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## Suit against Hanson Tile soon

In wake of shut-down

A lawyer representing the county and Baker County Development Commission says a lawsuit will be filed within weeks against Hanson Roof Tile of Sanderson, which now stands idle in the Enterprise West industrial tract, a victim of a collapsed building market.

The county, under terms of a 2006 agreement that donated 15.6 acres of land for the Hanson plant, is authorized to file a \$300,000 lien in the event the Dallas-based manufacturer drops its full-time staffing below 25. Currently, no one other than security guards is on the property, which is utilized only for inventory storage.

In fact, Hanson dipped below the 25-worker mark in May, 2008 when it laid off all but nine persons



An employee from another plant in the Hanson inventory yard re-wraps unsold roof tiles earlier this week; at left, skids laden with tiles sit on the property awaiting a resurgence in the home building market.



as the economy soured. The pending lien has been discussed at county commission meetings.

"We're still in discussions with them [Hanson] and we've exchanged some drafts [of a lawsuit and consent order text] back and forth," said Will Sexton of Starke last week. He is an attorney in the office of Terry Brown, the commission's retained counsel who in

June told the board a lawsuit would have to precede obtaining the lien.

Mr. Sexton indicated the delay during ensuing months was likely due to the matter "losing some of its steam."

"The commission is turning its attention back to it due to the recent complete closing of the facility," declared Mr. Sexton.

A member of Hanson's legal team in Tex-

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## Jail builder files \$501K claim for unpaid expenses

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The new jail's financial woes continued this week when eight corrections officers and eight other employees were laid off January 10, about one month after the facility's builder filed a half-a-million dollar lien on the property for unpaid construction services.

Derrick Spitzer of Macclenny was among five dismissed by his lieutenant that afternoon.

"I volunteered as a reserve deputy out here for three years and this is what they did to me," said Mr. Spitzer, 28.

He had four years of experience at Union Correctional Institute before joining the sheriff's office corrections division. Law enforcement divisions were not affected by the layoffs.

The 512-bed jail is owned by

the Baker Correctional Development Corp. [BCDC], a nonprofit organization that contracts with the sheriff's office to run the facility.

BCDC released a statement January 11 regarding the layoffs and the lien.

The text penned by BCDC Chairman Todd Knabb attri-

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- Todd Knabb  
BCDC Chairman



butes the financial difficulties to higher-than-anticipated start-up and construction costs, the largest of which was a \$259,874 insurance premium; and fewer inmates than expected from the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] agency.

"In today's economy, layoffs are the last thing the sheriff and BCDC want to do, but it has become necessary," the release said.

It also lays the blame for the less than anticipated population of ICE inmates due to the agency's budget not being approved until December 28, 2009. A fact sheet on the agency's Web site titled "ICE Fiscal Year 2010 Enacted Budget" is dated November 9, 2009; however.

Mr. Knabb said further that ICE had suggested detainee counts here would be similar to those at a facility in Glades County after which the Baker County jail was modeled, or between 350 and 400 inmates.

If that was the case, he said, the lien could be paid off. The ICE detainee count stood at 134 on January 11.

According to the statement, staffing cutbacks and other spending reductions will allow the BCDC to eventually pay off the \$501,164 lien against the property filed by Ajax Building Corp.

Ajax was the lead contractor for the \$23.4 million complex that includes the jail and sheriff's office. The lien ensures that if the debt remains unpaid and the property is ever sold, that Ajax is paid through proceeds from the sale.

A teleconferencing system that will allow federal inmates to attend court hearings remotely is now up and running. It is supposed to help keep detainees at the facility for longer periods and generate more revenue.

"We should see some results from that by the end of the month," said sheriff's office administration chief Brian Bishop.

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## Seeking variances from city for motel

At I-10-South 6th

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A Georgia-based hotel developer has set his sights on four acres near South 6th Street and Interstate 10 for a Hampton Inn.

The venture is not a new one for David Motely of Valdosta. He's built similar projects near the Chaffee Road exit off I-10 in western Duval County, in Savannah and twice in Valdosta.

Mr. Motely appeared before the Macclenny Commission the evening of January 12 requesting a host of variances to city codes to accommodate the development. It's planned for a parcel behind the Zaxby's restaurant on George Hodges Road.

Specifically, Mr. Motely is

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## Questions surround federal 'Race to the Top' funding

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## Breast cancer screenings at BCHD

Free exam and tests available

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Women in Baker County can take advantage of free breast exams and mammograms through March 31 at the Baker County Health Department.

Funding for this program is through a special grant to the BCHD from Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a world-wide nonprofit organization dedicated to the fight against breast cancer.

Call the health department at 259-6291, ext. 2298, and schedule an appointment for a clinical exam. The health department schedules a mammogram at another facility participating in the grant program.

Fraser Hospital is among those facilities, and there are others in Jacksonville.

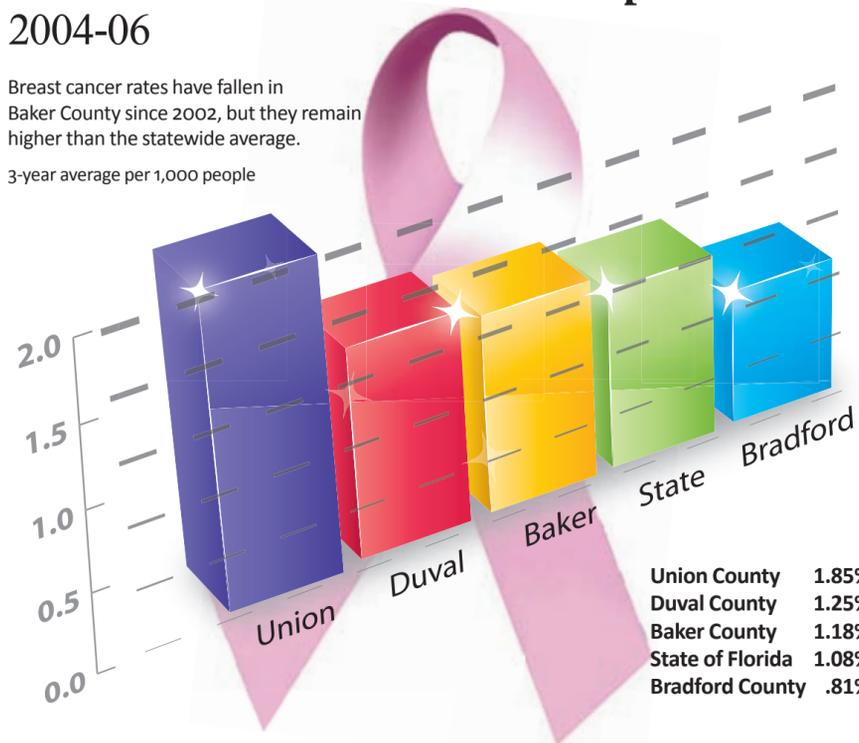
FloridaCHARTS.com, which contains information contributed by the Florida Department of Health, tracks rates of breast cancer throughout the state and by county. From 2004-06, the average incidence rate in Baker County was slightly higher than the state average.

According to 2007 statistics, the most recent available, 55.9 percent of women in Baker County age 40 years and older had undergone a clinical breast

### Breast Cancer Rate Comparison 2004-06

Breast cancer rates have fallen in Baker County since 2002, but they remain higher than the statewide average.

3-year average per 1,000 people



exam in the past year and 55.2 percent had a mammogram.

The Breast Cancer Awareness Month Web site reports that 210,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year. For about 40,000 each year, the disease is fatal. But according to the Susan G. Komen site, the overall news is hopeful.

When the organization was

established in 1982, only 74 percent of women had a survival rate when breast cancer was diagnosed in the early stages. Today, that survival rate is 98 percent.

Nationwide, nearly 75 percent of women over the age of 40 now receive regular mammograms compared to just 30 percent in 1982.

American Cancer Society

recommends that women begin getting yearly mammograms at age 40 if they're at average risk of developing breast cancer. Women at high risk (a family history of the disease) may want to start screening before 40.

Increasing use of mammography has resulted in earlier detection of cancer than in the

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

The website is down for updates so poll results were unavailable Tuesday night.

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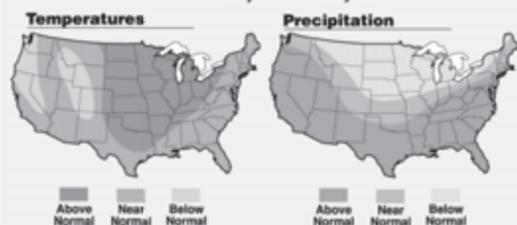
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## 7-Day Forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
High: 65° Low: 39°	High: 68° Low: 48°	High: 67° Low: 51°	High: 67° Low: 42°	High: 64° Low: 41°	High: 66° Low: 46°	High: 69° Low: 47°

## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

January 14 - January 20



## Tides

Location	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 20
<b>Cedar Key</b>	12:17 a.m.	12:59 a.m.	1:38 a.m.	2:15 a.m.	2:52 a.m.	3:30 a.m.	4:11 a.m.
<b>Jacksonville Beach</b>	7:20 a.m.	7:59 a.m.	8:36 a.m.	9:12 a.m.	9:46 a.m.	10:21 a.m.	10:57 a.m.
<b>Mayport</b>	8:02 a.m.	8:39 a.m.	9:13 a.m.	9:46 a.m.	10:19 a.m.	10:52 a.m.	11:27 a.m.
<b>St. Augustine</b>	7:26 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:42 a.m.	9:18 a.m.	9:52 a.m.	10:27 a.m.	11:03 a.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday ..... 7:26 a.m.  
 Sunset Thursday ..... 5:49 p.m.  
 Moonrise Thursday ..... 6:59 a.m.  
 Moonset Thursday ..... 5:26 p.m.

New First Full Last  
  
 Jan 15 Jan 23 Jan 30 Feb 5

## Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Jan 11.

**Temperature**  
 High/Low for the week ..... 57°/20°  
 Normal high/low ..... 64°/42°  
 Average temperature ..... 35.4°  
 Normal average temperature ..... 53.0°

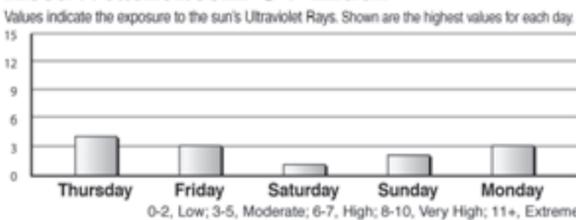
**Precipitation**  
 Total for the week ..... trace  
 Total for the month ..... 0.08"  
 Total for the year ..... 0.08"  
 Normal for the month ..... 1.27"  
 Normal for the year ..... 1.27"

## 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
Jan 14	9:54 a.m.	3:41 a.m.	10:19 p.m.	4:07 p.m.
Jan 15	10:41 a.m.	4:29 a.m.	11:06 p.m.	4:53 p.m.
Jan 16	11:28 a.m.	5:17 a.m.	11:51 p.m.	5:40 p.m.
Jan 17	11:49 a.m.	6:04 a.m.	-----	6:26 p.m.
Jan 18	12:40 a.m.	6:51 a.m.	1:01 p.m.	7:11 p.m.
Jan 19	1:26 a.m.	7:36 a.m.	1:47 p.m.	7:57 p.m.
Jan 20	2:12 a.m.	8:22 a.m.	2:32 p.m.	8:42 p.m.

