the hospital and there were no indications the virus had spread into the community.

"Those patients were contained," she said. "I didn't feel that

was necessary. That would've scared a lot of people."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, people with influenza are contagious one day before symptoms appear and no more than seven days after.

The center advises anyone with flu-like symptoms consult a doctor and otherwise remain home for seven days or until the symptoms subside, whichever is longer.

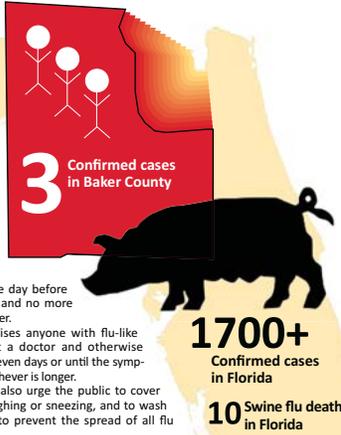
Health officials also urge the public to cover mouths when coughing or sneezing, and to wash hands frequently to prevent the spread of all flu strains.

Ms. Crews said the health department has had one other case of confirmed swine flu for Baker County, though the patient was hospitalized in Jacksonville at the time.

The department has sent five or six samples for testing of the H1N1 virus, she added.

Statewide there have been more than 1700 confirmed cases of swine flu, which resulted in 10 deaths.

"And most all of those have had underlying conditions," said Ms. Crews.



## Trio lured girls for sex by using MySpace site

Three men are charged with multiple crimes for allegedly setting up a sexual encounter with girls ages 14 and 15 during the night of July 3 and early morning hours of July 4.

The case marks the first time a defendant is charged under the statute forbidding use of the Internet to set up the illegal activity. It is a third-degree felony.

Calvin (Lee) Lamb, 21, of Glen St. Mary, Sterling West, 21, and Allen (Bryant) Ingram, 22, both of Macclenny, were arrested July 6 after interviews with sheriff's investigator David Morgan. Mr. West is the son of former Wildcat football coach Carl West, who now lives out of the area.

The alleged ringleader of the tryst that took place at a residence off SR 125 north of Glen St. Mary was Allen (Bryant)

Ingram, 22, charged with the Internet crime for arranging to have both girls meet him after they snuck out late on July 3 from a residence off Bob Kirkland Rd. north of Macclenny. According to the report, one of the victims was spending the night with the other.

From there they went to Mr. Lamb's residence where they played the drinking game "beer pong." The girl whose mother on July 4 alerted police to the incident, said her judgement was impaired and admitted to both drinking and having sex.

Mr. West is charged with having sex with one of the girls — the report does not specify which — in the bathroom of the residence. Police later found

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## Two rapes reported this week as well

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## Vehicles vs. tree accidents

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Two drivers ran off Baker County roadways this past week, slamming into trees and causing serious injuries.

Edmund L. Ratliffe, 52, of Wadesboro, N.C. did so in his 1988 semi-truck while heading west on Interstate 10 the evening of July 13.

The driver was not wearing a seat belt about 6:30 pm when the truck traveled onto the shoulder, jack-knifed and struck a tree, according to the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP).

"He just veered off the road like he fell asleep; no swerving or nothing," said witness and Macclenny resident Jennifer Smith.

The local firefighter pulled over and ran to the truck's crumpled cab.

"He was laying in the floor-board unresponsive," she said.



Edmund Ratliffe's semi in the trees of the westbound shoulder of I-10 the evening of July 13.

"They had to cut him out." The accident slowed traffic on the interstate around mile marker 339 east of the Macclenny exits for more than two hours while emergency personnel cleared the scene.

Mr. Ratliffe was taken to Shands Jacksonville with serious injuries.

All three occupants of a two-door Saturn that slammed into a tree on Bob Kirkland Road in the early morning hours of July 11 shared the same fate as the truck driver.

The car's driver, Justin

Johns, 18, and two passengers, Aaron Brooks, 15, and Mitchell McDermitt, 16, were traveling eastbound above the posted speed limit about 2:00 am when the vehicle left the roadway and traveled about 250 feet before striking a tree on the north shoulder, according to FHP.

Mr. Brook said Mr. Johns, both of Glen St. Mary, were wearing seat belts while Mr. McDermitt, the back seat passenger, was not.

The FHP report gave no indication that alcohol was a factor in the accident.

"In speaking with the doctors and nurses that are helping them out, we know it will not be an easy road ahead for any of them," said Chris Apromollo, a long-time friend to Mr. Brooks and Mr. Johns, in an e-mail to The Press July 12.

He said Mr. Johns suffered a broken leg, pelvis and toes and underwent surgery.

"Aaron has multiple broken toes, two broken femurs, a punctured lung, broken ribs and slight swelling and bleeding on the brain," Mr. Apromollo

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## Nine journalism awards for Press

The Baker County Press was recognized with nine awards for journalism excellence — including two first place honors — in this year's Florida Press Association (FPA) Better Newspaper Contest.

Contest entries, all published in 2008, were culled down last April in Tallahassee, where The Press competed against other weekly newspapers with circulations under 7000 [current circulation 5700]. Final decisions were made by journalism professors from the state's universities.

The awards were presented June 11 during a luncheon banquet at The Breakers resort in Palm Beach.

Editor and publisher Jim McGauley emceed the ceremony as his last duty as FPA board chairman, a year-long rotating post that will be occupied by Jim Doughton, publisher of the Gainesville Sun, in the coming year.

"The last 13 months have been quite an educational experience, and I am fortunate to have had the office during a time when newspapers both large and small are transitioning. The industry is literally being re-invented before our eyes," said Mr. McGauley, who has been on FPA's governing board five years and will continue as immediate past chairman.

Baker County's oldest newspaper — a consistent winner in the annual contest — won top honors in two categories, business writing and front page makeup.

News editor Joel Addington's story about the impact of Watson Home Builders' financial woes on Heritage Oaks homeowners took

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Joel Addington, Kelley Lannigan and Jessica Prevatt

## Details of Sanderson plane crash released

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# CSX will replace crossing at 121

Traffic patterns in downtown Macclenny will be disrupted July 20-31 during replacement of the railroad crossing at SR 121 (South 6th St.), a major north-south artery.

Through traffic will be detoured onto South 5th and then back onto 121 via West Lowder (CR 22A) at the Macclenny post office. The detour will likely cause backups at key stop lights such as US 90 at 5th St. and Lowder at 6th St.

Pedestrian traffic will be routed to West McIver or Railroad Aves.

According to Gina Busscher of the Florida Department of Transportation's regional office in Lake City, the detour will be in effect about 8:00 am next Monday and the work should be complete by 5:00 the afternoon of July 31.

CSX Transportation is replacing the rubber crossing with a concrete one designed to last longer and offer a smoother crossing for vehicles. In addition, medians will be constructed on both sides of the crossing to prevent vehicles from going around crossing gates.

Semi-trucks approaching or leaving the Walmart Distribution Center east of Macclenny will be urged to exit and enter the interstate at either CR 125 in Baldwin or US 301 in Baldwin to avoid having to negotiate a turn at US 90 and

South 5th. CSX schedules six to eight freight trains through Baker County daily, down somewhat due to the sagging economy. Ms. Busscher also advises motorists be aware of two other ongoing projects in Baker County:

- Lane closures south of Taylor along CR 125 during the day as about five miles are being resurfaced. Also, drain pipes are being installed in the same area.

- Painting of road lines along SR 121 from the Union County line north to Interstate 10 and along US 90's total width through the county.

FDOT reminds motorists not to travel between the safety truck and paint truck to avoid getting paint on vehicles.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON  
Repairing on CR 125 in Taylor.



# Press wins 9 awards in FPA annual contest

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first place, as did production and advertising director Jessica Prevatt's design of the June 26, 2008 edition's front page.

The latter entry featured a prominent photo by features reporter Kelley Lannigan that judges called "the best group shot we saw in our class." Other comments touted the page's strong visual impact, non cookie-cutter appearance, good typography, and large quantity of news.

Mr. Addington's entry was praised for putting a local face on a nationwide issue. "A good spotlight on a bad situation, and the story flowed very well," commented the judges.

Mr. Addington also received honorable mention in the sports feature category for a profile of an eighth grade wrestler with a bright future. Ms. Lannigan placed second

in the environmental/conservation category for her story about the use of coffee grounds for a greener lawn.

A piece about why cats and low-hanging Christmas tree ornaments don't mix also secured her third place in the humorous column category.

Other awards included: Honorable mention for Mr. McGauley's spot news photo of a man using a water hose to douse a mobile home fire, Ed Hall's third-place editorial cartoon about the voter-approved property tax amendment proposed by Governor Charlie Crist, a third-place graphic from Ms. Prevatt, and The Press Web site, which took second place.

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# Trio lures girls for sex

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items that appear to confirm the victim's version.

Mr. Lamb allegedly had sexual intercourse with both the girls in a bedroom while the two others plus a male witness, 19, from Macclenny, who was not charged, watched.

Mr. Ingram said he met one of the teen girls at a recent party, and had been in touch via MySpace where she passed herself off as being 17.

Two weeks ago, Lt. Billy Miller of the sheriff's department warned Mr. Ingram to stay away from underage girls after receiving a complaint from a parent of one of three girls who went to a residence off Odie Yarbrough Rd. north of Macclenny where he was house-sitting.

All the girls in that instance were 14, and police did not charge the suspect or issue an incident report.

Prior to picking up the girls about midnight, Mr. Ingram messaged one of the girls, saying, "Call me when u can come out," and gave her a phone number.

Police later were given permission to search the Lamb residence, and Investigator Morgan said they found empty beer cans strewn about and cups with ping pong balls floating in beer in the living room.

Mr. Lamb and Mr. West are charged with lewd and lascivious battery and engaging in sexual activity with a person between 12-16, second-degree felonies.

Mr. Ingram was booked for kidnapping a minor and interfering with custody, using obscene communication to seduce a child, third-degree felonies, plus traveling to meet a minor to engage in unlawful sexual contact, a second-degree felony.

All the participants face first-degree counts of contributing to the delinquency of minors.

# Accidents

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said, adding that Mr. Brooks was scheduled for surgery as well.

Mr. Mitchell broke his elbow and femur in the crash.

The friend said the driver, Mr. Johns, fell asleep at the wheel, but FHP reported the driver was temporarily distracted and ran off the road.

"Though they have a lot of pain and healing to come, they are all fine and will make it out healthy and normal," said Mr. Apromollo.

FHP spokesman Bill Leeper said charges are pending against Mr. Johns.

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# OPINION

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## Repelled by deer heart What do you think goes into hot dogs?

On a recent Wednesday evening, I visited the First Methodist Church of Macclenny to check out the wild game that was on the menu for supper and had fun teasing two young girls at my table.

