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## Pledges space for parole office in the area

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There's one in Palatka, two in Lake City and a handful in Jacksonville. But there has not been a probation and parole services office in Baker County for the last 13 years.

That's unacceptable, according to public officials on the Baker County Public Safety Coordinating Council, which met for the first time December 7.

Such councils are tasked by Florida statutes to monitor and make recommendations to address overcrowding in local jails. They've been operating in Alachua County for years, said State Attorney Bill Cervone, one of more than a dozen court, law enforcement and county officials serving on the local council.

"It [overcrowding] is constant," he said. "We've been doing this in one form or another since the 80s."

But with the new jail operating at less than half of its 508-bed capacity, under-crowding has been the issue in Baker County. It's led to furloughing jail staff two days a month until Immigration and Customs Enforcement increases its supply of inmates.

"The facility being here has taken care of what the statute seems to address," said County Commissioner Michael Crews, who chaired the proceedings.

However, the council is also charged with formulating recommendations on probation, work-release and drug abuse programs; plus other pre- and post-incarceration matters.

"This is an area where we can do some work," said county Judge Joey Williams, adding those programs impact the entire community and should be addressed across jurisdictional boundaries.

He soon questioned why the Florida Department of Corrections no longer maintains a probation and parole office locally. "What's the linchpin? What would it take to have DOC get an office over here?" Mr. Williams asked.

Most agreed it was likely the costs associated with a new office — basically leasing space and hiring staff.

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## Deputies and kids go shop for toys

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## A silver medal in Mobile

### Former Olympian Dubé does the honors

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Two men from Macclenny were at the American Open Weightlifting Championships last weekend in Mobile, Ala., but neither knew about the other's presence.

That is, they didn't make the connection until former world champion weightlifter and Macclenny resident Joe Dubé, who was invited as a guest to the event, discovered former Baker High standout Thomas Braddy won a silver medal on December 13.

Mr. Dubé soon swapped presentation duties with another guest and draped the award around the young lifter's neck.

"I was so pleased and honored to be able to go up there and do that," said Mr. Dubé.

The American Open is USA Weightlifting's second largest tournament of the year. It was also Braddy's first time competing against more experienced lifters.

"I'm still a little sore," he said the following day. "But it was one of the funnest meets I've ever had. I expected to place fifth because it was some of the toughest competition I've faced in my career."

After six lifts though, the Northern Michigan University freshman had a silver medal in the 231-pound class.

Braddy lifted 282 pounds in the snatch and 412 pounds in the clean and jerk, all while setting five personal records and four among lifters from Florida.

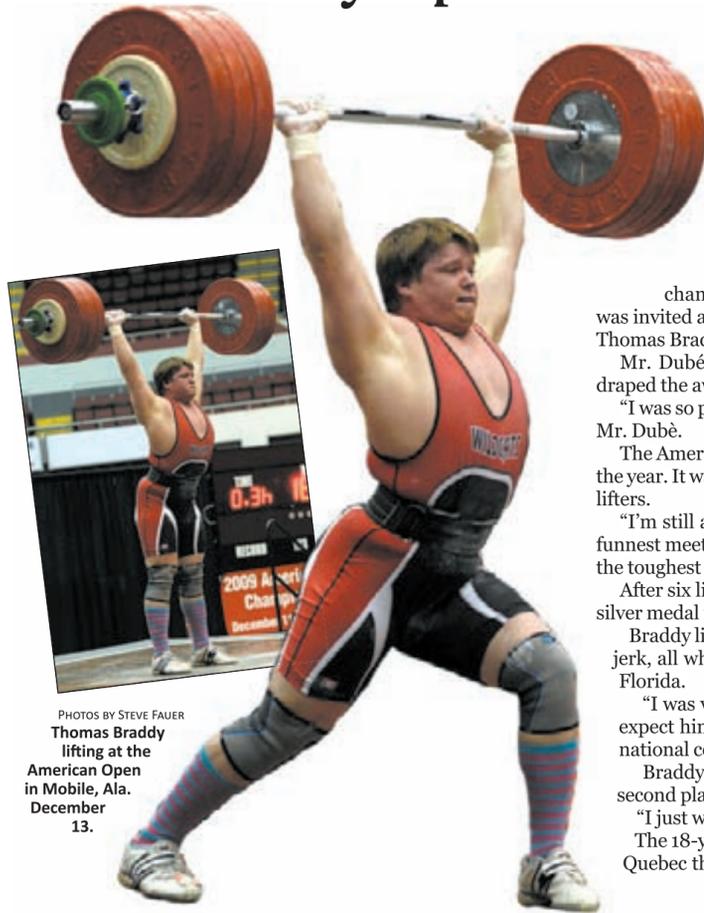
"I was very proud of him," said mother Lisa Braddy. "We didn't even expect him to medal. He's a junior national lifter and this was a senior national competition. It was open to all ages."

Braddy said it was his last 412-pound clean and jerk that secured the second place finish, instead of fourth or fifth.

"I just went out there and gave it my all for six lifts," he said.

The 18-year-old also recently finished second at a junior tournament in Quebec that included lifters from the US and Canada. It was the young

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PHOTOS BY STEVE FAUER  
Thomas Braddy lifting at the American Open in Mobile, Ala. December 13.

## Predator arrested for repeat trashing of signs

One of five convicted sexual predators residing in Baker County was arrested December 11 after he was seen by a deputy sheriff backing over a sign on the public right-of-way in front of his residence in the Macclenny II subdivision.

Police say Felix Torres, 30, had repeatedly pulled up signs calling attention to the fact that

a sexual predator resides at his Maple St. address.

Police in Florida's 67 counties have the option of placing the signs, and Baker County is one that does.

Investigator John Hardin, who is assigned to sex crimes, noted in his incident report that Mr. Torres was suspected of pulling up at least eight signs that had been placed beside the road in the residential neighborhood south of Interstate 10 since May.

That prompted the sheriff's department to affix a metal sign in a concrete base in front of the Torres residence and those of the four other sexual predators on December 10.

The next evening Deputy Erik Deloach said he was parked nearby the residence at Maple and Pine, and observed Mr. Torres drive up to the sign in his pickup truck and back over it. His wife Lizbet was in the vehicle as well, but was not charged.

Investigator Hardin said he questioned Mr. Torres on previous occasions about the missing signs, and the suspect insisted neighborhood children were responsible. The night of his arrest, the second deputy noted that Mr. Torres protested his innocence, claiming "that sign was on private property."

Mr. Torres, employed as a mechanic in Jacksonville, was adjudicated a predator in 1997 for sexual battery on a juvenile. His victim was said to be a year old.

He is charged with failure to comply with rules governing sexual predators, a third-degree felony, and criminal mischief.

The sheriff's department says it has not experienced similar problems with signs near the property of other predators.



Felix Torres

Read the letter to the editor on page 3 regarding this case.

## 'Plantation push' for toys

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Thanks to the residents of Old Nursery Plantation south of Glen St. Mary, the Macclenny Fire Department's Christmas for Kids toy drive exceeded its goal of giving gifts to 250 needy families this year.

Over 11 days the neighborhood donated more than 100 presents, which were collected under the Christmas tree of organizer Larry Porterfield the morning of December 15.

The department's fire chief Buddy Dugger was touched by the residents' generosity when he arrived with other firefighters to pick up the toys.

"I'm overwhelmed," he said. "I am so happy."

The donations mean that an approximately 50 more families can be included in this year's program, many of whom have been turned away in recent weeks.

"It breaks your heart to tell those people when they call you you can't help," said Chief Dugger.

After discovering that the annual toy drive was about 25 percent short of meeting its target, Mr. Porterfield printed flyers on how to help and distributed them among his neighbors.

"As a kid, I was on the receiving end of this," he said.

Word began to spread among residents and their friends and family, who began dropping off toys like stuffed animals, basketballs and games like *Battleship*. In less than two weeks, a large portion of Mr. Porterfield's living room carpet was covered in unwrapped Christmas gifts.

"I had people coming to my door that I didn't know from Adam. That's the great part about it," said the retired construction superintendent and 8-year resident of Old Nursery Plantation.

Even after Macclenny firefighters Joey Mathis, Bret Hig-

ginbotham and Tim Kirkland loaded the toys and left the Juniper Road residence, Mr. Porterfield received yet another bag of donations.

He pledged next year to invite others, specifically those in the Macclenny II, Copper Creek and Whispering Pines subdivisions, to participate in a toy drive contest to see which can raise the most donations.

The fire department had high hopes for the toy drive, aiming to assist 100 more families than it did last year, despite the sour economy. And while Old Nursery Plantation's effort will help surpass that goal, Chief Dugger credited a number of other groups that joined the Christmas for Kids program as well.

Donations have been collected by the county fire department, Walmart, Calendars Pizzeria and Sports Bar, United States Championship Wrestling [USCW] and others.

USCW organizer Mike "Mr. B" Bennett said he was honored to take part in the program for the third consecutive year by taking toy donations in lieu of the admission price to last weekend's wrestling event at the fairgrounds.