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## River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	-----	10.26	+0.24
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	5.99	-0.02
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	4.14	-0.68
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.18	none
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	53.78	-0.10

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# Free breast cancer exams, imaging

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 past. It has been determined that the method also uncovers smaller lumps that can be missed during a self-exam. The best preventative measures are a combination of both techniques.  
 "Along with routine clinical breast exams and mammograms, a monthly self-examination is very important," said Claudette Mallory, a Baker County Health Department nurse practitioner.  
 During a clinical breast examination, patients lie back on a table and raise their arms over their head. This gives the doctor or nurse the best opportunity to check the chest, breast and underarm areas for any abnormalities.

els, which are a natural part of a woman's monthly menstrual cycle, can cause swelling and tenderness and effect the normal geography of the breast. This can make it difficult to get an accurate sense of any abnormalities.  
 The best time to self-examine is one week after the end of the menstrual cycle when swelling and tenderness have usually disappeared. Any odd lumps or swellings would be more easily pinpointed.  
 Many women in Baker County participate in activities that directly support and help raise funds for the Komen organization.

The Macclenny Woman's Club collects the pink foil lids from Yoplait Yogurt, one of many corporate sponsors involved in the Komen fight against breast cancer.  
 The Komen organization receives ten cents for every Yoplait lid sent in by consumers. So far 400 lids have been collected.  
 The women's club also periodically takes a survey of their members and contacts them by phone to remind them to have mammograms.  
 Even with access to free exams and mammography, many women do not go in for routine screenings.  
 According to the National Breast

Cancer Awareness Month web site, common reasons given by women for not having mammograms are:  
 • "I don't need a mammogram because my doctor has never recommended I have one."  
 • "I've never thought about it."  
 • "I have no breast problems, so mammography isn't necessary."  
 • "I don't have enough time."  
 • "I have had a mastectomy (double mastectomy, radical mastectomy) and don't have breasts."  
 • "I don't have a family history of breast cancer."  
 Susan G. Komen died from breast cancer in 1981 after a three-year battle. During her ordeal through radiation and chemotherapy, she spent her time thinking of ways to make life better for other women battling breast cancer.

Her sister, Nancy G. Brinker, started the organization in Susan's name in 1982. Since that time, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has invested nearly \$1.5 billion toward preventative screening programs and medical research.

# Hanson tile lawsuit

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 as declined comment early this week because he isn't authorized to speak for the company.  
 Mr. Sexton continued: "They [Hanson] agree that we need to file the suit and get a judgement first and we don't expect anything will be contested. It'll be in the form of a 'consent judgement.'"  
 The Sanderson plant was the fifth one that Hanson, which is owned in London, England, opened in Florida. Its tile roofing materials are commonly used on upscale homes and condominiums in coastal developments, and the local plant is intended to serve a market stretching north into the Carolinas and south in Florida.  
 The plant was built in 2006 and opened early the next year at a cost of \$25 million. It began operation with a work force of 70 that soon began to dwindle with

the economic downturn that gathered steam at virtually the same time.  
 Richard Manning, president of Hanson Building Materials in Dallas, said this week it was "mind-boggling" how fast the roof tile market collapsed, but the company considers the Sanderson site as "ready to go" when the market returns.  
 "Florida went through a period of major expansion and that plant — along with others in Haines City and Winter Haven — was intended to reverse what was a shortage in roof tile inventories," said Mr. Manning. "We built that plant with the latest technology and we fully intend to start it back up and re-staff it."  
 The Sanderson site is staffed one day a week with an employee from a Hanson operation in Green Cove Springs.

# Lien filed by Ajax...

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 The lack of funds is also affecting BCDC's vendors. Mr. Bishop said a roughly \$1.7 million annual contract with Miami-based Armor Correctional Health Services is being renegotiated to reflect the smaller demand for services.  
 "We're re-tooling everything [based] on the number inmates were getting," he said.  
 Mr. Spitzer, one of the laid-off employees, is confident he can return to employment at Union Correctional Institution, but he intends to apply at other facilities as well.  
 The jail here was closer to home, meant a bigger paycheck and carried the opportunity for advancement, he said.  
 With corrections officers being furloughed two days a month since late October, the layoffs weren't very surprising; but Mr. Spitzer was hoping for more notice.  
 "They said this was the last option and we'd be notified before it happened," he said, adding that he would be paid through January 21.

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## Rapist deserves 'eye for an eye'

His photo shows a bald man free of facial hair, even his eye brows, which he obviously shaves off. A black teardrop tattoo rests below the corner of his right eye, a symbol with multiple meanings associated with prison and gangs.

Dusty Bowman is 36 and was sentenced to life in prison January 8 for the rape of a 72-year-old St. Augustine woman. He also killed her beloved little Pomeranian dog in the process.

The victim testified how she recited the Lord's Prayer to herself over and over during the three-hour assault and how she begged her attacker to spare the life of her dog.

It was going to bite him, he claimed. He had to protect himself.

What moved me most in reading this account in Tuesday's *Florida Times-Union* was that the victim was capable of compassion for another living thing, even as her body was physically

## THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

abused and her life was threatened.

Bowman, whose behavior suggests sociopathic inclinations, was only intent on violently subduing another person with no thought of consequences. The dog was insignificant collateral damage.

Tragically, it wasn't the first time Bowman had committed such an act on the elderly.

I showed the account to a friend at lunch that same day. Shaking his head in disgust he had this to say: "Boy, it takes a real man to rape a defenseless old woman and kill a little dog."

Bowman is eligible for parole in 2071 when he will be 98, if he lives that long. He'll be housed, fed and receive medical care for the duration of his days and probably never give a thought to the women whose lives his cruel behavior has shattered.

The victims will spend the rest of their lives enduring the mental scars from that experience.

Bowman and such criminals

shouldn't be eligible for parole at all, but I don't make the laws. Such people are rarely sorry for what they do and are almost never rehabilitated from the sick compulsions that rule them.

It has been argued that such compulsions aren't entirely the fault of these criminals. The often abusive and unsavory circumstances of their personal experiences growing up scar and damage their psyche, manifesting in aggressive, often violent behavior toward others.

Which is what could have prompted Circuit Judge Wendy Berger to state that she had intended to ask for a pre-sentence investigation from the Department of Corrections. The investigation into Bowman's background could have included information that would lighten the sentence. Bowman had pleaded no contest.

Is this really fair? I believe that even extremely screwed up people still know when they are doing wrong. Does our system adequately punish criminals for the crimes they commit? Most

people don't believe so. I think if punishment were swift and fitted to the crime, crime would cease to be the nemesis it has become in our society.

I once took part in a discussion on the nature of crime and punishment.

"I'm an Old Testament Christian," said one gentleman in the group. "I believe in an eye for an eye."

That reference comes from the Book of Exodus and is one of a long list of established retributions for grievances that constituted Hebraic law in ancient times. In part it says:

"And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."

I think rapists should experience the same frightening, humiliating, disgusting, painful assaults as their victims. If they did, they might be much less inclined to even think about harming someone else in this way.

## 'Wind' needed for new jail ship - more ICE inmates

It puts me in mind of what sailors of old may have thought as they watched the familiar shores of their homeland slip away beyond the horizon.

They had a destination. Trans-oceanic voyages weren't, after all, aimless joy rides.

There were no guarantees they'd get to a destination safely, but the potential rewards for getting there made it worthwhile. Others had done it, but they also didn't have any guarantees.

Of all the perils facing mariners before the advent of motorized sailing, they feared most the ill winds. Or the lack of wind.

I'm not feeling a lot of wind at our backs these days when it comes to the grand plan to construct a new jail and use revenues from federal inmates to pay for it, pay for the people who staff it and, ultimately, to fund what we as Baker County taxpayers shell out to feed and house our own inmates.

It looks good as theory, like those majestic three-masted schooners asea with 16 sails a-billowed. But it's gotta have wind to power it.

The "wind" in the case of our new jail are prisoners brought in and housed here by ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement]. And that, dear friends, is the problem.

ICE is a federal bureaucracy, one that grandly promised as far back as 2006 via a state supervisor [who reportedly is no longer there or on leave or something] that we'd have no trouble filling up the non-local beds with inmates from other countries in custody because they committed crimes more serious than doing your landscaping without green cards.

Never did ICE commit to any guarantees, however, and it was assumed that with the glut of illegal immigrants flooding into the United States, it was a proportional good bet that the agency will need more space for those who double as lawbreakers beyond the fact that they already broke the law by being here.

Now the economy is so bad it's kept the numbers of illegals down far better than any efforts by the government to date.

The tea leaves don't look good, and many — nay *all* — of us hope that recent "ill winds" are but initial bumps in the road.

The contractor who built the jail and greatly expanded administrative offices for the sheriff's department for \$23.4 million recently filed a lien for a half-million dollars it has yet to be paid. Start-up costs, including insurance premiums and the like, are more than expected, and some contracts may have to be re-negotiated downward.

Jail employees, many of whom were hired because ICE sought staffing — at our expense — for 300-400 of its inmates, have taken forced unpaid furloughs for several months. Some were laid off this week.

ICE inmates have been fewer than expected, and we now hear it's because the departmental funding wasn't approved until late last month. Another excuse is a delay in appointment of a US Marshal by the Obama administration.

Maybe all these things are true, but it all falls to a lack of ICE wind in our sails.

Who do we see about this?

The federal bureaucracy, especially one led by a president who in his deepest recesses probably thinks immigration laws are overly harsh, isn't likely to offer us a shoulder to cry on. The bureaucrats who spoke confidently that we'd have no problem getting this thing off the ground? They'll be nowhere around if it ever really hits the proverbial fan.

The jail carries a huge debt obligation beyond everyday operational expenses, and they'll start coming due soon enough [next month through July some \$364,746].

Here's my wish as I gaze at the horizon over a glassy smooth sea, periodically glancing up at yardarms with sails barely stirring in the breeze.

A stiff ICE-blown breeze at our backs and a day quite soon when all the tea leaves are starting to turn in the right direction — our direction.

## Mona Lisa's 'high cholesterol' smile and other former mysteries

### MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

As you probably know by now, I have my finger firmly on the

pulse of breaking news. Your intrepid investigative journalist is here to give you all the latest low down on the news of the day. I cull all my secret sources to bring you news tidbits no one else has access to in order to keep you informed. Here are just a few of the stories that I'm working on for *The Press*.

