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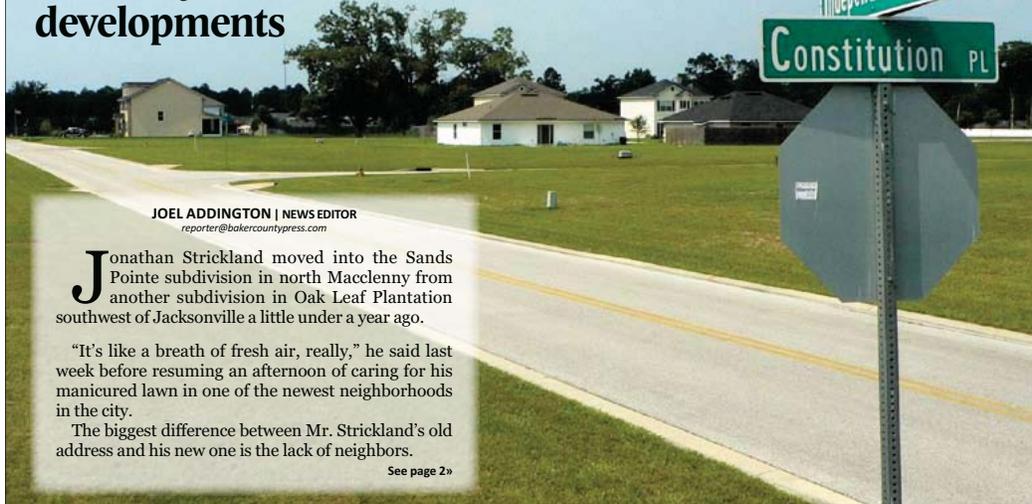
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## Subdivision 'ghost towns'

### Economy halts developments



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Jonathan Strickland moved into the Sands Pointe subdivision in north Macclenny from another subdivision in Oak Leaf Plantation southwest of Jacksonville a little under a year ago.

"It's like a breath of fresh air, really," he said last week before resuming an afternoon of caring for his manicured lawn in one of the newest neighborhoods in the city.

The biggest difference between Mr. Strickland's old address and his new one is the lack of neighbors.

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## JSO vet drowns in pool July 25

The body of a Macclenny woman found floating and lifeless in a swimming pool at a residence off Copper Gate Place the morning of July 25 has been sent to the medical examiner's office in Gainesville for an autopsy.



Samantha Williams, 44, who owns a residence directly behind the pool but was not residing there, was last seen about 10:00 the previous evening by her sister Heidi Lee, who along with husband Timmy Lee live at the address where the pool is located.

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## 'In the hole...'

### County eyes increase in property tax millage

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"We're in the hole no matter what..."

Those were Commissioner Mike Griffiths' words during an hour-long workshop of the Baker County Commission the afternoon of July 24 and they summed up the outcome.

The board decided on a tentative increase in the property tax rate that will have only a small impact on the almost \$2 million needed to balance next year's budget, which has to be finalized along with the tax rate by September 30.

The commission's tentative property tax rate will be used to notice property owners next month of their maximum tax bill. The commission could

choose to lower it before the deadline.

The rate, \$7.86 per \$1000 of taxable property value, would generate about \$6.2 million of the county's \$31.6 million proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. The county's overall spending plan is expected to drop by about \$220,000 from this year's 2008-09 budget.

On a property valued at \$200,000 with a \$50,000 homestead exemption, for instance, the proposed rate would mean a roughly \$1179 bill more than the previous year.

Tax bills also include hospital and school district taxes, plus per parcel assessments for fire protection and garbage collection for residents outside the City of Macclenny.

The current rate is about \$7.15 per \$1000 of taxable property value and the proposed increase is expected to generate \$537,000 in additional revenue, despite a drop in land values totaling about \$6.2 million county-wide since last year.

But even with the proposed increase in property taxes, the

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Glen St. Mary aims to slash budget by 14 percent

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## A TASTE OF HOME

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### New pilot program begins to alter nursing home image

Outfitting more than 300 residents with new clothing protectors is part of the new Cultural Change Pilot Program being implemented at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab [MNR].

The clothing protector project is just the first of a series of changes planned to help create a more home-like environment and move away from the traditional institutional model typical of nursing facilities in the past.

"It's part of the Center for Medicare Services federal mandate to dispel the misconception many people still hold that nursing facilities are simply places where sick and elderly people go to die," said MNR director John Simmons. "That notion is no longer valid and facilities such as MNR are actively working to change it."

The first of a series of planned changes involved providing residents with something less institutional and more personal than the uniform terry cloth bills worn during meal time.

"It comes down to an issue of preserving the dignity of the residents," said Mr. Simmons. "What sounds more dignified — putting a bib on an 80-year-old resident or offering them a clothing protector?"

Several local civic groups like the Macclenny Woman's Club have made and donated some protectors which the nursing home used as inspiration for the larger scale project that residents have been able to participate in if they choose.

Last week, residents Osceola Green, Amelia Smith and Danny Hines were busy at a table covered with stacks of cloth printed in a



Front row from left: Residents Osceola Green, Amelia Smith and Danny Hines, all wearing the redesigned clothing protectors. Standing behind residents are Director of Nursing Becky McDuffie, left, and Activities Assistant Cherry Wilson.

variety of bright colors and patterns.

Activities Assistant Cherry Wilson is pleased with the project and the involvement of residents.

"Especially Danny, he's been really involved," she said. "It's given the residents something very constructive to do with their time and they seem to enjoy it."

"Like these a lot more than the others made of terry cloth," said Ms. Smith. "The Velcro clasps work so much better than before."

"What I like is the length. These cover up my big belly!" joked Mr. Hines. "And I like this material much better, too."

"The Agency for Health Care Administration has made some recommendations for other changes that we will be considering," said Mr. Simmons. "Such as repositioning nursing stations within a facility to make

them less prominent and create a more home-like setting. Building in more choices for residents is also part of the change. Many of those being considered involved the dining experience.

For example, Mr. Simmons hopes to be able to offer residents options of sometimes sleeping late and eating a waffle breakfast served as late as 10:30 am. This would be a nice change of pace from the set time residents are required to get up and a designated meal time and menu. Use of china plates on occasion is being considered.

MNR already involves residents and dieticians in a collaboration to choose the menu for a meal once a month. The Family Night dinner has been a success, too.

"I'd even like to provide residents an opportunity to personalize

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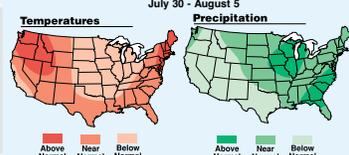
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## 7-Day Forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
High: 91° Low: 75°	High: 91° Low: 73°	High: 90° Low: 73°	High: 90° Low: 75°	High: 90° Low: 73°	High: 91° Low: 73°	High: 89° Low: 72°

## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook



## Tides

Cedar Key	Jul. 30	Jul. 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 5
First high	8:21 a.m.	9:27 a.m.	12:35 a.m.	1:23 a.m.	1:58 a.m.	2:28 a.m.	2:54 a.m.
First low	2:03 a.m.	3:12 a.m.	4:35 a.m.	5:47 a.m.	6:43 a.m.	7:29 a.m.	8:09 a.m.
Second high	11:14 p.m.	—	10:57 a.m.	11:39 a.m.	12:32 p.m.	1:17 p.m.	1:57 p.m.
Second low	4:23 p.m.	5:40 p.m.	6:39 p.m.	7:24 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	8:32 p.m.	9:00 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Jul. 30	Jul. 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 5
First high	3:10 a.m.	4:05 a.m.	4:59 a.m.	5:51 a.m.	6:40 a.m.	7:26 a.m.	8:10 a.m.
First low	9:39 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11:21 a.m.	12:16 a.m.	1:03 a.m.	1:48 a.m.	2:28 a.m.
Second high	4:01 p.m.	4:56 p.m.	5:48 p.m.	6:35 p.m.	7:19 p.m.	8:01 p.m.	8:41 p.m.
Second low	10:34 p.m.	11:26 p.m.	—	12:10 p.m.	12:58 p.m.	1:44 p.m.	2:26 p.m.

Mayport	Jul. 30	Jul. 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 5
First high	3:58 a.m.	4:57 a.m.	5:52 a.m.	6:43 a.m.	7:29 a.m.	8:12 a.m.	8:54 a.m.
First low	9:54 a.m.	10:47 a.m.	11:38 a.m.	12:36 a.m.	1:23 a.m.	2:06 a.m.	2:45 a.m.
Second high	4:50 p.m.	5:46 p.m.	6:36 p.m.	7:22 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	8:42 p.m.	9:19 p.m.
Second low	10:52 p.m.	11:45 p.m.	—	12:28 p.m.	1:14 p.m.	1:57 p.m.	2:36 p.m.

St. Augustine	Jul. 30	Jul. 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 5
First high	3:16 a.m.	4:11 a.m.	5:05 a.m.	5:57 a.m.	6:46 a.m.	7:32 a.m.	8:16 a.m.
First low	9:41 a.m.	10:32 a.m.	11:23 a.m.	12:18 a.m.	1:05 a.m.	1:50 a.m.	2:30 a.m.
Second high	4:07 p.m.	5:02 p.m.	5:54 p.m.	6:41 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	8:07 p.m.	8:47 p.m.
Second low	10:36 p.m.	11:28 p.m.	—	12:12 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:46 p.m.	2:28 p.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday	6:46 a.m.
Sunset Thursday	6:24 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	3:43 p.m.
Moonset Thursday	1:13 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Aug 5	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27

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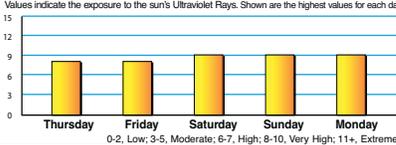
Jacksonville week ending Monday, Jul 27.	
Temperature	
High/Low for the week	93°/69°
Normal high/low	91°/73°
Average temperature	81.3°
Normal average temperature	82.0°
Precipitation	
Total for the week	0.18"
Total for the month	3.10"
Total for the year	34.54"
Normal for the month	5.17"
Normal for the year	27.93"

## 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 30	6:34 a.m.	12:22 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	12:46 p.m.
Jul 31	7:21 a.m.	1:09 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	1:34 p.m.
Aug 1	8:07 a.m.	1:55 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
Aug 2	8:53 a.m.	2:40 a.m.	9:19 p.m.	3:06 p.m.
Aug 3	9:38 a.m.	3:26 a.m.	10:03 p.m.	3:51 p.m.
Aug 4	10:23 a.m.	4:11 a.m.	10:47 p.m.	4:35 p.m.
Aug 5	11:07 a.m.	4:55 a.m.	11:31 p.m.	5:19 p.m.

