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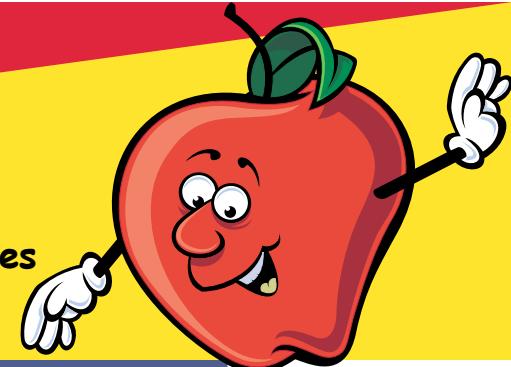
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Woman dies in flipping pickup

A Glen St. Mary woman became the county's ninth traffic fatality of 2009 when the pickup truck she was driving the morning of August 8 overturned on CR 127 north of Cuyler.

Tamara E. Marich, 43, was dead at the scene after she was partially thrown from the 2006 GMC pickup. Two passengers, Autumn Retcho, 10, and Mary Merkle, 7, both also of Glen, received minor injuries. None of the occupants had on seat belts, according to FHP Trooper D.L. Myers.

Ms. Marich was southbound on 127 when she swerved to avoid animals in the road. The truck veered onto the west shoulder of the two-lane stretch then veered across both lanes and onto the east shoulder. It then rotated clockwise and flipped over, landing on the driver's side facing west.

The two young passengers are related to a friend of Ms. Marich, who resided in the Cuyler area with them.

The accident occurred about 10:13.



Equipment from overturned construction truck driven by woman killed in crash littered CR 127 north of Cuyler.

County eyes more budget tightening

Shortfall still \$1 million-plus

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Desperate for savings to help to balance its 2009-10 budget, county officials have begun discussing controversial measures like employee furloughs, expanding the use of house arrest to keep prisoners out of jail and reducing insurance benefits for retirees.

"Unprecedented times call for unprec-

edented measures," said Mike Griffis, chairman of the Baker County Commission, during a budget workshop the evening of August 10.

About \$400,000 had been shaved from the more than \$33 million budget after the board's decision last week to abandon plans for building a new administration building and eliminating about \$70,000 for patrol vehicles needed for new deputies whose grant-funded salaries never materialized.

That still left the budget shortfall at more than \$1 million.

Much of the problem has been the county's law enforcement fund, which pays for the sheriff's department, the housing of local inmates, dispatch and medical examiner

services.

The fund is expected to run a \$2.7 million deficit in the coming fiscal year, which will be covered through the general fund and ultimately the county's roughly \$8 million in reserves.

The county's cost for housing local inmates at the new sheriff's complex has doubled since the facility opened.

County Manager Joe Cone said he's talked with Judge Joey Williams about expanding the use of house arrest and associated electronic monitoring as a cheaper alternative to incarceration.

Commissioner Michael Crews said he'd

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ity should be ready for visitors during an open house on Aug. 20.

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Country Federal bandit gets 34 years

The second of two men who robbed the Glen St. Mary branch of Country Federal Credit Union in April, 2005 was sentenced in Jacksonville federal court August 6 to 34 years and two months in prison.

Jabari Markeith Hird, 29, of Orlando had pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit armed bank robbery and brandishing a firearm on March 23 of this year.

His co-defendant Rasheed Silvera, 31, also of Orlando, was earlier sentenced to 92 months after pleading to armed robbery.

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Because funds in the credit union are federally insured, the defendants were under federal jurisdiction and they will serve out their sentences in federal prisons.

The morning of April 12, Mr. Hird and Mr. Silvera initially intended to rob the nearby Mercantile Bank branch on US 90, and instead targeted Country Federal when they feared they would be identified by an individual who briefly spoke to them.

They took more than \$147,000 after forcing a terrified employee to open the vault after entering Country Federal with shirts tied over their faces. Mr. Hird was waving a firearm when they ordered tellers to do as they were told "if they ever wanted to see their children again."

Mr. Hird jumped a counter and ran down one of the tellers who broke for a rear door. He

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Should county employees work fewer days to reduce personnel costs in next year's budget?

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Baker County School Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson inspects exterior work at the new Middle School Eighth Grade Center with Denny Wells, Director of Facilities and middle school principal David Davis.

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Mud bog permit may end in court

Hearing August 25

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Green ribbons along Mud Lake signify opposition to mud bogging in the neighborhood.



PHOTO BY JIM MCGAULEY

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8th grade center nears completion

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Baker County Middle School's new two-story Eighth

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Inside the spacious halls, men applied paint to the walls of the stairwells that flank each end of the building.

The three walked into one of the new classrooms, a bright, airy space where the walls are now ready for the computerized White and Smart boards. Each classroom is approximately 900 square feet in size, an increase of 250 square feet from most of the previously used rooms.

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He needed the permit be-

cause the vacant tract is zoned for agricultural use, which excludes mud bogs whether commercial or not, said Planning Director Ed Preston.

Mr. McCullough immediately appealed the LPA's decision to the Baker County Commission, but said this week he's also considering alternate mud bogging locations.

"I've been looking at some other areas," Mr. McCullough said the morning of August 11, declining to specify those locations. If no alternate sites prove feasible, he said the appeal will likely move forward.

"I have a piece of property and I should be able to do what I want with it," said Mr. McCullough.

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8th grade center will open on time

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Mr. Davis agrees.

"Putting good teachers in good classrooms — nothing is a better morale booster than that," he said.

Mr. Wells has monitored every step of the project and explained some of the features of the new classrooms.

"Every pair of classrooms shares two bathrooms. Those classrooms also have a common door between them," he said.

Students will not have to leave their classroom to go to hall bathrooms. If instructors are team teaching, the shared inside door eliminates the disruption of students moving out into the hallway to enter another classroom.

If in the future the building is used for elementary students, the bathrooms are designed so that a wall can easily be installed. This will bring the classrooms up to code for elementary students, which requires rest room facilities in every room.

The new facility is the second public school building in Baker County to have a second story.

"There hasn't been one since the old high school closed its doors in the 1960s," said Ms. Raulerson.

She also points out that it will be one of only three buildings in the county to have an elevator — the other two being the courthouse and the library when its

new addition is soon completed.

The classroom floors are covered in vinyl composite tile, an industry standard resistant to wear, tear and staining. The tile was chosen over carpet that can be problematic because of the tendency toward water damage and mold.

"This building has been a long time coming and the teachers are really excited, especially our sixth grade teachers," said Mr. Davis.

Sixth grade classes will not make use of the new facility, but can now be housed in better classroom space once occupied by the higher grades.

"We milked the old sixth grade building for all it was worth, but it was finally time for it to go," said Mr. Davis.

According to Mr. Wells, a state-required study has already been done on the old sixth grade building [former Macclenny Elementary] and it showed the cost of repairs exceeds the structure's value. If the building has no historical merit warranting preservation, salvageable materials are removed and it's demolished.

"When the old building is gone, that space can be utilized for parking. It should also help eliminate some traffic difficulties that still remain on South Boule-

vard," said Mr. Wells.

Another feature of the new facility is an adjoining group of new portables, which will be state of the art, just like the new classrooms. They will serve as the seventh and eighth-grade reading centers.

Mr. Davis is very pleased to have a new section of classrooms ready for the 2009-10 eighth grade class.

"Our eighth graders are like the seniors of the middle school and it's great to be able to welcome them back to a new facility," he said. "We talk about school pride and personal pride a lot, but this

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Mud bog

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been mobilizing against the appeal, contacting county commissioners and displaying their opposition with green mailbox ribbons and signs containing messages like, "No mud bog in our back yard."

One such sign on Larry Westfall's Serenity Lane property was damaged overnight August 6-7. The sign was torn down and thrown in the driveway to Mr. Westfall's home. He filed a vandalism report with the sheriff's department, vowing to fix the sign and erect it once again.

"I hate that it's gotten to this extreme," said Commissioner Gordon Crews, who along with the county's four other commissioners has fielded numerous calls, letters and e-mail messages from concerned citizens about the mud bog.

Mr. Crews said the reactions have been mostly negative; that people aren't comfortable supporting a venue that could encourage drinking and driving.

"That's their biggest concern," he said.

Commissioner Mike Griffis said he's heard from roughly 20 different people that fall into three camps — Mud Lake Road residents against the mud bog, the applicant and his family in favor of it, and another segment that advocates bringing the activity to Baker County, regardless of where it's located.

"It's a grave concern for that community," said Commissioner Alex Robinson, who expects the matter to remain an issue regardless of the appeal's outcome.

"I'm sure it won't be over," he said.

34 years...

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then dragged her back and demanded another teller open the vault.

Baker County deputies got a break in the case by finding clothing tossed out of a getaway car in south Glen St. Mary in the minutes following the hold-up. The items included jackets, gloves, a hat, t-shirt and pillow case.

The FBI lab in Quantico, VA linked Mr. Silvera's DNA to the hat, T-shirt and gloves. Mr. Hird's DNA was found on a jacket.

US District Judge Henry Lee Adams also ordered Mr. Hird to pay \$147,111 restitution as part of the sentence. The cases were prosecuted by assistant US attorneys A. Tysen Duva and Jay Taylor.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Gets 90 days to remove trailers

The Baker County Code Enforcement Board gave the owner of a trailer park east of McClellan the 90 days he requested to remove the remaining two dilapidated mobile homes on his property.

A third one had already been taken away by the time of the CEB's regular meeting the evening of August 10.

Owner Scott Mandel appeared that evening to request the extra time before the board entered an enforcement order for non-compliance. One of the units still on the property does not belong to Mr. Mandel and he is going through legal channels to remove it. The other one is his.

The board agreed that a backhoe, farm tractor, utility trailer generator and two lawn mowers parked near a concrete home on the property did not constitute a violation. Mr. Mandel said they are in working order and needed for maintenance at the trailer park off US 90.