- My sources inside the Department of Homeland Security tell me that although underwear bomber Umar Farouk Abdulso-methinorother did make it on board a Northwest jet bound for Detroit, passengers had little to fear. Granted, Abdulwhatshisname had plastic explosive packed in his underwear and tried to detonate said explosive by setting himself on fire, but Homeland Security officials, in coordination with the FBI and CIA, said Abdulwhozeewhatsis would only have succeeded in getting bad burns, not in bringing down the plane had he succeeded.

That's because my sources claim that Abdul ... — that guy, made a major mistake in planning for the suicide attack. The 23-year-old wore purple thong underwear instead of tighty-whities, so the amount of explosive packed in his Speedos was roughly equivalent to a cherry bomb. So, in short, the plane was saved by fashion.

- Since Jessica Simpson and Dallas Cowboy quarterback Tony Romo have parted ways, network television has to have someone else to obsess over. I was watching the NFL playoff between Romo's Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles. With no Jessica to photograph, NBC proceeded to show Cowboy owner Jerry

Jones 14 times. In the first half. I counted.

Why should anyone care about seeing Jones? None of the other owners ever make it on television. Baffling.

- Last month a teenager was in intensive care in NYC after he was side-swiped by a train. When he came out the coma, doctors asked him how the accident happened. He replied that he was trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before it hit him.

I didn't make that up.

- An Italian doctor recently published an article claiming to finally put to rest the reason that the Mona Lisa has that sardonic smile. One of the most famous paintings in the world, Da Vinci's Mona Lisa has always been a subject of speculation about what is causing her unusual smile.

After much research, the doctor claims that the Mona Lisa is suffering from high cholesterol. Professor Vito Franco of the University of Palermo says he can see signs of cholesterol all over the face of the famous painting. He sees signs of cholesterol in her eyes and fatty pockets in her skin. The cholesterol has made her ill enough that she cannot fully smile like a healthy woman.

He also claims Michelangelo's David was taking Cialis and Picasso used LSD during his most

creative periods. That explains the portraits with both eyes on the same side of the head.

- In a shocking decision, Afghan Prime Minister Hamid Karzai has named cartoon character Elmer Fudd to his cabinet. The diplomatic world and particularly the US government were baffled by the choice of Fudd for defense minister.

The bumbling foe of Bugs Bunny was thrilled with the appointment and is convinced that he can make a difference in the war torn country.

"I will spend my whole day hunting tewwowists. They can wun but the cannot hide."

When queried about his unusual choice, Karzai was quick to add that his decision is not that unusual.

"For years Elmer has been obsessed with catching Bugs Bunny. If he can turn that kind of obsession to the hunt for Osama bin Laden, we will be well served."

Fudd agreed with the president. "I've bin hunting that siwwy wabbit fow yeaws. I am weady to hunt that tewwowist as long as it takes. Fudd recently named Wile E. Coyote as his undersecretary of defense.

- Finally, Washington Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas pulled a gun on a teammate during a locker room argument. Why Arenas, who was suspended indefi-

## IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

They had a destination. Trans-oceanic voyages weren't, after all, aimless joy rides.

There were no guarantees they'd get to a destination safely, but the potential rewards for getting there made it worthwhile. Others had done it, but they also didn't have any guarantees.

Of all the perils facing mariners before the advent of motorized sailing, they feared most the ill winds. Or the lack of wind.

I'm not feeling a lot of wind at our backs these days when it comes to the grand plan to construct a new jail and use revenues from federal inmates to pay for it, pay for the people who staff it and, ultimately, to fund what we as Baker County taxpayers shell out to feed and house our own inmates.

It looks good as theory, like those majestic three-masted schooners asea with 16 sails a-billowed. But it's gotta have wind to power it.

The "wind" in the case of our new jail are prisoners brought in and housed here by ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement]. And that, dear friends, is the problem.

ICE is a federal bureaucracy, one that grandly promised as far back as 2006 via a state supervisor [who reportedly is no longer there or on leave or something] that we'd have no trouble filling up the non-local beds with inmates from other countries in custody because they committed crimes more serious than doing your landscaping without green cards.

Never did ICE commit to any guarantees, however, and it was assumed that with the glut of illegal immigrants flooding into the United States, it was a proportional good bet that the agency will need more space for those who double as lawbreakers beyond the fact that they already broke the law by being here.

Now the economy is so bad it's kept the numbers of illegals down far better than any efforts by the government to date.

The tea leaves don't look good, and many — nay *all* — of us hope that recent "ill winds" are but initial bumps in the road.

The contractor who built the jail and greatly expanded administrative offices for the sheriff's department for \$23.4 million recently filed a lien for a half-million dollars it has yet to be paid. Start-up costs, including insurance premiums and the like, are more than expected, and some contracts may have to be re-negotiated downward.

Jail employees, many of whom were hired because ICE sought staffing — at our expense — for 300-400 of its inmates, have taken forced unpaid furloughs for several months. Some were laid off this week.

ICE inmates have been fewer than expected, and we now hear it's because the departmental funding wasn't approved until late last month. Another excuse is a delay in appointment of a US Marshal by the Obama administration.

Maybe all these things are true, but it all falls to a lack of ICE wind in our sails.

Who do we see about this?

The federal bureaucracy, especially one led by a president who in his deepest recesses probably thinks immigration laws are overly harsh, isn't likely to offer us a shoulder to cry on. The bureaucrats who spoke confidently that we'd have no problem getting this thing off the ground? They'll be nowhere around if it ever really hits the proverbial fan.

The jail carries a huge debt obligation beyond everyday operational expenses, and they'll start coming due soon enough [next month through July some \$364,746].

Here's my wish as I gaze at the horizon over a glassy smooth sea, periodically glancing up at yardarms with sails barely stirring in the breeze.

A stiff ICE-blown breeze at our backs and a day quite soon when all the tea leaves are starting to turn in the right direction — our direction.

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## BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

# District will apply for 'Race' funds

## Doubts remain about strings attached to grants

JOEL ADDINGTON  
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The aptly-named Race to the Top federal education grant program has school districts across the nation scrambling, including Baker County.

"The timing has made it really difficult," said Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson in reference to the fast-approaching deadline for Florida's school districts to demonstrate interest in the unprecedented \$4.35-billion competitive grant initiative.

"And there's still a lot of uncertainty," she said.

Notification came in December that the Florida Department of Education [FDOE] intended to seek between \$350 and \$700 million in funding linked to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The deadline for districts to return a signed memorandum of understanding to FDOE was January 12.

The Baker County School Board voted unanimously to sign the agreement during its January 4 meeting.

Once the state receives notification of its grant award, expected in mid-April, then local districts will have to submit a plan to implement a host of reforms.

Likely the most controversial reform, is basing teacher and principal pay and promotions partly on student achievement. Merit-based pay has been tried elsewhere, said the district's director of accountability and special programs Susan Voorhees.

"But there's not a system in place that's proven equitable," she said, adding that FDOE hasn't

released details about how such a system would work in Florida.

"They say they're working on developing it," she said.

Though Superintendent Raulerson supports the proposed reforms, which also include adopting international educational standards and placing more emphasis on math and science, she said how and when the changes must be completed and what they will cost the district remains unclear.

According to information provided by FDOE spokeswoman Deborah Higgins, the state could seek more than \$700 million under federal guidelines. The department's draft budget for implementation of the reforms, to be included in its Race to the Top application, is approximately \$900 million, she said.

At stake for Baker County could be millions in funding through 2014, though the exact amount will be determined by the state's allocation and how many districts in Florida participate. Ms. Higgins said that while the money can be used to pay for reforms, federal guidelines require the reforms be sustainable in the future as well.

"We just want to keep our options open," said Ms. Raulerson. "If it's something that we can't do or would be detrimental, we won't do it."

Gaining support from the teachers unions has been difficult, but Baker County Education Association president Sandi Harvey said that's not because they oppose reform.

"The state is prescribing from the top down..." she said. "We're

not against any reform as long as we have some say and there's local control."

For instance, Ms. Harvey said, some of the requirements to compete for Race to the Top funds are already in place, at least in principle, like bonuses for teachers at high-performing schools.

"We do that already," she said. "But the state wants to say, 'do it our way,' and that doesn't work for every district... If you try to fit everyone into the same category, you're going to hurt somebody."

There will also be a second round of Race to the Top funding, with state applications due in June and award announcements in September 2010.

According to the US Department of Education, the four central areas of reform to drive school improvement are:

- Adopting international standards and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the workplace;

- Recruiting, developing, retaining and rewarding effective teachers and principals, especially where they are needed the most;

- Building data systems that measure student success and inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction; and

- Turning around the lowest-achieving schools.

For more information, please visit [www.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop](http://www.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop).

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1999 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE MINI VAN  
VIN #: 1GHDX03E8XD167398  
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I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclennay Ave. in Macclennay, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on January 26, 2010 at the hour of 11:00a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendants', 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.)

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

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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 18th day of December, 2009, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and DONNA FLORES AND FRANK FLORES, were defendants, being Case No. 2006-SC-306 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendants, Donna Flores and Frank Flores, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

2005 Nissan Altima  
VIN #: 1N4AL1D45N468493  
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1998 Chevrolet 4 dr  
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February 5, 2010 at 10:00 am:  
1997 Chevrolet 4 dr  
VIN #1G1JF5243V144939

2003 Ford Van  
VIN #2FMZ514538A76802

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The following vehicles will be sold at public auction January 14, 2010 at 8:00 am at A R & R, INC, 10525 Duval Lane, Macclennay, FL 32063.

1990 Chevy Lumina  
VIN # 2G1WL54R5L9121553  
1991 Subaru Legacy  
VIN# 4S3B3624M9918180

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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 02-2009-CP-22  
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF

BLANCHE LILLIAN DUGGER-RUIS,  
Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of BLANCHE LILLIAN DUGGER-RUIS deceased, File Number 02-2009-CP-22; by the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 E. Macclennay Avenue, Macclennay, Florida 32063; that the decedent's date of death was January 22, 2009; that the total value of the estate is \$500.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Creditors:  
None

Beneficiaries:  
LILLIAN ARLINE RUIS-COOK, TRUSTEE OF THE BLANCHE LILLIAN DUGGER-RUIS REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JULY 23, 2001  
1229 South 5th Street  
Macclennay, Florida 32063

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 January 7, 2010.

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LILLIAN ARLINE RUIS-COOK  
1229 South 5th Street  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO. 02-2008-CA-000095  
DIVISION

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
CLIFTON JACOBS A/K/A CLIFTON M. JACOBS, et al.  
Defendant(s).

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 05, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2008-CA-000095 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and CLIFTON JACOBS A/K/A CLIFTON M. JACOBS, STEPHANIE JACOBS A/K/A STEPHANIE L. JACOBS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR IRWIN HOME EQUITY, are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 9th day of February, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 28, BLOCK B, MACCLENNEY II, UNIT II, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 64-65 OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 4247 HICKORY STREET, MACCLENNEY, FL 32063

Any person 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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 5, 2010.