Among the delicious offerings was a platter of "mystery meat" and diners were having fun trying to guess the identity. The girls had declined to try it and were speculating about its origins.

"Somebody said it was fried deer heart," said one, looking positively disgusted.

"Oh, yuck!" said the other, screwing up her face in a tight grimace. "Did you try it?"

"Ug-ugh, not me."

"This conversation continued for another minute or so. Then I put my two cents in."

"So you girls wouldn't eat the deer heart, I take it?"

They both shook their heads vigorously.

"No way," they each declared.

"I bet you girls eat hot dogs, don't you?"

They gave me a look as if to say "What kind of a dumb question is that?"

"Do you have any idea what hot dogs are made of?"

I could tell this line of questioning was beginning to disturb them as they both appeared a little uncomfortable. They'd never considered this idea.

"Well," I said, "there's much grosser stuff in a hot dog than deer hearts."

By now, they both looked absolutely horrified.

In all fairness, contemporary hot dog offerings range from all beef franks (that's what they claim, anyway) to vegetarian items formed from textured vegetable protein made to resemble meat.

But I'm old enough to remember the other kind: those catch-all products containing everything from ground toenails and snouts to other parts of pig anatomy not even familiar to the average citizen. And honestly, as gross as the contents might have been, they were absolutely delicious when smothered in mayonnaise, chili and onions.

I admit to becoming a little faint myself when I was younger, staring at the cans of "brains in gravy" on the shelves of the general store in the little town where I grew up. I have also looked with trepidation upon products such as souse meat, tripe, head cheese and an odd sandwich concoction called pickle loaf.

I've seen packages of chicken feet in the grocery store many times, but haven't been able to develop an appreciation for this part of the bird. I will eat the livers, which some people won't touch with a ten-foot pole, but feet don't hold any appeal for me at all.

### THE BACK PORCH Kelley Lannigan

The memory of a huge glass jar of pickled pig ears I once encountered in a gas station/grocery store on a remote country road in South Carolina still gives me the willies when I think about it.

However, I did eat a strange looking egg in aspic dish at a diner at a Shaker restaurant in Kentucky once upon a time, while my companion gagged and sputtered beside me just looking at it.

I guess it comes down to culinary curiosity which some of us have more than others. Sometimes I'm adventurous that way, sometimes definitely not.

Back to the wild game dinner at the Methodist church. I ate my share of fried deer heart that night and it was truly delicious. People in Baker County know how to cook some deer meat.

Maybe someone out there actually knows a good way to cook chicken feet, too. I'll try it if you cook it. But I can't promise you I won't spit it out the back door when your back is turned.

Bon appetit!

## Jackson-Elvis sightings

Here's another in my series of random jottings. Over the summer I'm exposed to a lot more tidbits of news which as a crack investigative journalist I feel honored to share with my loyal readership. Here are a few of the gems that I have unearthed:

✓ It didn't take long for the King of Pop to search out the King of Rock and Roll. For those conspiracy theorists who believe that neither Elvis or Michael Jackson are really dead, the tabloid *The Weekly World News* reported that Elvis and Michael Jackson were seen having lunch together at a cafe in New Mexico.

They were probably discussing a comeback tour. I wonder what they were having for lunch? Huevos Rancheros is good anytime of the day or night.

Of course, you have to ques-

### MY SIDE OF THE MATTER ROBERT GERARD

tion the reliability of the article since it shared the front page with a story of an Ohio woman who was surprised to discover that she had a squirrel in her bra when she went to undress.

I wonder how she failed to notice that during her regular work day?

✓ There has been a lot of speculation about why former vice presidential candidate and Alaska governor Sarah Palin resigned last week with half of her term still left to serve.

Major news outlets have speculated that the governor plans

to concentrate on a run for the 2012 presidential election. Others wonder if she was going to be investigated by law enforcement officials over some possible wrongdoing.

Since I had some time on my hands and was naturally a little curious, I did some digging of my own and came up with the *real* reason that the governor resigned her post.

Sources close to the governor have reported that while out on the campaign trail that the candidate blew off steam by visiting karaoke bars around the country. She discovered a hitherto unknown talent for signing country music.

"That's right, the governor resigned her post to start her own contemporary country band - *Sarah Palin and the Mavericks*. She already has recorded several potential hits such as "Snowmobile to Hell," "Bailout my Heart," and "On the Road to Washington Again."

Insiders claim the band sounds like a cross between Martina McBride and Rascal Flatts, and though the governor's voice is still developing, they'll be ready to debut at this year's Calgary Stampede.

The only concern that Gov. Palin seems to have is that former Saturday Night Live regular and go Rock star Tina Fey is considering starting her own cover band.

When asked about the former governor's plans, President Barack Obama did not seem overly concerned, but did admit to doing a really good cover of Sam Cook's *A Change is Gonna Come*, which he would break out at a moment's notice if the situation warranted.

✓ I was a little surprised when I accessed former vice president Dick Cheney's Facebook page. First of all, I had to search for it for several days since Facebook held it in an undisclosed location, but once I did access it I was interested in what I found.

The vice president didn't "friend" me, but I was able to look at his profile. He naturally marked his home as "undisclosed" - big surprise there. He listed his hobbies as duck hunting when he could find someone to go with him, waterboarding (that was marked through and replaced by surfbording), starting secret organizations and hiding them from his wife and family, and cackling.

Favorite books included *Medieval Torture Techniques Unmasked* and *The Illuminati and How to Start Your Own Chapter*. He took the quizzes *Which Batman Villain are You* and naturally was the Penguin, and *Which State Should You Live In* and had the unlikely result of State Secrets.

✓ My son recently went to the opening of the movie *Transformers 2* and reported that a lot of people at the film arrived in costume. When I inquired about how someone would go about costuming themselves as a Transformer, he replied that one guy had gray cardboard taped all over a gray sweatshirt and that when he crouched they fit together to make a tank.

Clever. My son wasn't certain how much like a tank it really looked but he was sure of one thing.

As long as he kept that up, this guy would never ever have a real girlfriend.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Lauds eighth graders

Dear Editor: Congratulations to the Baker County Middle School's 8th grade class!

These students completed all three years at the school helping it to earn three consecutive "A" state grades. They are the first class in the history of the school district to accomplish this "triple A" goal.

We are very proud of all our students, but this group deserves special recognition.

David Davis, Principal  
Sherry Barrett, Asst. Principal

## NIMBY tough nut to crack

### On Point In Print

JOEL ADDINGTON

It won't be the Fourth of July, but if last month's Land Planning Agency hearing on the proposed mud bogging pit is any indication, there could be fireworks at the August 6 Baker County Commission meeting.

That's where those proposing to locate the big-wheeling, mud-throwing and axle-busting recreational activity on Mud Lake Road, an area where residents seem to cherish their peace and tranquility, will appeal the LPA's of said activity.

Rumors have been flying that no matter what the outcome, both parties - that is, neighboring residents led by the politically-connected Topy Conner versus budding entrepreneur

Troy McCullough - have vowed to fight the winner in court.

Usually, when the numbers are so overwhelming in opposition, as they were during the LPA hearing, officials side with neighbors decrying increased traffic, nuisances and general loss of quality of life. In fact, I had expected a unanimous denial and was surprised by the 3-2 vote.

Though many residents, and even some LPA board members, said they liked the idea of a local mud bogging operation, most didn't like having one so close to where they sleep.

The NIMBY, or Not In My Back Yard, phenomenon is pretty common place with any kind of development, save schools, parks and churches. And it's not easy to overcome.

During the LPA hearing, one resident opposed to the mud bog said she'd be happy to support a drive-in movie theatre, particularly since she could watch from

her back yard. But that would require a substantially larger investment than a mud hole, and you'd still run into complaints from neighbors about noise and traffic. That shows the problem is not the mud bog, it's where it's located.

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### Correction

Last week's edition of *The Press* misidentified county employee David Richardson as the EMS director. Rather, Mr. Richardson is part-time county employee with forestry experience who assists with St. Mary Shoals Park. Another county employee with the same name serves as EMS director.

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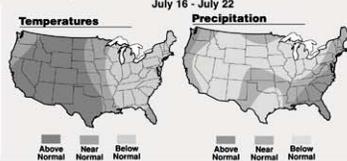
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## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook



## Tides

Cedar Key	Jul. 16	Jul. 17	Jul. 18	Jul. 19	Jul. 20	Jul. 21	Jul. 22
First high	8:15 a.m.	9:18 a.m.	12:01 a.m.	1:14 a.m.	2:07 a.m.	2:50 a.m.	3:28 a.m.
First low	2:00 a.m.	3:09 a.m.	4:30 a.m.	5:45 a.m.	6:48 a.m.	7:43 a.m.	8:34 a.m.
Second high	10:27 p.m.	—	10:26 p.m.	11:32 a.m.	12:32 p.m.	1:29 p.m.	2:22 p.m.
Second low	3:49 p.m.	5:08 p.m.	6:18 p.m.	7:17 p.m.	8:08 p.m.	8:54 p.m.	9:37 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Jul. 16	Jul. 17	Jul. 18	Jul. 19	Jul. 20	Jul. 21	Jul. 22
First high	2:35 a.m.	3:35 a.m.	4:39 a.m.	5:44 a.m.	6:46 a.m.	7:46 a.m.	8:44 a.m.
First low	9:09 a.m.	10:06 a.m.	11:05 a.m.	12:01 a.m.	1:00 a.m.	1:56 a.m.	2:49 a.m.
Second high	3:18 p.m.	4:21 p.m.	5:26 p.m.	6:28 p.m.	7:26 p.m.	8:22 p.m.	9:17 p.m.
Second low	10:00 p.m.	11:01 p.m.	—	12:04 p.m.	1:04 p.m.	2:02 p.m.	2:58 p.m.

Mayport	Jul. 16	Jul. 17	Jul. 18	Jul. 19	Jul. 20	Jul. 21	Jul. 22
First high	3:02 a.m.	4:05 a.m.	5:14 a.m.	6:22 a.m.	7:26 a.m.	8:27 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
First low	9:03 a.m.	10:02 a.m.	11:03 a.m.	12:09 a.m.	1:09 a.m.	2:06 a.m.	2:58 a.m.
Second high	3:51 p.m.	4:57 p.m.	6:03 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	9:54 p.m.
Second low	10:01 p.m.	11:06 p.m.	—	12:06 p.m.	1:06 p.m.	2:07 p.m.	3:04 p.m.