The defendant argued successfully that the section of the county's code law cited in the complaint does not apply to mobile home trailers. Building official Robert Hathcox countered that if the CEB opted to pursue a revised complaint he would file it immediately, citing the old trailers as uninhabitable under the county's building code. Instead, the board agreed to the 90 days Mr. Mandel requested.

The motion for extra time was made by Scott Anderson and passed unanimously.

Three other cases on the new business portion of the board's agenda this month came into compliance by the meeting date, though the defendants are subject to the \$85 fee charged for the building and zoning office to process the complaints.

They include Ernest and Edna Bryant for unauthorized animals, unregistered vehicle and debris; William and Burnice Farkas for debris and Johnny and Juliette Burnham for excessive mobile homes.

Mr. Hathcox explained the Burnhams have removed the mo-

bile home from their property. They avoided impact fees when they built a permanent home on the tract, and were in temporary violation before they moved the trailer.

In older cases, the complaint against Fred Sanford for excess-

sive animals on his property went away because the Land Planning Agency recently granted a variance so he could keep a donkey. The other animals have been removed.

The CEB waived the \$85 fee from a complaint against the es-

tate of Glendel Shedd and Billie McDonald for abandoned vehicles and junk.

They lost their lives in a fire at the residence, and the board earlier granted sufficient time for the estate settlement and removal.

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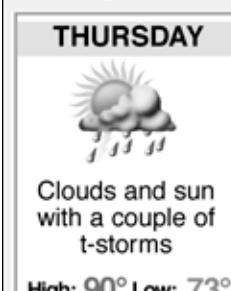
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A thunderstorm possible in the afternoon



Chance for a thunderstorm in the afternoon



Rather cloudy with thunderstorms possible



Times of clouds and sun



Clouds and sun with spotty showers; humid



Partly sunny, a shower in the afternoon

Tides

	Cedar Key	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 19
First high	6:29 a.m.	7:25 a.m.	8:42 a.m.	12:03 a.m.	1:04 a.m.	1:45 a.m.	2:19 a.m.	
First low	12:25 a.m.	1:15 a.m.	2:32 a.m.	4:12 a.m.	5:37 a.m.	6:41 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	
Second high	8:29 p.m.	10:22 p.m.	—	10:09 a.m.	11:27 a.m.	12:32 p.m.	1:29 p.m.	
Second low	1:56 p.m.	3:22 p.m.	4:53 p.m.	6:07 p.m.	7:04 p.m.	7:52 p.m.	8:34 p.m.	
Jacksonville Beach	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	
First high	1:15 a.m.	2:08 a.m.	3:10 a.m.	4:18 a.m.	5:27 a.m.	6:31 a.m.	7:31 a.m.	
First low	7:41 a.m.	8:40 a.m.	9:42 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	11:48 a.m.	12:39 a.m.	1:35 a.m.	
Second high	1:52 p.m.	2:52 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	5:08 p.m.	6:11 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	
Second low	8:32 p.m.	9:36 p.m.	10:39 p.m.	11:40 p.m.	—	12:49 p.m.	1:48 p.m.	
Mayport	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	
First high	1:43 a.m.	2:39 a.m.	3:46 a.m.	5:00 a.m.	6:11 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	8:13 a.m.	
First low	7:37 a.m.	8:37 a.m.	9:42 a.m.	10:49 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	12:52 a.m.	1:47 a.m.	
Second high	2:24 p.m.	3:28 p.m.	4:39 p.m.	5:49 p.m.	6:52 p.m.	7:49 p.m.	8:43 p.m.	
Second low	8:33 p.m.	9:41 p.m.	10:48 p.m.	11:52 p.m.	—	12:58 p.m.	1:57 p.m.	
St. Augustine	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	
First high	1:21 a.m.	2:14 a.m.	3:16 a.m.	4:24 a.m.	5:33 a.m.	6:37 a.m.	7:37 a.m.	
First low	7:43 a.m.	8:42 a.m.	9:44 a.m.	10:47 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	12:41 a.m.	1:37 a.m.	
Second high	1:58 p.m.	2:58 p.m.	4:06 p.m.	5:14 p.m.	6:17 p.m.	7:16 p.m.	8:10 p.m.	
Second low	8:34 p.m.	9:38 p.m.	10:41 p.m.	11:42 p.m.	—	12:51 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	

Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday 6:54 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 8:12 p.m.

Moonrise Thursday none
Moonset Thursday 2:01 p.m.

Last New First Full

Aug 13 Aug 20 Aug 27 Sep 4

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Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Aug 10.

Temperature

High/Low for the week 93°/70°

Normal high/low 90°/72°

Average temperature 81.6°

Normal average temperature 81.0°

Precipitation

Total for the week 1.17"

Total for the month 1.48"

Total for the year 38.41"

Normal for the month 2.01"

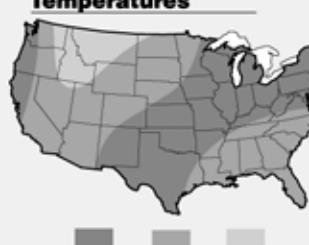
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Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

August 13 - August 19

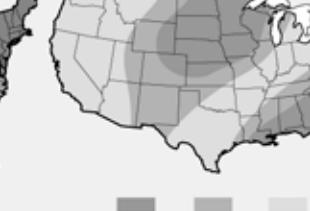
Temperatures



Above Normal
Near Normal
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Precipitation



Above Normal
Near Normal
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Solunar Table

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	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Aug 13	4:55 a.m.	11:07 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	11:32 p.m.
Aug 14	5:47 a.m.	12:01 p.m.	6:14 p.m.	---
Aug 15	6:42 a.m.	12:32 a.m.	7:11 p.m.	12:56 p.m.
Aug 16	7:38 a.m.	1:23 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	1:53 p.m.
Aug 17	8:35 a.m.	2:19 a.m.	9:06 p.m.	2:51 p.m.
Aug 18	9:31 a.m.	3:16 a.m.	10:02 p.m.	3:47 p.m.
Aug 19	10:26 a.m.	4:11 a.m.	10:57 p.m.	4:42 p.m.

River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	—	11.39	-0.10
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	6.31	-0.02
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	5.54	+0.16
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Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	53.92	+0.28

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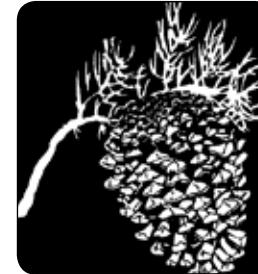
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Seeks expansion of Internet Griffis is cautious about plan

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The newly-formed North Florida Broadband Authority has no money or assets yet, but its goal of spreading Internet access to remote areas of the region may pose a threat to existing service providers, warned County Commissioner Mike Griffis, who's also a general manager with NEFCOM of Macclenny, which is in the same business.

"I think it needs to be a partnership between public and private," he told the authority's 20-member governing board of mostly elected officials and municipal staffers the afternoon of August 7.

"We tread very dangerous waters when government starts competing with private entities, and I think we need to remember that," Mr. Griffis said.

He and Chamber of Commerce Director Darryl Register traveled to Lake City for the meeting, which included the election of officers and approval of administrative agreements for legal services from the Tallahassee law firm Nabors Giblin & Nickerson and general management by Government Services Group, another capitol firm.

The county commission appointed Mr. Register to the board last week with Mr. Griffis to serve in his absence.

The authority intends to build the infrastructure needed to sell wireless broadband capacity on the open market, in hopes of serving remote areas across 14 rural counties in north central Florida.

That will mean tapping into existing fiber-optic cables and extending their capacity into outlying areas using a network of towers representing the skeleton of the system, explained Darrin Mylet of Wireless Infrastructure & Network Services, the company expected to design, build and operate the new utility.

The second phase of the project will push capacity even further into strategic areas where the infrastructure for broadband access isn't available today.

Funding for the endeavor is expected through the federal stimulus package, and after start-up, from the authority's customers.

Grant applications are due by the end of the week for a slice of the \$7.2 billion included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for rural broadband development. Awards are expected in December.

"At this point, we have no money," said Crystalline Carey, the authority's attorney.

Mr. Mylet described the project as "middle mile" broadband, where the first mile is the fiber-optic cables and the last mile brings access to homes, businesses and other end users.

"We're not getting into the last mile business," he said, which is good news for last mile providers like NEFCOM and Comcast.

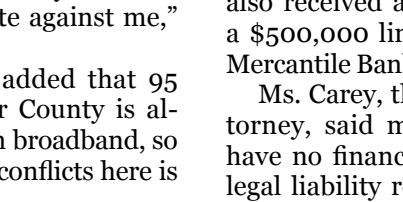
"We're not going to be replicating what they've done or where they're going," said Mr. Mylet. "We're going to bring more capacity to the market place, but it has to be open to everyone."

The grant requires that the authority sell its capacity from the newly-built system to any and all customers willing to pay for it.

But, there's also nothing that prohibits the authority from one

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Uphold LPA bogging decision

IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

The zoning dispute surrounding one man's plans to bring mud bogging to a tract of agriculturally zoned property off Mud Lake Rd. is a classic.

People who already live in the immediate area are in near unanimous opposition. The noise, the drinking, the added traffic to the mostly residential area don't suit them. They may not be opposed to the concept of mud bogging (where four-wheel trucks scream and slide their way through a man-made, water-filled ditch), but they don't want it near them.

The county's Land Planning Agency, through which such zoning changes and variances are first aired, agreed. The majority voted to deny the request.

Petitioner Troy McCullough, who married into the family that owns the tract in question, is appealing the LPA decision to the county commission, as he is allowed to do. A hearing is set for August 25 and they're having it at the school board meeting room anticipating another overflow crowd.

The stage is set.

However, Mr. McCullough is quoted elsewhere in this week's edition to the effect that it's his [so to speak] property and he should be able to do what he wants with it.