Al Fraser  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

1/14-1/21

# Fire extinguished on an abandoned Cadillac

A stolen Cadillac sedan, two mobile homes and a shed were among the property damaged in two unrelated fires this past week.

County firefighters were dispatched to the smoking 2004 Cadillac STS about 6:30 am January 11 and found it wheelless on cement blocks in the middle of CR 124 just west of CR 127 in Sanderson.

The only opening was the vehicle's cracked sun roof, which didn't let in enough oxygen to cause extensive damage. Flames in the rear drivers side seat were extinguished easily with less than 100 gallons of water before the doors were opened to ventilate the smoke.

According to fire chief Richard Dolan's report, most of the damage was confined to the lower passenger seat and upper drivers seat, and the scene was under

control in about 10 minutes.

The vehicle was registered to Mikhail Zabran of Jacksonville.

Later that afternoon, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office notified the Baker County Sheriff's Office that the Cadillac had been reported stolen. Fingerprints from the vehicle were turned over to the state fire marshals office.

Sparks or embers from a BBQ grill at a Joyce Lane residence in north Sanderson reportedly ignited the second fire encompassing about two acres the afternoon of January 7.

Chief Dolan said the flames spread to an area between two mobile homes on Hill Lane, which is located off Gaskins Circle west of CR 229 N.

The fire burned down Sharon Maxwell's barn and heat from the blaze melted vinyl siding on her residence as well as that of Shea Belford's.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION DIVISION  
CASE NO. 02-2008-CA-000117

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT T. DIGSBY, et al,  
Defendant(s).

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 05, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2008-CA-000117 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and ROBERT T. DIGSBY; LADUANA DIGSBY; VYSTAR CREDIT UNION; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS FLORIDA INC.; COMMUNITY FIRST CREDIT UNION OF FLORIDA; are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 9th day of February, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. S-23-A; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 36 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, 661.43 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 01 SECOND WEST, ALONG AFOREMENTIONED SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2, 40.0 FEET TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 01 SECOND WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2, A DISTANCE OF 209.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 36 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, 209.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 1 DEGREE EAST, 209.0 FEET TO SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 36 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; 209.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

A/K/A 14268 COUNTY ROAD 23A N, MACCLENNEY, FL 32063

Any person 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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 5, 2010.

Al Fraser, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO. 02-2009-CP-042

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
COLE YOUNGER COMBS,  
deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of COLE YOUNGER COMBS, deceased, whose date of death was December 24, 2007; File Number 02-2009-CP-042, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 East Macclennay Avenue, Macclennay, Florida 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 IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE 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: January 14, 2010.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Carol Brown  
CAROL BROWN  
Post Office Box 682  
Lake City, Florida 32056-0682

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
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#### Registration of Fictitious Names

I the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of GOODWIN AND SON PAINT AND BODY whose principal place of business is: 21634 Fish Road, Sanderson, Florida 32087 and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

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COUNTY OF BAKER  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 2010..

Al Fraser  
Clerk of Court  
Baker County, Florida  
By Bonnie Palleschi  
As Deputy Clerk

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The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction at 9:00 am January 23, 2010 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:

Name	Unit #
Thomas Mitchell	19
Ronnie Nipper	38
Pansy Ruse	84
Sharonda Ellis	104
Benjamin Logan	307
Claude Norris	217

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NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 23rd day of December, 2009, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and MARY ALICE WYNN AND JAMES D. WYNN, were defendants, being Case No. 2002-SC-307 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendants, Mary Alice Wynne and James D. Wynne, in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

The East 1/2 of the following parcel of land:  
Lot 8, in Block "A" of E.M. Brown's Plat of a part of the East 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 8, Township 3 South, Range 22 East as shown in Deed Book 23, Pages 337-338 of the public records of Baker County, Florida.

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclennay Ave. in Macclennay, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on February 16, 2010 at the hour of 11:15a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendants', Mary Alice Wynne and James D. Wynne, right, title and interest in the aforesaid real 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.

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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 23rd day of December, 2009, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and HANCOY CAHILL, was defendant, being Case No. 2008-CA-235 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, Nancy Cain, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

2006 Volkswagen Jetta  
VIN#: 3VWST71K86M22308  
(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. Macclennay Ave. in Macclennay, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on February 16, 2010 at the hour of 11:00a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant, Nancy Cain, 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.)

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# Youths charged after police chase

Two juvenile-age males were arrested following a high-speed chase in north Macclenny the morning of January 10.

The 16-year-old driver of a 2000 Toyota registered in his name faces multiple charges after he lost control of the southbound vehicle at North 5th and North Boulevard and struck a power pole.

The second youth, who was a front-seat passenger, ran from the scene and was re-captured at a mobile home on North Boulevard occupied by the mother of the third boy, age 17. He was a rear-seat passenger.

Deputy Matt Sigers said he turned around on the speeding Toyota heading southbound on CR 23A about 7:30, and soon after clocked it at 87 mph in a 35 zone after it veered east on CR 23B.

The officer said the driver sped through the three-way intersection of CR 23B with South 5th and South 6th Sts. by running a red light, then headed south with the deputy in pursuit. Deputy Sigers said the Toyota struck the pole after attempting to brake to turn on Boulevard.

The officer, joined by Deputy Kevin Jenkins, chased the 17-year-old on foot to the trailer, and the occupant directed them to a rear bedroom where he was found hiding under a pile of clothing.

The passenger was charged with resisting police without violence and was held for Volusia County where he is wanted on a warrant.

The driver faces charges of high-speed fleeing, a third-degree felony, having the wrong tag on the Toyota, failure to maintain a single lane, running the stop light, speeding and having no driver's license.

Deputies logged several arrests the past week of drivers whose licenses had been suspended.

- Mikell Lucas, 49, of Macclenny, was jailed early on January 10 after Deputy Shawn Bishara stopped him on CR 125 north of Glen St. Mary when he saw the driver's GMC pickup swerving in and out of the southbound lane.

The officer noted that Mr. Lucas smelled of alcohol when questioned, and several times rolled down the driver side window while attempting to open his door.

He was charged with driving on a license that has been permanently revoked, drunk driving and failure to maintain a single lane. Deputy Bishara's report also noted that two half-full beers were on the floorboard of the truck.

The arrest took place about 1:00 am.

- A computer check revealed the license of Marice Tolbert, 37, of Jacksonville had a dozen prior suspensions and he is an habitual offender. Mr. Tolbert was stopped by Deputy Jenkins for speeding on Interstate 10 near Glen about 4:30 the evening of January 9.

- Deputy Bishara stopped a 2006 Chevrolet pickup driven by Sherdon Morris, 38, of Macclenny when he clocked it doing 75 mph in a 45 zone on US 90 in Glen about 2:45 am on January 9.

Mr. Morris was jailed because he was driving on a license with six prior suspensions.

- Eugene Murriell, 21, of Macclenny was found to have four suspensions after he was stopped for speeding after midnight on January 11. Deputy Brad Dougherty said he stopped Mr. Murriell's 2008 Dodge after clocking it speeding at 60 mph in a 45 zone on US 90 between Glen and Macclenny.

# Computers disappear

Two computers have vanished from the inventory at Baker County High School since early December.

Carrie Dopson, a BCHS administrator, notified the sheriff's department on January 4 that she noticed the computers were not there when she was placing property markers on equipment. The computers, a Dell Netbook and Dell Mini-101, were stored in an office that was unlocked during regular school hours.

The units had a combined value of \$600.

In other recent thefts, an electric scooter valued at \$400 was taken from beside a residence on W. Shuey Ave. in Macclenny the evening of January 9.

Owner Nicole Raulerson said the scooter went missing between 7:50-8:40 pm. A neighbor reported seeing three male suspects in the neighborhood about

that time, but police found no trace of them.

- Debra Johns reported on January 4 that a .38 caliber pistol was missing from her residence on Durland Rd. in Macclenny. She last saw the weapon in June, 2009.

- A beer bottle was tossed through a cafeteria window at Baker County Middle School the weekend before last. Damage was estimated at \$500.

- A remote camera and 55-gallon corn feeder were taken from near the residence of Harold Wilkinson off Oscar Rd. in the Blackbottom tract in southeast Baker County.

He reported the theft on January 5, and also noted about 200 pounds of corn lay scattered on the ground near where the feeder was set up. Value of the equipment was placed at just over \$300.

# \$8K in tackle is stolen

The owner of a fishing boat stored off Ray Phillips Rd. away from his residence reported January 9 that fishing tackle, rods and reels valued at \$8000 were removed from it sometime since mid-December.

Jacob Card told Deputy Brandon Kiser the boat had been stored under a pole barn, and he realized it had been tampered with when he went to pick it up that afternoon. Also missing was a propeller worth \$600.

Two windshields on the Triton craft were removed in an apparent attempt to steal a recently installed CD player, the officer's report notes. There was also a possibility that the fuel supply had been contaminated and wiring damaged.

Mr. Card told the officer he last checked on the boat on December 15.

In other thefts:

- A Yamaha Grizzly four-wheel ATV was taken from beside the residence of Stephen Burger on North Clinton in Glen St. Mary during the day on January 4.

Mr. Burger told Deputy Larry Clark he was away from the residence from 6:30 that morning to 7:30 in the evening.

- Christopher Parish reported property taken from his vehicle parked on Lyons Lane near Macclenny overnight on January 6.

Missing items included ammunition, a knife, backpack and

medication.

- A license tag was removed from a 2007 Chevrolet pickup belonging to Christiana Lauramore of Glen. She noticed the missing tag on January 4 and told police it was on the truck in late December.

# Shoplifters after beer

Authorities hope a video surveillance tape will yield clues as to the identity in at least one case of convenience store shoplifting the past week during which male suspects ran off with 18-packs of beer.

The first occurred the evening of January 4 when a white male in his early 20s with brown hair and a goatee stole one of the packs from the Citgo station on North 6th in Macclenny.

The 6-foot-2-inch subject ran to a waiting silver Buick with a Gator license tag and it sped off northbound on 6th.

The clerk at the S&S Store on South 6th called police late on January 7 after a white male in a black hooded sweatshirt and wearing white shorts took two of the beer packs from a cooler and fled out the door and south to nearby George Hodges Rd.

The packs retail for over \$12 each.

# Attacked bouncer during a bar fight

A bar patron was arrested for battery after he allegedly slugged a bouncer who was trying to break up a fight at Mac's Liquors in downtown Macclenny the evening of January 9.

Deputy David Nichols took David Cannon, 38, of Glen St. Mary into custody shortly after the 10:00 incident, based on statements by Garrath Phelps, 50, of Macclenny and the bar manager Tommy Cooler.

The two said they were separating combatants on the outdoor deck of the bar when Mr. Cannon grabbed Mr. Phelps from behind, then struck him in the face when he spun around. The deputy noted bruising and a small laceration on the bouncer's face.

In a second recent complaint involving Mac's Liquors, Jimmy Sikes, 42, of Glen notified the sheriff's department on January 4 that he was beaten by one or more persons in the rear parking area on January 1.