St. Augustine	Jul. 16	Jul. 17	Jul. 18	Jul. 19	Jul. 20	Jul. 21	Jul. 22
First high	2:41 a.m.	3:41 a.m.	4:46 a.m.	5:50 a.m.	6:52 a.m.	7:52 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
First low	9:11 a.m.	10:08 a.m.	11:07 a.m.	12:03 a.m.	1:02 a.m.	1:58 a.m.	2:51 a.m.
Second high	3:24 p.m.	4:27 p.m.	5:32 p.m.	6:34 p.m.	7:32 p.m.	8:28 p.m.	9:23 p.m.
Second low	10:02 p.m.	11:03 p.m.	—	12:06 p.m.	1:06 p.m.	2:04 p.m.	3:00 p.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday	6:38 a.m.
Sunset Thursday	8:31 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	3:07 a.m.
Moonset Thursday	3:07 p.m.

Phase	July 15	July 21	July 28	Aug 5
Last				
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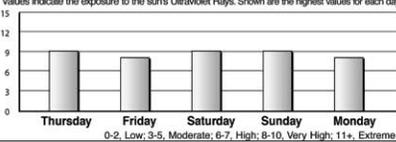
Jacksonville week ending Monday, Jul. 13.	6:38 a.m.
Temperature	High/Low for the week 63°/87°
Normal high/low	91°/72°
Average temperature	78.7°
Normal average temperature	81.3°
Precipitation	Total for the week 1.39"
Total for the month	1.55"
Total for the year	32.99"
Normal for the month	2.47"
Normal for the year	25.23"

## 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 16	6:13 a.m.	12:00 a.m.	6:37 p.m.	12:25 p.m.
Jul 17	7:00 a.m.	12:47 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	1:13 p.m.
Jul 18	7:50 a.m.	1:36 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	2:05 p.m.
Jul 19	8:43 a.m.	2:28 a.m.	9:14 p.m.	2:59 p.m.
Jul 20	9:40 a.m.	3:24 a.m.	10:12 p.m.	3:56 p.m.
Jul 21	10:39 a.m.	4:22 a.m.	11:11 p.m.	4:55 p.m.
Jul 22	11:39 a.m.	5:23 a.m.	—	5:55 p.m.

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	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	11.57	7.0	-0.49
St. Marks at Newport	6.34	9.0	+0.62
Aucilla at Lamont	21.60	24.0	+0.22
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# Says she was raped

The sheriff's department is looking into a second allegation of rape, this one during the late hours of July 9 or early the next day and involving an estranged couple.

The alleged victim, 22, and from the St. George, Ga. area, told police her 34-year-old ex-boyfriend and two others had sex with her in a vehicle parked on a dirt road. The woman told Deputy Patrick McGauley that the boyfriend drove her back to her mother's in Jacksonville after the attacks and threatened her if she reported the incident.

The alleged victim said she and the accused, with whom she has a child, went together to Mac's Liquors in Macclenny and after two drinks that put her "out of it" she went outside to her vehicle to sleep. She awakened when assaulted by the boyfriend, and also submitted to forcible sex by two other males.

The woman also said she recalls the boyfriend smoking crack during the incident.

The boyfriend then drove the other suspects to the Club 229 north of Sanderson. She described them as black men — one wearing dreadlocks, about 6'1" wearing a plaid shirt and the other heavy-set at 5'9" and wearing a shirt with a "shiny" design.

The men took her clothing and a cellphone, the victim says, and she noted the voice on the other end when she later called her number said, "Ha Ha," and called her a derogatory name.

Deputy McGauley said a review of surveillance tapes at Mac's that evening appears to show the couple arriving and leaving the premises twice before 9:30.

An employee at Mac's said he believes he spotted the victim dancing on a pool table that evening.

The woman was taken to the Rape Crisis Center in Jacksonville by her mother. Initial attempts to contact the boyfriend or learn the identity of the other alleged assailants were unsuccessful.

# Will submit to DNA test

A 44-year-old man from Taylor agreed this week to submit to DNA testing to determine if he is the father of a child from a 13-year-old girl who claims he twice raped her in 2008.

The girl, whose mother contacted the sheriff's department July 7, says the suspect is really the father of her child born earlier this year. She became pregnant at 12 and the mother, 35, told Investigator John Harden a DNA test proved an ex-boyfriend is not the father. They initially thought he was.

The girl claims she was plied with alcohol and raped in a vehicle in the Taylor area of north Baker County one year ago in May, then again the following month at the home of her brother, also in the north county.

The girl also said the accused threatened her if she told of the encounters.

Investigator Harden interviewed the alleged assailant on July 14 and said he was cooperative and agreed to the testing. He is an acquaintance of the teen's father.

# JSO officer fights decision to fire him

A Jacksonville policeman who lives in Macclenny vows he'll fight Sheriff John Rutherford's decision last week to fire him over the wounding of an unarmed man who fled from a westside residence in the direction of the officer's partner.

The use of force investigation has been ongoing since late October, 2008 when Officer Ryan Fraser shot and wounded Jerrick Hall, 20, after going to the residence on a burglary call. Mr. Hall was initially charged in the incident but the complaint was dropped after the renter, who was in jail at the time, said he knew that several people were at the residence and didn't mind.

Police had been called there by the property owner, who was concerned the residence was being used as a crack house.

Officer Fraser, 48, and a six-year member of the force, can still keep his job if he survives a mediation board inquiry and another by a civil service board. In the meantime, he has been on desk duty.

The officer said Mr. Hall climbed through a window at the rear of the residence and first lunged toward him, changing directions when the officer, with his service revolver drawn, ordered him to stop.

He says the suspect's hands were in a waistband as if he had a pistol, and he fired twice at him fearing Mr. Hall would run toward his female partner at the front of the house. Bullets struck him twice in the back and he has since recovered.

Officer Fraser has received several commendations during his tenure at JSO, including one for saving a person's life.

Prior to joining the Jacksonville force, he was a Baker County deputy for four years.

# Assault arrest for threatening mom

A Macclenny woman who allegedly made telephoned threats to her mother after earlier getting into a scrape with her 85-year-old grandmother was arrested the evening of July 6 for assault.

Amanda Rhoden, 27, initially was not at her residence off CR 23A when Cpl. Ben Anderson went there about 10:00 pm to question her. The officer said he waited about ten minutes nearby, then walked up to the residence and learned she had returned.

Earlier, he listened to a telephone message on the phone of the suspect's mother Libby Carter of Macclenny, during which the daughter threatened her.

Cpl. Anderson noted that he had dealt with Ms. Rhoden in a prior incident, and that she smelled of alcohol.

In other incidents:

- A criminal complaint for battery was filed the evening of July 8 against a 16-year-old male for punching his step-father, 32, during an argument over placing a hot pot in cold

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# Pilot killed in Sanderson crash

## Bradenton man, 72

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Police say the deceased pilot of a small, single-engine plane that crashed in a wooded area near Sanderson last week is likely the Bradenton, Fla. man listed on the registration — Vance Niles LeVaughn.

"All indications are that it is him," said sheriff's investigator Chuck Brannan, adding that positive identification could take months due to the condition of the victim's remains.

Police do know the 72-year-old pilot left the Tampa area at roughly 8:00 am July 8 heading for Tennessee, a trip that should've taken about three and a half hours.

A resident about three miles from the crash site — a swampy clearing southwest of Sanderson about 15 miles from US 90 — said

he heard what sounded like a plane in distress about 10:00 am the same morning, according to Maj. Brannan's report.

From the wreckage, it appeared the plane hit nose first at a 90-degree angle, leaving a large crater about 200 yards from the nearest road.

"It was apparent it was a home-built plane," said Maj. Gerald Gonzalez, the sheriff's operations chief who accompanied deputies to the crash site.

"The plane's nose was buried probably six or seven feet in the ground. It was a horrible scene," he said.

The body of the pilot, though unidentifiable, could also be seen under the plane. A pair of severed hands were found about 30 yards

from the wreckage in separate locations, according to police reports.

The scene was secured by law enforcement and planning began for removal of the wreckage and human remains the following day.

Federal aviation officials, state and federal forestry personnel — which helped build a road to the crash site — the medical examiner's office in Gainesville and the county road department assisted in the eight-hour effort.

"It was a heck of a thing," said Maj. Brannan.

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) notified local authorities of the crash after being contacted by the state's Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee and

dispatching the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) helicopter that confirmed the wreck's location about 4:00 pm July 9 and led law enforcement to the area.

The center was contacted about 1:00 am by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, which received word from Atlanta that aircraft in the area were picking up an emergency beacon signal coming from southern Baker County.

Though FAA and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the cause of the crash, police reports point to the absence of the plane's tail rudder at the crash site, which likely means it separated from the plane at some point during the flight.

"It wasn't there," Maj. Brannan said of the rudder. "And you can't fly a plane without a rudder."

# City imposes building moratorium

With little discussion, the Macclenny City Commission placed a moratorium on any further building permits for the Cypress Pointe subdivision in response to drainage problems and the lack of sidewalks within the neighborhood.

The partially-built subdivision is owned by Kendale Land Development of Jacksonville, which had previously pledged to fix the ineffective drainage system that's compounded flooding in the immediate area for more than a year.

The developer has also been slow to add sidewalks to the subdivision and residents have expressed concern for the safety of school children walking to and from the school bus stop at the entrance of Cypress Pointe, which is located at the intersection of East and North boulevards.

The resolution passed to institute the moratorium on new building permits was approved unanimously under emergency business and was not advertised publicly beforehand.

Nobody from Kendale Development was present during the commission's meeting the evening of July 14.

Assistant City Manager Roger Yarborough said the developer has cited financial hardships as the reason why the improvements haven't been completed.

He added that a plan for improving the drainage system was developed earlier this year through cooperation with Kendale and the St. Johns River Water Management District, but it was never implemented.

Only about 60 percent of the available lots in Cypress Pointe have homes, leaving 48 still vacant. In the last year, only 10 permits have been issued for the subdivision.

The city commission also adopted a tentative property tax rate during its monthly meeting that would increase revenues by roughly \$100,000 for the coming fiscal year.

The rate, \$3.85 per \$100 of taxable property value, would mean a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay \$385 in city property taxes.

Though the tentative rate represents a tax increase, commis-

sioners said they hope to lower it during budget hearings set to begin next month.

The state requires the board adopt a budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year and accompanying property tax rate by September 30.

City Manager Gerald Dopsion recommended a slightly lower tax rate at \$3.50 per \$100,000 of taxable property value, which would generate about \$795,000, or \$20,000 more than the 2008-09 fiscal year.

"Why don't we go with the big one and then drop back," said Commissioner Vernon Bennett.

According to city staff, the board can lower the tentative property tax rate when adopting the final budget, but it cannot raise it.

"When it gets time to make the decision, we'll make it," said Mr. Bennett.