Oh yeah?

That sentiment was prevalent in Baker County in the 1970s [and in prior decades] before the state forced zoning on all 67 Florida counties. The result? Non-compatibility and a mish-mash of land uses that still exists today, and continue to be a drag on taxpayers.

In theory, your right to do what you want with your land is limited by the rights your adjoining property owners have to the highest and best use of their investment. That is the basis of zoning ordinances everywhere.

Let's leave aside a discussion about the relative merits of mud bogging as a form of entertainment. Opposition that has arisen over locating it off Mud Lake is largely confined to the immediate area — the people who would be most adversely affected.

That's logical. People out in the Taylor section of north Baker County may be for or against having a mud bogging pit near their homes, but they probably aren't too concerned either way because this is a "not in my backyard" issue.

To the Mud Lake people,

the concern is immediate. They don't believe, nor should anyone else, that Mr. McCullough has a "right" to do what he wants with the tract. Zoning laws insure there is no such right, and compatibility with existing land use is the governing principle.

The county commission would be wise, both from the equity and precedent standpoints, to deny the appeal.

And in doing so, board

members should turn a deaf ear to the argument that mud bogging is vital to opening up recreational opportunities for youth and young adults in Baker County.

Nonsense. Mud bogging is no more tied to the status of recreation here than skeet shooting.

Sure, more such opportunities ideally should exist, but drop the "savior" act by pretending that mud bogging

is somehow a key element in solving that problem.

Zoning battles like the one looming later this month are the way such issues should be decided — both sides heard. And all boards charged with hearing disputes like this, be they zoning boards, the LPA, code enforcement or the commission, should adhere to that one principle — highest and best use of property.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support is crucial

Dear Editor:

The profession of education is both challenging and incredibly rewarding. It is an honor to be entrusted with the education of your child.

With that honor, comes great responsibility. The students and staff of Baker County High School face tremendous challenges this year. While many strategies and interventions will be implemented to prepare our students for success, parental support

and involvement is crucial to our school's success.

Student attendance is vital to ensure academic achievement. When school is in session, students should be present in each and every class. Skipping school and being absent unnecessarily inhibits a student's ability to develop the self-discipline, responsibility, and essential work skills that are learned from classroom instruction.

Students who attend school regularly are much more likely to pass the FCAT and earn college scholarships to further their education.

If you want to check on your child's attendance record, BCCHS staff will be glad to assist you.

Students are expected to perform at high levels in all classes. This will require them to be engaged during class time, complete homework as assigned, and study for course assessments. I am asking for parents' help in raising the expectations for their student.

For years, many BCCHS students have participated in dual-enrollment courses through Lake City Community College. They can earn both high school and college credit. In an effort to increase the academic rigor for our students, the high school will offer Advanced Placement courses this coming school year. While students must pass an end of course exam to earn college credit in an Advanced Placement course, they are not required to pre-qualify with a set grade point average or test score.

Parental support of the teachers and staff is essential. Instructors truly want to see your student succeed. Your input in the educational process is both welcomed and valued.

TOM HILL

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Now cable TV is going to the dogs

THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

Many television viewers might actually enjoy reality TV but I am not a fan. Hearing other people grouse about reality TV is becoming almost a daily occurrence, so I know I'm not alone.

The stuff is ridiculous. I can see and hear people acting stupid and rude and lewd in public for free, thank you very much. I don't want to pay for it.

There was a period of about eight years that I rarely watched the boob tube, as one of my professors was fond of calling it, at all. I had a VCR for movies I cared about, then later replaced it with a DVD player.

I don't watch sports, am not a news or weather junkie, can't tolerate sitcoms because they are all pretty dumb.

When I first learned my current residence would include

basic cable, I thought that was fine. There were so many channels. I looked forward to seeing good programs I assumed I had been missing since my previous service had simply been the local stations in my area.

Not. In the nearly four years since I started watching cable TV, I've seen the programming go from tolerable to bad to just plain junk.

Those who like shopping channels, infomercials, sensational journalism and (yawn) reality shows are no doubt unaffected by the downward spiral of quality and merit.

It bugs me that if I turn on the set, particularly on Sunday morning, I am assaulted with a deluge of infomercials hawking exercise equipment, girdles, hair replacement systems, cookies that help you lose weight along with products guaranteed to enhance one's sex life and counteract erectile dysfunction.

And this stuff goes on and on. How many cooking shows and house repair shows and crime shows can you watch before your eyes start to glaze over? At this point, if there was anything original in this stuff it would be cause for celebration, but its the same themes regurgitated again and again.

If cable airs a movie, it might play for months. When it comes around for the 176th time, you skip right over it, which only limits its programming choices even further.

And then there's the infamous show that switches to adult programming after eleven o'clock in the evening. More than once, I've fallen asleep in my living room watching PG entertainment only to wake up to *The Cat House* or a documentary about people that like to indulge in very weird behavior with farm animals. After

picking up my eyeballs off the rug, I dive for the remote, cut the TV off in disgust and go to bed.

Our cable service is still broadcasting its lower tier (an industry term) channels in analog. And the few really good things like

The History Channel are being bumped to the higher tier to make way for six high definition news channels.

Now we have to get a converter box and pay a monthly fee to see those channels. I'll be

Government not always bad

On Point In Print

Joel Addington

For two weeks running now, fears about government competition with the private sector have made our headlines — first regarding health insurance reform and again this week over a new public authority to expand broadband Internet access to remote areas of north central Florida.

And in both cases, I think the fear stems from ideology rather than reality, but its still capable of jeopardizing the expansion of two endeavors that will promote a more educated, healthier, and thus more successful populace to keep our capitalist system humming along.

It'd be nice if the private sector could look beyond the next quarter, take the long view for once, and help foster a vibrant middle class that will boost their bottom lines for decades to come.

The heartburn is often the uneven playing field the specter of government can generate with its tax exempt status, deep pockets and lack of other constraints a private company has when providing goods and services.

This is all true, but government also doesn't factor profit into prices, its books are open to the public and "we the people" have a say in how things are run. I find it ironic that "we the people" complain about government, even though "we the people" are

responsible for said government, in the sense that we elect those who run the show.

In the matter of the broadband authority, which has no taxing power unlike most government, it's providing a service that the private sector cannot or will not provide by itself. It's like griping about your buddy's great golf swing, even though you don't play.

Then there's the most notable example of public-private competition — FedEx versus the US Postal Service. How come FedEx isn't considering cutting Saturday delivery to save money? It's because they innovated, merging originally with Kinko's and re-branding themselves as a

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CITY COMMISSION

Utility charges could rise Oct. 1

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Macclellny residents and businesses could soon see increases in their utility bills as part of a new rate structure presented to city commissioners the evening of August 11.

The change was described by the city's engineering consultant Frank Darabi as a conservation measure required by the St. Johns River Water Management District before it will approve the city's new 20-year consumptive use permit, which governs how much water the city can withdraw from the aquifer.

"We're not increasing it that much," he said. "We're just spreading it out ... It's better to increase a little each year instead a lot once every few years."

The tiered rate structure encourages conservation by making the first 5000 gallons a month of water cheaper than the next 5000, which is less expensive than all usage beyond 10,000 gallons.

For instance, 5000 gallons of residential potable water use will cost \$4.95, up from \$4.40. The next 5000 gallons will be \$6.60 and every 5000 gallons used after that will cost \$7.70.

Similar rate increases are proposed for sewer service and garbage pickup. Base charges could jump by about \$1 and deposits are all set to rise by \$25.

"St. Johns [River Water Management District] has told us

Arrest for choking his wife

Police arrested a Macclellny man for aggravated domestic violence during the early morning hours of August 9 after he allegedly choked his wife during an argument at their residence on Shuey Ave.

A distraught Stacie Gober, 22, met Deputy Matt Sigers at the Kangaroo station on US 90 east about 3:34 after she fled from her 25-year-old husband Jason. Ms. Gober said he returned home intoxicated and choked her when she told him she was leaving.

The wife is eight months pregnant, and Deputy Sigers said her neck area bore signs of the attack.

The officer accompanied by Cpl. Ben Anderson arrested the husband after they found him asleep at the residence.

In other cases:

- A criminal complaint for domestic battery was filed August 3 by Rebecca Allen against estranged husband Edward. Both are 32 and from Jacksonville.

Ms. Allen accused the husband of chasing her down in the Citgo station at Interstate 10 and CR 125 that evening, pulling her to the floor and kneeing her several times in the head.

The wife moments before snatched the keys to her husband's 2008 Saturn after he attempted to leave her, several friends and their belongings at the station. They were all returning from Atlanta when Mr. Allen apparently became agitated and decided to exit at Glen St. Mary to rest and use the bathroom.

Ms. Allen told Deputy Randy Davis her husband has drug and anger problems and had ingested pills on the way back from Atlanta.

- Complaints alleging battery were filed August 8 against Leammon Crawford, 55, of Sanderson and Jeffrey McCalvin, 38, of Glen following a disturbance at the latter's residence on Crews Rd.

Mr. McCalvin's live-in girlfriend Tiffany Crawford, 26, telephoned her father Mr. Crawford just after midnight following an argument with the boyfriend.

According to Mr. McCalvin and several children who were present, Mr. Crawford awakened him, pulled him out of bed and threatened to kill him.

The complaint against the boyfriend resulted from statements and bruising on Ms. Crawford to police the following day. She initially said the boyfriend did not physically harm her.

our rates are too cheap," said City Manager Gerald Dopson. "There's no incentive to conserve. But I'm sure if you go out and talk to people, they won't feel like the rates are too low."

The board is expected to consider adoption of the new rates September 8 along with changes to a city ordinance tying automatic yearly rate adjustments to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The ordinance language also allows the rates to be set via a resolution adopted by city commissioners based on prior year consumption, utility operating expenses and other factors.