Mr. Cooler told police video surveillance did not cover that area of the property, and a witness named by Mr. Sikes and later contacted by Deputy Nichols said only that he found the complainant outside and brought him into the bar.

The officer noted bruising and lacerations on Mr. Sikes' face.

- A complaint for battery was made against a 45-year-old female patient at Northeast Florida State Hospital who allegedly attacked another female patient the evening of January 9.

Both the victim, age 26, and nurse Corissa Holey of Macclenny said the accused grabbed the victim by the hair, then struck and scratched her about the face before being pulled off by staff.

Deputy Randy Davis said the victim's face bore evidence of the attack, including deep scratches on her left cheek. The accused was not made available to him for an interview.

# Had a pistol illegally in Jeep

Police arrested a Lake City man on weapons and other charges after his 2002 Jeep was observed on US 90 near Sanderson weaving in and out of lanes the morning of January 9.

Troy Melton, 25, appeared nervous and disoriented when questioned by Deputy Jeff Shouse about 10:30, and refused an initial request by the officer to search his vehicle.

Cpl. Ben Anderson was summoned with his drug-sniffing canine that alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle. A subsequent search turned up a small amount of marijuana stuffed inside a cigarette pack in a coffee cup.

Deputy Shouse also found a .9 mm pistol under the passenger seat. Nine rounds were in the magazine.

A computer check revealed Mr. Melton had an active domestic violence protection order that prohibited weapons possession. He was booked at county jail for that violation, carrying a concealed weapon and misdemeanor possession.

The concealed firearm charge

is a third-degree felony; the others are misdemeanors. Mr. Melton denied knowledge of the pistol in the vehicle, and insisted the injunction was no longer valid.

- Tommy Ruise, 31, of Sanderson was arrested at his mother's residence off Tony Givens Rd. early on January 10 for possession of crack cocaine concealed in a glue tube.

Deputy Shawn Bishara was called to the address about 5:30

on a disturbance call, and Mr. Ruise, who the officer noted had an odor of alcohol about him and evidenced slurred speech, said he had been arguing with his mother.

Mr. Ruise agreed to leave the area, and consented to a pat-down search. Deputy Bishara located the glue tube in the suspect's pants pocket, and said the label had been removed. The contents tested positive for cocaine.

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

# Will regionalism sink authority?

## Cone: People in Taylor won't support the JTA

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Disagreements about how to fund a future regional transportation authority encompassing Baker and six other northeast Florida counties and ensure fairness in representation may doom the authority before its even created, according to County Manager Joe Cone.

He began attending monthly meetings last June of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority-led study group charged by the Florida legislature and governor to recommend a framework for the new authority. Presented at the last meeting January 6 were potential funding streams that could raise up to \$205 million more for transportation projects in the region.

"My guess is it won't be implemented," Mr. Cone said of the group's eventual recommendations, which are due to the state next month.

Northeast Florida is the only part of the state without a regional transportation authority similar to those in south, central and western portions of Florida. The state legislature often allocates transportation funds through the regional authorities.

The presentation last week examined potential funding sources for the new authority and focused on local gas and sales tax revenues.

A look at funding sources for 12 authorities from Seattle to Atlanta showed most were

fed primarily by sales taxes from one percent down to four-tenths of a percent. Secondary sources included vehicle registration fees, property taxes and vehicle excise taxes.

Florida's three established authorities encompassing Miami, Orlando and Tampa receive state and federal transportation dollars as well as local funding.

Already in place in Northeast Florida are various types of local gas and sales taxes permitted by state statutes and adopted locally, either by voters or elected governing boards.

Baker County currently levies a seven cents per gallon gas tax that's expected to generate \$941,000 this year, according to estimates from the Florida legislature.

Up to an additional five cents is available by statute for capital transportation needs, given a majority-plus-one vote by the county commission or county-wide referendum. Such a move could raise \$666,000 this year.

Most of the local sales taxes range from one-half to one percent and are levied with approval from voters. Baker County levies the maximum, one percent "small-county" sales tax in addition to the state's six percent. It's expected to generate more than \$1.6 million this year.

- Other funding options included:
- Voter-approved property tax increases,
  - Vehicle registration fee increases,
  - Treating transportation like a utility and charging everyone — residents, businesses, government agencies, schools and non-profits — based on their use;
  - Tying gas taxes to increases in the consumer price index so they increase gradually without inflation.

The latter strategy is being used by the state for a portion of its gas taxes and Congress is debating its use in a federal transportation bill.

Beyond funding a potential authority, the role that smaller counties and municipalities will play in the decision-making process has also been an area of contention.

"There's concern about giving the authority over to the JTA," Mr. Cone said. "If other counties are supposed to participate in this ... I can't see the people in Taylor saying they'll tax themselves for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority."

The fate of the Northeast Florida Transportation Planning Organization [TPO], which has undertaken a similar study on its own, remains unclear.

The nonprofit based in Jacksonville manages planning for billions of dollars in projects over a five-year horizon, but Baker and Putnam counties are non-voting members of the organization.

"Several people said with state, regional, county and city transportation plans; they didn't want to have just another layer of bureaucracy and that there needs to be some consolidation of these agencies," Mr. Cone recalled.

The JTA group will convene again at 1:00 pm January 25 when a draft report and recommendations will be presented. The meeting will be held at 2198 Edison Ave. in Jacksonville.

# Seeking variances for Hampton Inn...

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asking for a 15-foot reduction in the 50-foot front set back, the distance required between the structure and the road, as well as height and size variances for the 140-room hotel's signs.

"For people to see the sign, we need it to be bigger," said project engineer Shawn Webber with the Gainesville firm Causseaux, Hewett & Walpole.

The requested size is 200-square-feet larger than normally permitted and the maximum height for the hotel's interstate sign is 150 feet. The city's sign ordinance contains a 35-foot maximum.

"If they [Hampton Inn] can't get visibility, they won't be interested," Mr. Motely added. After the meeting he said Hampton Inn has committed to build at the location.

Mr. Motely is also seeking shorter than normal parking spaces due to the small parcel size and its odd, almost triangular shape. The requirement for a 250-square-foot loading zone for deliveries may be waived as well.

"There's just no place to put it," Mr. Webber said.

The exceptions to city codes are typical with the kind of zoning that Mr. Motely is seeking. It's known as planned unit development or PUD zoning and allows developers to negotiate requirements normally governed by zoning rules. An ordinance to rezone Mr. Motely's property from commercial general to PUD will be considered by the city board next month, along with an accompanying PUD agreement spelling out the zoning terms.

For instance, the board agreed that fencing along the property's western edge wouldn't be required unless the existing trees are removed. In that instance, the developer could also substitute a landscaping buffer.

"I would sure not like to put a fence up now," said Mr. Motely. "Maybe later on if [the neighboring property] becomes residential. But with the trees there, I'd like to do nice landscaping."

In addition to the zoning approval, the developer will need an approved site plan from the city. However, Mr. Webber said other regulatory hurdles, like approval from the St. Johns River Water Management District, have been met.

Mr. Motely said construction could begin within the next six months.

The only reservation from the commission concerned the second phase of the project, which calls for 10,000 square feet of commercial space for either a sit-down restaurant, fast-food restaurant, office space or retail.

Commissioner Phil Rhoden feared the lack of a traffic light at S. 6th St. and George Hodges Rd. wouldn't mix well with additional traffic.

"We put another restaurant

there and we're making a bad situation worse," he said.

### No referendums allowed by city charter

When City Manager Gerald Dopson was approached about putting the repeal of the city's ban on Sunday alcohol sales to vote among residents, he was surprised to find out that Macclenny's charter, which hasn't been updated since the 1970s, doesn't permit referendums.

City attorney Frank Maloney said referendums are only available in about half the state's municipalities while the unincorporated areas of Florida's 67 counties have them by right.

"I think it is important that if there's enough interest generated in an issue, that we can have a referendum," Mr. Dopson told the board. "I think it's fair to have that as part of our charter. It's the democratic process to do that."

Commissioner Rhoden, who supports the ban on Sunday alcohol sales, said if voters don't agree with that position, they can always vote him out of office. "It can be so easily swayed in a community our size," he said of the referendum process, which typically requires the gathering of petition signatures to place specific issues on the ballot.

For referendums to take place in Macclenny, Mr. Maloney said the board would first need to amend the city's charter and then approve laws governing referendums.

The board resigned to discuss the matter further after review-

ing referendum ordinances from cities of comparable size to Macclenny. Mr. Maloney only had ordinances from larger municipalities.

## Chief school nurse to speak at meeting

The January meeting of the GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny will be held January 21st at 11 am. Coffee and meet and greet starts at 10:30 am.

All meetings are held at the Woman's Clubhouse (across from the library). Any women interested in joining are invited to attend. We participate in many local activities and support local and national projects. One such project is helping with hearing and vision testing at all the local schools.

This month our guest speaker is Marcheta Crews, Baker County Coordinator for School Health Services. She will speak on general results of the testing this year, how many referrals were required and other related topics. She will also demonstrate the use of the hearing and vision machines for those new to the woman's club.

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## Driver is recovering

The driver of a van heading south on CR 229 the afternoon of January 7 was airlifted to Shands Hospital about 1:00 pm with serious injuries after his 1994 GMC left the roadway, striking a power pole and overturned.

Curtis Stoutamire, 39, of Glen St. Mary was not wearing a seat belt during the crash and witnesses said he may have had seizure prior to losing control of the vehicle, said Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Bill Leeper.

The accident occurred about 15 feet north of Columbia Street.

Mr. Stoutamire's niece said the following afternoon her uncle was recovering from his injuries, but remained in the hospital for observation.

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The program, which is offered quarterly, consists of four in-depth sessions and is conducted by Jean Kiltz and Debbie Slocum, both certified diabetes management instructors. Ms. Kiltz's sessions deal with the physiology of the disease and Ms. Slocum focuses on proper nutrition, which can be a key element in helping to manage diabetes.

Included are Power Point presentations, hand-outs, films, blood sugar tests, handbooks and other materials related to the subject.

Fourteen people are participating in the current program, which meets on Thursday evenings at the BCHD conference room from 5:00-7:00.

During the first session that started January 7, participants underwent a hemoglobin A1C blood test, a standard tool in the diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes and pre-diabetes.

The test measures average blood sugar levels for the previous two to three months, which can indicate the presence of diabetes and also present a record of how diabetes is being managed. A consistent 6.5 percent level is indicative of the presence of diabetes. Levels between 5.7 and 6.4 suggest a patient is pre-diabetic.

Although the participants in the BCHD program have already been diagnosed with diabetes, undergoing the test can help determine if their current treatment is working. If not, following up with doctors for medication adjustment and other management tactics can be recommended.

"We encourage a parent, sibling or spouse to attend with their diabetic family member," said Ms. Kiltz. "Learning about the condition helps encourage empathy and understanding of the disease and the importance of managing it actively."