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	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	9.82	9.82	-1.56
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	6.31	-0.02
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	6.70	+0.94
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.88	-0.07
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	53.93	-0.07



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# 'Ghost towns'...

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The Florida Highway Patrol officer's brick home site at the end of a cul-de-sac towards the back of the subdivision. In the vacant lots on either side are small yard signs from Sands Pointe's builder, Seda Homes, advertising their availability.

"It's nice. We thought it one of the best lots in the neighborhood," said Mr. Strickland, who grew up in the small Panhandle community of Marianna. "We're fond of Baker County. It reminds me of back home."

Sands Pointe and a handful of other partially-built subdivisions in Baker County were getting their first homes as the housing boom went bust. For much of the last two years, these neighborhoods have resembled, as a recent Jacksonville *Folio Weekly* article put it, ghost towns.

They have newly paved streets devoid of any hint of cracking or pot holes. The water and sewer lines are brand new, but largely unused. Some new communities like Heritage Oaks to the south of Sands Pointe have lamp posts standing at regular intervals along the street, but no sidewalks to illuminate. Other than the open fields of the grass, landscaping is minimal.

But for many of their residents, that's just fine.

"It's laid back, real quiet," said Michael Walls, 25, a resident of Heritage Oaks for the last year and half. "Everyone knows everybody else, so they watch out for your stuff. We don't have any crime in here."

About this time last year, when Watson Home Builders was still responsible for the community's upkeep, the vacant lots around Mr. Walls' home were in poor shape.

"They took everybody's money and just let the grass grow up and up and up," said the Sanderson Pipe employee.

When Watson went bankrupt and sold the available lots, maintenance improved and a new playground was built for neighborhood children.

"They're doing a real good job," said Mr. Walls of the new owner G.F. Florida.

Like Heritage Oaks and Sands Pointe, construction of new homes in the northeast Macclenny subdivision Cypress Pointe was humming along when the housing market fell off a cliff in late 2007 and early 2008.

Much of the first phase has

# 'In hole'

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county will still need about \$1.5 million from its roughly \$8 million in reserves to balance the budget.

And that was expected, and the draw down is less than the \$1.8 million that would be needed if the board chose to maintain this year's tax burden.

"We all knew we'd have to tap into reserves this year, we just didn't know how much," said Mr. Griffis. "Now we're getting a better handle on that."

Much of the deficit is a direct result of increases in the county's law enforcement fund, known officially as the fine and forfeiture fund. It pays for things like sheriff's deputies on patrol, officers guarding local inmates, the medical examiner and security at the courthouse.

The fund would receive \$3.8 million from the proposed tax rate, but its anticipated expenses for the coming year total more than \$7.5 million.

"It's going to be hard to handle for two years, but not impossible," Commissioner Gordon Crews said of the deficit.

He also suggested that the board revisit a per parcel assessment for emergency ambulance services, or EMS, which is now paid through the county's general fund.

That way, Mr. Crews said, property owners with homestead exemptions would pay the same for EMS services as owners with non-homesteaded or commercial properties.

"To me, there's a disparity we need to address," he said.

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# Two years for violating probation

A Macclenny man received a two-year prison term after admitting to multiple probation violations, including twin counts of felony battery as a repeat offender earlier this month.

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N. Davis, 27, who also has a Sanderson address, will get credit for 99 days already served in county jail. Court records show that Mr. Davis, who has an extensive criminal record ranging from aggravated battery and fleeing police to possession of controlled drugs, was arrested on the two battery counts on July 4.

He was accused of attacks on Jessica Cannon and Paul Rowe during a fight at an address on Abernathy Circle north of Sanderson. He also violated terms on a bond agreement made when he was released from jail three days later. He did not report to his probation officer as required, and was not at his residence when the officer visited.

Judge James Nilon passed sentence during the regular motion and docket day July 27, and ordered the sentence to run concurrently for the batteries, two other similar charges back in January and two counts of felony driving on a suspended license.

In other cases:

• Willie L. Dempsey Jr., 19, of Macclenny got 18 months in prison followed by a two-year drug offender probation after he pleaded no contest to attempted



Willie Dempsey

## Drunk man falls over on the porch

A Macclenny man who was so drunk when he showed up at an east city residence the night of July 23 that he fell down on the front porch was arrested after he was found lying face down in nearby woods.

Charlene Frigo called police when Michael McNeill, 20, refused to leave and she feared him because her child was present at the address on east US 90. Mr. McNeill went there about 10:00 and refused to leave after being asked several times, and Ms. Frigo said he began yelling at her when she did not let him in.

Deputy Shawn Bishara said he located the suspect shortly after he arrived and said no one was available to pick him up.

Mr. McNeill was arrested for disorderly intoxication after he attempted to walk onto US 90, causing traffic to stop.

The same deputy arrested Nicholas Sands, 21, of Sanderson after he caused a loud disturbance the same evening at The Swamp Sports grill on South 6th in Macclenny.

Off-duty deputy Matt Sigers said he attempted to calm Mr. Sands when he confronted patron James Thrift, 23, of Macclenny and challenged him to step outside and fight.

Deputy Bishara detected the smell of alcohol on the suspect, who denied allegations by the other deputy and three witnesses that he tried to provoke a fight and used foul language.

He reportedly confronted Mr. Thrift because he is dating Mr. Sands' ex-girlfriend. He was arrested for disorderly conduct.

sale of cocaine within 1000 feet of Keller Intermediate in the west city, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and resisting police with violence.

Mr. Dempsey has a criminal record that includes possession of controlled drugs and marijuana.

He was arrested after running from Deputy Erik DeLoach in west Macclenny on March 13 of this year. The cocaine and pot were found in a jacket he left on the pavement when he ran.

• Zachary Smallwood III, another repeat offender with a history of drug-related offenses, will be in county jail a year after he admitted to violating an earlier probation.

Mr. Smallwood, 25, of Macclenny was on probation for 2007 cases of possession of prescription drugs with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was placed on probation in December of last year, and violated terms of his house arrest by

not being at his Sanderson residence when a probation officer checked there.

• Stanley Holland Jr. will be on house arrest one year and perform 50 hours of community service work after pleading no contest to felony driving on a suspended license as an habitual offender. He was also served with a warrant charging him with felony domestic violence battery.

• Albert Jones pleaded no contest to domestic battery, felony possession of marijuana and petty theft as a repeat offender. Judge Nilon sentenced him to three years on probation and ordered him into batterer's intervention.

• Barbara Jeffries admitted violating probation on earlier drug charges by failing to appear

in court, and will be in county jail nine months.

• Jerame Barber will be on probation 18 months in return for his no contest plea to felony petty theft as a repeat offender.

• Wendi Rotenberry entered a similar plea to felony altering of a check and forgery and was placed on probation one year. The judge also ordered restitution to the victim of \$873 and withheld adjudication.

• Ronald Lee Miller will be on house arrest two years after admitting he violated probation on a 2008 grand theft charge.

• William C. Davis will be on probation a year for felony driving on a suspended license, possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

# Drowning

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Mr. Lee told Deputy Patrick McGauley he found Ms. Williams' body just before 8:00 am when he checked the pool. The deceased had been in the pool area with Mrs. Lee and she remained there when Mrs. Lee retired for the night. The report notes the two were drinking alcohol that evening.

Ms. Williams reportedly had intended to spend the night in the Lee residence.

She was a lieutenant in the corrections division of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, where she had been employed 26 years.



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# Arrested for choking girlfriend

## During an argument over sale of a television

A boyfriend who allegedly choked a Macclenny woman twice following an argument over his desire to sell a television was arrested for domestic battery the evening of July 20.

Troy Stewart, 24, of Macclenny had argued with Stacey Joiner, 27, at her residence off Milton St. earlier that evening, and returned later from the nearby Gator Patrick's bar before a second argument.

Neighbor James Manning, 56, told Deputy Jerald Peterson he rushed from his residence next door after hearing Ms. Joiner screaming for help when she ran outside.

Mr. Manning said he defended himself when the accused turned on him in a threatening manner, and the witness' wife called police.

Deputy Peterson said he observed red marks on Ms. Joiner's neck.

Mr. Stewart was also charged with criminal mischief for damaging a front door when he gained entry back into the residence. The officer also notified the Department of Children and Families [DCF] because Ms. Joiner's three children were present.

In other cases:  
• A criminal complaint was filed against James Wynne, 33, for allegedly biting the nose of estranged girlfriend Mary Thornton,

29, during an argument outside the suspect's house on Jeff Starling Rd. in Macclenny.

Deputy Pete Quinley said he responded to a disturbance call about 9:45 the morning of July 20 and noted red marks on Ms. Thornton's nose. She said Mr. Wynne became angry when she declined to sign over a pickup truck to his mother.

Mr. Wynne left the scene before the officer arrived. DCF was summoned to help her remove belongings. Four children were at the residence that morning but were asleep, according to Ms. Thornton.

• Michael Prevatt, 27, of Macclenny was arrested for domestic battery of girlfriend Brandy Hoffman, 26, of Glen St. Mary in the parking lot of Mac's Liquors in downtown Macclenny about 11:40 on July 24.

Witnesses said the couple argued inside the bar and were asked to leave. They also saw Mr. Prevatt strike Ms. Hoffman about the face several times while they were seated in his vehicle outside. Deputy Randy Davis noted she was bleeding from the mouth and had a laceration on her lip, plus red marks on her face.

Police were called after Mr. Prevatt's vehicle rammmed the rear of one parked on the east side of the bar as he attempted to speed

away from the scene.

• A criminal complaint for battery was filed July 20 against Joannie Johnson, 28, of Macclenny for allegedly slapping Debra Stewart, 41, of Lake Butler at the Quick N Handy store on Lower St.

Ms. Stewart told Deputy Patrick McGauley the accused had made death threats in the past.

• A complaint alleges road rage battery against Ronald Smack, 48, of Hilliard, FL for allegedly slapping Robert Kemp, 59, of Macclenny in the parking lot of Walmart on South 5th.

The incident took place the afternoon of July 25 after Mr. Kemp says he admonished Mr. Smack for failure to observe a stop sign. The victim obtained the fleeing suspect's license number, and later identified him via a driver's license photo.