In other business, the board, absent Commissioner Vernon Bennett, got its first look at the city's proposed budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

The \$5.7 million spending plan is about \$270,000 smaller than last year's and holds the line on property taxes.

The budget includes a reduction from the tentative property tax rate approved last month and will only generate \$382 more than this year's rate.

Nonetheless, Manager Dopson said budget also has a three percent raise for all employees and maintains previous year funding for community groups like the Council on Aging and the Community Action Agency.

The only new expenditures proposed were about \$50,000 for a new sludge hauling truck and \$250,000 to expand the College Street improvements to other areas around core downtown Macclellny, he said.

The street side work calls for 125 lights and electric wiring,

6000 feet of irrigation piping, 12 new garbage cans, stamped concrete borders and landscaping.

Though he called the project and plans for more street festivals downtown exciting, Commissioner Phil Rhoden urged fellow board members to wait and see if the city's revenue projections prove accurate.

"I'm just scared with the economy," he said. "That's the only thing that scares me, pulling the trigger and starting this right away."

In other business:

- The commissioners decided to install a speed bump on Christie Court in the northeast city at the request of resident Dave Honea, who'd complained about speeders on the residential street.

"The cost is relatively insignificant," Mr. Dopson said of two, 10-foot wide obstructions that raise about 10-inches off the ground.

Signs will also be needed on either side of the speed bump, which is not a permanent structure. It can be easily removed and used at other locations.

Mr. Honea said all but one of his neighbors on Christie Court signed a petition in support of the measure.

Mayor Gary Dopson said due to complaints about speed bumps installed in the past in other areas of the city, he wanted to limit the devices to a trial period of one year before considering others.

"I don't want it to turn into a city of speed bumps around here," he said.

- The board passed on final reading five annexation ordinances as well.

Now within city limits are a city-owned parcel behind Heritage Park south of the railroad tracks on Sandra Street, 63 acres of the Baker Correctional Development Corporation's property where the new sheriff's complex sits, the Murphy USA gas station in front of the Macclellny Walmart on CR 228, the neighboring Starbucks coffee shop and Chester and Kathryn Shouppe's 4.77 acres on Barber Road east of SR 228.

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County Manager Joe Cone reported last week he and the city manager have been discussing the county taking over responsibility of animal control within city limits.

City animal control already uses the county's animal shelter on Steel Bridge Road to house animals confiscated with city limits.

- Bob Lambright was appointed to serve on the Macclellny Zoning Adjustment Board and member Bill Lisenby was reappointed to serve another term.

- Representatives from the Kiwanis Club requested from commissioners a \$6,000 donation to help pay for a \$30,000 lighting prediction system for local athletic facilities. The group also requested funds from the county last month.



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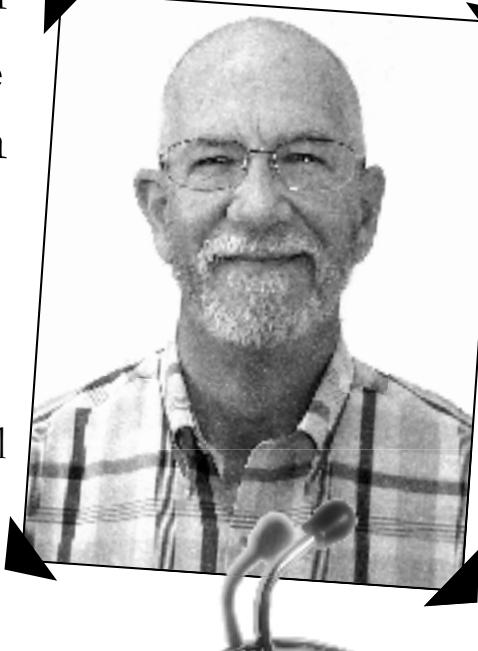
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License twice suspended Driver says he's the son of mayor

Two occupants in a pickup truck reported for driving recklessly in Glen St. Mary were arrested after their vehicle pulled into a driveway off CR 125 north with a county deputy behind it.

Cpl. Ben Anderson said he followed a 1988 Ford pickup after seeing it leave the parking lot of the EZ Stop convenience store off 125 about 4:30 the afternoon of August 7. The vehicle matched the description of the one reported earlier.

The deputy learned driver Jeffrey Thomas, 44, of Glen had two prior license suspensions for drunk driving. Passenger Timothy Bennett, 43, of Sanderson became abusive and cursed officers when they attempted to obtain a ride for him from the scene. He was arrested for disorderly intoxication.

Cpl. Anderson noted both suspects smelled strongly of alcohol when he questioned them.

The officer noted in his report that Mr. Thomas advised as he was arrested, "You don't

know who you are [expletive] with. My daddy is the mayor of Glen."

Juanice Padgett, a female, is the current mayor.

Ronald Carroll, 49, no address indicated, was arrested late on August 7 for driving on a license with five prior suspensions.

Lt. Scotty Rhoden said he stopped Mr. Carroll going west on US 90 near Lowder about 11:00 pm for driving without headlights.

In warrant cases, Jay Calvert, 42, of Macclenny was arrested August 4 for a Duval County burglary. Jamel Wescott, 20, of Jacksonville, a suspect in last month's night burglary of Badcock Furniture, is also wanted for violating probation in Duval County.

He was re-arrested at county jail on August 3. Michael Lee, 43, of Macclenny, was arrested the same day because he is wanted in Baker County for sale of cocaine near a school, and in Union County for failure to appear in court.

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Deputy Patrick McGauley said he went to the residence because Mr. Boda is a suspect in a Columbia County stabbing.

Once inside the patrol car, the suspect began cursing and kicking the interior, and the officer said he used pepper spray to subdue him.

Mr. Boda was booked also for disorderly conduct.

Attacks mom, policeman

A 16-year-old female from Sanderson is charged with multiple offenses including felony resisting police with violence following a confrontation with her mother the evening of August 6.

Deputy Chris Walker said he responded to a complaint of a runaway after the girl left the home of her mother off Richardson Rd. and went to a neighbor's. The suspect repeatedly kicked the interior of a patrol car after she was handcuffed and placed inside, and also allegedly threatened to kill Deputy Walker and her family.

Once the officer returned

to the mother's home the girl acted up once more, cursing Deputy Walker and her mother, and at one point kicking both of them.

She was then placed back in the patrol car and driven to jail, where the girl allegedly slapped Deputy Walker when he was again putting handcuffs on her.

She was booked also for felony battery on an officer and domestic battery of her mother.

David Boda, 36, of Glen St. Mary faces one count of resisting a deputy without violence following his arrest outside his residence off Smokey Rd.

Drug fraud alleged

An arrest warrant is sought for a Sanderson man accused of violating state law by obtaining prescription medication from two different physicians during a 30-day period.

Benny Chandler Searcy, 36, visited both Dr. Charles Scarborough in Macclenny and Dr. George Restea in Starke between January and August 9 of this year, obtaining monthly supplies of controlled drugs including oxycodone, hydrocodone, propoxyphene and Xanax.

Sheriff's investigator Michael Hauge said he looked into the alleged fraud after receiving a tip on August 6, and that both doctors confirmed the suspect's identity via a driver's license photo. Dr. Scarborough's records indicate Mr. Searcy, using the name "Chad," obtained the drugs starting in November, 2006. He had been seeing Dr. Restea since January.

The offense is a third-degree felony.



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Benefit Saturday

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Purse theft from a cart

Credit cards are quickly used

A Raiford woman reported the theft of her purse and contents from a shopping cart at the Walmart Supercenter about noon on August 9, about the same time two other women were arrested for shoplifting.

In the first instance, Elsie Carlton said the purse went missing while she stepped away from the cart in the girls' clothing section. The purse was found the next day under clothing in the women's department without most of its contents, including \$300 cash.

The victim learned later the day of the theft that two credit cards taken from her purse were used at several locations in Macclenny and Jacksonville.

About the same time, when deputies asked to look at a

surveillance camera to assist them in the purse theft, the store security officer said she was busy watching two female shoppers repeatedly stuff clothing and other items into purses.

The women paid for several small items before going into the ladies' rest room, where they were observed in the same stall transferring merchandise from purses to a plastic Walmart bag. They were stopped leaving the store with \$126 in unpaid items.

The suspects were identified as Stephanie Davis, 28, and Sarah Parish, 24, both of Sanderson. Deputy Matt Sigers said he notified the Department of Children and Families because the women were with children ages 10 and one at the time.

They were also charged

with contributing to the delinquency of minors in addition to petty theft.

On August 4, Walmart security summoned the same deputy to arrest employee Tammy Peterson, 26, of Glen St. Mary for theft of cash from a register.

Surveillance tapes allegedly show Ms. Peterson taking small amounts of cash on five occasions starting July 27. The total amount stolen was said to be \$160, though the suspect insisted she took \$20 on two occasions.

Christina Jordan of Glen reported a cell phone taken from her vehicle in the Walmart parking lot the evening of August 6. She contacted police two days later.

Breaks into store; takes beer 12-pack

A lone burglar smashed a glass door with rocks from the nearby railroad tracks to enter the Fastway Food Store in Olustee about 11:30 the night of August 7. The suspect left after taking a 12-pack of beer valued at \$9.62 from a cooler.

Deputy Daniel Nichols responded to a store alarm and summoned owner Adam Stringer of Lake Butler, who furnished a surveillance tape depicting a black male wearing a hooded shirt and shorts inside the store. Police have a suspect and some leads in the case.

In other theft reports, televisions were taken in three recent home burglaries, including one at the residence of Lumark Gaskins off Gaskins Circle near Sanderson during the late afternoon or evening of August 9.

Mr. Gaskins told police he returned about 10:30 after an absence of several hours and found the interior ransacked and damaged. Entry was through a side door that had been forced open.