Participants learned about the differences and similarities between Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes. They also discussed risk factors, typical symptoms and management goals such as the desired blood sugar levels before and after meals, diet, exercise and not missing doses of medication.

Ms. Kiltz helps participants understand the importance of proper treatment when blood sugar levels fall dangerously low. She coached them in the specific way to treat the condition (hypoglycemia) and showed samples of



Glucose tablets and gel for hypoglycemia.

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glucose supplements that should be used.

Hypoglycemia typically comes on suddenly and occurs when there is too much insulin in the blood, which can result in dizziness, shakiness, headaches, sweating and disorientation. If severe enough, a diabetic can lose consciousness.

"You absolutely do not grab a candy bar or cookies to try and raise your blood sugar levels if they fall dangerously low. The fat in such foods actually delays the absorption of sugar."

Diabetics should carry glucose in the form of tablets or gel and take it as soon as they feel hypoglycemic symptoms coming on. Allow 15 minutes to pass — the time it takes for glucose to be absorbed. Then have juice, milk or something with protein in it.

"You don't wait to treat the symptoms because you can get into serious trouble," said Ms. Kiltz.

Hyperglycemia is the opposite, when there isn't enough insulin and sugar levels remain consistently high in the blood. It usually develops over several days and results in chronic thirst because the body is trying to rid itself of excess sugar through the urine.

Taking medications and lowering the sugar content of diet are an effective way to prevent hyperglycemia.

There is no cure for diabetes. When it occurs, the condition always exists, but with proper

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**Alex Colbert, 20, enjoyed music, art**

Alex Michael Colbert, 20, of Macclenny died January 7, 2010 with family and friends by his side. He was born in Margate, FL on August 19, 1989 to Robert Lee Colbert Jr. and Dawn Marie Dunham Colbert, and resided in Baker County for most of his life.



Alex Colbert

He attended the Christian Fellowship Temple and enjoyed music, art and Batman movies. Alex graduated from the Baker County High School in 2008. He was preceded in death by his brother William Wesley Colbert.

Survivors include his parents; maternal grandparents Sara Jean Dunham and Thomas Edward Dunham; paternal grandparents Robert Lee Colbert Sr. and Carolyn Colbert; great-grandmother Hazel Dunham; brothers Ryan Edward Colbert and Brandon Lee Colbert; one uncle; two aunts.

The funeral service was held January 12 at 11:00 am at his church with pastors Gary Crumney and Edsel Bone officiating. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Darwin E. Hodges, infant son, of Glen**

Darwin Ethan Hodges, infant son of Darren Earl Hodges and Tammy Lee Carter of Glen St. Mary, died January 6, 2010 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. He will be treasured and missed by his family who were so anticipating the little angel's arrival.

Survivors include his parents; brothers Darrin, Andrew and Zachary; sister Cassandra, all of Glen St. Mary; paternal grandparents Earl and Barbara Hodges of Glen; maternal grandparents Andrew and Linda Carter of Macclenny.

The graveside service was held January 12 at 3:30 pm at Oak Grove Cemetery with Pastor Eddie Griffis officiating. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Service for infant Tanner Hughes**

Tanner Gail Hughes, infant son of Richard and Lisa Jesseman Hughes of Elkins, Arkansas died Friday, January 1, 2010. He was born November 19, 2009 in Fayetteville, Arkansas.



Tanner Hughes

Survivors include his parents; sister Kathryn Jean Hughes; paternal grandparents Shad and Becky Hughes of Elkins; maternal grandmother Rhonda and David Smith of Starke; maternal grandfather Butch and Donna Jesseman of Macclenny, FL.

The funeral service was held at 1:00 pm on January 8 at the Dwelling Place in Fayetteville with Pastor Marcus Carruthers officiating. Interment followed at Mount Olive cemetery in Elkins. Beards Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Lauramore dies January 5th**

Gladys R. Lauramore, 91, of Glen St. Mary died January 5, 2010. She was born in Moniac, Georgia to the late Daniel B. Raulerson and Lovedy Magnolia Johns Raulerson on February 23, 1918, and lived in the Baker County area most of her life.



Gladys Lauramore

Mrs. Lauramore enjoyed singing, crocheting, taking care of her family, horseback riding and fishing. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Woodrow Lauramore; daughter Elsie Lauramore; grandson Larry Lauramore.

Survivors include children Charles (Barbara Ann) Lauramore of Glen, Marvin (Ann) Lauramore and Johnny (Wilhelmina) Lauramore, both of Macclenny; sister Margaret Burgess of Jacksonville; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held January 8, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Christian Fellowship Temple of Macclenny with pastors David Thomas and Tommy Anderson officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Robert McMinn, 59, decorated vet**

Robert Allen McMinn, 59, of Middleburg died January 5, 2010 at his residence. Mr. McMinn had resided in Middleburg for the past 13 years and prior to living there he resided in Mandarin for 11 years. He was the son of the late William Douglas and Mildred Rewis McMinn.

Mr. McMinn was a member of the DAV, member of American Legion and a veteran of Vietnam having served in the U.S. Marine Corps. While in Vietnam he received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with a "V" and a Presidential Citation. He was preceded in death by brother Keith McMinn and sister Connie Davis.

Survivors include wife Donna McMinn of Middleburg; daughter Jennifer (Miguel) Ortiz of Lakeland; son Jason (Jennifer) McMinn of Lakeland; sister Dian Matheny of Leon, WV; six grandchildren; mother-in-law Lois Johns Lard of Jacksonville.

The funeral service was held January 9 at 2:00 pm in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. J.C. Lauramore officiating. Interment followed at North Prong Cemetery.

**'Jo' Nelson, 70, dies January 5th**

Clara Josephine "Jo" Nelson, 70, of Glen St. Mary died January 5, 2010. She was born in Baker County to the late Walter Lamar Williams and Edith Mildred Crew Williams on October 30, 1939 and raised in Jacksonville before moving back to Baker County in 1995.



Clara Nelson

Mrs. Nelson retired from Baptist Medical Center after 27 years as a recovery room secretary. She was a member of Woodstock Baptist Church and enjoyed crafting, sewing, trips to Biloxi, Mississippi and family get-togethers.

She was predeceased by her husband Harry Lewis Nelson Jr. and her brother Clyde Williams.

Survivors include children Richard Dean (Vicky) Nelson of Gainesville, Harry Lamar Nelson of Tallahassee and Kim Diane (Gerald) Isaacs of Glen St. Mary; brother Sammy Williams; sisters Paulette Sealey, Joan Carpenter and Debbie Perryman; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held January 8 at 11:00 am at the V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor David Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Taylor Cemetery.

**In Loving Memory of Bobby Balkom**

1/10/1970 - 8/14/2006

**Happy Birthday Bobby.** You would have been 40 on 1/10/10. I miss you so much it hurts to the depths of my soul and after all this time it seems like it was yesterday. A part of me is gone and the broken heart will never go away. I have begun to accept that I will never see or touch you again, but I talk to you all the time. The memories we shared are a big comfort. With faith, prayer and love I am having some days that I feel peace and comfort. I will always miss that big smile and the love we shared and someday we will be together for eternity.

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Youth Pastor Brian Poole

**Bonnie Trimble, 49, of Lake City**

Bonnie Jean Starling Trimble, 49, of Lake City died at her home January 8, 2010. Mrs. Trimble was a native of Baker County and had resided in Lake City for the past seven years. Prior to living in Lake City she had resided in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Trimble was the daughter of the late Neal Starling. She was a homemaker and loved the Lord, her family cooking and singing gospel music. She was a member of the Watertown Congregational Methodist Church in Lake City.

Survivors include husband Michael Trimble of Lake City; mother Ruby Lucille Harris of Orange Park; daughter Marsha Wilkerson of Starke; sons Timothy (Karen) Stewart of High Springs, Neal Curtis (Tara) Stewart of Sanderson, Steven (Jamie) Stewart of Olustee, Jonathan Trimble of Summerville, SC; Aaron (Margaret) Trimble, Hattiesburg, MS; sisters Terri Ann Miller of Orange Park, Linda Ufferman of Sanderson, Tina Starling and Kathy Starling, both of Lake City; brothers Neal Martin of White Springs, Lonnie Starling of Middleburg and Mark Starling of Lake City and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral service was held January 12 at 2:00 pm at her church with the Rev. Randy Ogburn officiating. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Guerry Funeral Home of Lake City was in charge of arrangements.

**Raiford revival**

Calvary Temple Church of God in Raiford is having a revival with Lamar Chapman from January 18 through January 22 beginning at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited.

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# Mable Williams, 97, of Sanderson

Mother Mable Williams, 97, of Sanderson died January 5, 2010. Born January 1, 1913 in Sanderson, she was the daughter of the late James Paige and Lessie Givens. She was employed at North-east Florida State Hospital for 17 years.



Mable Williams

Mother Mable was a member of Church of God By Faith in Sanderson, where she served diligently and faithfully as a church mother. She was the perfect example of what a mother, sister and friend should be like. She was preceded in death by husband Mack Williams; sister Dorothy Blue; nephew James Paige; niece Naomi Paige.

Survivors include daughters Roxanne (Clifford) Lloyd of Sanderson and Bettye (George) Allen of Virginia Beach, VA; seven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a special great-grandchild; three god-daughters; many special friends; a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral service for Mother Mable was held January 9 at 1:00 pm at her church with Pastor Alvin Armstrong Sr. officiating. Interment followed at Quitman Cemetery. Combs Funeral Home of Lake City was in charge of arrangements.



## In Loving Memory of Launa Bree Monds

06/02/2006 - 01/18/2008

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## In Loving Memory of Joe Newmans

Who was taken away from us one year ago, January 11, 2009

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And when I asked him why he had gone, he smiled and said his job was done.

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I asked him if he would come again and smile on me, to give me all the answers that he held as a key.

No need, he said with a smile so him, so strong. For I have taught you well, right from wrong.

But always remember my love is all around you, as crisp and clear as the sky is blue.

You are here to teach others a love that is pure, I showed you how - it is the cure.

The cure for all that ails the world so deep. Love is to give and not to keep.

Spread what you know that is in your heart, for when you do we are never apart.

I am always here to see you grow, and use the gifts of love that upon you have been bestowed.

Laugh much, live well, embrace a love as large as the biggest ocean swell.

WE MISS YOU, LINDA, PAT AND CHARLOTTE

## Sincere thanks

The family of the late Mother Mable Williams would like to thank everyone who showered and showed us so much love in our time of bereavement. Thanks to everyone who participated in the program and gave my mother a very good home-going service. May God bless each and every one of you.