• John Barber, 21, of Macclenny filed a battery complaint against Christine Adams, 46, of Glen St. Mary following a confrontation on Ponderosa Trail the afternoon of July 24.

Ms. Adams is accused of shoving Mr. Barber during a confrontation over alleged harassment of her son.

# Con at Taco Bell

An unknown male suspect representing himself as a company executive extorted \$200 in cash from the Macclenny Taco Bell the evening of July 21.

The man identified himself as Jeffrey Montgomery, and told employee Elizabeth Hagen, 19, of Glen St. Mary she could avoid being among employees scheduled to be fired the next morning if she placed \$200 in a bank bag and have another employee follow instructions on where to leave the bag.

The caller specified exact denominations of the bills, and suggested Ms. Hagen take \$25 to compensate a 17-year-old male employee from Macclenny for gas as he drove to Jacksonville to a drop-off location. The youth did so, staying in cell phone contact with the alleged Mr. Montgomery until he arrived at a location on Dunn Ave. on Jacksonville's northside.

The caller told Ms. Hagen earlier that a worker at the Macclenny store on South 6th "had insulted a very important person at the corporate office," according to the report by Deputy Jerald Peterson. Several people were slated for firing the next morning as a result.

The drop-off point was behind a dumpster near the Executive Inn on Dunn, which police later learned was the source of the phone used by the caller to contact the store and later stay in touch with the youth to give delivery instructions.

Deputy Peterson said the motel staff indicated all outgoing calls displayed the central number, and they did not retain room numbers from which calls originate.

Ms. Hagen became suspicious after the drop, and told police she initially believed the caller because he knew names of store employees and seemed familiar with its operation. Manager Jennifer Fraser of Macclenny summoned police after Ms. Hagen told her of the incident.

# Driver had 13 prior suspensions

A Sanderson driver stopped on US 90 in Macclenny the morning of July 24 for having excessive window tinting was arrested for driving on a license with 13 prior suspensions.

Ashley Copeland, 25, was at the wheel of the 1997 Toyota when it was stopped by Deputy Matt Sigers about 8:00. He also issued her citations for not wearing a seat belt and having unsafe equipment [tinting].

In other arrests for license violations:

• Mingala Pringle, 18, of Macclenny was arrested for driving on a license that had been sus-

pended indefinitely for failure to appear in court. She was unable to produce a license after being involved in an accident at CR 125 and Woodlawn Rd. on July 22.

She was also ticketed by Deputy Jeff Dawson for the lack of insurance proof and having the incorrect license on her 1995 Ford.

• Angela Vinson, 30, of Jacksonville was re-arrested on a suspended violation the afternoon of July 21 after she was stopped for speeding on Crews Rd.

Deputy Patrick McGauley said a computer check revealed Ms. Vinson's Tennessee driver's

license had been suspended. She was at the wheel of a 1989 Mustang clocked going 60 mph in a 25 zone, and the vehicle also had a cracked windshield.

The deputy also learned Ms. Vinson had been arrested June 21 in Baker County on a suspended license charge.

• Ralph Creekmore, 25, of Glen St. Mary was driving on a license suspended twice when he was stopped in a 2003 Dodge pickup at 12:35 am on July 26.

Deputy Brad Dougherty said he stopped the truck on CR 125 near Interstate 10 because it had veered off the pavement three

times while he followed it.

Mr. Creekmore was also issued a warning ticket for having an open container of alcohol in the truck. He was taken to jail and the vehicle released to a 16-year-old female with him at the time.

• Phillip Givens, 24, of Glen was arrested for having no driver's license after he was spotted by Investigator Mike Hauge at the wheel of a Chevrolet Impala on US 90 in Macclenny the evening of July 22.

The investigator said he is acquainted with Mr. Givens and was aware he had no license.

# Two theft complaints at convenience store

Criminal complaints for theft, both involving the Quick N Handy on North 6th in Macclenny, were filed with the sheriff's department the past week.

The first involved a customer identified by clerk Robin O'Neal as John Brown, 34, of St. George, GA, who allegedly reached behind the counter after distracting her and stole 84 lottery scratch-off tickets valued at \$2 each.

Surveillance video shows Mr. Brown taking the tickets late in the evening of July 18 and it was reviewed after he was caught doing the same thing the next day. He returned the tickets that time to avoid police involvement.

Ms. O'Neal told Deputy Patrick McGauley the suspect distracted her by telling her there were out-of-date food products in a cooler. The clerk said she is acquainted with Mr. Brown, her son-in-law's brother.

Attempts to question the suspect at two Macclenny residences were unsuccessful.

In the second complaint, this one filed July 23, a clerk at the store is accused of stealing \$78 cash from the drawer and safe, and another \$144 in cigarettes.

A surveillance tape allegedly shows Denise Womack, 40, no

address noted, place the cash in her pocket and two cartons of cigarettes into a trash can.

Manager Mary Hunter told Deputy Jeff Dawson she became suspicious when the cash count came up short. The thefts occurred the evening of July 22. There was no immediate contact with Ms. Womack.

In other cases:  
• Amy Johnson, 30, of Macclenny is accused in a complaint with attempting to steal four items valued at \$89 from the Walmart Supercenter the afternoon of July 28. A store security employee observed her placing the items in a purse.

• A white male in his late teens or early 20s was caught on tape stealing an 18-pack of beer from the Kangaroo convenience store on US 90 in Macclenny just after 3:00 am on July 21.

He got into a white F-150 Ford pickup driven by another white male and they sped east on US 90. The truck had a large dent on the rear passenger side.

• Little Caesar's Pizza in west Macclenny reported someone passed a bogus \$10 bill between 5:00-8:00 pm on July 24.

# \$3400 in property taken in burglary

An intruder or intruders ransacked a home off Gaskins Circle near Sanderson late on July 24 or early the next morning and carted off nearly \$3400 in property, including \$1500 worth of purses.

Police theorize the glass was broken on a rear door to gain entry to the residence of Kasha Morton between 10:00 Friday evening and 2:00 Saturday morning. Yancy Givens summoned police when he arrived there and found the interior in disarray.

Ms. Morton tallied up the missing property that also included a Playstation, camcorder, flat screen television and a computer.

Deputy Jerald Peterson said finger and palm prints were lifted from various locations inside the home.

In other home burglaries:  
• A computer valued at \$800 was taken from the residence of Jadis Fingerlos off Woodlawn Rd. around midday on July 20. It was on a table in the living room, and police think entry may have been through an unlocked rear door.  
• A Playstation valued at \$350

was taken from the residence of Floyd Daniels off CR 229 north of Sanderson the afternoon of July 21. The owner told Cpl. Ben Anderson he was away for about a half hour and returned to find the interior ransacked.

Entry was through a rear bedroom window.

• Sharon Adams reported an antique gun cabinet taken from a home she is vacating off Pinetop Rd. north of Glen St. Mary. She told Cpl. Anderson she returned there at midday on July 21 to retrieve property and said she spotted the cabinet at the residence of her sister off Pine Loop. She filed a criminal complaint against Mona Walker for theft.

• Christina Gullion said a .25 caliber pistol is missing from the bedroom of her residence on Shuey Ave. in Macclenny. She contacted police on July 21 and said she last saw it a week before that.

In a case of credit card fraud, an account belonging to Wayne Helton of Macclenny was charged for \$424 in four purchases in New York City and Tucson, Arizona on July 18 and 19.

# Adds drug charges

The sheriff's department added two additional drug-related charges against a Sanderson man after confronting him outside the Club 229 the evening of July 22.

Investigator Michael Hauge said he recognized Anjuan Jackson, 19, as he got into his Saturn outside the club about 7:15, and arrested him on warrants for sale of crack cocaine near a community center located just north of the bar on CR 229.

Investigator Hauge and colleague Erik Deloach then found six small plastic bags containing marijuana in the suspect's pants pocket. Since that is often the way they are sold on the street, they charged Mr. Jackson with possession with intent to sell.

While searching the Saturn, Investigator Hauge said they found a cigar tube with 1.3 grams

of crack inside. That merited another charge of possession with intent to sell near a community center, a first-degree felony.

The tube was found in the console of the vehicle, and police confiscated \$187 cash as well.

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to a written appeal submitted by Mr. Troy McCullough, on behalf of Jane D. Rhoden and Carolyn D. McCullough as trustees of the Barbara Dugger trust appealing the Local Planning Agency's (LPA) decision to deny the request for a temporary use permit for the operation of a mud bog (motor sport recreation activity) for twelve (12) months. The proposed mud bog would be located on Mud Lake Road in SEC 22 TPW 35 RGE 21. The Baker County Local Planning Agency (LPA) denied the request based on the Baker Land Development Regulations Section 3.05.51 (A) [(3) (1)/(4)] Section 3.05.51 (B) (1) Section 3.05.51 (B) (2) Temporary Uses and Sections 3.04.10.00, 3.04.10.01, 3.04.10.02, 3.04.10.03 AG 7.5 Permitted and Permissible Uses. The Baker County Board of County Commissioners' will hold a public hearing to hear the appeal on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 6:01 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Baker County School Board Meeting Room located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida. On the date above-mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to this appeal. Written comments for or against the appeal may be sent to the Baker County Planning and Zoning Department, 81 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063. Faxed comments may be sent to (904) 259-5057. Copies of the appeal request 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.



TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY

# Glen cutting budget 14% Includes across board pay cuts of 5%

The Town of Glen St. Mary, faced with declining revenues in key areas like interest income, will slash its next fiscal budget by about 14 percent — including payroll reductions of 5 percent.

Council members debated the better part of an hour during the regular monthly session on July 21 before agreeing unanimously during a workshop to authorize the tentative budget. It will undergo public hearings before final adoption before October 1.

Mayor Juanice Padgett sounded the alarm last month when she pointed out that Glen has been dipping into cash reserves to balance its operating budget. She initially proposed a 10 percent across the board pay cut for herself and four other council members, plus the town's three employees.

Council members last week were reluctant to trim down pay to that extent, particularly for the regular employees — two in streets and maintenance and the third a town clerk and secretary.

"I've got no problem with 10 percent [for council members] but I'm concerned about the other employees," said Councilman Perry Hays.