"The event was very successful," he said. "Many toys were donated at the door for this cause."

For more information about the program or to donate, please call 259-3331.



PHOTOS BY JOEL ADDINGTON  
Tim Kirkland (left) and Bret Higginbotham of Macclenny fire rescue.

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# 8th grade science expo

## Hands-on science demonstrations

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The students became the teachers during Baker Middle School's annual Science Expo on December 11 when a select group of eighth graders demonstrated their science projects for visiting classmates from the sixth and seventh grades.

Teachers Lynn Miller, Jennifer Richardson and Angela Rhoden oversaw the expo, which included exhibits from core subject areas of chemistry, Newton's laws, erosion, friction, sound and gravity.

Prior to the event, students selected their projects and practiced demonstration models at home. All projects were then presented in class, with the very best being chosen for the expo.

The student instructors used hands-on exercises to show the principles of each project while visiting students either observed or participated in the demonstrations and recorded information on study sheets.

Jacob Turner and Abby Hinson's project explored the characteristics and behavior of gravity.

"We learned that men and women have a different center of gravity because of the physical structure of their bodies," said Ms. Hinson. "It tends to be lower for women who have wider hips and higher for men, because their shoulders are broader."

Hinson and Turner used anatomical diagrams on their display boards to help illustrate the physical reasons for this.

They explained how to locate the center of gravity in various objects and Mr. Turner demonstrated by balancing a weighted model on the tip of his nose. He said he found instructions for the model on a Web site called sciencetoys.com.

Afterwards the two were ready to take their project to another level — the metaphysical — and



Alex Oliver is lifted up by Abby Hinson (foreground) and other students in an experiment.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

demonstrate the power of mind over matter, whereby they appear to defeat gravity with ease.

Student Alex Oliver volunteered to be the guinea pig to demonstrate a curious event known anecdotally as, "light as a feather, strong as an ox."

She sat in a chair and the other students surrounded her with their hands over her head to focus their attention and energy. They placed their index fingers under specific points of her body such as the back of the knees and under the arms while visualizing lifting her with no effort, thus "defying" gravity.

When she rose in the air, the

students were surprised they could lift her with barely any effort. The "trick" simply distributed that weight of the girl evenly, making her easy to manipulate.

# Felony drug counts against man whose speaker was blaring

Police arrested a Macclenny man about midnight on December 13 for felony drug possession after officers went to his S. College St. apartment to investigate an excessive noise complaint.

Deputy Brandon Kiser said he detected a strong odor of marijuana smoke coming from inside the upstairs residence of Charles Unartel, 21, who admitted to smoking the substance earlier with friends. Police had been summoned on a complaint of loud music coming from a speaker in a front window of the apartment.

The occupant consented to a search of the apartment, and Deputy Kiser said it yielded 26 grams of pot, sufficient for the felony count, plus two electronic scales, a smoking pipe, rolling papers and a device to crush marijuana leaves.

Because some of those items are commonly associated with sale of the drug, Mr. Unartel was booked on a secondary charge of possession with intent to sell.

Both charges are third-degree felonies.

In other arrests:

- Felicity Crawford, 32, of Macclenny was arrested for disorderly intoxication and assault following an altercation at an address on North 3rd St. the afternoon of December 8.

Deputy David Nichols said when he answered a disturbance call, he found Ms. Crawford standing outside the residence yelling threats to Amberay Reed, 20, and Vanna Hamilton, 26, who live there. The officer detected a strong odor of alcohol on Ms. Crawford, who also resisted being restrained with handcuffs and refused to calm herself.

She was also issued a trespass warrant barring future visits to the address.

- William Ferguson, 40, of Sanderson was arrested the evening of December 8 for driving on a license with four prior suspensions.

Deputy Matt Sigers said he recognized Mr. Ferguson at the wheel of a 1995 Ford pickup on northbound CR 127 about 9:00 and knew of the suspended license.

He stopped the vehicle near 5 Churches Rd.

- Sgt. Thomas Dyal arrested Jesse Norris, 29, of New Paris, Ohio after stopping his speeding vehicle on Interstate 10 near Macclenny the evening of December 8.

The officer learned via a computer check that Mr. Norris' license had been suspended in Georgia, and warrants for him were outstanding there and in Colorado.

# Silver medal...

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man's first Pan-American tournament.

Mr. Dubé, 65, is the last American male to win an Olympic weightlifting championship, doing so in Warsaw, Poland in 1969. He also secured the bronze medal at the Summer Olympics in Mexico City the year before.

Braddy graduated from BCHS last spring after helping the Wildcats to their second straight state weightlifting title.

He dominated the 238-pound class with a 425-pound bench press and 345-pound clean and jerk for a 770-point total. His nearest competitor trailed by 70 points.

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# Pledges office space

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"We want an office here," said Jennifer Luke, supervisor of the Starke probation and parole office, the closest location to Baker County. "We had a man ride his bike from the Boy Scout camp and pass out."

The 8th Judicial Circuit's chief judge Martha Lott advised the group that she would contact circuit administrator Shelia Smalls about the matter. County Manager Joe Cone said office space could be furnished by the county if the department would consider

manning it.

Ms. Luke said the space would only be needed on Mondays and Tuesdays to coincide with weekly court schedules.

An inquiry submitted to the Department of Corrections about why a probation and parole office no longer exists in Baker County went unanswered for more than a week prior to publication of this edition.

The council's next meeting is set for February 15 at noon at the sheriff's administration complex on N. CR 228.

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## Probation, parole office needed

### On Point In Print

Joel Addington

There's a lot you can't find in Baker County — a book store, movie theatre or Target store all come to mind. Not so apparent is the lack of a probation and parole office, and that's way more disheartening.

One can expand his or her shopping options easily by going online. More than half of the Christmas gifts we purchased this year came from Overstock.com or Amazon.com.

It's also simple enough to either wait until movies get released on DVD, or when there's something you just have to see as soon as possible, make the trek into Jacksonville. Both a pretty minor inconvenience when you consider Baker County's wide-open spaces, country lifestyle and uncongested roadways.

The absence of local probation and parole services, however, is an obstacle that's more difficult to overcome and one that doesn't do the community any favors in the long run.

The nearest office is 28 miles from Macclenny in Starke. That's a roughly 45-minute ride and two hours or more round trip, depending the length of the visit.

Now I know what you're thinking: *Well, tough. They should have thought about that before breaking the law.*

And I would say the same, if there was a local branch.

Having to check-in with authorities once a week, whether you get there by foot or bike or catching a ride, is a pain in the rear and one that folks convicted of crimes shouldn't be spared. It's part of proving they can live amongst the law abiding without causing harm.

But that should be the test — whether they can stay off drugs, stop stealing or refrain from violence — not whether they have transportation at least one day a week.

Reporting in on a lunch break (instead of asking your manager for two hours off each week) is an opportunity offenders here don't have.

When the reparations go beyond burdensome and start to hinder a person's ability to stay out of trouble, like in the case of those with suspended licenses, the process is working against society's best interest.

For those who lack the support of family and friends or a properly insured and registered vehicle or are working overtime to payoff court costs and restitution, the distance between here and Starke makes compliance that much more difficult.

In the words of County Commissioner Michael Crews, a former sheriff's deputy, "It's a constant piling on ... It's not fair."

Probation and parole should be avenues of redemption, not just an alternate form of punishment. And while there are some defendants beyond redemption, the ones who aren't shouldn't have to leave their county to comply with orders originating there.

County administrators have pledged office space to Florida Department of Corrections staff to help minimize the cost of bringing parole and probation services here. Perhaps the department should compare the cost of

manning the space two days a week as the Starke office supervisor recommended (see my story in this week's edition) with that of re-incarcerating violators who fail to report in. I wonder if the department has compared the frequency of violations now versus the period prior to 1996 when those under court supervision could check in locally.

Navigating parole or probation successfully is probably less commonplace than it should be and any way to help change that, like placing an office within the county, would go a long way in saving taxpayer dollars and increasing the chances that criminals stay straight.

## ----- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ----- Replacing signs unfair

Dear Editor:

Is it fair for Baker County police officers to keep placing signs in someone's yard if they are sexual offenders? Did anyone ever stop to think that this causes more harm than good?

What about the rights of the other members living at that home?

I think that this is unjustly enforced, and no one should go to jail for removing a sign from their front yard.

Every person has the right to go online and look up this information — it's free and available to the public. So why post it for

everyone to see?

They do not post "Here lives a murderer or a burglar," so why a sexual predator? It's not like this is done in any of the other cities or counties nearby.

Lizbet Torres  
Macclenny

*(Signs are posted on the public right-of-way in front of residences of convicted sexual predators only — not convicted sexual offenders — in Baker County.)*

## Welfare better?

Dear Editor:

I have a question for the 55.9 percent who voted in your online poll last week that the City of Macclenny should not employ persons with criminal histories.

What if that person was your son or daughter? Better yet, what if it was you? Are you so perfect that you always use your seat belt? Have you even gone over the speed limit? Those are against the law. Hmmm.