The only property initially

reported missing was a television valued at \$600.

A flat-screen TV worth \$1650 was taken from the home of Herbert Caudel off CR 229 south of Sanderson between August 3-5 when he was away.

There was no forced entry and police have a suspect.

- Lena Geiger reported entry to her vacant trailer off Mud Lake Rd. was through a rear window between August 1-5. A television and inoperable computer were taken.

- A 16-year-old male relative was named by victim Anthony Jones as a suspect in the theft of a \$300 cell phone from his residence off Circle G Lane in Sanderson.

Mr. Jones told police the phone went missing about 3:00 the afternoon of August 3, and that the suspect was in the house at the time.

- Brian Nunley said a rifle was taken from his residence off Persimmon Rd. near Macclenny between June 1 and August 3 when he reported it to police.

Smokey turns 65!

Smokey the Bear is turning 65 this year, and the US Forest Service wants you to help celebrate his birthday.

Bring the kids to a day of family fun on August 15 and meet Smokey in person. The event will be held from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at Ocean Pond in west Baker County. Admission is free.

The party is sponsored by the Suwannee Forestry Center and Forest Service. Call 386-362-5551 for more details.

Harvey reunion

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Six tires on two cars slashed outside bar

Several cases of vehicle vandalism were reported to the sheriff's department the past week, including slashed tires on two parked cars outside Gator Patrick's bar in east Macclenny.

Bar patrons Steve Branch of Baldwin and Marian Morgan of Glen St. Mary told Deputy Earl Lord they went to their cars at 2:00 am on August 7 to find three tires damaged on each vehicle. There is a possible suspect.

A criminal complaint for vandalism was filed against Alicia Moore, 21, of Macclenny for allegedly damaging the side of a vehicle belonging to Sharonda Keith, also of Macclenny. The complainant said Ms. Moore kicked her vehicle during an argument the evening of August 8 outside Family Dollar on US 90 in Macclenny.

Window frames on a 2001 Kia were damaged in an attempted burglary overnight on August 1 off St. Mary's Circle west of Macclenny. The vehicle belongs to Frankie Beau.

Joseph Vianna told police someone damaged various parts of his 1996 Ford while it was parked overnight August 3 at his residence off Gold Club Rd. in Macclenny.

Garden workshops

Take advantage of these informative workshops offered during August at the Baker County extension service in the ag center on US 90 in west Macclenny (259-3520):

✓ August 20 — **Integrated Pest Management** from 6:00-7:30 pm. Save time and money by learning to identify helpful and harmful insects and how to manage pests in the landscape the environmentally friendly way. This class is free; register by Tuesday, August 18th.

✓ August 25th — **Rain Barrel**

Workshop 6:00-7:30 pm. Participants will learn how to build, install, and maintain a functional rain barrel for immediate use. All materials are provided for this "make and take" rain barrel workshop.

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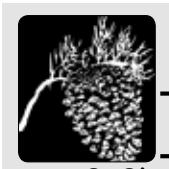
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Rediscovering Babytowne

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In 1896, Marion DeGrate, a black Civil War soldier who had served with the North Carolina 35th Colored Infantry during the Battle of Olustee, paid \$28 for three acres of property in a location that would become known as Babytowne.

Babytowne was a community in the town that would eventually be named Macclenny. Today, Badcock Furniture, Macclenny Nursing and Rehab and several new houses across from Baker County Middle School sit where the community used to be. But a trace of it still lingers.

Sonja Peterson-Lewis, great granddaughter of Marion DeGrate, grew up in Babytowne and still owns a small piece of it. In the near future, she plans to establish a memorial there to honor the community's founding families, many of them her relatives.

She has special plans for the tiny slice of ground that anchors her to her past and wants to commemorate each of the original Babytowne families with a garden. Specific flowers and plants will represent each family and there will be walking paths and benches. If all goes according to her plan, a historical marker will also stand on the site.

"The people I knew and the experiences I had during my youth in Babytowne greatly impacted my life in such a wonderfully positive way," said Ms. Peterson-Lewis. "I want to see some of the history of the place and its people preserved."

For the last twenty years, Ms. Peterson-Lewis has resided in Philadelphia where she is a professor of African American Studies at Temple University and also the director of her department's undergraduate studies program. She spends part of the year in Macclenny, where she still maintains a home.

Since 1995, she has been working on two local history projects, one of Babytowne, another of the history of black education in Baker County.

Her goal is to have a documentary DVD of her Babytowne research produced by next year.

Much of that research has involved recording the oral histories and personal accounts of the remaining living individuals who resided there or have memories of Babytowne. Some research has been inspired by journals kept by her relatives.

According to Ms. Peterson-Lewis, many people are curious about how the area got its unusual name. She always thought it was because the area was like a small, fledgling town trying to grow into a bigger one. Her research tells a different story.

"I have heard the following story from three independent sources," she said.

A man from another county began courting a woman who lived in the area. In those days it was unusual to see a stranger and each time he visited, all the children followed him out of curiosity.

During one visit, the man looked around and exclaimed "There sure are a lot of kids around here. They ought to call this place Babytowne!"

Two of the people who told her this were her aunts, one of whom knew the woman the man was courting.

Ms. Peterson-Lewis visited her property recently. She brought along a very special map, hand-drawn from memory by her uncle George Alexander Peterson, 84, of Macclenny, who taught science and mathematics for many years at Keller School and Baker County High School.

The map is covered with roads, houses and details like the location of a community water pump, an outhouse, a certain sycamore tree and a creek known then as Brickyard Branch.

"Did you know that Jonathan Street, where Baker County Middle School is, used to be called Tin Can Street by the people that lived here?" she asked.

Ms. Peterson-Lewis has been checking the map against plats filed at the county office and has discovered her uncle's memory of the area is very accurate."

She points to a location on the other side of the cleared field.

"Over there is where the DeGrate property was," she said. "And just beyond it was where Joseph Commander lived. He also fought in the Battle of Olustee."

She points to the immediate north where a new house has been constructed.

"This was where Ms. Lott's house stood. She was, at the time, the only white resident of Babytowne. Next to her house was the Knabb property and it was Ms. Lott's job to feed their livestock."

She locates a spot on the map, then points to a group of trees.

Professor researches old community

poor old pear to the ground before it could ever get ripe."

Her parents moved one mile from Babytowne to Lewis Subdi-

Such experiences only made her get up and try to work even harder.

"My father only had me to help him in the fields. I was such a lit-

times the young Sonja would sneak out of the house and go down to the oak trees where the white students from Baker County High School would come at noon to eat their lunch.

"You couldn't smoke on the grounds of the high school (now Baker County Middle School), so the oak trees were a popular spot. I loved to go down there because I thought the students were very interesting. They were always nice to me."

When integration of the schools began in the late 1960s, Ms. Peterson-Lewis found herself as the only black female student in the ninth grade at Baker County High School.

"There were some things about being one of the only black students at the school that were tough, but I chose to focus on what was good," said Ms. Peterson-Lewis.

"I had fabulous teachers like Betty Sands. To Ms. Sands, every student had individual worth and merit. encouragement and respect. She was amazing."

Over time, many families in Babytowne had to sell their land. The property that had originally belonged to Marion DeGrate and was still in the Peterson-Lewis family was lost in an ownership dispute with another family whose property was directly adjacent.

Ms. Peterson-Lewis was at Temple University by that time, but came back for the court proceedings which the family ultimately lost.

Thereafter, for about six years,

she flew back to Macclenny, visited her mother and then left. She did not linger. It was too painful.

After her mother's death, she happened to cross paths with the last family to live in Babytowne. Their house trailer had recently burned to the ground and they were living elsewhere.

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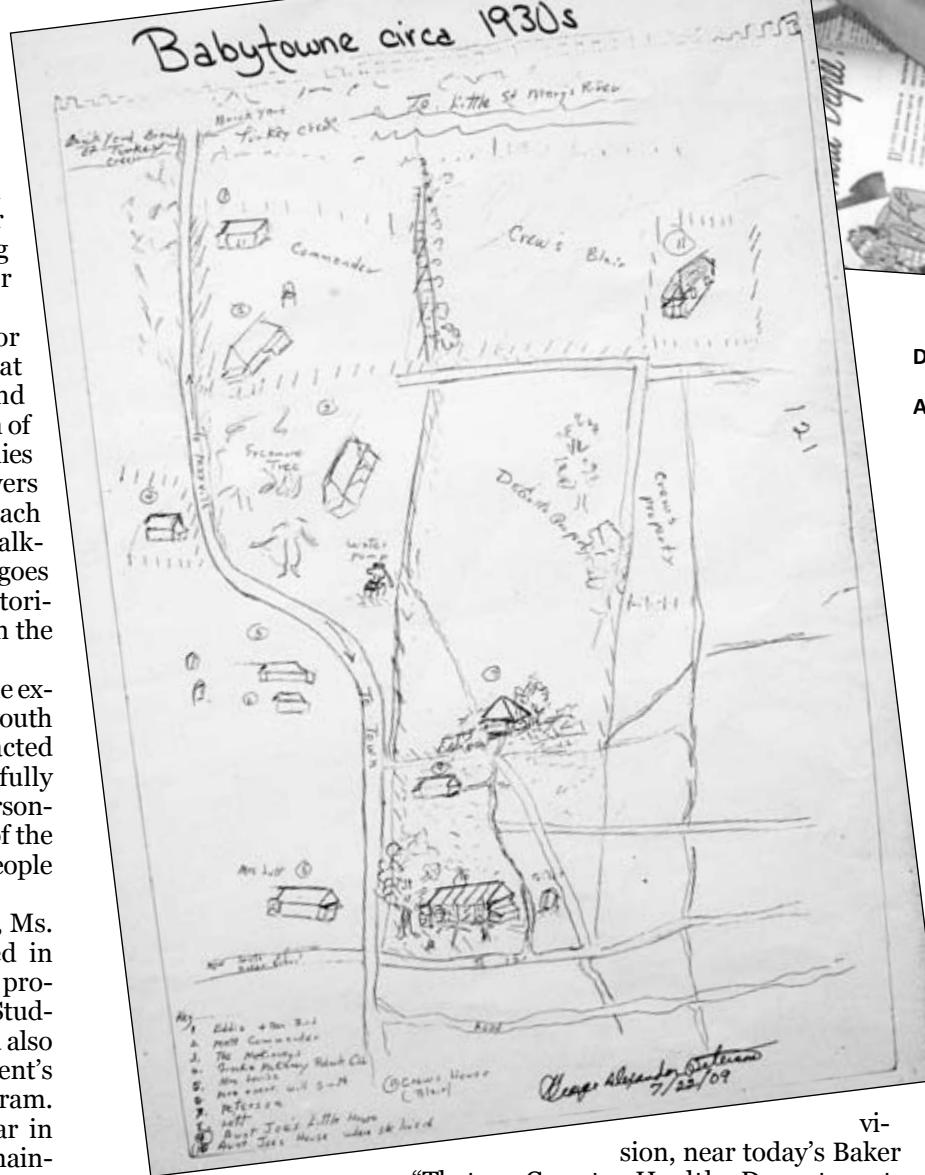
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She realizes many people may not understand how precious the small corner of earth is to her.