"I have the same concern," echoed Councilman Dickie Foster, responding to Mayor Padgett's statement that Tommy Ott, the senior maintenance worker, hadn't received a raise [from \$12 an hour] in four years. "I don't think you can replace Tommy for that," added Mr. Fos-

ter. "I don't know of any other way to balance the budget," responded the mayor.

Ms. Padgett was ready with another handout when Councilman Woody Crews suggested the town look at the 5 percent plan. It also includes slicing donations to other agencies in half, and eliminating two of them.

As proposed by the council, total spending in fiscal 2010 will drop from \$220,895 to \$190,243, some 13.8 percent.

Salaries will account for \$33,745 of that, plus accompanying taxes and retirement — down from \$35,520. Legal expenses will be budgeted at \$7,000, down from \$8,500 and consulting fees from \$9125 to an even \$1000.

Lower spending in consulting is anticipated since Glen has already fronted most of the grant application process to expand its water system. A decision on whether the town will receive funds is due later this year.

In addition, the donations to the Council on Aging will be \$2000 instead of \$4000; to the Chamber of Commerce \$1000 instead of \$2000. Glen will eliminate its \$750 grant to the Comprehensive Services agency in Macclenny and \$150 to Taber Library.

Early in the workshop, Mayor Padgett distributed a worksheet showing how Glen's cash reserves have dropped from \$575,000 to \$284,815 the past five years. Of the latter figure, about \$60,000

has to be held in escrow as part of a loan for utility installation.

Interest income, both the result of a sagging financial market and fewer funds to invest, is expected to fall from \$21,500 to \$11,700 the coming year.

The town has tapped reserves to balance both the budget at the end of last year, and again last month to the tune of nearly \$30,000. And cash on hand has slumped from around \$125,000 to about \$30,000 since 2004.

Nearly \$14,000 was pulled from reserves to settle a lawsuit by a commercial property owner over excess utility fees, and a refund to a second owner on fees improperly paid.

According to the projected revenue side next year, Glen St. Mary will be looking at reduced revenues in areas like gas and sales taxes, electric franchise fees and mobile home license fees.

In other business July 21, state Rep. Janet Adkins (R-Fernandina) delivered a post-session report similar to that already presented to other local boards. The high points: state revenues the coming fiscal year will be about the same or less, and Florida needs to concentrate on strategies for job growth.

The council passed on first reading an ordinance suspending impact fees for the near future as a means of stimulating residential and commercial growth. The measure forgives \$2750 of the \$4250 in fees — all but the \$1500 assessed for local schools.

# Transportation law eased

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"This is brand new to all of us," he said.

## Deadlines pushed back

Areas outside the city limits in unincorporated Baker County and the Town of Glen St. Mary are less densely populated and have to keep previously adopted concurrency rules.

But SB 360 also extends deadlines in development agreements by two years, which has direct implications for the county, Mr. Preston said.

Commitments made by developers for both the installation of infrastructure like roads and utilities and cash payments will be delayed on as much as a handful of previously approved projects, most notably Cedar Creek northwest of Glen St. Mary.

Its development agreement calls for more than \$65 million worth of infrastructure improvements and payments to the county.

"Now there's no legal recourse to collect for two years," said Mr. Preston.

Management of Cedar Creek changed hands this year and its future remains uncertain.

Another part of the legislation loosens requirements on financial commitments to implement capital improvement plans (CIPs).

Previously, improvements scheduled in the first two years of five-year CIPs had to have committed funding sources, usually an agreement binding the developer to pay for a project. For projects set for the later three years of the plan, funding sources only have to be identified.

"Now the first two years are

non-committed," said Mr. Preston, which means funding sources for projects included in CIPs need only be identified.

## Standardizing development transportation fees

The bill also called on the Department of Community Affairs and Florida Department of Transportation to investigate replacing transportation concurrency with something called a mobility fee that developers would pay based on the amount of traffic they're projects are expected to generate.

The problem with transportation concurrency, explained Mr. Preston, has been that many local governments differ in how they calculate how much the developer should pay. Standardizing the cost statewide using a mobility fee schedule would allow developers to know from the start how much they will have to pay.

The study is due for submission to the legislature by December 1. It will address recommended legislation as well as a plan for implementation.

"It would increase the speed of the process," the county's other planner, Carolyn Bissonnette, said of the new fee.

For more information on the new growth management/legislation, please visit <http://www.dca.state.fl.us/fdcp/dcp/legislation>.

## Art, music fest

There will be an art, music and photo festival August 1 at the Macclenny Woman's Club located at 144 South 5th Street from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. The event is free to the public.

# Planners sour on proposal

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Is there such a thing as too much democracy?

According to county planning staff the answer is yes, but voters will have to decide for themselves next year when the so-called Hometown Democracy constitutional amendment will appear on the November ballot.

The amendment would require referendums on changes to the City of Macclenny and Baker County comprehensive plans.

The plans define long-term growth strategies by identifying areas most suited for different kinds of development like industrial, commercial or residential.

"Planners in general don't like it," Ed Preston of the county's planning and zoning department said of the proposed amendment, which will need 60 percent of the vote to pass.

Fellow county planner Carolyn Bissonnette agreed.

"It sounds like you're making the process more democratic," she said. "But essentially it's a no-growth strategy."

The ballot amendment, which proponents say will give Florida's residents vote power to keep their neighborhoods free from urban sprawl, was submitted with close to 700,000 valid voter signatures by a New Smyrna Beach, Fla. group.

However, implementing the proposal could face a number of challenges, like the frequency of comprehensive plan amendments during periods when development is booming.

Mr. Preston said his office received about five amendments a month during high-growth periods, though it's not uncommon to go months without any now.

Nonetheless, elections could be so frequent as to discourage participation or allow a vocal minority to represent the will of the whole community, fears Ms. Bissonnette.

Funding the referendums — that is, covering the cost of ballots, advertising, poll workers, voting booths and the like — would likely fall on the shoulders of property owners and developers pursuing the changes.

The cost alone could become exorbitant or even cost prohibitive.

"I see a lot of legal challenges," Ms. Bissonnette said.

The ballot language may be confusing for the public as well.

"It's hard enough to understand even when it's not in planning language," she said, adding that the reason these decisions are left to elected officials is because they're voted into office to make them on the public's behalf.

If citizens want to voice their opinions on the county's comprehensive plan, Ms. Bisson-

nette encouraged they take part in updating the plan, a process currently underway and due for completion in March 2010.

In fact, she is recruiting volunteers to serve on committees tackling revisions to various elements of the plan like transportation, land use, conservation, recreation and economic development.

Ms. Bissonnette said they'll be meeting through the fall. Please call 259-3613 for more information.

## Library closed

The Emily Taber Library in Macclenny will be closed July 31 through August 1 and August 7 through August 8 due to construction. Books can be dropped off in the door slot.

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7/30

**CITIZENS OF MACCLENNY**  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** at the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida, the City of Macclenny will consider the below Ordinance for final reading:  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MACCLENNY ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE ANIMALS ARE DANGEROUS; REGULATING DANGEROUS AND RABBIT DOGS; AUTHORIZING EUTHANAZION OF DANGEROUS DOGS; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
Anyone having an interest in the final reading of this ordinance is invited to attend the meeting.  
7/30  
**Town of Glen St. Mary Advertisement for Bids**  
The Town is accepting bids on a 1993 Ford Ranger (VIN# 1FTCR10U0PPA75603) which is located in the rear of Town Hall. Bids may be dropped off at Town Hall at 10446 N. Glen Ave. or mailed to P.O. Box 519, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040. Deadline for Receiving Bids will be: Friday, July 31, 2009, at 10:00 A.M.  
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# 3 months for Yarborough Rd. SR 121 crossing detour should be lifted by Friday

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According to Baker County Road Superintendent Robert Fletcher there are several more months of work ahead before the west end of Odys Yarborough Road is finished.

The project when concluded will cost about \$1.2 million.

"Things have gone pretty well so far," he said during a recent telephone interview. "All the rain several weeks ago didn't have much impact on the work being done. The remaining work should take about three more months."

The first phase of the project, which involved the east end of the road, mainly involved resurfacing. The west end of Odys Yarborough was definitely a more involved undertaking.

A problematic section of the road, a curve east of CR 125 N, will be a wider curve. This involves clearing some of the adjacent land.

"The radius of that section of road won't be as sharp or as elevated as before," said Mr. Fletcher. "That should make it safer for drivers."

The curve has been the scene of numerous accidents, some involving fatalities, over the years.

Road crews will be digging drainage ditches and installing storm drains and pipes. Two large retention ponds are also planned to handle run-off water in the area.

The work on Odys Yarborough will also involve some construction of turn lanes and a parking area at what will eventually become the main entrance of St. Mary Shoals Park.

The project is being funded by Florida Department of Transportation grants and county funds.

Since last week, motorists who routinely travel through downtown Macclenny several times daily have found themselves dealing with blocked streets and detours.



Still some work to be done on this stretch of Odys Yarborough Road north of Macclenny

Deputies from the Baker County Sheriff's office have lent a hand in making sure new construction at the railroad crossing on SR 121 progresses smoothly by using their vehicles to draw attention to a barrier closing off the crossing.

Doug Cardin, a project administrator with the State of Florida Department of Transportation, was overseeing the work being done last week. He explained what was happening at the railroad crossing.

"Maybe you've never noticed," said Mr.

Cardin, "the ties used at rail road crossings don't last as long as those on the regular stretches of track, for several reasons."

Because the tracks are recessed in grooves in the pavement at railroad crossings, water tends to collect there and doesn't run off as efficiently as other parts of the tract.

Rail and ties at crossings also flex to accommodate the different weights of loads passing over. That's a lot of wear, tear and stress. Over time, the ties, even though treated, deteriorate at a faster rate and must be replaced more often.

It's quite an undertaking. David Parrot, an inspector with FDOT working with Mr. Cardin, agreed.

"The asphalt at the crossing is removed, then the old ties. The bed is reworked, new aggregate put down and new ties replaced," he said.

Machinery moved along tracks as the men monitored the work.

A large, complicated looking piece of equipment with an operator's cab known as a shaper-spreader deposited loads of heavy gravel. As it moved along the rails, it shaped the piles of gravel into a continuous ridge of uniform height.

The noise was deafening and the ground shook as it moved forward. Clouds of dust billowed upward, engulfing machine and operator momentarily until dispersed by the breeze.

After the gravel was deposited, the shaper-spreader reversed and backed up along the track. Then it moved forward again. An extended metal flap on one side folded inward at a specific angle. This spread the gravel at an even slope on the outside of the rail.