I'm currently in prison and I have done everything in my power to better myself so I'll never have to resort to my past activities to survive. I've earned a GED, completed two trade schools and several self-betterment classes.

But to that 55.9 percent, that doesn't matter. We, in your eyes, still don't deserve a chance. How do you suggest I take care of my children? Should I go on welfare so you can then take care of a criminal and her children? I think not.

I'll admit that poor choices brought me here, but I refuse to come home to Macclenny and allow you to stop me from doing what is right. Are you scared that we criminals can do the job and maybe even do a better job? Why not give us the chance to prove we have changed, and allow the city and other employers to hire us.

So, to you 55.9 percent who voted no, I'm coming home soon and I won't allow you to hinder me from getting a job and taking care of my children. Maybe I'll get a job at the City of Macclenny. Pull up a chair for me or, you never know, it could be your chair I'll be sitting in!

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## Cat behavior; an obsessive form of flattery

Having had a cat or two or sometimes more than a few around the house for most of my life, I've had ample opportunity to observe their behavior.

### THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

They are as individual as humans in their personalities and often just as quirky as we are. When I talk to cat owners, I hear the same stories about their habits.

Between my landlady and myself, we own five and take care of a few strays. The latest addition to our feline family is Will, whose smoky color and startling blue eyes are hints of his pos-

sible Siamese heritage. As all our permanent kitty residents have come to us as strays, their specific antecedents remain mysterious.

Will showed up as a small kitten, apparently abandoned. It didn't take much for this little fur ball to worm his way into our affections. He likes to come inside in the morning and hang out in the bathroom as I'm getting ready for work. For some reason, he's fond of my shoes, biting the heels, curling his body around them, hugging them to his tummy. Or he lies on top of them.



This isn't the first fixation with human clothing that I've observed in a cat. Every one I've ever owned exhibits the same behavior. The entire bed can be at their disposal, but where do they choose to nap? Directly on top of the one shirt lying on the covers at the foot of the bed.

Chase off the cat and relocate the shirt to the head of the bed and when they return they will lie on it. Chase them off again and put the shirt in the middle of the bed and when they return — you get the idea.

The same for the sofa, the floor, a table or anywhere else clothes might be temporarily resting. I've actually done controlled experiments with this and the result is always the same.

"It's because your clothes have your scent on them," is the expla-

nation some people give me. That seems plausible in part, but this happens with clothes fresh from the laundry or just purchased items I've not had a chance to even hang up yet.

My cat Jemimah can sleep anywhere in the house she wants, but where do I consistently find her? The laundry basket.

I've had to cultivate the habit of throwing an old towel over its contents to keep my wardrobe from being overtaken with cat hair. Moving it around doesn't help either, as the former illustration with the shirt on the bed explains.

I've purchased several cat beds over the last few years and do you think they will sleep in them? Of course not.

And then there's the matter of where they want to sit or lie when

you're trying to read or type or fill out paperwork. Without fail, it's directly on top of whatever you're doing and no other spot is acceptable — sort of like the bed and the shirt. They've got the entire room, but on top of your open book is the most premium real estate.

Put them down and they come right back. Put them down and they come right back. Put them down and ... well, you can't win. It is, in the least, an obsessive form of flattery. Humans can be inconsistent. With cats you come to know what to expect.

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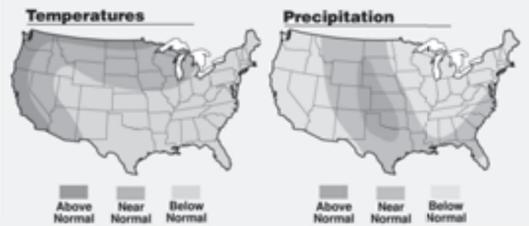
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High: 65° Low: 47°	High: 63° Low: 43°	High: 61° Low: 34°	High: 57° Low: 28°	High: 57° Low: 29°	High: 58° Low: 41°	High: 60° Low: 49°

## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

December 17 - December 23



## Tides

Location	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23
<b>Cedar Key</b>	1:03 a.m.	1:42 a.m.	2:20 a.m.	3:00 a.m.	3:41 a.m.	4:27 a.m.	5:21 a.m.
First low	8:28 a.m.	9:01 a.m.	9:32 a.m.	10:03 a.m.	10:34 a.m.	11:07 a.m.	11:43 a.m.
Second high	3:05 p.m.	3:36 p.m.	4:06 p.m.	4:35 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:37 p.m.	6:12 p.m.
Second low	8:09 p.m.	8:47 p.m.	9:26 p.m.	10:07 p.m.	10:51 p.m.	11:40 p.m.	—
<b>Jacksonville Beach</b>	8:23 a.m.	9:02 a.m.	9:39 a.m.	10:16 a.m.	10:52 a.m.	11:31 a.m.	12:12 p.m.
First low	2:03 a.m.	2:42 a.m.	3:19 a.m.	3:57 a.m.	4:36 a.m.	5:19 a.m.	6:09 a.m.
Second high	8:31 p.m.	9:10 p.m.	9:49 p.m.	10:29 p.m.	11:10 p.m.	11:53 p.m.	—
Second low	2:48 p.m.	3:25 p.m.	4:02 p.m.	4:38 p.m.	5:17 p.m.	5:57 p.m.	6:42 p.m.
<b>Mayport</b>	9:02 a.m.	9:39 a.m.	10:14 a.m.	10:49 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	12:02 p.m.	12:29 a.m.
First low	2:11 a.m.	2:49 a.m.	3:25 a.m.	4:01 a.m.	4:39 a.m.	5:23 a.m.	6:13 a.m.
Second high	9:12 p.m.	9:50 p.m.	10:29 p.m.	11:07 p.m.	11:47 p.m.	—	12:41 p.m.
Second low	3:01 p.m.	3:39 p.m.	4:16 p.m.	4:52 p.m.	5:28 p.m.	6:06 p.m.	6:47 p.m.
<b>St. Augustine</b>	8:29 a.m.	9:08 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	10:22 a.m.	10:58 a.m.	11:37 a.m.	12:18 p.m.
First low	2:05 a.m.	2:44 a.m.	3:21 a.m.	3:59 a.m.	4:38 a.m.	5:21 a.m.	6:11 a.m.
Second high	8:37 p.m.	9:16 p.m.	9:55 p.m.	10:35 p.m.	11:16 p.m.	11:59 p.m.	—
Second low	2:50 p.m.	3:27 p.m.	4:04 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	5:19 p.m.	5:59 p.m.	6:44 p.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday ..... 7:19 a.m.  
 Sunset Thursday ..... 5:31 p.m.  
 Moonrise Thursday ..... 8:18 a.m.  
 Moonset Thursday ..... 6:37 p.m.

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## Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Dec. 14.

**Temperature**  
 High/Low for the week ..... 81°/40°  
 Normal high/low ..... 66°/45°  
 Average temperature ..... 63.3°  
 Normal average temperature ..... 55.6°

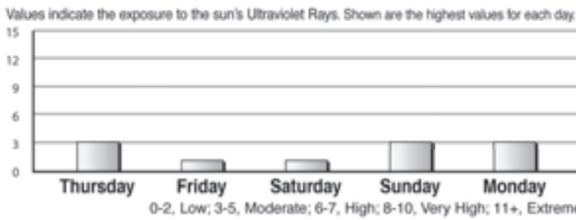
**Precipitation**  
 Total for the week ..... 3.33"  
 Total for the month ..... 5.25"  
 Total for the year ..... 58.60"  
 Normal for the month ..... 1.11"  
 Normal for the year ..... 50.81"

## 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
Dec 17	11:04 a.m.	4:51 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	5:17 p.m.
Dec 18	11:27 a.m.	5:44 a.m.	—	6:09 p.m.
Dec 19	12:21 p.m.	6:37 a.m.	12:49 p.m.	7:01 p.m.
Dec 20	1:17 a.m.	7:29 a.m.	1:40 p.m.	7:52 p.m.
Dec 21	2:08 a.m.	8:19 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	8:40 p.m.
Dec 22	2:56 a.m.	9:06 a.m.	3:17 p.m.	9:27 p.m.
Dec 23	3:42 a.m.	9:52 a.m.	4:02 p.m.	10:12 p.m.

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# Step-dad alleges threat Admits to grabbing gun, not aiming

A criminal complaint alleging aggravated assault with a knife resulted from a confrontation at a residence off CR 127 north of Sanderson the evening of December 11.

The complaint was made against the 17-year-old step-son of James Walker, 35, who lives at the address. Both Mr. Walker and another step-son told Deputy Matt Sigers the argument began after Mr. Walker urged the step-son to take his girlfriend, age 16, home about 9:00. The two argued in a bedroom, and the step-son allegedly retrieved a pocket knife from a dresser and threatened Mr. Walker.

Both the step-father admitted he grabbed an unloaded shotgun during the melee, but did not point it at the step-son as he left with the girlfriend.