"This leaves us some room to work with," added Commissioner Phil Rhoden.

In other business:

- The city commission approved on first reading an or-

inance regulating dangerous animals.

The new rules are identical to those being used by Baker County Animal Control, said the city's attorney Frank Maloney.

The ordinance outlines a procedure for declaring animals dangerous, a decision that's made initially by city animal control.

Code enforcement officer Joy Chapman said animals are determined dangerous if they injure a person or two pets while away from their owners property.

Animal owners can request a hearing in front of the city manager or his designee to protest the dangerous animal declaration, and can later appeal to the county court.

The declaration, however, requires owners meet a long list of demands that include keeping the animal secure, registered with animal control and tagged as a dangerous animal.

If the requirements aren't met, the city can confiscate the animal and kill it within 10 days of notifying the owner.

If a violent attack takes place,

the animal can also be immediately confiscated.

The new ordinance won't become final until its approved on second reading, which is expected August 10 at 6:00 pm in city hall.

- The board also passed a handful of annexation ordinances on first reading, expanding the city limits to include the following properties: the Murphy Oil gas station in front of the Macclenny Walmart on S. CR 228 and the Starbucks location to the south, the new jail on N. CR 228, Chester and Kathryn Shoupp's property on Barber Road southwest of S. CR 228 and two parcels west of Heritage Park between Sandra Street and the railroad tracks.

The latter property is city-owned and will become a parking lot for the adjoining park.

Mr. Dopsion said lighting and other improvements are planned there, but that they wouldn't interfere with neighboring residents' quality of life.

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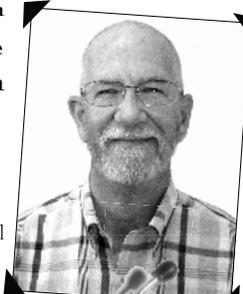
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# Armed-on ATV Had two loaded guns

A Maclennny man armed with several loaded firearms and knives was arrested the evening of July 8 after he caused a disturbance on Quail Lane in the southwest city.

Deputy Jeff Dawson said he was on routine patrol about 8:00 when he came upon a large crowd gathered in the street. Robert Horne, 50, left on a Honda ATV and headed west on Boulevard where he was stopped.

The driver, who smelled strongly of alcohol, told the deputy he was returning from buying beer and that he had a loaded .410 shotgun and a .22 caliber pistol to shoot snakes in his yard. He also had three knives and additional ammunition.

Deputy Dawson said Mr. Horne became belligerent during questioning, and claimed someone in the crowd on Quail St. made off with a .9 mm pistol.

He was booked for disorderly intoxication and carrying prohibited weapons.

Richard Rhoden, 26, of Maclennny was arrested for disorderly intoxication when he was spotted staggering across US 90 and Lowder St. intersection in the west city.

Sgt. James Marker said he saw the suspect while on patrol about 10:40 the evening

of July 6, and had dealt with Mr. Rhoden when his wife was arrested earlier.

The pedestrian had a hard time standing and slurred speech, and said he was on his way to his mother-in-law's to discuss why she had his wife arrested.

Tina Hance, 27, of Maclennny was booked on a similar charge when she refused to leave a residence off Rufus Powers Rd. about 3:00 am on July 7. She protested loudly when Cpl. Ben Anderson arrived to quell a loud disturbance.

A criminal complaint for interfering with custody was filed July 7 against Sherie Brannen, 46, and Kathy Stone, 63, both of Short Putt Dr. in northwest Maclennny after they initially refused to turn over a 10-year-old girl to the custody of her uncle.

A judge had ordered the transfer earlier that day.

Deputy David Murray was summoned when the child was not surrendered to Ralph and Tracy Rhoden of Maclennny that evening as ordered. Ms. Stone, the child's paternal grandmother, initially said she did not know where the child was; she was returned not long after by Ms. Brannen.

# Admits to stealing cigarettes

A St. George, GA man admitted he stole cartons of cigarettes valued at \$863 from the Quick N. Handy convenience store on North 6th in Maclennny. An acquaintance who was working at the store the afternoon of July 5 said he intended to sell the cigarettes for crack cocaine and prescription medication.

Deputy David Nichols said he recognized Jerame Barber, 33, in a surveillance video leaning over a counter and taking the cartons, then storing them near the front door.

Clerk Allison Smith, also of St. George, told police she refused to allow Mr. Barber to take the cigarettes and repeatedly asked him to leave. She said she did not summon police even though the suspect spent several hours in the store that afternoon for fear he would retaliate.

The video shows Ms. Smith go to the rear of the store while Mr. Barber took the cartons, and later shows him leaving with them while she was away from the counter.

Mr. Barber was interviewed at county jail July 11 following his arrest on a warrant and confessed to the crime. He was booked for grand theft.

# 3 home burglaries

Neighbors were named as possible suspects in three recent home burglaries in the Maclennny and Glen St. Mary areas. In two of the cases, occupants were out of town.

There was no sign of forced entry except through a malfunctioning rear door at the residence of Corissa Yeomans on Norman St. in Glen. She was away June 24-26 and reported laptops belonging to her and her husband were taken from the living room and dining room. They were valued at \$1800.

Ms. Yeomans fingered a neighbor as a possible suspect, but he denied involvement when questioned by Deputy Randy Davis.

Three firearms were missing from a closet and two electronic games from the residence of Troy Thornton on C.W. Webb Rd. when he reported the theft on July 7. There was no sign of forced entry and Mr. Thornton named a neighbor who recently has been in jail for theft.

No value was listed for the missing property, and Cpl. Ben Anderson was not able to make immediate contact with the suspect.

Warren Butler said his residence off Mack Rouse Rd. near Margaretta was ransacked while he was away working and going to school between June 9-23. He reported the incident July 7, and told Deputy David Nichols both a flat screen television and stereo speakers were taken. They had a value of \$475.

A male suspect who has been arrested for other thefts in that neighborhood is wanted for questioning.

# Scratches paint in bar parking lot

A Maclennny woman faces a single count of felony criminal mischief for damaging the paint on a vehicle after it's owner declined to buy her two shots of liquor.

Tara McDuffie, 27, was seen on a surveillance video walking toward the 2007 Ford Expedition about midnight. The vehicle was in the parking lot of Mac's Liquors on US 90 in downtown Maclennny.

Sgt. James Marker noted several deep scratches in the paint, and truck owner Joel Fernandez of Jacksonville said he had a similar prior experience with the suspect. No damage estimate was given.

Ms. McDuffie was also arrested on a Clay County warrant for petty theft.

Four Jacksonville men are in custody charged with burglary and grand larceny stemming from a daring break-in at the Badcock Furniture store in south Maclennny during the early morning hours of July 14.

A burglar alarm alerted deputies about 1:30 and when they arrived at the store at South 5th and Jonathan, they saw several dark-clothed males carrying televisions and other merchandise out of a rear warehouse door into a U-Haul truck.

All the men fled the scene, some through a front door, and were captured before 6:45 am.

They were identified as Jason Wescott, 20, his brother Jamel, 21, Roy Dillon, 25, and Dale Jones, 28 years of age. The Wescott brothers initially gave police false names when interviewed.

An inspection of the rental truck revealed the burglars, who cut a chain on the rear door, had piled up televisions and vacuum cleaners in the cargo area on the ground. Investigator Steve Harvey of the sheriff's department said the U-Haul had been stolen in Jacksonville on July 9.

Several other televisions inside the store were damaged by attempts to pull them away from walls. There was no estimate on value.

Police summoned a K-9 team to the scene, and Mr. Jones was the first person arrested. He was in a wooded area near Lowder St. just

south of the store.

Jason Wescott was arrested in a later traffic stop after he had been picked up by a woman identified as Lucekia White, 28, also of Jacksonville. She was not charged, and told investigators she drove to the area to pick up the suspects.

Jamel Wescott was taken into custody near Walgreens and Mr. Dillon near the

Maclennny post office later that morning. He and Jason Wescott had hidden on the roof of Maclennny Rehab nearby for most of the early morning.

The alarm company's surveillance picked up the sounds of several persons grabbing inventory and running out a rear door before deputies arrived.

# Furniture store invaded

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Several other televisions inside the store were damaged by attempts to pull them away from walls. There was no estimate on value.

Police summoned a K-9 team to the scene, and Mr. Jones was the first person arrested. He was in a wooded area near Lowder St. just

south of the store.

Jason Wescott was arrested in a later traffic stop after he had been picked up by a woman identified as Lucekia White, 28, also of Jacksonville. She was not charged, and told investigators she drove to the area to pick up the suspects.

Jamel Wescott was taken into custody near Walgreens and Mr. Dillon near the

Maclennny post office later that morning. He and Jason Wescott had hidden on the roof of Maclennny Rehab nearby for most of the early morning.

The alarm company's surveillance picked up the sounds of several persons grabbing inventory and running out a rear door before deputies arrived.

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## Legal Notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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Case No. 09-209-C-00009  
Division

LSF Mercury REO Investments Trust Series 2008-1

Plaintiff,

-vs-

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Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY**

TO:

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Coke found in Y room

How about a little cocaine to go with that workout?

The afternoon of July 6, employees found a small brown bottle laying on the floor of the exercise room at the Baker Family YMCA in south Maclennny.

Jim Bouldin, director of the facility off Lowder St., called police when he suspected its contents were a bit unusual.

Sure enough, Deputy Jared Peterson field tested the contents — white-colored pieces known as rocks — and determined it was crack cocaine.

The facility is not equipped with surveillance cameras to give police a clue as to who may have left it there. Testing for fingerprints was also ruled out because the bottle had been handled by others.

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1800 2ND STREET #2050  
ROSELAND, CO 80821

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JSI will be constructing a 12.6 MW solar energy project in the vicinity of Baker Fl., with construction to commence in September, 2009.

The purpose of the conference is to solicit and obtain interest from highly qualified contractors to provide a variety of construction services to include:

- CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL
- Site Preparation
- Clearing/grubbing
- Laydown Area
- Site Fencing
- Excavation
- Foundations
- Landscaping and Re-vegetation
- Site Drainage and Six/Fences Erosion Control
- SOLAR PANEL ARRAYS
- Rackless System
- Module Installation
- ELECTRICAL
- Overhead & Underground Collection System
- Fiber optic and Communications Network
- Transformer and Inverter Installation
- Terminations
- Grounding and Lightning Protection
- Power Station Placement
- INTERCONNECTION
- High Voltage Switchgear Installation
- Cable Interconnections

Non-disclosure Agreements will be provided at the meeting. These documents will need to be signed before the meeting begins. A Pre-Qualification Questionnaire will also be available at the meeting and must be completed and returned to JSI. Upon review qualified bidders will then be forwarded a Request for Proposal package for informational and bidding purposes.