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PHOTOS BY KELLEY LANNIGAN
Dr. Peterson-Lewis conducting research in Macclenny.
At left, Babytowne map, circa 1930s, hand-drawn from memory by Dr. George Peterson.

tle thing, sometimes the bucket I carried was bigger than I was."

Ms. Peterson-Lewis regards that experience as one of the most valuable lessons of her life.

"Those early experiences helping him in the field taught me to set a goal and challenge myself to accomplish it," she said. "I am grateful to him for that."

She grew up surrounded by teachers, another thing that was to influence the course her life would ultimately take.

When she was only five, her uncle George Peterson started taking her to work with him. She sat in the science lab at Keller School where he taught. There she saw lots of snakes in aquariaums.

"We'd be walking through Babytowne sometimes and he would see a snake crawling through the grass. He'd run snatched it up, announcing its scientific name. Then he'd take it back to school with him."

Ms. Peterson-Lewis often stayed in Babytowne with her grandmother Mamie DeGrate Peterson, a language arts and Latin teacher at C.W. Brown Academy located on what was then Church Street, later renamed Martin Luther King Boulevard.

In later years after she retired, her grandmother would take a nap in the afternoon and some-

"That tree there, that was in my cousin Ruby's yard and over there was where my great Aunt Josephine had her garden. My mom called it 'the secret garden' because it was so secluded and private. Nothing much grew in the garden. I think she mostly went out there to relax."

Ms. Peterson-Lewis laughs as she talks about the garden's strange pear tree that only bore one pear at a time.

"My great aunt was gone by then, but we kids would always get a stick and knock that one

vision, near today's Baker County Health Department, when she was six. She often rode her bicycle back and forth to visit family that remained in Babytowne.

In the summer she helped her father, Edgar Latin Lewis, work his land. He was patient with her because she was so small, but he challenged her also.

"Now feel free to sit down if you get tired," he'd tease her, when he caught her resting between the rows of corn.

"You can't tote that, it's too big," he'd say, pointing to a heavy, full bucket.

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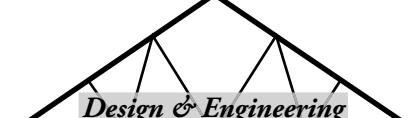
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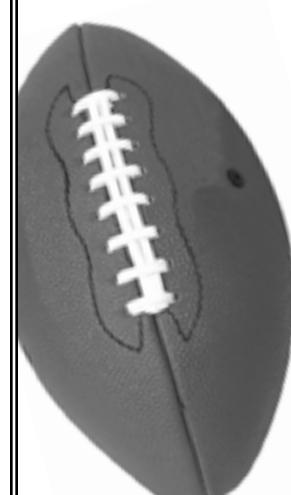
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1. To benefit low and moderate income persons; or
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing.

For each activity that is proposed, at least 51% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

In developing an application for submission to DCA, the Town of Glen St. Mary must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the Town of Glen St. Mary is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

The public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at Town Hall, 10046 N. Glen Avenue, Glen St. Mary, FL, on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. For information concerning the public hearing contact Mayor Juanice Padgett, P.O. Box 519, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040, (904) 259-3777.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Juanice Padgett at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Juanice Padgett at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (800) 955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Juanice Padgett at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

A Fair Housing workshop will be conducted immediately after the public hearing on the same date and at the same location.

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Kuyler Brogdon



Karter Koon



Rhoden - Mann

Summer vows

George and Janice Rhoden of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of daughter Traci Rhoden of Glen to Chris Mann of Sanderson. Chris is the son of Donald and Robin Mann, also of Sanderson.

The couple will be wed August 22 at 4:00 pm at Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church. All friends and family are invited to come and share in the joyous occasion.

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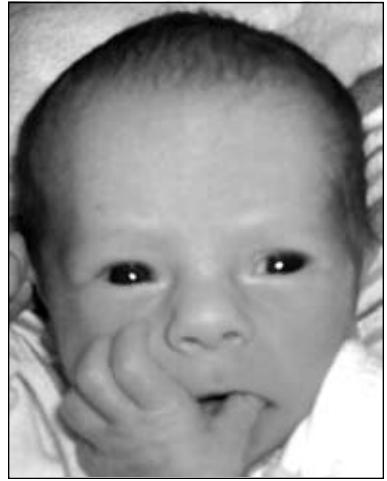
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Proud parents are Tabitha Daniels and Bobby Brogdon of Glen St. Mary. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Linda Daniels of Macclenny. Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Patricia Brogdon of Glen.



Hayden Windham

Daughter is born

Amy and Robert Koon of Macclenny are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Karter Alizabeth-Ann Koon. Karter was born July 17, 2009 at St. Vincent's Medical Center weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 20 1/4" long.

Proud grandparents are Robert and Patricia Anderson of Macclenny, Robert Koon Sr. of Raiford, Gary and Leann Little of Carson City, NV, Mildred Prevatt of Macclenny and Harold Roquet of Ottumwa, IA.



Ulloa - Manning

Born July 26th

Ray Windham and Brittany Anderson of Sanderson are pleased to announce the birth of Hayden Raeann Windham on July 26. She weighed 3 pounds, 2 oz. and was 15 3/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Tracy and Bud Rhoden, Kim and Terry Bennett and Nivin and Phyllis Windham, all of Sanderson, and Jody and Julie Anderson of Cuyler.

Wed July 31

José and Edwina Ortiz of Macclenny are proud to announce the marriage of son Steven Manning to Kimberly Ulloa of Key West.

Steven is an OS1 in the Navy and Kimberly is SSG in the Army.

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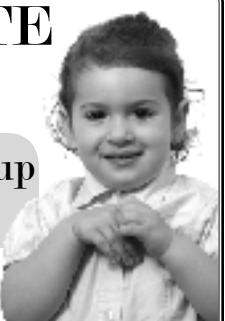
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Miss Rhoden graduated from Baker County High School in 2007 and is currently a senior in the Nursing Program at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

Stephanie is the granddaughter of Jean and Bobby Sapp and the great granddaughter of Daisy Doubly, all of Macclenny.

Mr. Todd Byron Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wilson, graduated from St. Paul's Episcopal High School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi where he was a member of the Golden Eagle football team.

Earns masters

Sus Belschner Austill of Macclenny graduated August 8 from Florida State University with a master's degree in social work. She had previously earned her bachelor's in health science education at University of North Florida.

Sus is currently employed as an emergency services evaluator with Northeast Florida State Hospital's Community Behavioral Healthcare Services.

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Sus sends heartfelt thanks to all who helped her survive cancer and finish her degree: Lisa and Kristina Austill; Sandy and Bruce Lyon; the Recovery Unit and the First United Methodist Church. "You can get old or get old with a degree."

Supply drive

The Baker County school district will hold its annual drive to collect school supplies for students in need, this Saturday, August 15, 2009, from 9:00 am to noon.

Volunteers will be collecting supplies at the following businesses: Wal-Mart, Food Lion, Winn Dixie, Walgreens, Dollar Tree, and the Dollar General in Macclenny and in Glen. Thank you for supporting the 2009-2010 school supplies Project!

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Obituaries must be submitted in a timely fashion and have a local connection. Pictures are printed with obituaries free of charge. The newspaper reserves the right to publish photos based on quality. It is requested that all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

Noah Caldwell, 74, of Bryceville

Noah Vernon Caldwell, 74, died Thursday, August 6, 2009. Mr. Caldwell was a native of Baker County and resided most of his life in Bryceville. He was a member of Victory Baptist Church.

Survivors include wife of 20 years, Myrtle Caldwell; sons Mark (Betty) Caldwell, Eddie Caldwell, Teddy (Jackie) Caldwell and Kevin (Jamie) Stewart; daughters Lisa Stewart and Melissa (David) Dunning; sisters Shirley (Ronnie) Moore, Faye (Earl) Mattox, Linda (Melvin) Brunson, Joan (Rick) Smothers and Delores (Johnny) Clemson; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; other loving family and dear friends.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 am August 11 at his church with Rev. Gary Wheeler officiating. Interment followed at Manntown Cemetery in Glen St. Mary. Corey-Kerlin Funeral Homes and Crematory of Jacksonville was in charge of arrangements.

Kevin Griffis, 47, of St. Augustine

Kevin Allen Griffis, 47, of St. Augustine died peacefully at his home Thursday evening, August 6, 2009 after a long illness. He was born in Macclenny and lived most of his life in Jacksonville.