The accused was released in the custody of his natural father, and Deputy Sigers notified the Department of Children and Families due to the presence of other juvenile age persons at the residence that evening.

In other recent cases:  
 • Lance Rewis, 29, of Macclenny was arrested for battery following an altercation at Mac's Liquors downtown the night of December 11.

Deputy Brandon Kiser said he arrived at the bar on US 90 to find Mr. Rewis swinging violently in the

direction of William Cooler, 39, of Macclenny. Earlier, bar owner Joyce Truluck had asked Mr. Cooler to calm Mr. Rewis down after he allegedly started several "minor altercations."

Mr. Rewis began swinging at him when approached, according to Mr. Cooler. The deputy noted bruising on the victim's face.

• A criminal complaint was filed December 10 against Desiree Harris, 18, for violating a court order to stay away from a 13-year-old female neighbor off Clete Harvey Rd. south of Sanderson.

The mother of the teen called police alleging Ms. Harris approached her daughter on a school bus, and that the two were talking with each other that afternoon outside their residences in violation of the earlier order.

Deputy Robert Simpkins' report notes that the younger girl was taken to the community mental health center after allegedly threatening suicide if she had to leave with her mother.

• A complaint for battery was filed against a 44-year-old male mental patient at Northeast Florida State Hospital for striking employee Joshua Benjamin, 22, the afternoon of December 10. The employee told police he was struck in the head while tending to the patient in Building 32 about 4:00.

# Radios updated

The Emergency Operations Center, which moved into the sheriff's administration complex north of Macclenny last spring, is also about to complete a roughly \$351,000 project to update its dispatching system and purchase more compatible radios.

Previously, communications staff dispatched first responders at three different stations — one for police, one for fire and another for EMS.

Now they can dispatch all three from the same station. The new system also has the ability to bundle all first responders onto one channel during large-scale emergencies.

The new radios operate at both 700-megahertz and 800-megahertz frequencies, allowing responders to communicate with other jurisdictions sent to Baker County during emergencies or when local responders assist elsewhere.

The upgrades were funded through \$280,560 from the Department of Homeland Security's Public Safety and Interoperable Communications Grant program, which is aimed at improving cooperation among agencies during disasters.

The remaining project cost served as county's local match for the competitive grant program, which awarded \$968 million across the nation. The local burden was shared by the sheriff's office, Baker County, City of Macclenny and emergency services.

The new dispatch equipment is up and running, but the new radios are still being programmed. Emergency management director Adam Faircloth said that should be complete in the next few weeks.

# Postage stolen from hospital

A criminal complaint for petty theft was filed against a Northeast Florida State Hospital employee for mailing 13 packages to a Georgia inmate using boxes with postage paid by the hospital.

The allegations against Karla Morgan, 44, of Jacksonville were reported to police December 10 by Michael Crews, security chief at NEFSH. He identified her as an employee in the hospital's mail room.

Ms. Morgan reportedly sent packages over an unspecified time to inmate Steven McCloud at the Glynn County jail in Brunswick. Eleven of the boxes cost \$17.50 in postage and two additional ones \$13.05 each for a total of \$218.60. Deputy Christopher Walker noted in his report that Ms. Morgan admitted to the offense in a subsequent interview.

In other theft reports:  
 • Patricia Clark of Macclenny said her wallet, credit cards, identification and \$90 were taken while she was at the Walmart Supercenter on December 3.

When she reported her bank card stolen the following day, Ms. Clark learned it had been used in

Lake City for a \$75 purchase and again in Lake Butler for \$44.

• Christina Jones of Sanderson said a wallet and contents were taken from her purse while she attended a party December 10 at the Mathis House on the Glen St. Mary Nurseries property. She reported the incident December 13, and told police she last saw the wallet when she placed her purse on a table.

• Someone removed drainage grates December 10 from the roadway on Odys Yarbrough Rd. near its intersection with CR 125 north of Glen St. Mary.

Assistant Baker County Road Department superintendent Darrell Crawford said the absence of one of the 3-foot by 18-inch grates presented a traffic hazard

and it was replaced. Others were located near the Shoals Park entrance to the east. That section of road was recently reconfigured and repaved.

Value of the grates was not disclosed.

• Nothing was reported taken in a likely attempted burglary of a 1994 Ford belonging to Margo Gaskins and parked on E. Ohio in Macclenny during the early morning hours of December 11. The front driver side window was broken out.

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# Detained shoplifter has illegal pill stash

A Macclenny woman detained the afternoon of December 10 for shoplifting at Walmart was also charged with felony possession of various controlled drugs for which she did not have a prescription.

Misty Lee, 31, told police the 89 pills and 22 partial pills found in her possession belonged to a deceased grandmother. Deputy Koty Crews said the pills were in a small bag handed over by a Walmart employee who earlier observed Ms. Lee stuffing merchandise into a purse, pockets and boots before attempting to leave the store.

The inventory of stolen items numbered 23 and were valued at \$196.

Other than the drug possession and shoplifting charges, Ms. Lee faces an additional one for resisting when the employee detained her outside the store.

The pills in her possession were identified at Fraser Hospital, and ranged from the sleep aid Ambien to Methadone and an over-the-counter pain reliever.

Judith Calhoun, 62, of Macclenny was charged with taking \$70 in merchandise out the front door of Walmart the afternoon of December 9 without paying.

The items a store employee observed her concealing included a manicure set and glucose monitor.

Police also learned that Ms. Calhoun was ordered to stay away from CVS Pharmacy recently because of a similar incident.

Patricia Peterson, 37, of St. George, Ga. was detained leaving Walmart the afternoon of December 11 with underwear and a pregnancy test kit she allegedly took from the shelves and placed in a purse while being observed by a security worker.

She also tore price tags off the merchandise.



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

## Bank donates \$500 to Council on Aging

Wachovia Bank manager Helene Guest (left) presents Council on Aging director Mary Baxla and operations manager Ron Tyson with a \$500 check from Wachovia's corporate community grants foundation. "I was so impressed with the amount of activity at the senior center and how many people go there," Ms. Guest said. "It's great for those who have lost loved ones. When your partner goes, it's your whole world and to have an opportunity to socialize and enjoy games and have fun, well, I was just so impressed." The money will be used to help the center's seniors and volunteers celebrate Christmas. "We want every one of our caregivers and clients to have a gift for Christmas so they know that someone remembers them," Ms. Baxla said.



## Excellence award from MADD

Teen Court director Ryan Brannan of Macclenny was recently presented the Star of Excellence award by the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) organization. Pictured here with Angela Corey, 4th Circuit state attorney (left) and Linda Cason, the MADD affiliate chairman. Mr. Brannan received the honor at a recent recognition dinner held in Clay County. The partnership between MADD and Teen Court was formed over three years ago and includes a mandatory class that Mr. Brannan teaches to at-risk youths in Baker and Bradford counties on the dangers of drinking and driving, and of underage drinking.

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# Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Florida, will conduct a Public Hearing and adoption of the proposed Ordinance whose title herein after appears, to be heard Monday, December 21, 2009 commencing at 6:00pm, at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL. A copy of the proposed Ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court in the Baker County Courthouse in Macclenny, Florida. On the date mentioned all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to this proposed Ordinance.

#### ORDINANCE 2009-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BAKER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO AUTHORIZE A TAX ASSESSMENT REDUCTION FOR PARENT OR GRANDPARENT LIVING QUARTERS, PROVIDING A REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation of an interpreter to participate in these proceedings should contact the County Commissioners Office at 904-259-3613, at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

12/10-12/17  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION**  
Case No. **02-2009-CA-000034**  
Division

ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMIE D. STACKHOUSE; DARLENE JOHNSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND TRUSTEES OF CLARICE STACKHOUSE, DECEASED AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on November 24, 2009, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida described as:

**LOT 11, RIVERVIEW ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 72 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1994 DEST MOBILE HOME, SERIAL #038061**

and commonly known as: 23406 HASSIE JOHNS RD., SANDERSON, FL 32087; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, on January 26, 2010 at 11:00 a.m..

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

Dated this 30th day of November, 2009.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Bonnie Palleschki  
Deputy Clerk

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12/10-12/17

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
CASE NO.: **02-2009-CP-0046**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:  
NATHANIEL COPELAND,  
Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Nathaniel Copeland, Deceased, whose date of death was September 1, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 02-2009-CP-0046, the address of which is 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditor's of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS DECEMBER 10, 2009.

HUGH D. FISH, JR.  
FLORIDA BAR NO.: 0242861  
POST OFFICE BOX 531  
MACCLENNEY, FLORIDA 32063  
(904) 259-6006 OR 6705  
ATTORNEY FOR CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

NATALIE LEE  
MORRIS L. PAIGE  
CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES  
12/10-12/17

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 19th day of November, 2009, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and DIANE HODGES was defendant, being Case No. 2005-SC-80 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, Diane Hodges, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

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I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on January 12, 2010 at the hour of 11:00a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant's, Diane Hodges, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

JOEY B. DOBSON,  
Sheriff of Baker County, Florida  
By: Pamela L. Davis, D.S.