Queries regarding the project will not be answered prior to the meeting.

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NEW RIVER LANDFILL

# New River seeks fill dirt contract

## Prepared to offer Plum Creek \$375K

JOEL ADDINGTON  
NEWS EDITOR  
reporter@bakercountypress.com

The New River landfill is prepared to offer \$375,000 to the largest private landowner in the country, Plum Creek, in an effort to secure fill dirt for operations through the next decade.

The purchase, if successful, would be part of an overall investment of more than half a million dollars for trucks, equipment and two new employees as well as contingency costs and possible wetlands mitigation that may be needed.

The Plum Creek property is separated into two parcels totaling 130 acres located to the north and south of the Raiford landfill.

There's only about 18 months worth of fill dirt remaining at the landfill, director Darrell O'Neal told the facility's governing board July 9.

"We're not in a crisis," he advised.

But, for the landfill to continue operations in coming years — the sixth cell is about to be built and planning is underway for cell seven

— a new dirt source will be necessary.

That led staff to secure quotes from private companies to have 195,000 tons of dirt delivered annually. The lowest bidder was ROT Ranch Construction of Worthington Springs, Fla. at \$3.94 per ton for one year.

However, according to an analysis by the landfill's engineer Jones Edmonds of Gainesville, if the landfill undertook the endeavor itself, the cost spread over 13 years would average between \$2.05 and \$2.25 per ton depending on the price of the land, which was assumed to be in the range of \$2700 and \$6000 per acre.

"It's not apples to apples, but it's close," Mr. O'Neal said. "If we bid it out for 15 years — I don't know how we would do that — but that number [a quote from a private company] would change."

The board decided to move ahead with negotiations to buy the land, and if successful, to begin purchasing trucks and equipment for use on the new borrow pits.

Board members also chose to hire a private contractor to transport a six-month supply of soil stockpiled at the old Pineview Golf Course

property in Macclenny to the New River landfill. The low-bid for that work was \$2.57 per ton.

"These prices are awful good," said board member Eddie Lewis. "We need to get some dirt coming in at these prices."

Mr. O'Neal said he would attempt to negotiate a contract with the low-bidder, and if unsuccessful move onto the next lowest.

The bids for both the transport from Macclenny and the one-year supply of fill dirt are more than two months old.

In other business, the board approved: • The purchase of a new \$451,000 trash compactor, which is expected to last five years.

• Advertising a request for proposals (RFP) to implement the landfill's gas-to-energy project, the aim of which is to turn the facility's gas emissions into fuel that can be sold to power producers like Florida Power & Light (FPL).

• Moving half a million dollars in Mercantile Bank certificates of deposit to another community bank. In moving the funds prior to their maturation date, the landfill will pay a \$4800 penalty.

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### Earns Eagle rank

John Edward Burnett passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review last month as a member of troop 245 at Grace Church in Reno, Nevada. He is the first person in his family to attain Eagle Scout rank.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett and the grandson of the late John A. and Jamie Kay (Walker) Burnett and great-grandson of the late Johnnie Albert and Roxie (Prewatt) Burnett and the late Elijah (Lige) & Karelle Walker, all of Baker County.

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# Hydrating: the best prescription

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Marcy Knight, a yoga and swim instructor at the Baker County Family YMCA, recommends 6-8 ounces of water eight times daily for optimum hydration.

Water is essential to life and health, particularly during the summer with its 90-plus degree heat. Not consuming enough can result in some critical problems. When a person becomes seriously dehydrated, they may suffer symptoms of light-headedness, confusion, fatigue and severe headache.

"Most people don't drink enough water in general and really don't understand how vital it is to every function of the human body," said Ms. Knight.

A vegetarian for the last 20 years, Ms. Knight has always been health and nutrition conscious and has instilled an awareness of proper hydration in her own children. Her daughter Brianna, 14, is a member of the Baker Bullets Swim Team and knows the importance of keeping hydrated, even in the swimming pool.

"We take frequent water breaks during practice," she said. "You can't perform your best if you get dehydrated."

And she's right. Dehydration can negatively impact exercise performance, a serious issue for an athlete during competition.

The body loses water constantly. Exercise, respiration, perspiration, the temperature inside and outside — all are factors that contribute to its loss. Even during sleep, as much as a pint of water may be lost through respiration alone.

Without an adequate supply of water, energy levels plummet and muscles may develop cramps. In a dehydrated state the body is unable to cool itself efficiently, leading to heat exhaustion and possible heat stroke.

Ms. Knight acknowledges that many athletes rely on sports drinks but she doesn't recommend them for general hydration.

"Sports drinks (Gatorade, AllSport, PowerAde) have their place, but you shouldn't depend on them to properly quench your thirst," she said.

Sports drinks are designed to be used during intense exercise lasting longer than 60-90 minutes. Outside of that, they



After football practice, Elijah Knight drinks plenty of water.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

have limited health benefits. The drinks are believed to help maintain electrolyte balance, but, according to Ms. Knight, but consumed too much, they can actually cause an imbalance.

Plus, sports drinks are very high in calories.

"You can drink large quantities of these and other fluids and still feel thirsty," said Ms. Knight. "That's usually your body letting you know it needs plain water."

Ms. Knight's son, Elijah, 17, does consume sports drinks, but is careful about getting his proper quota of water, too. Through his mother's influence, the health conscious football player has all but given up drinking soda.

"Some days we're on the practice field as much as eight hours in a day," said Elijah. "When we drink, we consume a small amount of water at one time because it's more comfortable than having a full stomach and trying to work out. But we drink very frequently during a workout ses-

sion."

Bob Green, a well known and trusted health expert and personal trainer to Opra Winfrey, gives water a big endorsement.

"I'm a great believer in the power of water," he states on his Web site thebestlife.com. "Your body is 60 percent water. It's fundamental to the healthy function of digestion and metabolism and essential if you're watching your weight."

Keri Napoleon and Jenna Braddock are both licensed dieti-

tians with the First Coast YMCA. They recommend the following tips for good hydration, especially important for athletes getting ready to participate in strenuous training or games.

Start hydrating 24 hours before exercise, drinking generous amounts of fluid. Two hours before exercise, consume 14-22 oz of fluid. During exercise, consume 6-12 oz of fluid at 15-20 minute intervals. After exercise, drink 16-24 oz of fluid for every pound lost during exercise.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2009-03

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Any support or objections may be heard at a public hearing to be held at the Glen St. Mary Town Hall on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call (904) 259-3777 or fax a written request to (904) 259-5464. If you are hearing impaired and require the services of an interpreter, please call at least one week prior to the meeting and the Town will arrange to provide that service for you.

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to a petition submitted by Todd Knabb, Glen Plantation LTD, to vacate a single lot within a platted subdivision known as Doe Run at Glen Plantation as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, for the purpose of adding the acreage to a commercial development. The petition is made in reference to the Baker County Land Development Regulations, Sections 8.06.02. The property is located on the east side of CR 125 N and approximately 850' foot south of Odys Yarbrough Road. The Baker County Board of Baker County Commissioners will consider the petition at a public hearing scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2009, at 6:01 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Commissioners Chambers of the Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL. On the date above-mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the petition. Written comments for or against the petition may be sent to the Baker County Planning Department, 81 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063. Faxed comments may be sent to (904) 259-5057. Copies of the petition may be inspected in the Planning Department by any member of the public. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-5123 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

### Camp meeting

Camp STYLE will be conducting its annual parent meeting to complete paperwork, answer questions and provide dates and times of all activities on July 16 at 6:15 pm at the Family Service Center. Any parent interested in signing up their child is welcome to attend or may contact Anne Lewis at 259-7822 for more info.

The camp is open to students exiting 5th grade through exiting 8th grade.

# Prepping for national Angus show

## It's all about grooming, training hefty animals

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When Katelyn Lankford got involved in FFA her freshman year at Baker County High School, she set a goal for herself. By the time she was a senior, she would enter a Black Angus cow, born and raised on her parent's farm, in the National Junior Angus Show.

Ms. Lankford, who graduated from Baker County High School last May, is about to achieve that goal.

The 2009 National Junior Angus Show takes place July 19-25 in Perry, Georgia. Ms. Lankford, a junior member of The American Angus Association, will be there before the judges, showing a bull and a heifer that she has raised.

The National Junior Angus Show is the largest single-breed registered beef cattle show in the world with a membership of more than 7000 in the United States and Canada. Ms. Lankford will be one of 557 young Angus breeders from 31 states.

For the last six months, Ms. Lankford has worked to halter-train her cows so they will handle well in the ring. For the three months prior to the show, extra care and attention have gone into their feeding and grooming.

In the early morning hours of July 13, Ms. Lankford is out at the barns behind her parent's home north of Macclenny just off SR 121. With less than a week before the nationals, attention to her show cows has stepped up. Nine-month-old Erod, a magnificently handsome bull, stands on a cement platform, his considerable bulk temporarily restrained in a grooming chute. The chute's metal frame keeps the animal stationary while he is given a bath. For the last three months, he's gotten a bath at



After a bath, Erod the bull gets blown dry by owner Katelyn Lankford.

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least twice a week.

After the final rinse with the hose, Ms. Lankford pulls over a long tube, flips a switch and blow dries his hair. The bull stands patiently while she moves over every inch of his massive frame.

"Doing this twice a week for a number of weeks prior to nationals makes grooming him much easier when it comes time to show," she explains. "The hair looks better and is easier to manage. During the show, it needs to be uniform, all going in one direction. Blow drying helps a lot with that."

Erod doesn't seem to mind all the pampering. His hoofs were

recently trimmed, as was the shaggy hair that grows from the pole, a protruding bone across the top of the skull. The bull has also been spending time in an air conditioned stall.

As Ms. Lankford explains, bulls that are being groomed and trained for show are kept out of the pasture and fed separately. During the summer months when it can get very hot, their appetite can become suppressed. Fans in their stalls keep them comfortable and when they are cooler, they tend to eat more. Along with hay, Bull Test feed, a special formula containing everything needed for optimum health, is given in controlled amounts.

"Show bulls are judged for breeding. You don't want them to look sunken in. Their physique needs to look as full, healthy and masculine as possible. Controlled feeding helps attain that," she said.

How bulls handle in the ring, their stance and posture are also important. Just a slight tug from the lead attached to the brass ring in Erod's nose allows Ms. Lankford to easily control him.

"Bulls have a short attention span," she said. "They are easily distracted if heifers are nearby and a tug on the nose ring gets their attention."