"There is a lot to this," said Mr. Cardin.

"At one point in the process the shaper-spreader can also vibrate the ties," he said. "That causes the gravel to spread out evenly underneath the train. Another machine comes along and checks the elevation of the rails."



A shaper-spreader machine deposits new gravel at SR 121 rail road crossing in downtown Macclenny.

## Former local teacher to publish kids' book

Dr. Catherine (Kitty) Sullivan of Macclenny has recently signed a contract with PublishAmerica in Frederick, Maryland, to publish her children's picture book entitled *Problems, Problems, Problems*.

Dr. Sullivan teaches fifth and sixth grade at Saint George Elementary School and is the current Teacher of the Year in Charlton County, GA.

Before working in Charlton County, she taught several years at Baker County Middle School and Keller Intermediate School.

She has a son Jack, who has enlisted in the United States Air Force. He is a BCHS graduate and attended Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University, FSU, and LCCC.

In addition to her full-time job, Ms. Sullivan is an adjunct professor at Saint Leo University where she teaches



Dr. Catherine Sullivan

science and social studies methods courses in the undergraduate department. She also teaches a master's level secondary literacy and assessment class. Dr. Sullivan also works for Walden University in the Richard W. Riley College of Education. There, she mentors and chairs doctoral dissertation committees in the Ed.D. program.

Dr. Sullivan received her BFA in drama from the University of Georgia, a master's in elementary education from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah and a Ph.D. in education from Capella University in Minneapolis.

Her book, with illustrations by Chris Stutz, is to be released in a few months. Currently, she is working on another children's book.

## 'First name' woman takes truck, money

Authorities have little other than a first name to go on investigating the theft of a 2001 Chevrolet pickup from Donnie Love of Macclenny sometime the morning of July 23.

Mr. Love told Deputy Brad Dougherty he brought a white female he knows only as Brenda home with him the previous evening after picking her up in Jacksonville. She spent the night there and when Mr. Love awoke that morning, the truck, \$400 cash and a cell phone valued at \$380 were gone with her.

The truck belongs to Mr. Love's father, and the complainant said he was purchasing it. The son said he believes the suspect lives in Jacksonville and the vehicle description was entered into the crime computer.

In another vehicle case, an estimated \$800 damage was done to a Caterpillar excavator taken from a road construction site off CR 250 in north Baker County. The theft was reported July 22.

An employee of Anderson Columbia, a paving contractor, said the equipment was driven through the woods to where it was found near CR 229 about four miles away, submerged in water.

The report by Deputy Tracie Benton notes the excavator had a damaged radiator and fan motor. It was driven over and destroyed a road sign valued at \$100, and a battery valued at \$200 was removed from a sweeper.

Anderson-Columbia is re-surfacing CR 250 west from Taylor.

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# A dream followed Baker native releases CD

A former Baker County resident now living in Nashville is launching a new ten-song CD this week, all of which were co-written and produced with her father.

Denise Durham, known to local fans by her maiden name Denise Manning, has interviews scheduled on two north Florida radio stations later this week promoting her "Follow Your Dreams" CD.

It's on an independent label, and Ms. Durham, who has been living in the Nashville area eight years, says she and her dad James Manning of Macclenny have about \$12,000 invested in the project.

"We're proud of it; it's taken a lot of time and money," said Ms. Durham in a telephone interview earlier this week. "In this town, your chances of making it big are about a million to one and sometimes you have to choose the smaller route to get noticed. We've got high hopes for this."

The then Ms. Manning, a 2000 graduate of Baker County High School, plied the musical waters in north Florida before moving to Nashville. She booked regular appearances at venues in Jacksonville and one at the Suwannee River Jam and performed at numerous local events.

Since moving to Tennessee, one of several Baker County residents who have done so hoping to break into the country music scene, Ms. Durham has been making a living as a demo singer. That means she does vocals for songs that are being shopped among the various producers headquartered in the Music City.

She is married to David Durham, a Nashville police detective, and they have a daughter Brylee, almost two.

She describes the new CD collection as "classic country." The tracks are recorded with union musicians who hear the melody then record the instrumental.

"Those people are really something; it's amazing how you can go in there and sing a song accompanied by just your guitar and they'll come in with the background music," said Ms. Durham. Many of the demo musicians play regularly with big names like Randy Travis and Tim McGraw.

On some of the songs, the singer records her own backup vocals.

The CD is showcased by the title song, which Ms. Durham says is a "life story" song, and by "I'm Proud to Live in America," a patriotic tribute to the troops.

She will be interviewed on 98.1 in Live Oak at 7:30 this Friday morning, July 31, and again on 106.1 in Starke at 10:00 am.

For more information on Ms. Durham and the CD, go to her Web site at denisemanningonline.com



Denise Durham

# Crowning of the queen

## At 50th reunion

KELLEY LANNIGAN  
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When Magi Taber graduated in 1959 from P.K. Yonge High School in Gainesville, little did she dream she would host her class's reunion 50 years later.

Twenty-five members of the class of 1959 traveled from as far away as California and Canada to attend the reunion in late June 2009, held at the Glen St. Mary Nursery, which Ms. Taber and husband Lin manage.

Ms. Taber started thinking of hosting the reunion when fellow classmate Bess Carver visited her last year to gather information for a book she is writing on Florida's historical sites.

The topic of the 50th reunion came up and both agreed it should be something special. That's when the idea of hosting the reunion at the historic Glen Nursery was born.

When she made the decision to do it, she planned the event to coincide with P.K. Yonge's annual homecoming event for all classes held in Gainesville.

Fellow classmates were invited to stay on the nursery grounds instead of hotels. She opened her home, the apartment over her house's detached kitchen and another residence on the property being renovated to anyone wanting to spend a couple days.

During a recent interview, Ms. Taber shared the highlights of the reunion.

"People started arriving on June 24, I arranged for an oyster and crab roast and low country boil. Gentleman Josie Davis provided the music. I planned so many activities like swimming, horse cart rides and tennis, she said. "But mostly, people just wanted to talk."

And talk they did, practically all night the first night. Seeing classmates she had not seen since graduation was at times overwhelming.

"It was a truly special experience," she said, her voice becoming emotional. "Everyone had such a good time."

Ms. Taber admits to being a nerd during high school.

"I wasn't a cheerleader or a popular girl. I never had dates or a boy friend during those years, but everyone seemed to like me. I did learn to be the funny one."

Ms. Taber holds up a group photo taken during the reunion and is quick to point out one particular man.

"This is one of my fellow nerds," she says affectionately. "At our 25th reunion, we girls saw this six foot, bronzed Adonis walk in and we were all saying to each other 'Who in the world is



Magi Taber, who graduated from P. K. Yonge High School in 1959 was crowned Home Coming Queen at her 50th class reunion.

that?"

"It turned out to be Peter Reynolds, who in high school, I swear, was a bigger nerd than I was. We couldn't get over his hair back then. It was chicken fat with a part down the middle. Later, he turned out to be gorgeous."

The next evening, the entire group traveled to the homecoming in Gainesville where they partook in a pig roast, then attended a 50's sock hop. Ms. Taber's fellow classmates surprised her

by crowning her homecoming queen of the reunion. She was swaddled with a bright blue feather boa, presented with a star-tipped scepter and crowned with a rhinestone tiara.

Everyone applauded as members of Yonge's former football team asked her to dance.

"I was finally the 'popular girl' and I loved every second," said Ms. Taber. "It was quite an honor."

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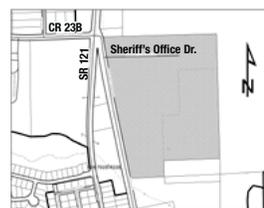
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## CITY OF MACCLENNY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MACCLENNY AND COMPANION AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S 2010 FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP

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

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



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

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

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

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Jordan Meadows

## Sister arrives

Jason, Joseph, Jessica and Jadeby are pleased to announce the birth of sister Jordan Taylor Meadows. Jordan was born June 27, 2009 at Baptist Medical Center weighing 3 lbs., 7 oz., and measuring 15" long. Proud parents are Billy and Nichole Meadows of St. George, GA.

Grandparents are Billy and Rachel Meadows of St. George and Kenny and Samira Batten of Houston, TX.

## Fish reunion

The annual Fish reunion will be held Saturday, August 1 at the Baker County Fairgrounds. Bring your favorite dish, lunch begins at 1:00 pm. All family and friends invited.



Jennifer Harvey

## Obtains LPN

Jennifer Kay Harvey of Macclenny graduated with academic excellence May 1 from Lake City Community College. She recently passed her state boards, earning her LPN. Jennifer is the daughter of Robbie and Kathy Robinson of Macclenny.

Emily, family and friends are very proud of her accomplishment.

## JROTC car wash

BCHS Air Force JROTC will be hosting a car wash August 1 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in the Jiffy Lube Parking lot, next to Movie Gallery.

# Learn master gardening

Do you like gardening but want to expand your knowledge of plants?

Do you have a desire to help others? Would you like to be a part of a volunteer group that serves the community on many different levels?

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They extend their knowledge of plants to others by answering homeowner questions and working on projects that help educate the community. To become a master gardener you only need to be a Baker County resident and have an interest in plants and gardening.

For a fee of \$85, each trainee will receive 45 hours of formal classroom training and valuable reference materials from the University of Florida. Training will include topics such as basic plant science, entomology (insects), plant pathology (diseases), vegetable gardening, fruit culture, annuals/perennials, woody ornamentals, turf management, irrigation, plant propagation, pest control, and basic landscaping practices.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays at the Duval County Extension Office from 9:30am to 3:30pm starting August 26 and ending in mid-November.

We currently have 11 individuals active in the program, but we are looking to broaden the volunteer program for the upcoming year. If you would like to turn that brown thumb green, or just ex-

pand your knowledge of gardening while also providing valuable services to the community, please apply for the program.

Visit the Baker County extension office at 1025 W. Macclenny Avenue or download an application from our website at <http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu>. The deadline to apply is August 14 and all applications must be submitted to our office by 5:00 pm.

Interviews will be held on August 18, 19 and 20. Contact Alicia Lamborn, horticulture agent, at 259-3520 or email [alamborn@ufl.edu](mailto:alamborn@ufl.edu) for more information.

## GED classes

Adult education and GED preparation day classes resume at the Family Service Center August 10 at 9:00 am. Classes are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Evening classes at Baker County High School reopen August 11 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 529.