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## Five generations in place for 87th birthday

This photo of Irene Yarbrough (front, center) surrounded by five generations of family, was taken just prior to Christmas during the traditional fruit cake baking. Ms. Yarbrough, of Macclenny, will be feted on January 15 with another party for her 87th birthday. Pictured above other than the honoree are (clockwise from her right) daughter Judy, granddaughters Diane and Tammie Wilbanks, great-granddaughters Brianna Yarbrough and Kellina Crews, daughter Barbara Yarbrough, granddaughters Rena Kirkland and Tina Owens, and great-great-granddaughter Eden Crews.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TAMMY WILBANKS



Eddie Woodruff

### Born December 18

Keith and Hannah Woodruff of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the arrival of son Eddie Keith on December 18, 2009. He weighed 8 lb., 12.4 oz.

Proud grandparents are Edward Keith Woodruff of Glen, Karen Malone of Carriere, Miss.; Thomas and Rose Going, also of Glen.



Tracy Padgett

### Earns masters

The family of Tracy Lynn Padgett of Macclenny congratulates her on earning her master of science degree in health science from UNF on December 11, 2009. Tracy is the wife of Clifford Darin Padgett and the daughter of Doug Johns of Lake City and Tinker Stamblesky of Macclenny.

### OHH WEE, 60!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
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**Oh my, look who's 60!**  
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### School Lunch MENU

January 11 - January 15

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**Monday, January 11**

**Breakfast:** Pancake and sausage on a stick, peach slices, milk

**Lunch:** Tasty chili with beans and a homemade wheat roll, tuna salad sandwich, choice of two sides: baked potato rounds, raw veggies with ranch dressing, fruit juice

**Tuesday, January 12**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast, burrito, fruit juice, milk

**Lunch:** Slice of pepperoni pizza or ham with blackeye peas over rice with a homemade wheat roll, choice of two sides: seasoned mixed vegetables, tossed salad with dressing, chilled fruit choice and gelatin with whipped topping

**Wednesday, January 13**

**Breakfast:** sausage biscuit, peach slices, fruit juice and milk

**Lunch:** Taco salad with a homemade wheat roll or grilled ham and cheese sandwich, choice of two sides: golden corn, lettuce and tomato blend, chilled fruit juice

**Thursday, January 14**

**Breakfast:** Cereal with slice of toast, fruit juice and milk

**Lunch:** Mexican burrito with salsa or chicken nuggets with a homemade wheat roll a homemade wheat roll, choice of two sides: green beans with new potatoes, raw veggies with dressing, chilled fruit juice and a homemade cookie (gr. 7-12 peanut butter)

**Friday, January 15**

**Breakfast:** Pancake and sausage on a stick, fruit juice and milk

**Lunch:** Sloppy Joe on a bun or beef vegetable soup with a grilled cheese sandwich, choice of two sides: baked french fries, tossed salad with dressing, chilled fruit juice

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## MLK parade

The annual Martin Luther King memorial parade will be held in Macclenny along the traditional route on Friday, January 15.

Parade units will assemble at Keller Intermediate School before the 10:00 am start. The route heads east on South Boulevard to 4th St., then north to US 90, west through downtown to MLK then back to Keller.

Anyone with a MLK-related experience is encouraged to contact *The Press* 259-2400 with their story.

For more information, contact Tommy Rollins at 259-7721 or 312-8336.

## JROTC lunch

Air Force JROTC is sponsoring a chicken BBQ lunch/dinner January 15 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm at the corner of Highway 90 and 7th Street. Cost is \$5 per plate and includes choice of white or dark meat, two sides and dessert.



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

## High scores in math and reading

Twenty-seven Baker County Middle School students scored the highest achievement level — level 5 — on both the math and reading portions of last year's Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test or FCAT. Pictured above are 15 of those students, many of whom were honored by the school board during its meeting the evening of January 4 with a certificate. "It's so important to recognize the great things our students do," said Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson before recognizing the students and their parents for their commitment to academic success. Pictured above are [l-r in back row] Jessica Harrell, Hannah Mathews, Hunter Chambers, Ashton Goethe, Matthew Butcher, Videll Williams II, Gracemarie Rhoden, Tyler Braddy, (middle row) Blayne Merchant, Mason Loadholtz, Hannah Rogers, Karlie Payne, Summer McCray, Tyler Cole and Hunter Williams. Also scoring double-fives, but not pictured, were Celeste Bourgois, Clayton Bureau, Grason Cain, Timothy Chancey, Victoria Chisholm, Paul Constable III, Mary Hart, Justice Law, Reagan McKendree, Williams Raulerson, Jacob Stalvey and Callie Wheeler.

**January T.A.B.E. Tests**

Baker County School District will be administering the Test of Adult Basic Education (T.A.B.E.) on January 21, 2010, at the Family Service Center on the campus of Keller Intermediate School.

- Registration begins promptly at 8:30 am
- Testing 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Testing fee \$15 cash, exact change is required
- Picture ID is required

Additional T.A.B.E. test will be offered on March 5, April 16 and May 28, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Ward at 259-4110 or Wanda Conner at 259-0403.

**January GED Tests**

Registration for the January GED Tests will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the Baker County Middle School cafeteria in Macclenny. The GED tests will be given January 25, 26 & 27, 2010.

- \$70.00 testing fee
- Florida picture ID
- Social Security card or other document verifying social security number

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## Flashes blow past Lady Cats 57-21 Girls return home for close victory over Baldwin

It was a hard week for the Lady Wildcats basketball team, taking a 57-21 pasting from the Hilliard Flashes before returning to their home court and struggling for a win over the Baldwin Indians.

The Flashes exploded on an 18-2 run that basically put the January 5 game out of reach only 8 minutes after tip-off.

After the initial breathless pace the game slowed down, but the Flashes continued to hold BCHS at bay. The Lady Cats had trouble getting offensive rhythm and went into halftime down 29-11.

The Flashes opened the second half the same way that they did the first, running and keeping BCHS on its heels. The Cats had no answer for the Hilliard fast break and the Flashes went on a 15-4 run to go up 44-15 at the end of the third period.

It didn't get any better as the game progressed.

None of the Wildcats posted double figures that night, and Hilliard also controlled the backboards.

Destiny de la Pena had 8 points for the Cats and Tianna Raysor had 6 points. Kiara Battles posted 6 rebounds while Kiana Parker had 5 rebounds for BCHS.

The Cats got a 43-40 win at home on January 7 over Baldwin, but the Indians gave them all that

they could handle.

Chelsey Ruise had 18 points to lead the Cats and Meagan Osteen had her best game of the season with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The game was back and forth throughout the early minutes, with the teams matching basket for basket.

The Cats took a slim 2-point lead into the second quarter before the sharp shooting from Ruise and Osteen took effect. The Cats crept out ahead of the Indians as they went on an 13-5 run, pushing their lead to seven points at the half.

The Indians came out of the locker room with the edge, chipping away at the Lady Cats with good outside shooting and a tough inside game in the third period. The Indians narrowed the lead to just three points at the end of the third.

Then Wildcats slowed the pace and played controlled basketball. It prevented the Indians from making up ground in the final period.

Sophomore Ruise had 18 points and Osteen had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Kiana Parker had 15 rebounds to lead the Cats.

The girls are 9-3 on the season and will travel to Bishop Snyder on Friday, January 15, before a trip to Lake City Columbia January 19.



PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Destiny de La Pena struggles to put a shot against Hilliard.



## Boyz team wins 2nd place

The Baker Boyz took part in the 2009 Winter SlugFest baseball tournament December 20 at Rondette Park in Jacksonville and competed against the Ponte Vedra Blue Claws, the Atlantic Beach All Stars and the Jacksonville Juice. The Baker Boyz defeated Ponte Vedra 12-2 but lost to the Jacksonville Juice to finish in second place in the 9 and under age division. Front row: Zach Morris, Jordan Van Vactor, Clayton Smith, Preston Sutton and Hunter Wilson. Back row: Trace Milton, Michael Davis, Dominic Crews, Hunter Noblitt and Ryan Matthews. Coaches are Austin Milton and Johnny Tyson.

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## Coach says team leaders are stepping up

The Wildcat basketball team showed some improvement this past week as it beat Baldwin at home and posted a narrow losses to Stanton Prep and Bradford County January 5, 7 and 9, respectively.

The team's most impressive effort came in a two-point loss to a very talented Bradford County squad.

The Wildcats are 3-0 against district opponents and Coach Charles Ruise has seen a turnaround over the past week.

"We've seen some major improvement," said Ruise. "The guys who have needed to step up and take some leadership roles are doing that."

Coach Ruise realizes there is still a long way to go, but he's convinced the team is making strides despite going 1-2 this week.

"We still have to protect the basketball better and we need to be doing a better job on the boards," he said.

Where Ruise is the most concerned, and a bit baffled, is in the area of consistency.

"We seem to have a lull at some point during the game where it's like there's an invisible lid on the basket and nothing goes in," said the coach. "We've got to do better at erasing that."

The Cats opened the week with a big 68-46 victory over Baldwin. Kendrick Singleton picked up his play on the inside and had his best game of the season, leading the Cats with 14 points.

The Wildcats slowly built up a lead on the Indians despite strong outside play from guard Trent Madison and forward Alex Williamson, who led all scorers with 18 points. The Cats held a 10-point lead at the half and then put the game away with a strong third period surge.

Chris McCray had 8 of his 13 points in the period as the Wildcats outpaced the Indians 21-13. The Cats kept Baldwin at arm's length the remainder of the game despite a 9-point fourth period from Madison.

Singleton led the way with 14 points. McCray had 13, Chris Walton had 9, and Marcelle Gaydon and Marquis Ruise both scored 7.

Stanton Prep relied on outstanding free throw shooting to defeat the Cats 62-59 last Thursday in Jacksonville. The Blue Devils sank 11 of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter to hold off a Wildcat comeback.



PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Chris Walton drives to the basket against Bradford.

Stanton led the game from buzzer to buzzer, but BCHS kept it close behind a 19-point effort from McCray. The guard got 12 of his game-high points in the second period.

BCHS fashioned a strong finish, but the Blue Devils were solid from the line to secure the win.

The Cats continued to pick up their game, despite losing to a tough Bradford Tornado squad

52-50 on Saturday in the BCHS gym. The Wildcats led the contest at the half by a slim 23-22 margin and it was knotted at 35 at the end of the third period.

Then Bradford forward Treyonte Covington got hot from the outside in the fourth period. He hit a trio of three-pointers and 13 of his game-high 17 points at the end to snatch the win from a determined Wildcat squad.

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### TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Glen St. Mary is applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a grant under the Neighborhood Revitalization in the amount of \$600,000 under the FY2009 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For each activity that is proposed, at least 51% of the funds must benefit low and moderate-income persons. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentages benefit to low and moderate-income persons for which the Town is applying are:

Activity	CDBG Estimated	Funds	LMI Benefit
No.	Activity Name		
21A	Administration	\$48,000.00	N/A
21B	Engineering	\$32,340.00	N/A
03J	Water Tank/Well Treatment Plant	\$240,490.00	74.84%
03J	Water Lines, New - Potable	\$279,170.00	67.14%

Exact budget figures will be available no later than five (5) days prior to the application due date; however, at no time will the CDBG budget exceed \$600,000.