She demonstrates how she gets Erod to achieve the perfect

# Workshop August 6 on native plants

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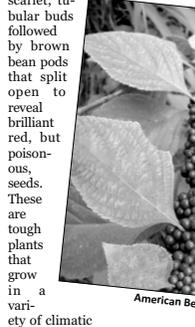
Plants that are easy to grow and maintain are highly desired for any landscape, and native plants can be both practical and attractive choices to liven up any outdoor space. Because native plants are adapted to the climate and soil conditions of a given area, their use in landscaping can (but not always) decrease maintenance. Some plants have specific growth requirements while others thrive under a variety of environmental conditions. Consider the native habitat of a plant before planting to be sure that you can provide a similar environment.

When searching for native plants, remember that under Florida's Plant Protection Law, it is unlawful to destroy, injure, harvest, collect, pick or remove any plants covered by the law without prior written permission from the landowner or legal occupant of the land. Check with local nurseries and nurseries throughout the state that specialize in native plants.

While some native species may be hard to find, there are still plenty of under-utilized plants that are accessible to gardeners. Some examples: American Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) is a small to medium-sized deciduous shrub that is great for shadier areas. It bears small pinkish or purplish flowers in spring and beautiful amethyst-purple berries in fall. Butterflies are drawn to the flowers, and the berries make this shrub one of the best attractants for birds.

Cherokee Bean (*Erythrina herbacea*), also called Coralbean,

is another attractive deciduous shrub with triangular leaflets. It flowers heavily in spring, having scarlet, tubular buds followed by brown bean pods that split open to reveal brilliant red, but poisonous, seeds. These are tough plants that grow in a variety of climatic and soil conditions. They can also withstand harsh conditions and severe insect attacks by going dormant and surviving on the reserves of food and water stored in the root system.



or wet areas, but will grow fine in full sun to light shade in regular garden conditions. It has a broad crown and decorative peeling bark that varies in color and texture from tree to tree and as the tree ages. Flowers are borne in spring and foliage turns yellow in autumn. The broad, open crown of this tree provides

such light shade that grass will continue to thrive beneath.

You may already know and appreciate some native plants, but there are many native plants that are unknown and under utilized in our landscapes. If you are new to the area, having trouble deciding what to plant or just want to learn more about Florida native, Florida-friendly, and under-utilized plants that thrive in Baker County, plan to attend the workshop on Florida-Friendly Landscape Plants next month on Thursday, August 6 at 3:00 pm.

The class will be held at the extension office on US 90 west in Macclenny and is free. Please register for the class no later than Wednesday, August 5th by calling 904-259-3520 or email alamborn@ufl.edu.

Cinnamon Fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea*) is a great plant for moist to wet sites in full sun to deep shade. It is a large fern with long, somewhat spreading fronds that form a symmetrical clump. There are separate fertile fronds that stand narrow and erect from the center. The new young fronds, called "fiddleheads", are eaten by deer and other animals and although not many people eat them, they can be boiled and eaten.

River Birch (*Betula nigra*) is a fast-growing, multi-stemmed deciduous tree. This tree grows naturally along the banks of rivers and streams tolerating moist

stance for the judges by using a show stick to maneuver his hooves into position.

A show stick is a long, slender metal rod with a hook at one end. The hooked end is placed between the cloven part of the hoof and gentle nudges encourage the bull to step into the proper position.

Ms. Lankford moved to Macclenny from Texas at age 10. She has been raising and showing cows since age 12 when she joined the Baker County 4-H club. One of her most vivid memories is helping her father assist a cow who was having a difficult delivery. The calf was breech with its back hoofs protruding instead of the head and was in danger of suffocating.

"The calf's back hoofs had to be chained together and Dad used an instrument called a 'Come Along' that is slowly cranked to help move it through the birth canal," she said. "My brothers and I had to catch the calf in midair."

The 'cow girl' started off with commercial steers, later choosing to work with Black Angus, a breed not seen much in Baker County at that time. Since join-

ing FFA four years ago, she has shown her Angus cows at least three times a year and almost always at the Baker County fair and the Jacksonville fair.

"I love the fairs," she said. "People watching is as entertaining as dealing with the animals. You meet people who have never even seen a real cow before. They ask you questions like 'how can you tell if a cow is male or female?' and they're serious."

Ms. Lankford will be starting school this fall at the Art Institute of Jacksonville. There, she plans to pursue her other love, television production. Her ultimate goal is to combine her interests in a way that will intertwine television with Angus production and benefit another generation of young cattle breeders. She hopes to produce shows that will appear on RFD-TV Channel 345, the 24-hour station with programming targeted toward rural America.

"I also want to continue to grow my herd and remain involved with FFA as an alumni," she said. "I'd love to be able to supply young breeders with good stock."

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Imari Clark and Scott Rhoden at work in the Baker County Middle School office. PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

## 20 teens enrolled in the 'Databusters' program

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Twenty Baker County youths are currently enrolled in Databusters, a local summer program that exposes them to a professional work environment and also allows them to earn Microsoft Office certification.

"It's an entirely new program to Baker County," said Sam Miller, who is in charge of youth development for the North-east Florida Community Action Agency.

Databusters enables these students to learn valuable computer skills required to work in professional office settings such as Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. They then have the opportunity to put those skills to the test in actual business environments.

Students chosen for the program must come from a low income background, have at least a 2.0 GPA and demonstrate the desire and dedication to participate in and complete the program.

"The main objective is to put these youths on the road to becoming responsible and self-sufficient," said Mr. Miller.

"You hear people say that there is nothing for youth to do in Baker County, but this is a terrific thing to do with your time," said Imari Clark, 14, whose mother alerted her to Databusters after seeing an advertisement for the program.

Scott Rhoden, a rising senior at Baker County High School, was recommended to the program through the school's guidance department.

"I'm really pleased to be able to learn the Microsoft Office software," he said. "Jobs are scarce right now anyway and not having any marketable skills makes it even tougher. Having Microsoft Office certification should really increase my chances for getting one."

"It looks good on your resume, too," said Ms. Clark.

According to Mr. Miller, there was a goal for getting 20 students on board for the program. Each underwent an application and interview process and then completed a one-week orientation.

During the orientation, participants were introduced to the expectations of the workplace such as behavior, dress and appropriate interaction with staff and the public. Transportation is provided to and from the computer instruction and other classes as well as to assigned job sites. Participants are paid minimum wage for the hours they work.

Databusters partners with offices such as the Baker County Sheriff's Office, the county building department and the Baker County school district. Participants work in these locations on Monday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday and Thursday, they convene at Baker County Middle School where they receive computer and software program training in the school's computer lab.

The students abide by a uniform code. All wear gray t-shirts with the program logo on computer class days and a dressier burgundy shirt with khaki pants and close-toed shoes on work days.

Fridays are devoted to professional development training classes. They engage in exercises that build self-esteem and participate in attaining other skills such as the mechanics of writing a resume, developing good decision making habits and what it takes to set and obtain a goal.

Another special incentive offers a sweet enticement for participants to do well. The Jacksonville Jaguars sponsor the Jaguar Honor Roll program focusing on academic achievement and Databusters implements it as part of their own program. Students complete assignments such as book reports and projects like crime prevention and parent/student communication. They are also required to perform four hours of community service.

Completing all requirements makes them eligible for tickets to Jaguar games and dinner in Jacksonville. Databuster's top two performing participants will receive computers.

The six-week Databusters program has been conducted for years in other counties and is funded by a federal grant. WorkSource in Macclenny is co-sponsoring the program, allowing

Baker County youths to participate an additional four weeks.

During the last four weeks of the program, the students work in offices four days a week. Databusters culminates with a "graduation" ceremony during which each participant must give an individually prepared PowerPoint presentation.

"I take my involvement in this program very personally," said Mr. Miller. "As far as I'm concerned I'm not just involved in community work, I'm also doing God's work."

### SOCIAL NOTICE



Horne-Pelham

### Wed in Orlando

Kellee Sue Horne and Brett Ryan Pelham exchanged wedding vows July 8, 2009 in Orlando at St Luke's United Methodist Church.

Parents of the couple are Jerry and Toni Horne of Lee's Summit, Missouri and Gary and Debbie Pelham of Glen St. Mary. Grandparents of the couple are Dolores Horne of Jonesborough, Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith Jr. of Taylor and Grace Reddick of Pensacola.

The bride's sister Brittany Froeschle was Matron of Honor and Best Man was Byron Jacobs of Orlando.

A reception, dinner, and dance followed the ceremony at the Ballroom at Church Street Station.

The bride is employed by Walt Disney World as a manager. The groom is employed by Orange County schools as a teacher and coaches both baseball and football. Following a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple will reside in Orlando.

## Medal is awarded after 16-year delay

Longtime Army reservist and now retired National Guardsman Jerry Morgan of Glen St. Mary says his recent receipt of a Meritorious Service Medal is a bit tardy — but appreciated nonetheless.

"They put in for it about 16 years ago and say the paperwork got lost — you know how the Army is," he says with a chuckle, explaining that a fellow master sergeant who he had served with pushed the Army to re-open the request a full three years ago.

The medal — the second highest attainable during peacetime — was presented to Mr. Morgan by Congressman Ander Crenshaw during a USO luncheon at Jacksonville NAS on June 30. Master Sgt. Jim Pennington, who along with Mr. Crenshaw was pivotal in securing the honor, was also on hand.

Mr. Morgan, 71, qualified for the medal because of the years he spent as a senior chief instructor in the areas of transporting materiel, chemicals and field medical supplies.

"I guess I taught on just about every Army base in the country you could name," said the CSX Transportation retiree who in 1977 moved to his seven-acre tract off CR 229 north of the Union County line. "I taught soldiers and other instructors."



Jerry Morgan accepts award from Congressman Ander Crenshaw. In middle is Master Sgt. Jim Pennington. PHOTO COURTESY OF JERRY MORGAN

With the railroad, he was a property accountant, and his background includes completing college in the Midwest as a chiropractor, though he never established a full-time practice.

Though retired officially, he still maintains ties with the military as a member of funeral honor guards for veterans in the Jacksonville area including the recently opened National Cemetery near the airport.

"I've done about 30 of them so far this year. It's something I like to do as a way to pay back to veterans for what they've done," he reasons.

Mr. Morgan is openly proud of the medal and citation that accompanied it, along with the help from Mr. Pennington, former

Guard colonel Jim Bloodworth of Starke and the congressman. "I mainly wanted it for my five grandchildren so they'd know their Papa did something in the military."

## Library closed

The Emily Taber Library in Macclenny will be closed July 14 through July 19 due to construction. Books can be dropped off in the door slot.

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**Laverne Dicks, 79, dies July 9th**

Laverne Johnson Dicks, 79, died July 9, 2009, at her residence. She was born April 17, 1930 to Anna Gibbs Johnson and William Riley Johnson in Mount Vernon, Georgia. Her family moved to Florida when she was young.