12/10-12/31  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO: **02-2009-CP-034**

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
GEORGE C. SEARCY,  
Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GEORGE C. SEARCY, deceased, whose date of death was July 28, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for BAKER County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 10, 2009.

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
PAUL J. HEALY, ESQUIRE  
Attorney for ELLA SEARCY  
Florida Bar No. 799955  
1830 Atlantic Blvd  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
Telephone: (904) 391 0029  
Fax: (904) 399 4540

Personal Representative:  
ELLA SEARCY  
6911 Gallardia Road  
Jacksonville, Florida 32211  
12/10-12/17

#### CITIZENS OF MACCLENNEY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE at the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 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:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1-14 DEFINITIONS OF CHAPTER ONE GENERAL PROVISION OF THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF MACCLENNEY FLORIDA TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR PRIVATE STREET; TO ADD DEFINITION FOR A DEFINITION FOR STREET, APPROVED PRIVATE; PROVIDING A DEFINITION FOR STREETS, PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 9 STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS OF THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF MACCLENNEY, FLORIDA, TO AMEND SECTION 9-2 GENERALLY TO ADD THE WORD (ADJECTIVE) APPROVED TO PRIVATE ROADS; AMENDING 9-3 APPLICABILITY TO REMOVE; THE REQUIREMENT OF ONLY NEW ROADS; AMENDED 9-5 DEFINITIONS TO ADD PRIVATE STREETS, STREET FRIDGE, STREET, APPROVED PRIVATE, AND STREET, PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 9-9 STREET DESIGN STANDARDS TO ADD APPROVAL PROCESS FOR PRIVATE STREETS BY CITY MANAGER; AMENDED 9-11 DEDICATION TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF PRIVATE STREETS REMAINING IN COMMON PRIVATE OWNERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

12/17

DALE G. WESTLING, SR., ESQUIRE  
331 East Union Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202  
Telephone: 9041356-2341  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
12/10-12/17

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No.: 09-121-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
GERALD RUDOLPH ROBERTS,  
Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GERALD RUDOLPH ROBERTS, deceased, whose date of death was October 30, 2009; File Number 09-121-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: December 10, 2009.

/s/ James W. Prevatt, Jr.  
JAMES W. PREVATT, JR.  
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives  
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CRISTLI L. PREVATT  
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12/10-17

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO.: **2009-CA-0073**

AMERIS BANK, successor in interest to FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

KENNETH M. HOWARD, JR.,  
DEFENDANT.

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 12th day of January, 2010, the following described property:

**EXHIBIT "A"  
PARCEL 52 \***  
A Parcel of land lying, being, and situate in Sections 29 and 30, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 29, and run South 88 degrees 10 minutes 17 seconds West, along the South line of said Section 30, a distance of 21.43 feet to the intersection with the Easterly Right of Way line of an 80 foot county maintained graded road (known locally as Cow Pen Road); thence run North 01 degrees 45 minutes 17 seconds West along said Easterly Right of Way line, a distance of 366.92 feet; thence continue running North 01 degrees 45 minutes 17 seconds West, continuing along said Easterly Right of Way a distance of 374.46 feet to the intersection running North 01 degrees 45 minutes 17 seconds West, continuing along said Easterly Right of Way line, a distance of 345.50 feet; thence continue running North 01 degrees 45 minutes 17 seconds West, continuing along said Easterly Right of Way line, a distance of 238.89 feet thence run North 13 degrees 35 minutes 16 seconds West, continuing along said Easterly Right of Way line, a distance of 109.82 feet; thence continuing North 13 degrees 35 minutes 16 seconds West, continue along said Easterly Right of Way line, a distance of 181.47 feet; thence run North 05 degrees 11 minutes 42 seconds West, continuing along said Easterly Right of Way line, a distance of 155.00 feet; thence continue running North 05 degrees 11 minutes 42 seconds West, continuing along said Easterly Right of Way line, a distance of 175.04 feet; thence run North 04 degrees 17 minutes 06 seconds East, continuing along said Easterly Right of Way line, a distance of 147.37 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the hereinafter described parcel of land; thence continue running North 04 degrees 47 minutes 06 seconds East, continuing along said Easterly Right of Way line, a distance of 324.63 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 34 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 1339.22 feet; thence run South 01 degrees 39 minutes 17 seconds West, a distance of 323.50 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 34 minutes 33 seconds West, a distance of 1356.96 feet to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO A 15 foot utility easement over, across and along the Westerly Boundary thereof along said Easterly Right of Way line of an 80 foot county maintained graded road (known locally as Cow Pen Road).

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 4, 2009.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice  
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Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

DALE G. WESTLING, SR., ESQUIRE  
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Jacksonville, Florida 32202  
Telephone: 9041356-2341  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2008-CA-00182

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

LAMONDA L. MEHNE N/K/A LAMONDA L. MOSELEY, MICHAEL MOSELEY UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

#### RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 3, 2009, and an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 8, 2009, entered in Civil Case No.: 2008-CA-000182 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, and LAMONDA L. MEHNE /K/A LAMONDA L. MOSELEY and MICHAEL MOSELEY, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Front Door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, at 11:00 AM, on the 16th day of February, 2010, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

**EXHIBIT A  
PARCEL "E"**  
A parcel of land lying in the S ½ of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of section 17, township 2 south, range 22 east, Baker County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found 4"x4" concrete monument located at the NW corner of the S ½ of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of said section 17 and run south 00 degrees 22 minutes 58 seconds east, along the west line of said S ½ of NE ¼ of NW ¼, for a distance of 329.12 feet to a set ½" iron rod; thence run north 89 degrees 10 minutes 39 seconds east for a distance of 432.22 feet to a set ½" iron rod for the point of beginning. From the point of beginning thus described continue north 89 degrees 10 minutes 39 seconds east for a distance of 432.22 feet to a set ½" iron rod; thence run south 00 degrees 32 minutes 04 seconds east for a distance of 330.06 feet to a set ½" iron rod located on the south line of said S ½ of NE ¼ of NW ¼; thence run south 89 degrees 14 minutes 22 seconds west, as a basis of bearings, along last said south line, for a distance of 432.66 feet to a set ½" iron rod; thence run north 00 degrees 27 minutes 32 seconds west for a distance of 329.59 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to and together with a 30 foot easement for ingress, egress, and utilities lying in the S ½ of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of section 17, township 2 south, range 22 east, Baker County, Florida; said easement being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found 4"x4" concrete monument located at the NW corner of the S ½ of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of said section 17 and run north 89 degrees 06 minutes 55 seconds east, as a basis of bearings, along the north line of said S ½ of NE ¼ of NW ¼, for a distance of 1295.37 feet to a found 4"x4" concrete monument located on the westerly R/W line of State Road 121; thence run south 00 degrees 36 minutes 36 seconds east, along last said R/W line, for a distance of 315.52 feet to a set ½" iron rod for the point of beginning. From the point of beginning thus described continue south 00 degrees 36 minutes 36 seconds east, along last said R/W line, for a distance of 30.00 feet to a set ½" iron rod; thence run north 89 degrees 10 minutes 39 seconds east for a distance of 894.41 feet to the point of beginning.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on

AL FRASER  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

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#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 19th day of November, 2009, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and WILLIAM E. STEWART, was defendant, being Case No. 2004-CC-318 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, William E. Stewart, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

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(Note: Anyone interested in viewing the vehicle being sold may do so prior to the time of the sale at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery located at 7611 W Mount Vernon Street, Glen St. Mary, FL.)

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on February 9, 2010 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant's, William E. Stewart, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 4, 2009.

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CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-000238  
DIVISION:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-33CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-33CB,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, SAMANTHA DALE WILLIAMS, DECEASED, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, SAMANTHA DALE WILLIAMS, DECEASED, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

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PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

## Sheriff's annual holiday charity grows to benefit 30 kids

The sheriff's office Shop with a Cop holiday charity raised \$3000 in donations from residents and businesses for this year's event at the Walmart Supercenter in Macclenny the evening of December 15. The annual program, now in its third year, helped provide Christmas gifts to 30 children, almost three times the number of kids participating two years ago. Officers chaperoned the children and their family members as they picked out bikes, skateboards and other toys. Each child was allotted a \$100 budget. Pictured above is Deputy Chris Walker with one child from this year's event.

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### LAND PLANNING AGENCY

## Couple granted 3-acre lot Sapp Rd. neighbor raised objection

JOEL ADDINGTON  
NEWS EDITOR  
reporter@bakercountypress.com

Jerry Morgan and Curtis Force have been neighbors on Sanderson's Sapp Road for more than three decades, but Mr. Morgan wasn't happy about the prospect of getting another neighbor living, as he put it, "right under my nose."

Both men were present the evening of December 10 for the Land Planning Agency's [LPA] granting of Mr. Force's application for a 3-acre homestead division lot on his 39 acres on the south side of Sapp Road about a half-mile east of CR 229 S.