GED test registration will be August 25 at 6:30 pm at the Baker County Middle School cafeteria. Test dates are August 31, September 1 and September 2. Test fee is \$70. For more information contact Joy T. Sirk at 259-0403.

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**Jay Calvert,**  
Just wanted to say we love you and miss you very much. Hope that you get to come home soon.

Love your family,  
Pd. Destiny Jordan,  
Madison

Happy 16th Birthday,  
**Ashton Mareth**



## Retiree found gardening 'bug'...

Caldonga Williams of Macclenny fell in love with gardening in 2007 when she retired from Northeast Florida State Hospital, and it shows with her garden on West Michigan Ave. full of color and variety. The Yard of the Month honoree for August (and Georgia Bulldog fan) anchored flower beds next to her house with small loretalium surrounded by showy Chinese hibiscus, shrimp plants and zinnias — varieties that offer color year round. The yard is surrounded by stately crepe myrtles planted years ago, along with azaleas and bromeliads in the shade of camphor, pecan and oak trees. For more information on the Garden Club of Baker County, or to nominate someone for the Yard of the Month, call 259-6064.

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*Knabb*

*Krzeminski*

Woody and Sheila Knabb of Macclenny are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Dr. Kyle Knabb to Natalie Krzeminski. Natalie is the daughter of Roman and Irene Krzeminski of San Diego, California. Kyle is the grandson of V.H. and Rachel Keene of Macclenny and Betty Fordham of West Palm Beach.

Natalie is a graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, and will receive her Doctorate in Optometry from Nova Southeastern University this spring. Kyle is a 2001 graduate of Baker County High School, attended Jacksonville University receiving his bachelors degree and attended medical school at Nova Southeastern University. He is currently in his first year of an internal medicine residency at Broward General Hospital in Fort Lauderdale.

**CONGRATULATIONS, PHILIP HAYES**

We are happy to announce that our son, Philip Allen Hayes, will graduate from the University of Florida, School of Health and Human Performance on Saturday, August 8, 2009. Philip graduates with a bachelor of science in sport management, and minors in business administration and entrepreneurship. Philip has been recognized as a member of the dean's list for his college, and will graduate Cum Laude.

While at UF, Philip has worked as a manager for the Florida Track and Field Team and has served the Gainesville community by volunteering with the Humane Society, Rawlings Elementary School, the Nature Reserve and the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Philip served on the Student Advisory Committee for the Career Resource Center as a voting delegate and was a student advisor for the University of Florida bookstore. Philip is a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, where he served as a member of the By-Laws Revision Committee, the Rush Chair Committee, and as an associate assistant for the Surf Frenzy Philanthropy which helped to raise more than \$50,000 for the Children's Diabetes Camp and the Surf Rider Foundation. While at UF, Philip was extremely happy that he has been able to witness the rare achievement of UF winning FOUR (4) National Championships — and, was lucky enough to be able to attend two of the National Championship games — 1 for basketball and 1 for football!

A 2005 graduate of Baldwin Middle-Senior High School in Baldwin, Florida, Philip is the grandson of the late Jack Hignens and Lois (Crawford) Hignens, formerly of Glen St. Mary, FL. Philip's great-grandparents were the late Hamilton J. (Hamp) and Eva Crawford, also of Glen St. Mary, FL. Philip has attended Glen Hill Primitive Baptist Church for many years with his parents, Robin and Suzanne Hayes of Jacksonville, FL.

Philip's family — Grammy Lois, Mom & Dad, Uncle Mark Hignens, sister Lauren and brother-in-law Steven Helms, along with their three children Rosie, Hudson and Ruby all pray for Philip's continued success as he begins the next leg of his journey toward his goal of becoming a sports agent for professional athletes. Philip, we wish you much success as you start law school next month. We are all grateful for your kindness to others, for your spirit of humility and for the honesty and integrity you have exhibited as a young man. We are so proud of the young man you have become, and we feel so honored & blessed to be your parents. May God continue to keep His hand upon you and your life as you begin the next chapter of life's journey.

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Dad, Mom, Grammy, Uncle Mark, Lauren, Steven, Rosie, Hudson and Ruby

# OBITUARIES

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**Army veteran  
Carl Alford, 80**

Carl Cecil Alford, 80, of Jacksonville died Thursday morning, July 23, 2009 at the Northeast Florida Community Hospice of Mandarin after an extended illness. Mr. Alford was born in Olustee and lived most of his life in Jacksonville. He retired as a commercial painter in 1991 and was a member of Painter's Union Local 162 of Jacksonville. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and a Baptist.

Mr. Alford was the son of the late Cleveland and Edna Collins Alford. He was also preceded in death by sisters Betty Gideon, Lois McLeod and Elsie Matsen; brother Clyde W. Alford Sr.

Survivors include wife of 57 years, Sarah Elizabeth Staggs Alford of Jacksonville, daughters Patricia Ann (Johnny) Brant of Jacksonville and Pamela S. (Eugene) Buckhalter of Green Cove Springs; sisters Barbara Modisette of Villa Rica, Georgia and Frances Smith of Lake Butler; two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

The funeral service was held July 27 at 10:00 am at the chapel of Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler with Pastor Roger Worten officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Lake Butler.

**Shirley Burned,  
73, dies July 25th**

Shirley Inez Burned, 73, of Glen St. Mary died July 25, 2009. She was born in Moniac, Georgia to Charles Wesley Chism and Maudea Johnson Chism on July 9, 1936. She was a resident of Baker County for the last 49 years after moving from Moniac, and a member of Moniac Baptist Church.

Mrs. Burned retired in 1985 from Northeast Florida State Hospital where she had been employed for 23 years as a mental health technician in the children's unit. She was dedicated to her family and her job. She loved taking care of her family, enjoyed fishing as a young girl at the branch beside her home. Shirley always had an open door and fed everyone.

She was predeceased by her first and beloved grandson Harrison Michael Muncy.

Survivors include beloved husband of 55 1/2 years, Solomon M. Burned; children Cathy L. Muncy of Macclenny, James R. "Jimmy" (Lisa) Burned of Glen and Jean (Allen) Singletary of Jacksonville; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held on July 29 at 11:00 am at her church with pastors Justin Griffiths and Gene Burned officiating. Interment followed at North Prong Cemetery, Baxter. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

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**Karen Campbell,  
57, of Macclenny**

Karen D. Campbell, 57, of Macclenny died July 23, 2009. She was born in Jacksonville to Clifford A. Barger and Helen B. R o o k e r B a r g e r o n on October 29, 1952. She was a resident of Baker County since 1990 after moving from Jacksonville, and a member of Christian Fellowship Temple.



Karen Campbell

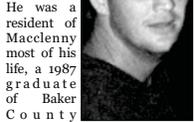
Karen loved spending time with her family, reading, fishing and yard saling. She was predeceased by her parents; brother Benny Lee Barger and sister Violet Nickerson.

Survivors include husband of 40 years, David A. Campbell Sr. of Macclenny; children David A. (Karen M.) Campbell II, Shain (Chris) Colon, Michelle (Charles) Hargenrader and Katrina (Ralph) Morgan; brothers Alvin L. (Phyllis) Barger and Allen Dale Barger; sisters Delores Easter; nine grandchildren.

The funeral service was held July 28 2:00 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral with Pastor David Thomas officiating. Interment followed in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Sanderson.

**David Gibson, 40,  
of Macclenny dies**

David Lee Gibson, 40, of Macclenny died July 21, 2009. He was born in Jacksonville to Barbara Ann Raulerson Gibson and the late Danny Lee Gibson on April 13, 1969. He was a resident of Macclenny most of his life, a 1987 graduate of Baker County High School and a member of Moniac Baptist Church.



David Gibson

David was a fun loving guy who enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews, playing ball, fishing, playing cards, going to the hunting camp, softball and baseball. He was predeceased by his father and brothers Dwayne A. Gibson, Danny H. Gibson and Wayne Rowe.

Survivors include wife Stevie Bell Gibson; mother Barbara Ann Gibson; daughter Josephine Olivia "Josie" Gibson; brother Darren (Linda) Gibson; sister Dana Rowe (Doyle) Langford; a niece and 11 nephews.

The funeral service was held July 25 at 11:00 am at Christian Fellowship Temple with pastors David Thomas and Timmy Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Macclenny. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Johnny Moore Sr.,  
72, of Jacksonville**

Johnny "Doyle" Moore, Sr., 72, of Jacksonville died July 27, 2009. Mr. Moore was born July 8, 1937 in Glennville, Georgia, the son of the late Johnnie H. Moore and the former Binnie Carolyn Brannen. Doyle was retired from St. Regis Paper Company and Eastport Timber Company. His hobbies included golfing, fishing and hunting.

Survivors include wife of 51 years, Carol Moore; son Jay Moore; sisters Bobbie (Bennie) Dubberly, Melba (Mac) McDugald, Laverne (Owen) Thomas and Dot (Cecil) Kicklighter; brother Durone (Donna) Moore; two granddaughters; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held July 30 at 10:00 am at the chapel of Prestwood Funeral Home with Rev. Danny Boyd officiating. Interment followed at Beards Creek Cemetery in Glennville. Serving as pallbearers were Tom Bowman, Larry Payne Sr., Larry Payne Jr., Justin Payne, James Soles and Mike Burlone.

Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Family says thanks**

Thanks for each loving card, food, phone calls, visits, flowers, each comforting word, each gracious prayer to all who knew our burden shared. Accept our thanks and gratitude and may we say as well, your kindness meant more to us during this time than words can ever express.

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Fellowship 10:30 am - 11:00 am  
Worship Services 11:00 am  
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Family style dinner - 1st Sunday of the month following service  
Hebrews 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.  
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**St. James Episcopal Church**  
Minnesota Ave. & 5th Street  
Macclenny  
Sunday Worship  
10:30 am  
Lou Towson, Vicar • 259-9198

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Independent Pentecostal Church  
Seventh St. & Ohio Ave., Macclenny  
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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm  
Radio WJXR 92.1 Sunday 9:15 am  
Youth Programs  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Common Ground - Sunday 11:00 am  
Common Ground - Wed. (Teens) 7:00 pm  
God Kids - Sunday 11:00 am  
God Kids - Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Youth Pastor Garry Crumley  
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Wed. Eve. Bible Study... 7:00 pm  
Pastor Bob Christmas  
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Corner of Madison & Stoddard  
Glen St. Mary  
Rev. Tommy & Doris Anderson  
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Wednesday Night... 7:30 pm

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Preaching Service 11:00 am  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

**Bobby Waters, 62, avid Bulldog fan**

Bobby E. Waters, 62, of Macclenny died July 22, 2009. He was born in Alma, Georgia to the late John Mannin Waters and Allie Mae Boatright Waters on July 20, 1947. Bobby was a resident of Baker County for the last 20 years. He served honorably in the US Air Force and worked at Exact Inc. for 12 years and the Wal-Mart Distribution Center for the last seven years as a lift driver.