The Town of Glen St. Mary's application will involve the installation of a new water supply well and the extension of potable water mains to un-served areas of the Town.

Service Area #1 involves the construction of a new water supply well and associated piping. The new well will be located in Celebration Park, adjacent to the water treatment plant, and will provide water for all proposed beneficiaries within Service Area #1.

Service Area #2 involves the installation of approximately 370 LF of 6" water main and associated water services, valves, fittings, etc., along Stoddard Avenue from Mt Vernon Street north to Washington Street.

Service Area #3 involves the installation of approximately 4,000 LF of 6" & 8" water main and associated water services, fire hydrants, valves, fittings, etc., along Clinton Avenue from Mt. Vernon Street north to Town limits, Glen Avenue from Mt Vernon Street north to Town limits, Sherman Avenue from Mt. Vernon Street north to Town limits, Washington Street from Clinton Avenue east to Sherman Avenue and Madison Street from Clinton Avenue east to Sherman Avenue.

Service Area #4 involves the installation of approximately 2,300 LF of 6" & 8" water main and associated water services, fire hydrants, valves, fittings, etc., along Jefferson Avenue from Mt. Vernon Street north to Town limits, Hilliard Avenue from Mt. Vernon Street north to Town Limits, Washington Street from Jefferson Avenue east to Hilliard Avenue and Madison Street from Jefferson Avenue east to Hilliard Avenue.

Service Area #5 involves sewer hookups for three (3) low-to-moderate income (LMI) residences along Mt. Vernon Street from Lincoln Avenue east to Glen Avenue.

The Town of Glen St. Mary plans to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG funded activities in the following manner:

No displacement is anticipated.

If any persons are displaced as a result of these planned activities, the Town will assist such persons in the following manner:

In accordance with the Town's Anti-Displacement and Relocation Policy.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at Town Hall, 10046 N. Glen Avenue, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040 on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. A draft copy of parts of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and no later than five days before the application due date. The application will be submitted to DCA in the Spring of 2010. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Mayor Juanice Padgett, P.O. Box 519, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040 or by phone at (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.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DCA with the application. The disclosure will be made available by the Town of Glen St. Mary and DCA for public inspection upon request. The disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum of six years.

1. Other Government (federal, state and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect benefit by source and amount;
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## Commercial Rental

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# Troubled turnover of college coaches

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One always expects coaching changes in the off-season, but two coaches I never expected to be gone were Mike Leach of Texas Tech and Jim Leavitt of South Florida. Leach took Tech to 10 straight bowl games and Leavitt was the only coach South Florida ever had, and had taken them from an after-thought in the state to a No. 2 ranking at one point last year.

Coaches come and go, but these guys didn't go the way most coaches are forced out. They went under completely unpleasant circumstances.

Leach was fired by Texas Tech after he allegedly had wide receiver Adam James locked in a dark electrical closet and later an equipment shed after James couldn't practice because he sustained a concussion.

If you watched any college bowl games in December, this story seemed to be all anyone could talk about. Leach could have avoided firing had he met with the school's chancellor and signed a paper outlining proper treatment of players.

The chancellor said Leach was "arrogant" and refused to meet or sign. The next day he was fired. Leach is suing the university for defamation of character.

Leavitt was fired for striking a player. It's claimed that Leavitt throttled and then hit Joel Miller during the loss to Louisville.

The pair join Kansas coach Mark Mangino, who resigned following allegations of physical and psychological abuse. He was quickly replaced by squeaky clean Buffalo coach Turner Gill.

Three high profile coaches gone under shady circumstances. Definitely not your ordinary coaching turnovers.

I don't know which win this weekend was the most impressive, the Cowboys dismantling the Philadelphia Eagles or the Baltimore Ravens manhandling the New England Patriots.

The 'Boys beat up on Donovan McNabb and the Eagles on the way to a 34-14 victory. The Cowboys are possibly the hottest team in football and will face Brett Favre and the Vikings next

week. I watched the game and noticed that NBC must have a love affair with Cowboy owner Jerry Jones. They showed Jones 14 times in the first half alone. I stopped counting after that.

The Ravens jumped out on top of the Patriots 24-0 in the first period and then turned it over to Ray Lewis and a dominating defense on their way to a 33-14 win. Though they will face the AFC's most valuable player Peyton Manning and the Colts, I wouldn't bet against the Ravens if they get a lead.

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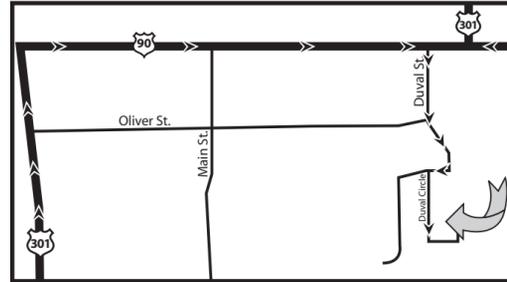
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# Macclenny man finds peace in field of camellias

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Four acres of Teng Lee's ten-acre tract of land off CR-23 in north Macclenny are devoted solely to growing camellias.

Mr. Lee, originally from Taiwan, has entered his camellias in competitions across Florida and often brought home awards, including best of show.

"I love this hobby," said the retired inspector with the US Department of Agriculture as he walked among his camellias last month, adding a little fertilizer here, filling a water dispenser there. "Most camellias are very easy to grow. It's fulfilling and very relaxing as a hobby."

He started growing the evergreen plants with the distinctive blossoms shortly after he moved to Macclenny fifteen years ago.

In that time he has propagated most of the nearly 500 camellias growing on his property today.

He also participated in the training which qualified him to be a judge in camellia competitions, something he says he enjoys almost as much as growing the wonderful plants.

Large shade trees on his property let in filtered light — optimum for camellias to thrive. As he walked along the rows of his favorite plant, he pointed to different varieties and shared information about each one.

"This variety is a Japonica, the most popular and hardy of camellias," he said. "Other varieties are Sassanqua and Reticulata."

He pointed to a bush loaded with pink blossoms. "This one is a hybrid which is a cross between two varieties. That over there is Reticulata which is difficult to propagate."

The flowers of a camellia have many forms:



Teng Lee examines a variegated camellia blossom.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

single, semi-double, peony, anemone and formal double. The blooms can be 2-3½ inches wide to 6 inches across.

Some varieties can reach 7-12 feet high with a spread of about 5-7 feet. They typically flower from October through January depending on variety and the zone they are located.

Many serious growers of camellias employ sophisticated sprinkler systems to irrigate, but Mr. Lee prefers a different method. He constructs an independent device to water and disseminate fertilizer for each camellia plant. He checks the device on one camellia and adds a little solid fertilizer.

"They like nitrogen and phosphorus," he said.

When Mr. Lee selects a plant for competition, he removes all buds except for only two or three. This ensures that all the plant's energy go to those few blooms making them as perfect, large and healthy as possible.

He stops at a bush filled with deep pink blossoms which look like they have been splattered with white paint. This characteristic is called variegation and is caused by the natural presence of a virus in the plant. It's harmless to the health of the plant but results in the two-toned speckled patterns in the flower's petals.

There are even requirements for variegation for flowers if entered in competition.

"The variegation must be uniform throughout the flower," Mr. Lee explains. "The flower's form might be perfect, but if the variegation is irregular, it won't place well in competition."

He has mastered the propagation technique of grafting, which is how many new camellias are grown. An already established plant is cut off, leaving about a five-inch section of trunk. A cutting from another plant can be inserted in a slit at that point and wrapped. A protective covering such as a jar is placed over the cutting until it becomes fused with the root stock.

Several different varieties can be grafted to one root stock resulting in groups of different flowers on one plant.

"I like propagating new plants this way," said Mr. Lee. "Camellias can be grown from seed or cuttings can be rooted and planted but it takes much longer than grafting."

He plans to grow his camellias for as long as he is able. Walking and working among his many plants each day is personally rewarding.

"I forget about time when I'm out here," he said. "It's like meditation."



Dawkins officers (l-r) are Vince McDuffie, John Bellovich, Larry Scott, Gene Waters, Robert Conner, Coy Pacetti, Tom Adams, Stan Harvey and Shelby Stephens.

## Masons install new officers

BY TED BARBER  
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

The evening of Saturday, January 9, the Masonic installing team of Stan Harvey, Coy Pacetti and Tom Adams placed Larry Scott, Phillip Adams, John Bellovich, Gene Waters, Vince McDuffie and Shelby Stephens into the worshipful master, senior warden, junior warden, senior deacon, junior deacon and Tyler offices, respectively.

Stan Harvey, Robert Conner and Tom Adams did not need to be installed since they held their positions from the previous year as treasurer, secretary, and chaplain, respectively.

Stan Harvey provided a short history of Dawkins Lodge No. 60 to include over its 135-year life it had been located in Sanderson when Sanderson was the Baker County seat and that the lodge moved to Macclenny when it became the county seat.

He also asked for a moment of prayer for James Robertson, the out-going worshipful master, who is gravely ill. When Larry Scott was presented in the East to the members and guests, the installing officer placed the late Ilisha "Satch" Wilkerson's hat in his hands complements of Jeanette Wilkerson, his widow.

Satch was a past master and past district deputy grand master who was known in the "Friendly" 10th District and throughout the state for his distinctive hat (normally a paper sack). The hat presented must have been Satch's going-to-church hat.

Robert Conner told the Freemasons and guests that he has served as the lodge secretary for 32 years. Based upon my knowledge of the Masonic Lodges in the "Friendly" 10th Masonic District, Robert Conner has held the lodge secretary position longer

than most secretaries have in the district, and is in a distinct class of secretaries that have served for more than 30 years.

Alley Poole presented Worshipful Master Larry Scott with his gavel. The presentation was done by memory and very impressive. Alley Poole is a past treasurer and chaplain of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and a past worthy advisor several times for the Local Rainbow Assembly No. 75, Rainbow for Girls.

## Wildcat named top safety recruit

Wildcat quarterback and safety Darwin Ruise collected another award this past weekend when he was named to the *Florida Times-Union Super 75* that targets the top 75 recruits in the state.

The 6-foot-2, 218-pound senior starred at quarterback for the Wildcats and also played in the defensive backfield. Though most of his notoriety came as the Wildcat's signal caller, it was at safety that he attracted the attention of college recruiters.

A three-sport athlete with good strength and speed, Ruise is a hard hitter on defense and has committed to the University of Missouri.

He is the sixth-ranked safety in the state. All the top safeties have committed to Division 1 schools.

Matt Elam, the state's top prospect at that position from Palm Beach, is committed to Florida as

are numbers two and three in the rankings.

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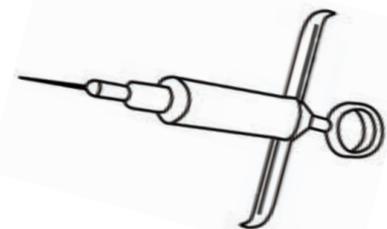
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