Homestead division allows for the sale of no more than two lots per year, as small as 2.5 acres, provided the property owner meets a number of requirements, all of which Mr. Force met, said county planning director Ed Preston.

"The property on the east end, I'm not really using it, so I'd like to sell it," Mr. Force told the board. He lives with his wife on the tract, which also contains a rental trailer once occupied by his late sister-in-law.

Mr. Morgan opposed the request, saying, "They are wonderful neighbors ... but that'll put a house right next to mine. I came out here for the peace and quiet and to get away from a subdivision."

Mr. Morgan owns the neighboring seven acres to the east and constructed his residence near the parcel's western edge. He was also concerned about

the proposed lot's small size and feared the neighborhood could soon resemble a nearby mobile home park.

"We call it Little Mexico. It's a disaster," he said of the park.

Though LPA board members approved Mr. Force's application, it was conditioned upon the new residence being located 80 feet from Mr. Morgan's property line. When asked if the condition would assuage his concerns Mr. Morgan replied, "Not really. They would still be on top of me."

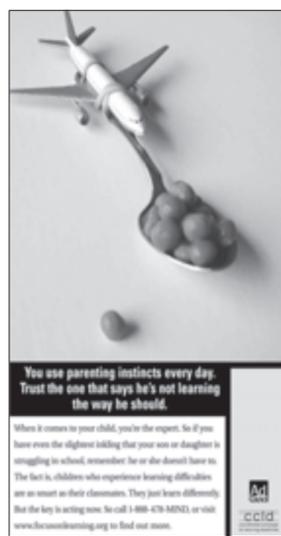
The vote granting the homestead division was 4-0. Board alternate Larry Porterfield filled in due to the absence of two regular LPA members, chairman C.J. Thompson and Pat Collier.

Board member Allison

Broughton said her home was built close to the property line as well, despite the tract's large size at 47 acres. If the adjacent property were sold, she said, "My little piece of heaven turns into having somebody on my back door ... But it's my fault."

The LPA is also in the midst of formulating amendments to the county's comprehensive plan, which governs future growth and development.

A number of committees, each tackling a different section of the plan and chaired by a board member, are drafting recommended changes. They should be finalized in January for the full board's consideration, said Mr. Preston.



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## Jesse Bullard, 72, of Baxley, Georgia

Jesse James Bullard, 72, died Sunday, December 6, 2009. He was born December 1, 1937 and enjoyed collecting old things, listening to old country songs and sharing old memories. He retired from Ryder Truck Lines and raised his family in Macclenny until moving back home to Baxley, Ga. where he was employed by Swain Funeral Home.

Mr. Bullard was preceded in death by parents Maggie and Wille Bullard; sister Eris Hopkins; brother Kenny Bullard; son Mitch Bullard; grandchildren Jessalyn Combs and Edward Barton.

Survivors include wife Nell Bullard of Baxley; son Gary (Celle) Bullard of Macclenny; daughter Melissa (Derrall) Tucker of Macclenny; sister Laura Floyd of Jacksonville; brothers Edsel Bullard of Baxley, Carroll Bullard of Blackshear, Ga., Wendell Bullard of McRae, Ga. and Royce Bullard of Macclenny; in-laws Anita and David Mette of Glen St. Mary; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held December 9 at Red Oak Baptist Church in Baxley. Swain Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Russell Easterday, 86, repairman dies

Mr. Russell Harley Easterday, 86, of Taylor died Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville following a brief illness. He was a native of Bristol, Oklahoma and resided in Amarillo, Texas before moving to Taylor in 1983. He was the son of John Calvin Easterday and Esther Milligan Easterday and the widower of Georgia Mae Easterday. He worked as a repairman with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Amarillo for 32 years until his retirement. He was of the Baptist faith and an Army Air Force veteran of WWII serving in European African Middle Eastern campaigns.

Survivors include son Charlie (Janet) Easterday of Taylor; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

The graveside funeral service was held the morning of December 17 at the Taylor Cemetery with Rev. Tom Pope officiating and assisted by Rev. Perry Hayes. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## 'Paula' Crews, 86, of Kingsley Lake

Pauline Williams (Paula) Crews, 86, a resident of Kingsley Lake and former Macclenny resident, died December 10, 2009 at the Community Hospice Center in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Crews was a native of Upland, Calif. and was the daughter of Charles and Myrtle Gambill Williams. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing and was valedictorian of her class at Chaffey College in Upland. She also received her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Florida.

Mrs. Crews trained and worked at Huntington Hospital in Santa Barbara, Calif. treating wounded servicemen from the Pacific Theatre during WWII, where she met Marine Corps fighter pilot John J Crews Jr. They were married for 42 years until his death. The couple resided in Macclenny for 20 years beginning in 1948 while John practiced law and served in the Florida state legislature for 14 years. They moved to Gainesville in 1968 when Mr. Crews became a state circuit judge.

While living in Macclenny, Paula contributed to the development of many community services in Baker County, including the blood bank, public health nursing, the nursing home, the state hospital and the school system. She was the Democrat Party delegate from Baker County, a member of the Macclenny Woman's Club and numerous county and state organizations; and a charter member of the Macclenny Church of Christ. She devoted the vast majority of her time and energy to providing a loving and stable home for her husband and three children.

Mrs. Crews is survived by daughter Debra (Tom) Treece of Jacksonville; sons John J Crews III, of Kingsley Lake and Bryan W. (Jodie) Crews of Orlando; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for Mrs. Crews was held December 15 at 11:00 am at the Macclenny Church of Christ with Sam Kitching officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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## Jo Heath, 51, of Macclenny dies

Jo Evans Heath, 51, of Macclenny died December 8, 2009. She was born in Bradford County to the late Ancil Evan Griffith and Norma Daphne Griffith on August 26, 1958. She was a resident of Baker County for most of her life and a member of Faith Baptist Church.



Jo Heath

Mrs. Heath enjoyed working for Wal-Mart since 2002 as well as spending time with family. She was predeceased by brothers Jeffery Wayne Floyd, Johnny Russell Richendollar and James Edward Richendollar.

Survivors include her husband of 15 years, Ronald Paul Heath of Macclenny; her children Donald Ray (Kim) Bryant Jr. of Raiford, Wilmar Joe (Trudy) Bryant of Taylor, Marcus James (Amanda) Fennell of Macclenny; brothers Jack (Karen) Richendollar of Highland, Fla., Gregory Griffith of Macclenny; sister Geneva Irene (James) Rhoden of Macclenny, Jeannie Marie Hart of Baxter; and eight grandchildren.

The family received friends and family Thursday, December 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The funeral service was held Friday, December 11, at 3:00 pm at the funeral home with Pastor Wilfred McCormick officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny. Pallbearers were Ben Myers, Michael Bennett Jr., Jerry "Crip" Harvey, Timothy Hance, Brian Hance and George Wilkerson. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

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## Mr. McPherson, dies December 6

Donnie Lee Hodges McPherson, 65, died Sunday, December 6, 2009. He was born October 1, 1944 in Macclenny, the daughter of the late Clifford and Allie Hersey Hodges. Mr. McPherson and wife Carroll were married 44 years and would have celebrated their 45th anniversary this month.

Survivors other than his wife include daughter Stephanie (Joseph) Grohol Jr.; sisters Louise Griffith and Linnie (Jack), Mann both of Macclenny, Janie (Alfred) Wiggins of Glen St. Mary; brothers David (Retha) of Starke, Warren (Ruth) of Lake Butler and Idus Hodges of Lake City; numerous nieces, nephews, brother and sister-in-laws and mother-in-law.

The funeral service was held December 9 at 11:00 am at Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, Fla. Interment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

## James Rhoden, 62, outdoorsman

James L. Rhoden, 62, of St. George, Georgia died December 14, 2009. He was born in Jacksonville to Maurice and Ruth Rhoden, and resided in St. George for 38 years. He served in the Army, worked at Anheuser Busch and was a real estate agent.



James Rhoden

Mr. Rhoden loved his family, watching UFC and boxing, fishing, hunting, race cars, his roosters and dogs. He was predeceased by his father, mother and four brothers.

Survivors include loving wife of 44 years Geneva I. Rhoden; sons James L. (Kerry) Rhoden Jr., Richard E. (Nancy) Rhoden; five grandchildren; numerous friends. They all loved him and will miss him dearly.

The funeral service will be held Friday, December 18 at 2:00 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor Elmer Holbrooks officiating.

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### Phil Thomas, 61, code board officer

Phillip Terry "PT" Thomas, 61, died peacefully Saturday morning, December 12, 2009 at his home in Glen St. Mary with his loving wife Alicia by his side.

He was born June 20, 1948 at Humphries Memorial Hospital in Fernandina, the son of James Madison Thomas and the late Ann Walters Thomas. He grew up in Callahan and attended Callahan High School. He enrolled in Columbia Military Academy in Holden Wahl, Tenn. where he graduated in 1966. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during the Vietnam War.