He was the son of the late Ronnie Kelbor Griffis and Linda Hart Griffis. He was a 1980 graduate of Union County High School in Lake Butler and a 1974 graduate of Florida State University, where he played football.

Mr. Griffis was a branch manager of GMAC Financial in Jacksonville for 23 years. He was vice president of Bartram Trail High School Athletic Booster Club, where he coached football, t-ball, baseball and basketball.

Survivors include his loving wife of 22 years, Vickie West Griffis; sons James Kyle Griffis and Jared Allen Griffis, both of St. Augustine; brother Kelly (Kristen) Griffis of St. Petersburg; sister Kim (Charles) Myer of Evansville, IN.

The funeral service was held August 10 at 11:00 am at Fruit Cove Baptist Church in St. Johns County with Rev. Tim Maynard officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny. The family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. 130302 Deerwood Parkway Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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

Charlotte Mills, 52, of Sanderson

Charlotte Kay Mills, 52, of Sanderson died Saturday, August 8, 2009 at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital in Macclenny following a sudden illness. She was born in Sanderson and lived in Baker County all of her life.

Mrs. Mills was an admissions clerk at the Florida State



Charlotte Mills

Hospital for 21 years until her death and attended the Christian Fellowship Temple. She was preceded in death by father Fred "Bunny" Combs Jr.

Survivors include husband John D. Mills of Sanderson; son Nicholas Alfred (Erin of U.S. Army, Alaska) Engelage; mother Faye Yarborough Combs of Atmore, AL; sister Renee (Tommy) Wolfe of Atmore; brothers Jerry (Emy) Combs of NC, Bruce (Lisa) Combs of Winter Garden, FL and Clayton (Penny) Combs of Glen St. Mary; two grandchildren; seven nephews, two nieces and one great nephew.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am August 14 at her church with Rev. David Thomas officiating. Interment will be at Taylor Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 pm August 13 at Guerry Funeral Home.

'Pop' White, 76, of Bryceville dies

Hilton Leo "Pop" White, 76, of Bryceville, died in Jacksonville August 6, 2009 following a brief illness. Mr. White was born September 10, 1932 in Waycross, Georgia, the son of Lewis Vernon White and the former Mamie Louise Brooker. He was retired from Anheuser-Busch and an active member of Brandy Branch Baptist Church.

Survivors include wife of 56 years, Frances White; son Marvin (Candy) White; daughters Cindy (Tony) Perez, Bonnie (Daryl) Price and June (Randy) Braddock; five granddaughters; four grandsons; two great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; sister Helen (Ronnie) Williams; brother Red (Evelyn) White; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 am on August 10 at his church with Pastor Rusty Bryan and Rev. Ronnie Williams officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery with Matt White, Morgan Stokes, Connie White, Ned Lunn, Ronnie Lunn, Eugene White, Mitchell Reeves and Trenton Bradock serving as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers were Harold Watts, David Hunt, Clethan Johns, Virgil White, Maitland Dampier, Roy Bradock, Everette Davis and Marvin Stokes. Prestwood Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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In Loving Memory of Will Alexander

12/12/1976 - 8/12/2007

Well, today makes two years since you left. I miss you more today than you will ever know. I need my best friend back. There is so much I want to tell you and to talk to you about. I wish you were here so bad. I can picture you now with that silly grin on your face and you sitting around the house in those torn up jogging pants you used to wear all the time. Those are the days I wish I could get back. But I know deep down you are in a better place and happy as can be. Well there is not a day goes by that I don't think about you. You are in my heart forever and always.

I LOVE YOU BUDDY,
AMY

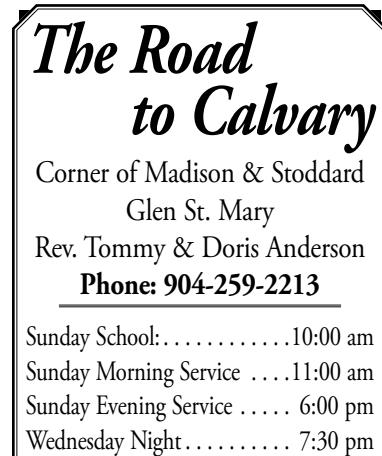


In Loving Memory of Tiffany Gail Christy

9/21/1987 - 8/16/2008

If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home. But I know God has a path for you, so you took His hand so He could set you free. But I wish He would have just left you with me. I know you are God's angel now, and you are happier than you could ever be.

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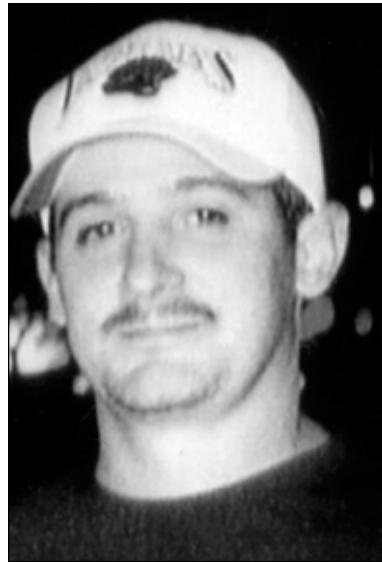
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Bobby Balkcom
1/10/1970 - 8/14/2006

My precious son, you will be gone from us three years this Friday. Mourning for you with an ache deep in my soul is a part of me and always will be. Through the prayers of many people, especially from Christian Fellowship Temple and Pastors David and Timmy Thomas, I have been brought from devastating sorrow and grief to an acceptance of how to live with my loss. They have shown me with kindness and understanding that God is in control, not us. Our family feels your loss, Bobby, but we know you are in an awesome place to be.

MISSING & LOVING YOU ALWAYS,
MOM, DAD, (BILL & JANET BOGGS), DAVID, KAREN & FAMILY



In Loving Memory
of my son
**Pender Logan
Raulerson**
8/16/1991 - 3/28/2007

If I had a dime for every time I thought of you I'd be a millionaire. And I'll tell you what I'd do, I'd find the world's best engineers and have them draw up some plans to build some stairs to Heaven to be with my little man.

LOVE,
MAMA FOREVER AND ALWAYS



In Loving Memory
of
Effie G. Perkins
5/20/1945 - 8/13/2003

Mama,
If we could bring you back again for one more hour or day, we will express all our unspoken love; we will have countless things to say. If we could bring you back again, we will say we treasured you and that your presence in our lives meant more than we ever knew. If we could bring you back again, to tell you what we should, you'd know how much we miss you now, and if we could, we would.

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PUDDIN



Pictured are Megan Donley, Imari Clark, Kayla Barton, Patrick Berry, Emma Broughman, Lashley Butler, Paul Carroll, Rondesia Clayton, Shayla Coleman, Delaney Gainey, James Godson, Shaylah Manning, Jerricka McKenzie, Amanda Memahan, Tihryn Mickens, Dwight Parker, Shakira Reed, Scott Rhoden, Annotonette Robinson and Darryll Youst.

20 Data Buster students Summer program a 'stepping stone'

Twenty students completing the Community Actions Agency's first-ever Data Busters program in Baker County were rewarded the evening of August 3 with a cake reception at Baker County Middle School.

The program combines classroom instruction on job and life skills like goal setting, money management, conflict resolution and interview preparation, with real-world work experience.

The students were paid to staff offices at the school district, the county and sheriff's department after being trained in Microsoft

programs like Word, Excel and Powerpoint.

Their duties included making copies, data entry and answering phones, said the agency's youth programs director Sam Miller.

All students received tickets to next month's Jaguars-Cardinals game and the top four performers received computers.

Imari Clark and Megan Donley were awarded Hewlett-Packard computers and printers while two others, Shayla Coleman and Tihryn Mickens, took home Palm Pilots.

"Our goal with this program

is to root out poverty and you are the stepping stones to making that happen," Mr. Miller told the students.

Family and friends were on hand for the celebration, which included encouraging words from the agency's director John W. Edwards and School Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson, who helped conduct interviews for participation in the program.

"We could tell from the start, through your heart, sincerity and dedication, that even though this program is new, it would be successful," she said.

Likes Swamp, San Jose

BOB GERARD
PRESS STAFF

I don't ordinarily do reviews of local restaurants, reserving them for out of town eateries. So these aren't exactly reviews of the two newest restaurants in town. Instead, they are just impressions from my visits to The Swamp and San Jose.

A couple of things impressed me about The Swamp, located where the old Woody's restaurant sat for years on South 6th St. in Macclenny. The Swamp offers an impressive menu and friendly service.

You can get a lot of variety, from burgers to steaks to specialty items. There is a lot on the menu to keep you happy.

I had conch fritters and jambalaya and was a happy camper with the results.

The service was very friendly and owner Fred Rhoden made a tour of the tables to be sure that the clientele was happy. They all seemed pretty pleased.

As you can tell from the name, The Swamp is a sports bar with televisions tuned to sports stations as well as 24-hour news outlets.

I've been waiting patiently for San Jose to open. Okay, not patiently at all because I miss my Mexican food. I don't like having to drive to Jacksonville to get Mexican and now I don't have to.

San Jose is just off the interstate next door to the Travelodge. There have been quite a few restaurants at that address and I was happy to see that the new owners have done extensive renovations.

Oddly enough, San Jose has the same two things going for it that recommended The Swamp. The menu is strong and the staff is very friendly.

This is authentic Mexican cuisine. You can get all your favorite

burritos, tacos and enchiladas or an assortment of more unusual dishes.

I'm a big fan of fajitas from my time living in Texas and these were terrific. I had fajitas Mexicana that had most of the traditional ingredients as well as chorizo — spicy Mexican sausage.

There's nothing fancy about San Jose, but it is clean, a good at-

mosphere and the service is very good and very friendly. The food came to the table quickly and the waiters and owner checked back often to see how we were enjoying our meal.

It's nice not having to drive to Jacksonville on occasion.