Mrs. Dicks lived her early years in Macclenny and most of her adult life in Lake City after moving from Dunnellon, FL in 1962. She retired from the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission after 18 years. She was a charter member of the Orchard Community Church, an avid reader who enjoyed sewing, gardening, and especially art. She delighted in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dicks was predeceased by her parents; stepfather Percy Harvey; sister Margaret Johnson Norman; brother William Glen Johnson; step-sisters Zelma Harvey Peacock and Geanie Harvey Johns.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Denver F. Dicks; daughters Lane Dicks (George R. "Bob") Dekle of Lake City and Joan Dicks (Benjie) Taylor of Live Oak; brother George (Ann) Johnson of Macclenny; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held July 11 at 2:00 pm at Gateway-Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel with Pastor Eddie Blalock officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery.

**Infant Brooklynn Griffis of Glen**

Brooklynn Anne Marie Griffis, 3 weeks old, of Glen St. Mary died July 13, 2009. Brooklynn was born to George Thomas Griffis and Kayla Anne Thompson on June 20, 2009. She was a blessing to her family, and she is in a better place now. She was the most beautiful thing ever, her smile and her warmth kept us going day by day. She will always be in our heart and soul.

Survivors include parents; sister Isabella Rose Marie Griffis; maternal grandparents Shelia (Delmar) Doss and Norman Thompson; paternal grandparents Wyman and Polly Griffis; maternal great-grandparents Carl and Margaret Rennie; uncle Devin (Raina) Thompson; aunts Jacqueline Taylor, Erica Taylor, Jessica (Steve) Kish and Jeral (Johnny) Taylor; Sharon Cook and her daughter Susan as well as several cousins.

The graveside service was held July 16 at 10:00 am at South Prong Cemetery with Pastor Charles Edward Anderson officiating. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

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**Mt. Zion N.C. Methodist Church**  
121 North † 259-4461  
Macclenny, FL

*Pastor Tim Cheshire*

Sunday School 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 pm



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

**'Nick' Stewart, 60, of Interlachen**

Nathan "Nick" Stewart, 60, of Interlachen died July 6, 2009 at Shands at the University of Florida, Gainesville following an extended illness. He was a native of Macclenny and relocated to Putman County in the early 1970s.



Nathan Stewart

Mr. Stewart was educated in Baker County schools and was class president at J. Franklyn Keller High School, class of 1968. After high school he attended Edward Waters College to pursue a career in the education field. Nathan had various positions as a correctional officer, nurse's aide, education and was a community activist.

In his early childhood and early teens, Nathan was a member of St. James Memorial Baptist Church, Allen Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, both of Macclenny. He was a member of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Hastings at the time of his death, and was a musician for several churches in the Putnam and St. Johns counties.

Mr. Stewart was preceded in death by parents Ben and Evelyn (Edwards) Stewart; brothers Robert Jr. and Edward Earl Stewart; sister Lillie Mae McQueen.

Survivors include twin brother Nathaniel Stewart of Columbus, GA; sister Gloria Stewart (David) Bryant of Fayetteville, NC; step-mother Daisy B. Stewart of Columbus, GA; sisters-in-law Ruby Stewart of Macclenny, Patricia W. Stewart of Barnesville, GA, Mildred Stewart of Atlanta, GA; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and caring friends.

The funeral service will be held at 10:00 am at Emmanuel Church of God In Christ in Macclenny on July 18 with Rev. Lorenzo Falls officiating. Visitation of family and friends will be July 17 from 5:00-8:00 pm at the "Chapel of Serenity" and Saturday from 8:00-10:00 am at Emmanuel Church of God In Christ in Macclenny. Interment will follow at Mt. Herman Cemetery, Macclenny. The cortege will assemble at the Chestnut's residence, 409 Lowder St, Macclenny, Karl N. Flagg Serenity Memorial Chapel of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

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**'A.J.' Musgrove, an avid gardener**

Alfred John "A.J." Musgrove, 68 of Glen St. Mary died at his home Monday afternoon, July 13, 2009. AJ was a loving husband to his wife Virginia Ann for 16 years. He was born in Folkston, Georgia on February 6, 1941 to Ollie and Susie Knight Musgrove.



Alfred Musgrove

Mr. Musgrove worked for Ross and Logan Construction Company. He was devoted to his wife and his garden, and was compassionate to all who knew him. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers Grady Musgrove and Rufus "Buddy" Musgrove; sister Wanda Bercau.

Survivors include wife Virginia Ann Musgrove of Glen; children Johnny (Michelle) Musgrove and Debbie Musgrove, both of SC, Henry (Angie) Musgrove of NC, step-children Eddie Lawrence of Glen, Scotty (Krystal) Lawrence of Folkston, Jerry Lawrence of Indiana and Tammy (Charles) Ross of Macclenny; brothers Floyd, Mitchell (Jeanette), Freeman (Liz), Alton (Rhonda) and Richard (Cookie) Musgrove; sisters Audrey Dixon, Dorothy Haddock, Evelyn (Dale) Dinkins, Ann (Ronnie) Grooms; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Mr. Musgrove was held July 16 at 2:00 pm at Dinkins New Congregational Methodist Church in Sanderson with Rev. Allen Crews officiating. Interment followed at Cedar Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Community Hospice. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church**  
CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL

Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Evening Prayer Serv. 7:30 pm  
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*Hebrew 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

Pastor Bobby & Faye Griffin

**Macclenny Church of God**

**Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life**  
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**Pastor Rev. Shannon Conner**  
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**'Uncle Leo,' 83, enjoyed hunting**

Robert Lee "Uncle Leo" Raulerson, 83, of Macclenny died July 13, 2009. Robert was born in Baker County to Albert Raulerson and Mandy Gaaney Raulerson on January 19, 1926. He was a life-long resident of Baker County and a member of Celebration Baptist Church in Macclenny.

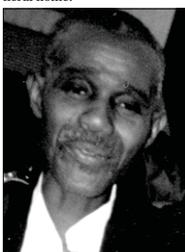


Robert Raulerson

Mr. Raulerson was retired from the Florida Department of Corrections after 33 years as a corrections officer. He loved fishing, hunting and taking the family out for a seafood dinner.

Survivors include sister-in-law Emily Raulerson; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and a great-great-great niece.

The funeral service will be held July 17 at 11:00 am in the chapel of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services with Pastor Elmer Crews officiating. Interment will follow at Manntown Cemetery in Glen St. Mary. The family will receive friends July 16 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the funeral home.



**In Loving Memory of Jerry Donald Dolison**  
6/29/1950-7/16/2006

You may be gone, but you'll never be forgotten. Sleep on, Jerry and take your rest. I loved you dearly, but God loved you best.

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Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am  
Fellowship 10:30 am - 11:00 am  
Worship Services 11:00 am  
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm  
Minister Sam F. Kitching

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Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

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## Thanks so much

On behalf of my family and I, we would like to thank each and every one for their prayers, condolences, flowers, food and words of encouragement during the passing of a remarkable man, Mark Crossman. During our time of grief, the outpouring of so many will never be forgotten. Words cannot express how much it meant to us to have the love and support of our family, friends and community. During this most difficult time we were embraced by so many, it will be hard to thank each and every one.

A special thank you is extended to Mr. Charlie Ison, who delivered a eulogy that expressed the love and friendship the two co-workers had. Charlie's description of Mark had us laughing one minute, then crying the next. Charlie not only worked with Mark, he shared the Gospel each day with him and has become a dear friend to our family.

Thanks also to Brother Pete Morris of North Jacksonville Baptist Church, who came to visit and prayed with the family. Brother Buddy Lanier officiated the service. Special music was provided by the Group Redeemed, Bonnie Massey, Linda Miller and Kim Keith, also from NJBC. We are grateful for the warm and compassionate care provided by the Northeast Florida Community Hospice Center.

The funeral procession was led by two semis driven by Charlie Ison of Prestige A/B Management and Mr. Cecil Hagan, who is a long time family friend. Our family would also like to thank the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Baker County Sheriff's department for the donation of ice and tea. A warm thank you also goes to Christian Fellowship Temple for the donation of chairs. Last but not least, a big thank you to CVS pharmacy in Macclenny for allowing us to do a car wash.

Mark was a unique individual who loved spending time with his family, grandchildren, truck driving, and motorcycle riding. He went home to be with the Lord on Monday, June 29. We will cherish the memories we have. He will be greatly missed.

THANK YOU,  
MS. KAREN CROSSMAN  
AND FAMILY

## Thank you

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel toward our Baker County family. We cannot thank enough our church family at Raiford Road Church, my wife's work family from Baker County School Board and the citizens of Baker County for their hospitality during the time of our loss. The prayers, cards, phone calls and the food were very much appreciated. You provided a service to my family that was much needed and one that helped out greatly during our time of need.

My mother was an inspiration to all she met. She never did meet a stranger. We know how many of you did not know her, but you knew us and supported her because of us. My mother fought a brave fight with ovarian cancer that finally took her. She wanted her mission of spreading the word out to all women and that was to get checked early — early detection is the key. So in her honor, please get checked. She did live life to the fullest and made a difference in all the lives she touched.

ROBERT, GAYVONE, KATIE AND  
GABE DEMERS  
CLAY AND KEIRSTAN BLACKSHEAR

## Family grateful

The family of Mrs. Redith Richardson Bryant thanks everyone who thought of us at this difficult time. Whether it was a visit, a phone call, a card or if you brought food, your thoughtfulness has been a blessing and a comfort to us all. We also extend a special thank you to Pastor Bob Christmas for the wonderful funeral service and to Archer Funeral Home for the special care they gave her and our family. We appreciate you all more than words can say.

## Many thanks

The Lewis Harvey family thanks everyone for the thoughts, prayers, food and flowers during the recent loss of their loved one. A special thank you to Pastor David Thomas, Todd Ferreira and staff, Northeast Florida Community Hospice and his nurse Tom Canazon.



In Loving Memory  
of "Jake"  
Jason Lee Hodges  
1/25/1984-7/21/2007

*With pen in hand I try to write  
what's in my heart, but my  
heart is broken in so many  
pieces there is no way to say  
what's in my heart but pain.  
The love you had for your family  
and friends will never be forgotten.  
One looked into your big  
brown eyes and could see all the  
love you had for everyone.  
You came into our lives in a big  
way and that's the way you left,  
without so much as a goodbye.*

LOVE AND MISS YOU ALWAYS,  
"MAMA" ROSETTA HODGES

## Sincere thanks

The wife of the late Mr. Winston Lemoyne Williams Sr. would like to give her sincere thanks to all of you that showed kind acts at our time of grief. To my Pastor of St. James I would like to share a sincere thanks to you and the members of St. James Baptist Church as well as Mary and Michelle McCormick, the Hope family, Freddie Griffin, Leroy Ellis and the Baker County Sheriff, Joey Dolson, for all of your support and help.