Upon his discharge, Mr. Thomas returned home to Fernandina Beach and worked for a time as an air traffic controller at the FAA Center in Hilliard, and later moved to Baldwin Park, Ca. to work for the Baldwin Park Police Department. He became a police training officer with the Los Angeles Police Department and trained many of their finest officers. He retired as a detective supervisor after over 25 years of service.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Thomas and his wife returned to Florida where with the help of friends and family he began a new life and built his new home in Glen St. Mary. He was later named code enforcement officer for Baker County. PT's dedication to his job never wavered and he always looked forward to returning to work when he was able, and truly appreciated the concern shown to him by his co-workers and many Baker County friends.

His love of gardening and animals were evident, and his dream to have acres of land, peace and quiet, and a simple life after retiring from LAPD became a reality for both Terry and his wife.

PT is survived by his wife Alicia Cabrera-Thomas; his beloved father James M. "Jim" Thomas; sisters and their husbands, Linda and Fred Armstrong, Brenda and James Wall, Beth and Larry McDonald; sons Chris, Paul, Jason, Corey, Mark and Geoff; daughters Krystal and Kassandra.

The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 pm Thursday, December 17 at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Fernandina, and Mr. Thomas will be laid to rest near his mother in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ann Thomas Resource Library at the First Presbyterian Church, 9 North Sixth Street, Fernandina Beach, Fl. 32034. Arrangements by Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors, Fernandina; please share his life story at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com)

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Amber Dolby

### Earns bachelors

The family of Amber Dolby is proud to announce her graduation from the University of Florida on December 19 with a bachelor of arts in political science, a minor in classical studies and a certificate in international affairs.

Ms. Dolby was inducted into the National Political Science Honor Society and will be graduating as a Dean's Scholar. She plans to travel overseas before returning for graduate school next fall. She is a 2006 graduate of Baker County High School.

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Entire City of Macclenny pickup on Monday, December 28.  
Regular pick up Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:  
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January 4 - January 29

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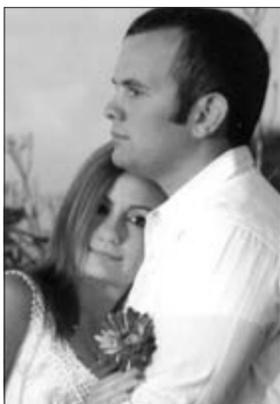
# SOCIAL

**SOCIAL NOTICE SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

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Humphrey - Barnhart

**Wed December 12**

Dave and Tammie Humphrey of Jacksonville and Tim and Sonya Barnhart Sr. of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the wedding of children Hannah L. Humphrey of Jacksonville to Tim G. Barnhart Jr. of Glen St. Mary.

The couple was married December 12, 2009 at 2:00 pm at Linwood on the Glen St. Mary Nursery.

Following a honeymoon to Gatlinburg, Tennessee the couple will reside in Jacksonville.



Kara Rourke

**Sister is born**

Kayla Elaine Rourke of Macclenny is pleased to announce the birth of baby sister Kara Elizabeth Rourke. Kara was born at 2:50 pm on November 11, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 1/2" long.

Proud parents are Justin and Sandy Rourke of Macclenny. Paternal grandmother is Debbie Rourke. Great-grandparents are Maxine Horne of Macclenny and Chuck and Francis Warner of Live Oak.

## Band supporters donate \$750

The Baker County Friends of Instrumental Arts had a busy week of handing out donations totaling \$750 to the high school and middle school band programs and hosting the third annual Breakfast with Santa fund raiser.

The latter event drew about 300 participants the morning of December 12 to the middle school auditorium where an estimated 80 kids had their pictures taken with Santa. It also included a Christmas concert from the Wildcat band in which children played kazoos on stage during the closing number.

The event raised more than \$1000.

Two days before, the non-profit band support group donated \$290 to assist the middle school's band program. The check was accepted by band director Bill McClendon during a holiday concert December 10.

The high school band's director Summer McClendon received a check for \$460 from Friends of Instrumental Arts president Steve Gaylord during its holiday



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PAM GAYLORD

Above is the BCHS band during its holiday concert December 8. Below is Abbigail Morales at the Breakfast with Santa fundraiser December 12.

concert on December 8. The funds will help repair a soprano saxophone damaged during a storm several years ago and purchase a new case for the instrument.



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**Sister is born**

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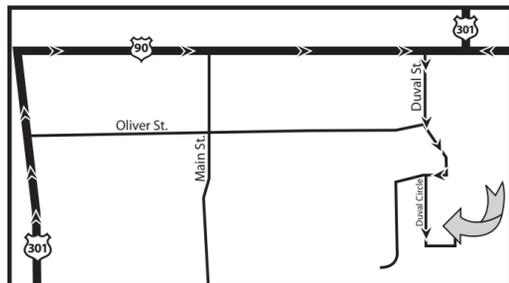
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## Boys drop three straight

### Coach: Struggling squad is improving

**BOB GERARD  
SPORTS WRITER**

It's been a brutal start to the season for the Wildcat basketball team.

After high hopes in pre-season, Coach Charles Ruise has had to reevaluate after a 1-4 start. But the ever-optimistic veteran coach sees a light at the end of the tunnel.

"We've had some major problems with execution down the stretch," said Ruise. "But I've seen some major improvement in the last few games and we should be in good shape by the time we get to district play."

The Cats were blown out in a 58-41 defeat at the hands of University Christian on Dec. 10, but came back with much narrower margins in losses this past weekend.

The Wildcats knew they would face a juggernaut in UC's big center Muslam Gore, who broke open a close game with an 11-point performance in the third period. Up until that point the Wildcats were only down by a bucket, but UC went on a 23-14 run to seal the win.

BCHS trailed 21-19 at the half behind inspired play by Chris Walton, who served up a trio of 3-pointers in the first half to keep BCHS in the game. UC picked up the pace in the second half and the Cats didn't have an answer for the Gore.

Walton was the only Wildcat in double figures with 19 points. Blane Finley had 9 points.

"We've had some trouble beating the press," said Ruise.

"That's put us in a hole, but we're making strides with handling the pressure."

The team endured a heartbreaker on the road December 11 in Live Oak, sustaining a 12-point loss to the Bulldogs.

The Wildcats led Suwannee behind an outstanding first half from Chris McCray, who scored 17 of his game-high 19 points in the first half. The Cats couldn't hold off a furious 11-4 run by the Dogs, who tied the game and went ahead in the last seconds.

It was a similar story on the road in Crescent City the following day.

Baker High kept it close but sustained a third period run by the Raiders that gave the hosts a 70-66 victory.

"Some of our key impact players are struggling to step up to the next level," said Ruise.

He can't fault their work ethic, but is waiting for it to pay off during competition.

The Wildcats shot well from the outside with six 3-pointers, but it was the long range bombing of Crescent City that made the difference.

The Raiders hit an incredible 10 from behind the arc in the game.

The Cats were led by Walton with 19, McCray with 11 and Finley with 9 points in the loss.

The team takes a break for Christmas before coming back



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From top left to right: Chris Walton attempts to gain possession. Blane Finley defends against a Suwannee player with help from Walton. Bottom left: Kendrick Singleton looks for help.



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## Close wins over Snyder, Nassau

The Lady Wildcats ran their record to 8-1 with a pair of tight victories this past weekend. The girls won by four over Bishop Snyder on Thursday at home and by two on Friday at home against West Nassau.

The Cats took a 38-34 victory over Bishop Snyder on Thursday. The home win was not an easy one as Snyder kept it close.

The Cats went ahead 11-6 early, but Snyder battled back in the second period, picking up the pace and narrowing the deficit. The Cardinals tied the game seconds before the halftime horn.

"It was a pretty close game all the way through. We just never could pull away," said Coach Franklin Griffis.

The girls went on a 9-4 run, but Bishop Snyder kept the pace slow in throughout the second half. Neither team shot the ball effectively. Destiny de la Pena led the scoring with 10 points for the Wildcats.

Chelsey Ruise had 9 points and Brittany Burns had 8 points and 7 rebounds. Kiara Parker led the way defensively with 8 boards.

If Thursday's game was a nail biter, the one on Friday verses the Lady Warriors of West Nassau was even more so. It was a battle of two halves, with the Warriors triumphing in the first half and the Cats coming back in exciting fashion in the second.

The Wildcats were helped by Ruise's best game of the season. The sophomore guard poured in 22 points, most in the second half to spark the comeback.

The Wildcats needed some spark. The Warriors came out running and battling for every ball in the first half and held a 26-15 edge going into the intermission. High scorer de la Pena got in early foul trouble, which limited the Wildcats offensively.

Coach Franklin Griffis rattled some chains during the halftime break and that seemed to wake the girls up. "It was an encour-

aging speech," conceded Griffis.

The "encouragement" seemed to work and the girls took the court with a lot more fire. They went on a 10-point run in the third period to narrow the West Nassau lead to 3 and then tied the game late in the fourth quarter and pulled ahead in the last seconds to secure the game.

Ruise led the way with 22 points and Kiara Battles added 7 points and 7 rebounds. Meghan O'Steen had 13 rebounds and Kiara Parker 11 for the Cats.