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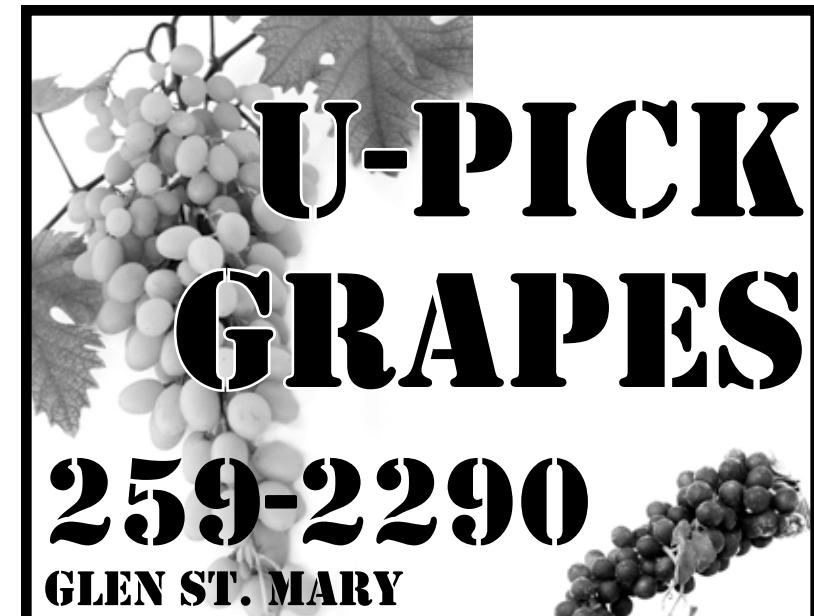
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Any support or objections may be heard at a public hearing to be held at the Glen St. Mary Town Hall on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call (904) 259-3777 or fax a written request to (904) 259-5464.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to an appeal of a denial by the Local Planning Agency of an application submitted by Troy and Trey McCullough on behalf of the Estate of Barbara G. Dugger, to be granted a Temporary Use Permit in reference to Section 3.05.51 on property located on Mud Lake Road in Baker County Florida. The applicant is requesting a Temporary Use Permit with an expiration date of 12 months from the approval date of the request. The purpose of the request is to operate a business for motor sport recreational activities known as Mud Lake Mud Bog LLC. The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will consider the request at a public hearing rescheduled for August 25, 2009, at 6:00p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Baker County School Board Meeting Room, 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, FL. On the date above-mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the appeal of the determination of the Temporary Use Permit request. Written comments for or against the Temporary Use Permit request 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 Temporary Use request may be inspected in the Planning and Zoning Department by any member of the public. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations 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.

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YARD SALES



Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-noon, 9925 Barber Loop, Macclenny.

Friday, 7:00 am-?, 125 N. to 122, Taylor. Gigantic yard sale, four family

Friday, 8:00 am-?, 8478 Claude Harvey Road, off 139B in Glen. Lots of clothes and miscellaneous.

Friday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm, 121 south to Estates Street, follow signs.

Friday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am-3:00 pm, West Thomas Circle. Two family

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-?, 717 Chipshot Drive. Freezer, gun cabinet, wagon wheels, bird cages, grill, game cube games, clothes.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am - ?, Lucy and Ethel's yard sale. Corner River Circle and Suzanne Drive. Hand crochet bedspread - full, Christmas comforter - full, nice childrens clothes for school, nice adult clothes, some larger men's sizes, new 22 calibar Dale Earnhardt rifle and collectibles, craft supplies and fabrics, Dreamsicle collection, men's junk table, books.

Friday and Saturday, 7:30 am-1:00 pm, Around from girls softball field to Ivy Street. Moving sale. Baby items, maternity clothes, furniture, etc. Two family

Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Corner of Cardinal and Ivy. Lots of stuff, cheap prices. Everything must go.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-2:00 pm, 10746 Morningside Lane. Hwy. 125, right on Madison, right on Morningside.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-?, Ivy Street. Lots of stuff. Three family

Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, 8400 Brown Road, Macclenny. Furniture, window A/C, portable sewing machines, etc.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-noon, 835 Miltondale Road. Multi family

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am - noon, 7698 Mud Lake Road. Exercise equipment, pool table, clothes, collectibles, books. Everything must go.

Friday and Saturday until noon, 6807 Glen Hills Lane at the end of Park Street. Follow the signs. Furniture, decorating items, kids clothes and much more.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am - noon, 228 west 1/2 mile past Walmart, under over pass, 2nd drive on right. Name brands - lots to choose from, girls sizes 6,8,10, 12 nice church dresses, womens sizes 12-16, mens also.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Glen 125 N. To 139B turn left, go to the second road on the right, Warren Thompson Road, it will be the second house on right. Name brand clothes, junior, boys 6-8, girls 12 months - 3T, mens and womens, home furnishings, pictures, desk with chair, server table, toys and more.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, 110 and 120 E. Boulevard North. Conner of Shuey Ave. Two family

Saturday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 6397 CR 23C, Macclenny. De-cluttering sale, remodeling and almost everything must go.

Saturday, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Behind Souls Harbour Church in Glen, US 90 to Stasi Road. Household items, furniture, baby/adult clothing, excellent condition. Everything must go.

Saturday, 9:00 am - noon, 208 S. Third Street. Lots of items, clothes, furniture, tools, etc. No early birds please

Saturday, 8:00 am - ?, 252 S. Second Street. Clothes all sizes, baby items, college books.

Saturday, 8:00 am - ?, Corner of Bob Kirkland Road and 23 A. Spacesaver treadmill, dining table with five chairs, tools, toys, clothes, shoes, periwinkle bridesmaid dress, white flower girl dress and much more.

3 BR, 1½ BA brick house, all electric, \$825/month, \$600 security deposit, in city limits, 715 Long Drive. 904-259-9797. 8/6tfc

3 BR, 2 BA doublewide in Georgia bend, large lot, \$650/month, \$600 deposit. 912-843-2093. 8/13-8/20p

2 BR, 1 BA apartment, washer/dryer hook-up, \$700/month, \$600 security deposit, one year lease. 351 N. Lower. 259-9797. 7/9tfc

2 BR, 1 BA central H/A, fenced yard located in Georgia bend, \$550/month, \$300 security deposit. Call Rick 904-259-6101. 8/13p

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During the 2009 regular legislative session, the Florida Homebuyer Opportunity Program was created. The Florida Homebuyer Opportunity Program (FHOP) which will be distributed through and operated under the SHIP program and administrators. The FHOP program requires that the funding be used up to \$8,000.00 in purchase assistance to applicants that are eligible to receive the federal first-time homebuyer tax credit. This assistance is to be repaid by the applicant when they receive their federal tax refund. Baker County will assist applicants "based on funding availability" for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

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For more information please contact Arlene Griffis at 904-259-6463 or pick up an application at the Baker County Board of Commissioners Administration Building located at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063.

knows?

After all, why would anyone in his right mind want to smell like a locker room?

But the NFL, always looking for a way to make money, figures that there is a niche market out there that wants to smell like the big boys smell. As a result, you have Old Spice and Head and Shoulders as official products. The deal is said to be worth \$10 million for the league.

Not to be outdone, the NBA has sanctioned Goldfish as the official basketball snack cracker. I hate to even imagine where this is going. An official jock strap? Rid as the official head lice treatment kit?

The list of possible products is endless.

I wish there was a way to license common sense, but unfortunately that hasn't been discovered yet.

Case in point is NHL star Pat-

rick Kane of the Chicago Blackhawks. Kane, a great skater and scorer, seems to have an anger management problem — which of course makes him a great asset in hockey.

But not in a cab. Kane and his cousin recently took a cab

ride that cost \$13.80. Kane's cuz gave the driver \$15 bucks. When the driver said he couldn't give them their \$1.20 in change, they punched him in the face, strangled him and broke his glasses.

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**Donate Gatorade to teams**

The Food Lion store in Macclenny this week launched a drive to collect Gatorade for donation to athletic teams at both Baker County High School and Baker County Middle School. Pictured here (from left) are Brittany Barton, Travis Reed, district manager Nathan Welch and store manager Matt Barfield. The store put Gatorade on sale this week, and asks patrons to purchase the drink and place bottles in a bin near the front cash registers. The drinks will go to the school's athletic departments, mostly for use at football practices now underway. The promotion is being run at Food Lions in the Jacksonville district.

Hunter safety course

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering three opportunities to take the free hunter safety course in Baker County.

Online completion days will be September 5, October 3 and November 7.

Instruction will take place from 8:00 am-5:00 pm in Olustee. Students who have taken the online course and want to complete the classroom portion must bring the online-completion report with them.

The class location will be given to those who register in advance by calling the regional office at 386-758-0525 or going online at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

All firearms, ammunition and materials are furnished free of charge. Students should bring a pen or pencil and paper. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The hunter safety course is required for everyone born on or after June 1, 1975, to purchase a Florida hunting license. The FWC course satisfies hunter safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

Jaguar practices open twice a day

Things are starting to heat up at the Jaguar training camp. The team had a full contact scrimmage in preparations for a tough week of training. The Jaguars open the pre-season with a game against downstate rivals the Miami Dolphins next Monday in Miami and as the start of the season approaches the intensity of practices increases.

Plenty of players have looked good. Rookie tight end Tyler Lorenzen has been catching the ball well. Free agent signing Torry Holt is expected to lead the receiving corps this season, but they are limiting the veteran to just one practice a day.

Maurice Jones-Drew is the feature back this year since Fred Taylor was traded to the Patriots (otherwise known as the rich getting richer). He's looked good as has Rashad Jennings. The rookie scored a touchdown in practice, but also got on Jack Del Rio's bad list with a fumble in the scrimmage.

The Jaguars are on the practice field twice a day, taking the field at 9:00 am and again at 4:00 in the afternoon. Holt practices during the afternoon session.

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