SINCERE THANKS,  
OWEIDA WILLIAMS  
AND FAMILY

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Guardians serve as fact finders for a judge, make recommendations and speak for the child in court, and act as a "watchdog" for the child throughout the case, ensuring it is brought to a swift and appropriate conclusion. They monitor and investigate not only how the children are doing but what progress the parents are making.

Guardians follow their children through the dependency process until the case is closed and they go back to their fami-

lies or are adopted. If children remain in foster care, guardians are often the only constant in the children's lives.

These volunteers are ordinary citizens. They receive 30 hours of training, are screened for objectivity and competence and are asked to commit at least one year. No legal background is required. 6-12 hours per month are usually required, much of which is done by phone calls and e-mails. Guardians have a case coordinator and attorneys to assist them.

There are children in Baker County still in need of their own Guardian ad Litem volunteer to help change their lives. The next class starts August 11th in Starke. For more information, call 904-966-6237 or go to [guardianadlitem.org](http://guardianadlitem.org).



Dr. Alison Webb

## Earns degree

Alison Webb of Macclenny recently earned a Doctor of Optometry degree from Nova Southeastern University. She is currently serving on the faculty of Ohio State University and completing a residency at Louis B. Stokes VA in Cleveland, Ohio.

Alison is the daughter of Dr. Garlon Webb and the late Charles H. Webb, Jr. of Macclenny.

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Summer reading books are on sale while supplies last at the front desk at the high school as well as Barnes and Noble stores and Books a Million. For those students who purchased their summer reading books from their English teachers before school ended, the books can be picked up at the front office; you'll have to show a receipt.

Students will be tested on the books within the first two weeks of the new school year.

- Summer reading titles include:
- ✓ Darkness Before Dawn
  - Sharon Draper
  - ✓ A Day No Pigs Would Die
  - Richard Peck
  - ✓ Rumble Fish - S. E. Hinton
  - ✓ April Morning - Howard Fast
  - ✓ If Walls Could Talk - Dr. Jean Dowling

"The English Department is excited to offer Dr. Dowling's book," said department chair Kelley Norman. "Dr. Dowling is a local author and the book

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# Not giving up on Lance yet...

## FAT LADY

ROBERT GERARD

I've got to think that when you judge athletes and try to choose who are among the best overall in the world, Lance Armstrong's name has to be near the top.

The 37-year-old cyclist took time off from the sport then came back and suffered a broken collar bone, but still has managed to be in contention in the Tour de France, the premier event in cycling.

For three weeks cyclists tour France, from the flatlands of the south to the mountains of the French Alps and finishing in Paris. It is a grueling and unforgiving sport that promises pain, pain and more pain as the cyclists try to get into a zone and fight their bodies as much as competing with the other riders.

Armstrong wasn't given much of a chance in this year's tour. But with a week left, the American is in third place, just minutes off the lead. With a tough week to go, however, the event is playing into Armstrong's hands.

Armstrong is a machine. His work rate is incredible

and he is one of the few racers on the tour who is just as good in the mountains as on the flats.

He may not win this year's tour, but if I were a betting man, I sure wouldn't bet against him.

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Who the heck is Marcin Gortat, you ask? No he's not some Polish soccer player that nobody outside of Europe has ever heard of.

He's some Polish NBA player that nobody ever heard of that the Orlando Magic just

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Gortat was going to be traded to Dallas and the Magic just didn't want to let him go. But \$34 million worth? Amazing.

Sports stars salaries have been way off-base for years but this kind of inflation for a marginal player at best is just ridiculous. If Gortat is being given a contract extension that huge, what will a star player go for this season.

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Pictured are the first, second and third place finishers from the Bullets at last weekend's regional championships in Orange Park. They are (back row from left) Jacob Anderson, 16; Travis Oswald, 17; Deryk Clark, 16; Tim Padgett, 13; (front row from left) Braeden Knight, 6; Ethan Knight, 9; and Jonathan Mobley, 12.

## Boys finish strong in meet

The Baker Bullets swim team will return to Fleming Island and the Barco-Newton YMCA for First Coast YMCA championships July 24-25.

"Just about every kid qualified in something to get into the championships," said Bullets coach Andy Johnston.

A three-way regional qualifying meet was held in Fleming Island July 11.

The Bullets finished third as a team against host Barco-Newton and the Dye-Clay YMCA of Orange Park. The boys as a group finished second.

"The kids did terrific," said coach Johnston. "With almost no exceptions, they all swam their personal bests to qualify."

Six-year-old Braeden Knight performed particularly well with first place finishes in the 25-meter freestyle and backstroke and a second place time in the 25-meter breaststroke.

"He's a great little swimmer, especially for being only 6 years old," said the coach.

The top eight finishers in each age group and event earned a spot to compete in the First Coast championship. The 8 and under swimmers will hit the water July 24 at 4:00 pm and the older swimmers the following Saturday morning at 8:00 am.

Other results from last weekend's meet:

- Seventeen-year-old Travis Oswald garnered first place in the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter breaststroke; and second place in the 100-meter freestyle.

- Chad Collins, 10, took first in the 100-meter freestyle and individual medley.
- Second place finishes were posted by Dillon Ray, 8, in the 25-meter freestyle, 25-meter butterfly and 25-meter breaststroke; Jarrett Raulerson, 12, in the 50-meter freestyle; Jacob Anderson, 15, in 50-meter freestyle; Collins in 100-meter medley; Byron Barton in the 200-meter medley and 100-meter freestyle; Alexis O'Donnell, 16, in the 200-meter medley; Cory Campbell, 15, in the 200-meter medley and 100-meter butterfly; Tim Padgett, 13, in the 100-meter butterfly; Ethan Knight, 9, in the 100-meter freestyle; and Paul Horne, 13, in the 100-meter breaststroke.

- Other swimmers who qualified are Erica Flakowicz, Karlee Nelson, Malloy O'Donnell, Andrea Clark, Ashton Ray, Jarrett Barton, Amanda Flakowicz, Kyrie Holman, Dalton Ray, Trent Mobley, Scotty Willis, Zackary Horne, Jake Smith, Hannah Johnston, Blair Shadd, Reagan Wilds, Gregory Barrios, Emily Collins, Lorian Bliss, Landon Prevatt, and Brianna Knight.

## Summer busy for Staples' Wildcats

It may be the All Star break for the major leaguers, but for the BCHS Wildcat baseball team there hasn't been much of a break this summer. John Staples' Cats have been hard at work all summer long, playing in a tournament that will finish up later this week and trying to fill some big holes left by graduation.

The Cats are 10-1-2 so far in the tournament and Staples has seen a lot of improvement in his squad.

"Though the rain has interfered with us a lot we've got a chance to get a look at kids and some of them have really stepped up," said Staples.

He's particularly encouraged with the play of Scooter Gross at first base and Josh Griffis at pitcher.

"Josh has the potential of being a front-line pitcher," said Staples. Chris Waddell, who performed so well on the mound as a freshman, is playing elite travel ball with a team from Tampa Bay and hasn't been available this summer. Staples is philosophical about the absence of one of his top hurlers. "Sometimes it's good for them to get away and play for somebody else for a while."

There are presently four positions that are unsettled because of graduation, but Staples is hyping the competition. "There's a chance that some of these guys might even unseat some of the veterans. It's all about getting kids in the right spots."

After the tournament ends this weekend, the baseball team will take some time off and won't come back together until October 1st.



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## Finish in top forty in NY

The Baker Boyz 12 and under traveling baseball team finished in the top 40 of more than 100 teams that took part in week-long tournament at Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York last month. The boys eventually lost 6-4 to an Alabama team, but hit more than 14 home runs during eight very close games, said coach Austin Milton. The team was also treated to a tour of the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame during their stay. They will head to Tallahassee this week to prepare for the fall nationals in St. Augustine in October. Pictured front row from left are Landon Boyette, Chase Brury, Kason Colbert, Jacob Milton and Zack Rafuse; middle row from left are Jarrod Crews, Brandon Vining, Levi Hollingsworth, Cameron Wilson, Jarrod Painter and Willie Carter; coaches in back from left are Bruce Sapp, Travis Tyson and Johnny Tyson.

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## Little Cats win tourney

The Wildcats traveling 10 and under baseball team finished a six-team tournament in Tifton, Ga. July 9-12 with the championship trophy, shown at right. The boys beat the South Georgia Sluggers 11-8 to win the AA Peach State Diamond Sports World Series. Pictured from left in the front row are Tyler McKevin, Jake Gibson, Jared Kiper, Colby Hodges and Tyler Isenberg. From back row left are Kasey Isenberg, Tyler Altman, Will Livingston, Chase Taylor, Will Rhoden and Landon Nevill. The coaches in rear from left are Ronnie Kiper, Doug Parker and Robbie Taylor.



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## Suns back for 5-game stand

The division-leading Jacksonville Suns are back in for a five-game home stand starting Wednesday night.

The Suns will face the Tennessee Smokies (AA Affiliate of the Chicago Cubs) at the Baseball Grounds, The Smokies are managed by former Cubs great Ryne Sandberg.

The Suns are getting in the swing with their own tribute to the King of Pop on Wednesday night and Michael Jackson songs playing all night long. Donate to the Winn-Dixie food drive on Wednesday for half-price Homeplate Box tickets.

Thursday is the return of the Thursday Night Throwdown with Buds for a buck and more great drink specials. Fans who bring a donation for the food drive Thursday night get \$1 off a regular-price ticket.

Though St. Patrick's Day is a long time away, fans can get in the spirit on Friday's

St. Patrick's in July. The first 3000 fans will receive green Suns baseball caps. After the game, stay for the fireworks, followed by a special Leprechaun World Wrestling Championship on the field. Fans who donate to the food drive on Friday get a free Suns souvenir program.

On Saturday night fans will get a free Ivan De Jesus Jr. Bobblehead and the wacky ZOOperstars will entertain. The first 3000 fans will receive a bobblehead of former Suns shortstop Ivan De Jesus Jr.

The Suns finish up the series on Sunday with Winn-Dixie Day and the first 3000 fans into the Baseball Grounds will receive a free minibat. After the game, kids will be able to run the bases and see what it's like to be a baseball star.

Tickets for all Suns home games are on sale through the box office at (904) 358-2846, or online at [www.jaxsuns.com](http://www.jaxsuns.com). They are \$6.50 for general admission, \$9.50 for reserved seating and \$12.50 for home plate Box seating.

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