The Lady Cats won't play



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The girls' Megan Osteen blocks out during a free throw against Bishop Snyder.

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**Ring at Peebles**, call and identify. 259-8509. 12/17p

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## YARD SALES

**Friday, 8:00 am-?**, 121 S. to Southern States Nursery Road, turn right, go one mile, turn left on TG Farms Lane.

**Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-noon**, Towards Maxville, SR 228 on left, just past county line.

**Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am-noon**, 228 south between Wolfe Drive and Barber Road. Look for signs.

**Friday and Saturday, 11:00 am-?**, 10034 River Oak Circle, Glen. East Andrews Street to end of black top, turn left, fifth house on left.

**Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am - ?**, E. Tall Pine Road off Lowder Street. Lots of Christmas items, some tools, lots of other goodies. Huge yard sale.

**Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-?**, 11514 Confederate Drive South.

**Friday and Saturday, 7:30 am-noon**, 561 Timberlane Drive. The house is empty, due to move, with most items on display inside for convenience. So come rain or shine, we will be dry. Baby swing, infant carseat, changing table, exercasaur, bouncer seat, baby girl clothes premie - 2T, couches, desk, teaching materials and lots more. Three family.

**Friday and Saturday 8:00 am-2:00 pm**, 5962 Bill Davis, 4.2 miles from four-way stop on Mud Lake.

**Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-?**, 8305 CR139B, Glen. Electronics, lots of stuff. Rain or shine.

**Saturday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**, 6th Street and McIver in Macclenny, just south of railroad tracks. Yard sale/moving sale

**Saturday, 8:00 am-noon**, 12354 W. Confederate Drive in Glen. Full size fold-up ping pong table \$50, small computer cart \$10, adult and children's books, movies and misc. household items.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-noon**, 5454 Huckleberry Court, Rolling Meadows. 0-2T boys, girls 8-12, womens, household items. Three family

**Saturday, 8:00 am-?**, 858 Jacqueline Circle.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm**, 365 4th Street North. Baby clothes, baby items, Christmas decorations, misc.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-?**, US 90 West to Sanderson, right on 229 North, follow signs. Clothing for all sizes, shoes men, women, baby, children. All namebrand. Lots of DVD movies \$2, VHS \$1 lots, knick-knacks, computer desk, toys. Something for everyone at great prices. Everything must go.

**Saturday, 8:00 am - ?**, 23A north to end, make left to Tim Rhoden, fist singlewide on right. Boys clothes, toys, little of everything. 904-755-4456.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-noon**, 449 E. Shuey Avenue and 2nd Street. Computer desk, TV, book shelf, clothes all sizes, toys, tools, misc. Carport sale. Three family

**Saturday, 8:00 am-3:00 pm**, 8599 Smokey Road. Clothes, furniture, household items.

**Saturday, 8:00 am - ?**, 573 Timberlane off North Boulevard. Sofa, recliner, patio furniture, picnic table, clothes, toys, queen mattress, misc. 904-755-4456.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm**, 10545 CR 127, Sanderson. Three miles north of highway 90. Weight lifting set, Little Tykes playground, covered children's swing and toys, crystal, kitchen items, country and apple decor, purses, Christmas items, clothes, wedding dress and knick-knacks galore. Many items are new so Christmas shop today for a great deal.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-noon**. George Hodges Road - next to Zaxbys, 1/4 mile on right, Roger Lane. Infant, baby boy and girl, and adult clothes, shoes, etc. Rain or shine.

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10/29tfc

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11/26-12/17p

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12/17-12/24p

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12/17p

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12/17p

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# Girls JV basketball gaining experience

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SPORTS WRITER

The Lady Wildcats junior varsity team is struggling so far this basketball season, but Coach Chris Chisholm sees improvement despite a 3-4 record.

The squad of ninth graders started off with a win against the Hilliard Flashes before dropping four straight games.

They came back with a 59-45 win over Baldwin and a 49-34 win over West Nassau more recently. Chisholm hopes that the victories mean they've turned a corner.

"They are working very hard and there is a good mixture of experienced and inexperienced players that are starting to gel," said Chisholm.

D.D. Allen leads all scorers with an average of 11 points a game — her best game a 20-point effort.

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# Spelling bee winners

## Eighth grader to represent district

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Eighth grader MacKenzie Wingard is the new district spelling bee champion and will represent Baker County in the regional competition at the Times-Union Center in the future.

Videll Williams, Jr., took second place in the competition held December 11.

Ms. MacKenzie won by spelling correctly two words: essential and authentic.

When two students are left in the competition and one misspells the given word, the remaining student must correctly spell two words consecutively to become the champion.

Ms. MacKenzie and Mr. Wil-

liams were both given a dictionary and a bag of school supplies.

The competition is held among fifth through eighth grades and takes place alternately at Keller Intermediate and the middle school.

The district event is the first level of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, a program that partners with newspapers and other organizations to help promote spelling, vocabulary and correct usage of the English language.

The Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville is the regional partner.

Students qualify by winning spelling bees in their individual classes. The district winner goes on to compete at the state regional level. If they qualify, they then move on to southeast region and

national levels.

Students were given words from the official national spelling bee list and also examples of sentences using specific words by request.

Wanda Walker, a retired administrator of the Baker County School District, served as pronouncer. The panel of judges were Linda Green, Carol Lund and Naomi Robertson, also retired teachers. Spelling bee coordinator for BCMS was Tiffany Rountree-Harvey; Keller's coordinator was Jennifer Hite.

The National Spelling Bee was established in 1925 and has produced 85 national champions; 44 girls and 41 boys. The 2010 competition is expected to involve more than 10 million students nationwide.



Champion Mackenzie Wingard (left) with teacher Emily Clevenger and second place winner Videll Williams, Jr.

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# Lake City drug store's new locale, menu

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The DeSoto Drug Store in downtown Lake City operated on the corner of Marion and Madison Streets near the Blanche Hotel for over 78 years. Today, the store makes its home in a former hardware store, still on Marion Street near the original location.

A pharmacy occupies half of the building and the soda fountain has been expanded into a popular restaurant. The menu highlights an appealing range of sandwiches, burgers, salads, soups and quiche.

Chef Jean Davidoff, formerly of The Rova Farm Resort in New Jersey, also prepares a delightful selection of wonderful desserts, from seven layer lemon raspberry cake to white chocolate chip cookies.

On my visit to the Desoto, I greatly enjoyed one of the menu highlights — the Date Bacon Walnut Chicken Salad Plate. This scrumptious salad is served with spring greens, a generous portion of seasonal fresh fruits and slices

of home made fruit bread. Mine came with pineapple, watermelon and honey dew. You get your choice of dressings for the spring greens and the sesame ginger was especially good.

The Italian farmer's market chicken sandwich is stacked with marinated vegetables, tomato and mozzarella cheese, all accented with basil mayonnaise. If you want more robust fair, try a bacon cheeseburger, a Rueben on rye or grilled cheese and ham sandwich. Or dive into the nachos grande loaded with meat, cheddar cheese, black olives, jalapeno peppers, sour cream and special taco dressing.

There are even offerings for those that don't eat meat like the grilled vegetable and feta cheese sandwich and the quiche of the day, which is typically laced with spinach or broccoli.

Part of the DeSoto's distinct charm is its offerings of old fashioned soda fountain delights: Coke and root beer floats, cherry Cokes, sundaes, banana splits and real ice cream sodas just to name a few.

Ben and Jerry's ice cream

is good, of course. But there is something decidedly more appealing about sharing a whipped cream covered brownie sundae for two (yes, there is a cherry on top).

Slurping down a chocolate milk shake from a tall frosted glass in the DeSoto's attractive dining room beats eating ice cream out of a paper carton in front of the TV any day.

Don and Phyllis Houston have owned and operated the Desoto Drug Store since 1984. Later, wanting to expand the dining area, they moved it several blocks north.

The current location has wide pine plank floors and high ceilings, which were retained. Materials such as bead board paneling and period light fixtures were added to reflect the 1920s era when the store was founded.

"We wanted to keep the renovation and atmosphere as close to the 1920s as possible," said Mrs. Houston.

For the new restaurant section, a separate kitchen work area was devised and the Houston's salvaged the original drug store's

grey marble soda fountain and red leather-topped stools.

Ms. Houston laughs when she remembers the restaurant before the renovation.

"There was a hot plate and a microwave and that was about it," she said.

Patrons love the natural light that fills the dining area from the storefront's floor-to-ceiling windows. The tin-topped tables are rustic and many of the chairs have a unique scroll design and are surprisingly comfortable.

Quality is what the DeSoto prides itself on, both in the standard of its food and in the dining experience of its customers. The restaurant had some of the friendliest wait staff I've dealt with. It's not past these folks to hug their regular customers, something I witnessed several times during my visit.

The DeSoto is located at 297 N. Marion Avenue in Lake City's historic downtown. The hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Breakfast is served from 8:00 to 10:30 am. Call 1-386-752-0611 for more information.

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