Bobby Waters

Bobby loved to fish, watch John and Cassie play ball, NASCAR racing and was an avid Georgia Bulldog fan. He is predeceased by brothers Buddy Waters and Red Waters; sister Juanita McCance.

Survivors include wife of 20 years, Vickie Waters of Macclenny; children Justin (Cara) Waters of Tupelo, Mississippi; John and Cassie Waters, both of Macclenny; brother Charles (Cindy) Waters of Alma, GA; sisters Mildred (Ed) Holland and Johnnie (Jack) Varnadore, both of Jacksonville, Juanelle (Jimmy) Stewart of Macclenny; sister-in-law Joan Waters of Macclenny; grandchildren Cooper and Samuel Waters.

The funeral service will be held July 25 at 3:00 pm at Christian Fellowship Temple Church with pastors Billy Worthington and Paul Dubbley officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Ms. Williams, 44, JSO lieutenant**

Samantha Dale Williams, 44, of Macclenny died July 25, 2009. She was born in Atlanta to Bill H. Williams and Dee Thompson Williams on February 8, 1965. She honorably served as a lieutenant in the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for the last 26 years.



Samantha Williams

Ms. Williams moved to Baker County in July 2006 from Jacksonville. She loved sports, the Georgia Bulldogs, the Jacksonville Jags, camping, vacationing in Key West and spending time with her friends.

Survivors include her parents of Macclenny; brother Alan (Sandy) Williams of Jacksonville; sister Heidi (Tim) Lee of Macclenny; nieces Brittany Lawson, Brianna Lawson and Whitney Williams; nephew Winston Williams; best friends Barbara Weber, Pam Abboud, Karen Renckley, Barbara Crawford, Tammy Morris and Wynette Johnson-Arline and her "kids" Taz and Caesar.

The funeral service will be held July 31 at 11:00 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral with Dr. Joseph Ricky Dyal officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm July 30 at the funeral home.

**Advertising Deadline**  
Monday  
5:00 pm  
**NO EXCEPTIONS!**



**Happy Birthday**  
**Esther Farmer Stewart**  
**"Mama"**  
7/27/1944 - 6/25/2000

*I miss you so much... life is so hard but I remember your words, "Let God be God, don't look back, take care of babies and glorify God." Thank you for the wonderful memories, I shall keep your memory alive. Your prayers are still being answered from Heaven. Zack and Lexie are still your prayer warriors.*

LOVE,  
YOUR DEVOTED DAUGHTER,  
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121 North † 259-4461  
Macclenny, FL

**Pastor Tim Chesbire**

- 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

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

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

**New Hope Church, Inc.**

- 23-A to Lauramore Rd. & Fairgrounds Rd.
- Sunday School 9:45 am
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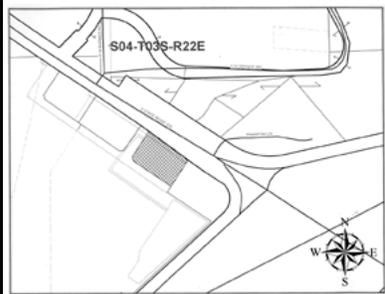
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Two brand new in the box CBA muzzle loaders, never been fired, asking \$150 each. If interested, please call Robert at 904-813-5593.

Round bale hay ring, good condition \$100. 904-874-1063. 7/30p

2002 Fleetwood Prowl 5th wheel, 34.5' long, three slides, \$18,000. 259-7552. 7/23-8/6p

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

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Utility trailer, 11 ton, \$2000. OBO. For more information call 904-304-5773. 7/23-7/30p

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5X10 utility trailer, tilt bed, new tires, good condition, \$750. Gasoline post hole auger with two bits, Tecumseh engine, used once, \$150. Call Steve Holman, 259-4686 or 553-3063. 7/23-7/30p

Three Pains Resale, LLC still has consignment space available. Come be a part of our consignment mall. Located next to Aardvark Video, 813-5530. 7/23-7/30p

2 infant car seats with bases, one blue and beige, one black and tan, \$35 each; baby swing, back and forth or side to side, \$35. 588-3628. 7/23tc

Green peanuts, washed, \$30 bushel, 365-732-3434. 7/30-8/20p

Quitar-Fender Telecaster, blonde, USA made \$850. 259-4205. 7/30p

1993 Alfa See Ya 5th wheel, 34', two slides, ducted AC, \$3500. OBO. 259-7614, 718-9209. 7/30p

Home-made utility trailer, 4x8', 12' tires, no ramp, \$225. 904-874-1063. 7/30p

2004 17' Triton bass boat and trailer like new with 50 hp Johnson, less than 20 hours, front trolling motor, includes life vest trailer and new spars, \$8499. Can be seen at Pineview Chevrolet. Call 904-259-6117. 7/30c

Automobiles

Hunter's special, 1987 Ford F150 4x4, 300 sq cylinder, \$1000. Call 509-1927. 7/30-8/6p

1998 Honda Civic EX, four door, four cylinder, ice cold A/C, automatic transmission, good tires, clean inside and out, sun roof, electric windows and door locks, cruise, tilt, approximately 35 MPG, only 135,000 miles. NADA \$5,000, asking \$3900. OBO. Also, Toyota pickup up \$1900. OBO. 591-2916. 7/30c

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Miscellaneous

If you purchased a bow from a yard sale Friday, July 24 please call 322-8606 or 566-5716. 7/30p

Christian childcare, my home, Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 6:00 pm, ages newborn to five years, 22 years licensed, Episcopal accepted, Cathy Thomas 259-3678. 7/30p

Computer training classes, introduction to computers, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Saturday classes begin July 25. Mornings 8:00 am - noon, afternoons 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Classes held in office of Advantage Tax Service, 1191 S. 6th Street. Call for schedule and registration. 904-259-8322. 7/16-7/30p

Want mature, responsible adult to babysit in my home, references required. 275-4683. 7/30p

Babysitting in my home, near 125 and 127, reasonable prices, hot meals, snacks, all ages, any hours Monday-Friday, 838-2287. 7/23-7/30p

Harvey's certified welding and tractor service. Call 259-6732, 707-8262, 707-8263. 7/23-7/30p

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Free kittens, 8 weeks old. 259-2643. 7/30p

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

German Shepherd puppies, pure bred, \$200. Parents on site. Call for more information. 912-843-2436, 904-318-1848. 7/23-7/30p

Happy Jack Mange Medicine promotes healing and hair growth to any mange, bare spot, on dogs and horses without steroids. Glen Cash Store 259-2381. 7/23-9/13p

Lost & Found

Found: Blue-eyed dog on Turner Cemetery Road. Call 509-1927. 7/30p

Lost: Male Cockerliek in area of Millendale and Cowlder Sunday, July 26. Answers to "Duke". Granddaughter's pet. 259-6589. 7/30p

Help Wanted

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Shift leaders and hourly crew needed at Arby's in Baldwin. Apply at 1024 US 301 South Baldwin, FL 32234; call 904-266-4281, or email ta125@morrisholdings.com 7/16tc

Building Products Industry seeks an ambitious, energetic, mechanically inclined person for Supervisor Trainee position. Prefer two-year degree/Sawmill Industry QC experience. We are an EEOC, drug free workplace. Offer 401K, health/dental/life insurance, paid holidays and vacation. Apply at Gilman Building Products, CR 218 Maxwellville, FL or fax resume to 904-289-7736. 7/9-7/30c

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

Real Estate

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10 acres, high and dry, four miles west of Glen \$89,900. Phone 904-545-7688. 7/30-8/20p

Kingsley Lake, best opportunity to purchase a home on this one-of-a-kind lake in years. Four listings starting at \$549,000. Colville Banker, Smith & Smith Realty, 904-964-9222. 7/30p

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

FSB0 3 BR, 1 BA block home with fire-place on five acres, highway frontage, new central H/A, \$98,900. OBO. May finance. 4 BR, 3 BA Homes of Merit, over 1800 SF, fireplace, central H/A, well insulated, sits on seven acres with artesian well \$138,000. Also, 3 BR, 2 BA singlewide on 1.33 acres, high and dry, highway frontage, central H/A. Reduced call, call me, let's deal. 591-2916. 7/30p

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

Six acres in Macclenny \$20,000 an acre. 904-259-8028. 7/30-8/20c

FSB0, 7 1/2 acres on quiet dead-end road, mature oaks, zoned conventional or mobile home, one acre per dwelling, \$112,500. 259-5877. 6/18tc

For sale or lease, 3 BR, 2 BA home in Glen, \$83,000. 334-3419 or 259-6128. 7/30-8/6c

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

Estate sale, two mobile homes in eight lots 1.4 +/- acres, 11218 E. Thomas Drive, Macclenny, \$56,000, 727-459-3856. 7/30-8/20p

FSB0 4 BR, 2 BA brick home approximately 2100 SF on 2.82 Acres. Fire-place, tile, plantation shutters, 20x20 workshop, many upgrades, very nice. Neighborhood restricted to homes only. \$286,000. By appointment only. 237-0060 or 259-3963. 5/10tc

19+ acres with 3 BR, 2 BA brick home. Home needs some remodeling, beautiful homestead, zone agricultural, \$250,000. Call 259-3763 or 386-867-0256. 7/30-8/13p

3 BR, 2 BA doublewide in Baker County, Asking \$70,000. OBO. 229-788-2211 or 229-308-6718. 7/23-7/30p

40 acres to 120 acres starting at \$4000 per acre. 904-259-8028. 7/30-8/20c

FSB0 4 BR, 2 BA, 4.82 acres, house being sold "as is", no owner financing, 17599 CR 127, seen by appointment only. Phone 904-306-6707, leave message. 7/30-8/20p

For Rent

House for rent in Macclenny city limits, 3 BR, 1 BA and office, \$850/month, first and last months rent, will accept HUD voucher. For more information please call 904-626-0408. 7/30p

2 BR, 2 BA mobile home, \$600/month, \$500 deposit. 233-7727. 7/23-7/30p

3 BR, 1 BA house in the county, deposit \$500, rent \$600, 923-2191. 7/30-8/20p

3 BR, 2 BA house two miles inside Georgia 7700/month, 904-629-1779. 7/23tc

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

3 BR, 2 BA \$600 and 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA \$525 mobile home. Garbage pickup, sewer, water & lawn care included. 912-843-9118. 6/18tc

YARD SALES



Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Five miles north 121 on left. Low prices, '95 Jeep \$2500 firm, AC works good.

Thursday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm, Friday, 8:00 am-2:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am-noon, across from Woman's Club. Dishes, linens, florist vases, toys, shoes, books, tapes, restaurant chaffin containers, clothing, wedding cake dividers, inflatable pool. Three family, indoors

Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, 480 S. Third Street. Furniture, kitchen wares, five piece bedroom suite, art work, flower arrangements, TV's and much more.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, South CR 229, Sanderson. Have it all. Indoor, multi family

Friday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 13488 E. Tall Pine Road. Bar stools, girls clothes 10 and up, boys clothes six and up, some husky, women's clothes

Friday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, at the Golf course. Infant boy clothes 12 months, girl clothes 5-8, juniors size 1-3, ladies 5-9, lots of toys and misc. items.

Friday, 8:00 am-noon, 1325 Copper Bluff Court. Back porch sale, lots of stuff.

Friday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm, 11073 Mud Lake Road. Some of everything. Kitchen, clothing, kids items, PS2 games, car seats, yard stuff.

Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am-7, 121 S. 1/2 mile past Burger King on left. Sylvester Manning Road. Great school shoes and clothes and misc.

Friday and Saturday, 7:00 am-1:00 pm, 714 Fox Run Circle. Girls Disney bedroom decor, household items, girls back to school clothes sizes 4/5 and 7/8, tons of new hair bows and much more.

Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am-7, Corner of Cardinal and Ivy. Everything must go. Huge multi family

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm, 10813 W. St. Mary Circle, Macclenny. Household, baby items and more.

Friday, 8:00 am-7 and Saturday, 8:00 am-2:00 pm, Maple street in Macclenny II, blue doublewide on left. Baby girl clothes 0-2, baby furniture, women's clothes 6-10, men's clothes 34-42, stuffed animals, lots of misc.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-7, Copper Creek subdivision off Lowder Street. Baby stuff, household, car parts, misc. and more. All must go - moving sale.

Saturday, 8:00 am-2:00 pm, Rain or shine past the state line. Turn left on CR 185 then the first left dirt road. Lots of odds/ends, clothes and furniture.

Saturday, 8:00 am - noon, 10774 Westside Loop in Glen. Bedroom furniture, craft supplies and more.

Saturday, 8:00 am - noon, Knoll Estates, off 23C. Furniture, etc.

Saturday, 8:30 am - 7, Hwy. 121 N. off Roger's Trail. Three family

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Here's a look at the upcoming football schedule.

**2009 BCHS WILDCAT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

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Sept. 4	Crescent City	AWAY	7:00
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The Baker County Florida Board of County Commissioners is the current owner of approximately 10 acres of riverfront, flood plain property on the St. Mary's River in the state of Georgia. More specifically, at the northwest corner of the intersection of the St. Mary's River and highway 121. The property consists primarily of hardwood forest and scattered pines.

Baker County will accept sealed bids on the purchase of this property until 3:00 pm August 13, 2009. At that time all proposals will be opened and the results tabulated. The decision to accept or not accept any proposals is at the discretion of the Baker County Board of County Commissioners. The Board has established a minimum bid acceptable price of \$5,000 for the parcel. Any bid below this amount will be rejected.

Interested parties are strongly encouraged to contact the Charlton County Georgia Authority at 100 3rd Street Folkston, Georgia 31537 or call (912) 496-2549 for information regarding taxes, governmental rules pertaining to septic tanks, building codes, zoning, access from SR 121 and other pertinent restrictions.

All responses should be addressed to the Baker County Board of County Commissioners 55 North 3rd Street, Maclennany, Florida 32063. The envelope shall be clearly marked "CHARLTON COUNTY PROPERTY BID". Any questions regarding this bid should be directed to Joe Cone, County Manager at the above address or (904) 259-3613 or [jccone@bakercountyfl.org](mailto:jccone@bakercountyfl.org).

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The Baker Bullets swim team: (front row from left) Dillon Ray, Blair Shadd, Alyssa Flakowicz, Ashlyn Range, Gregory Barrios, Amanda Flakowicz, Cassidy Beaver, Savannah Peditone, Hannah Johnston, Braeden Knight, Trent Mobley, Dalton Ray, Emily Phillips, Karlee Nelson and Jarrett Barton; (middle row from left) Kaitlyn Johnson, Kyrle Holman, Ashton Ray, Erica Flakowicz, Zackary Horne, Dominic Pepitone, Reagan Wilds, Landon Prevatt, Ethan Knight, Kaylee Range, Chad Collins, Mimi Willis, Emily Collins, and Jarrett Raulerson; (back row from left) Coach Alice Oswald, Deryk Clark, Byron Barton, Jacob Anderson, Brianna Knight, Jonathan Mobley, Andrea Clark, Paul Horne, Tim Padgett, and Scotty Willis.

## Bullets take seventh to close season

The YMCA's Baker Bullets swim team returned from the First Coast YMCA championships the weekend of July 24-25 in Fleming Island in seventh place against a field of nine teams to finish off the season.

"Our third year was a tremendous success," said Coach Andy Johnston. "We competed against teams that practice year-round and compete on the Junior Olympic level. I believe the high level of success we had speaks to the high caliber of young men and women we have here in Baker County and I know we'll have similar if not great success in the future."

Throughout the season, the Bullets have faced teams with many more swimmers in the water, and more opportunity to build up point totals. This past weekend was no different. Nonetheless, the Bullets posted six first place, nine second place and three third place finishes.

The highlight of the meet was 6-year-old Braeden Knight's record-setting performance in the 25-meter freestyle event. Knight turned in a time of 19.1 seconds, which is 1.08 seconds faster than his personal best and 2.7 seconds better than the current record.

The young swimmer also accepted a trophy for the second-highest point total at the meet, a feat bolstered by a second place spot in the 25-meter backstroke and the third best time in the 25-meter freestyle.

Assistant coach and Bullet's swimmer Travis Oswald, 17, ended the championship with three silver medals in the 50-meter freestyle, the 100-meter breaststroke and the 100-meter freestyle. Oswald clocked in at 1:43 seconds faster than his personal best in the latter race.

Jacob Anderson shaved 1.41 seconds off his time in the 100-

meter butterfly to finish third and Chad Collins was 9.81 seconds quicker to bring home a bronze medal.

## Scholarship signing

Heather High of Macclenny earlier this month became the latest member of the 2009 Wildcat softball team to sign up for an athletic scholarship and will attend St. Johns River Community College in Palatka starting in the fall semester.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER HIGH  
Coach Bennett & Ms. High

Ms. High, who had the fourth highest batting average on the district camp Wildcats, played first base on defense and turned in the lowest percentage of errors on the team. She was an honor graduate this year.

The star player, who was sidelined her junior year with a knee injury, will join a Viking squad coached by Becky (Brook) Bennett, another former BCHS standout who went on to play for Florida State. Both Ms. High and Ms. Bennett credit their early years playing on Little League

teams. The signee credits coaches in those early years and parents Kirk and Teri High with giving her the drive to one day advance to a college-level team.

She is not the first member of her family to play at the higher level. Brother Kirk Jr., a Wildcat baseball

standout in both the infield and on the pitching mound, currently attends Voorhees College in South Carolina on a scholarship. Ms. High has also been honing her skills as a member of the local traveling girls' North Florida Stars squad coached by Matt Lewis and Roger Harvey. She has already started an off-season conditioning program.

She plans to get an associate degree in pre-med at SJRCC before pursuing a career as a physical therapist.

## Girls fight but fall in tourney

The Baker County 9-10 year old girls' Little League All Stars knew that it would have to be at the top of its game this weekend in the state tournament in Mango outside of Tampa. The girls fought hard, but came up short losing a 13-11 thriller to the Tri-Stars All Stars from the Panhandle to put them in a hole from which they couldn't battle back.

The game was a back and forth affair that actually took two days to complete. Baker County trailed through much of the game amid outstanding pitching by the Tri-Stars. The game appeared out of reach in the bottom half of the final inning, but as they have done all through the playoffs, the girls fought back to tie it.

"With runners on second and third we ripped a double to tie the game up and all the momentum was on our side," said Coach David Crumme.

Due to curfew rules, the game was stopped at 11:15 pm knotted at 10-10, and the extra inning was played the next morning at 9:00.

"It was tough, the girls had just battled their way back from being six down and had all the momentum, and the game was stopped," said Crumme. "That hurt. We went back the next morning and ended up losing 13-11 in what people told me later was the most exciting game of the tournament."

Extending to the second day meant that the girls would be playing three games that day. After the loss they had to turn right around and play Citrus Park with only two hours' rest.

"We were still reeling from the earlier loss and we did not play well in the second game," said the coach. "We had a couple of mental letdown innings and in a big tournament like that, any lack of focus usually causes you to press harder and that is when mistakes happen."

In the third and final game, the girls regrouped against the eventual state runner-up Windemere. It had won three state championships previously, and though the Baker County girls kept the game close throughout the early innings, Windemere showed its experience in the end and pulled away in the final inning to win 10-1.

"An extended game at 9:00 am, a 12:00 game right after, and then another game at 3:00 was a lot to ask of our girls, but they

battled until the very last pitch. I cannot tell you how proud I am of our 13 girls who made it to the final eight teams in the state tournament. Nobody can ever take their district and sectional championships away from them," said Crumme.

The coach is particularly proud of the team's grit and the heart the players demonstrated all through the playoffs.

Crumme claimed that the girls would not have gotten as far as they did without the work put into the team by his assistants Riley Strickland and Kylee Cannady.

"Countless hours of hard work by them went into preparing our team for district, sectional and the state tournament," he said.

He also thanked all the parents and community members who helped collect donations to



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID CRUMME  
Payton Parker scores against Cape Coral.

send the girls to state. "I am proud to say I was a part of something special this year with this team. They represented Baker County in a way we can all be proud of," said Crumme.

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