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## Souring mortgage levels are keeping pace in '10

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While home sales are picking up here and around the state, foreclosures continue rolling in at the Baker County courthouse.

More than a dozen have been filed so far this month, putting 2010 foreclosures on pace with last year.

In the midst of the housing market spiral during 2008, the county saw 152 foreclosure filings. The figure rose to 192 the following year and may reach 180 this year if January's foreclosures are replicated throughout the year.

Though high unemployment and a depressed economy have surely caused many to fall behind with mortgage payments, other people have been picking up the pieces, said Glen St. Mary mayor and real estate agent Juanice Padgett.

She said the majority of all sales in today's market are the result of foreclosures, commonly called "short sales."

Eleven of this month's 13 foreclosures were filed by banks or other mortgage holders, who in turn auction off the properties in an attempt to recoup losses. Similarly, at least nine notices of foreclosure sales have appeared so far this year.

It's a trend Realtor Dennis Collins of Macclenny expects to continue.

He believes the full impact of adjustable rate mortgages, prevalent during the real estate boom, has not yet been felt. Such loans typically have low interest rates initially that rise over time.

"We might see a little more [foreclosures] this year," Mr. Collins said. "The index on adjustable rate mortgages, its last big swing was in 2005. I don't think we've seen the end of it yet."

Buttressed by federal home buyer tax credits, which have been extended through April, and falling prices, existing home sales showed marked improvement through the end of the year. Mr. Collins is optimistic for that progress to remain in 2010.

"It's going to start picking up," he said. "Everybody is wait-

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## Coach Johns evasive on overtures to abandon BCHS post

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## Kids model city in the classroom

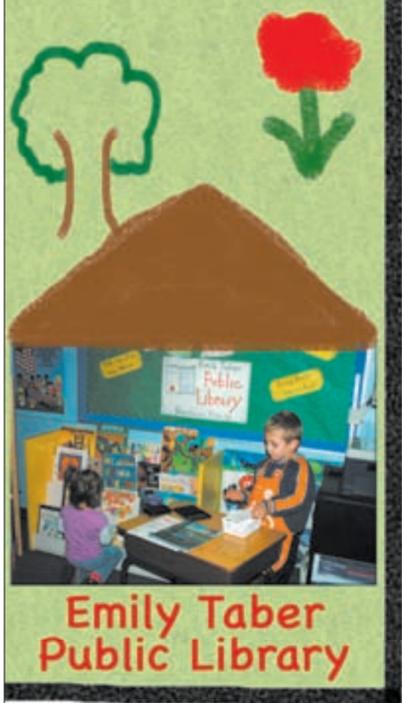
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Four-year-olds at the Pre-K Center are involved in a special project which reflects an understanding of their local neighborhood and the businesses that occupy it.

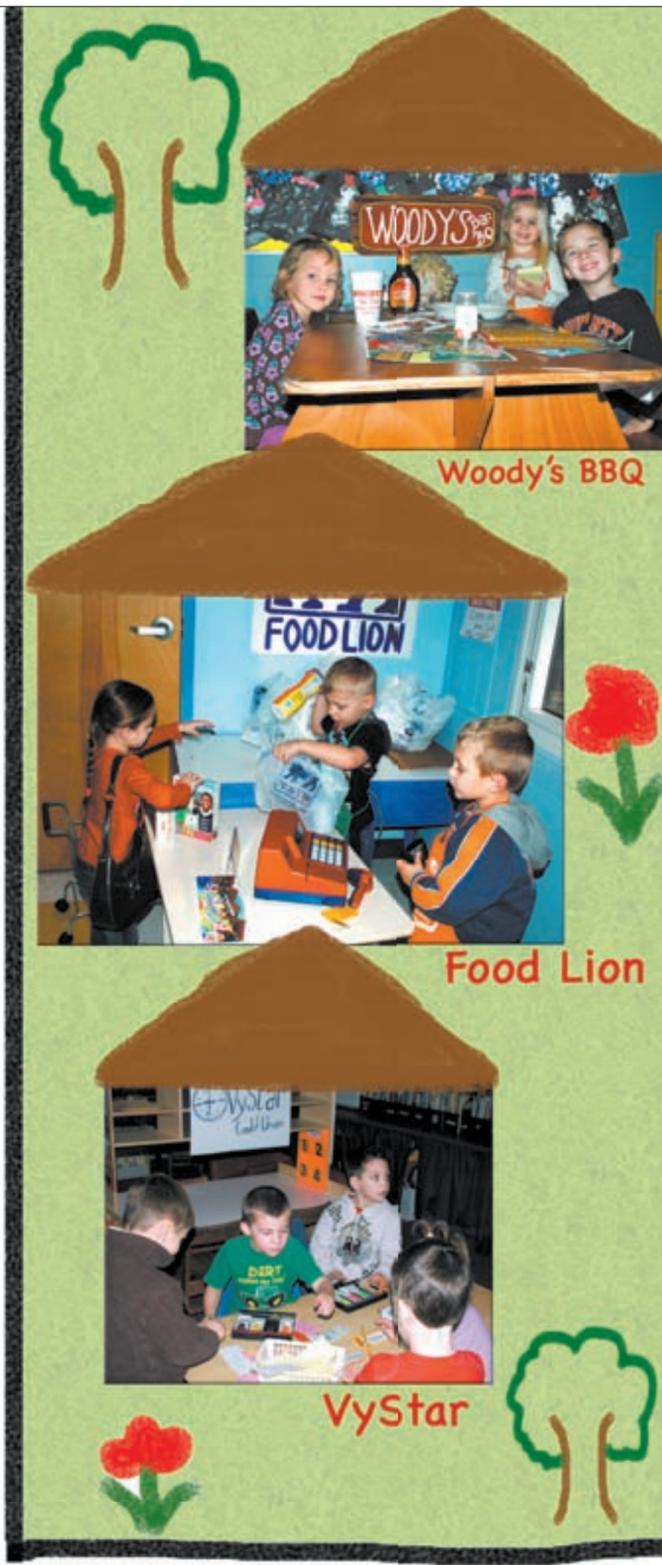
"This project is a wonderful example of the Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Education Standards," said Naomi Anderson, Pre-K coordinator.

The concept embraces active play as an effective way to help nurture social, emotional and motor skills while developing language, communication and literacy. Children expand communication skills through the repetition of using words along with

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Ridge Rhoden mans at the library circulation desk.  
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From top: Waitress River Grace Neri takes orders from customers Lyndi Barrios and Silas Rhoden, Alekzander Tsaregorodtsev checks out a customer with help from Ridge Rhoden, and Joshua Carver and Braxton Romo work as bank tellers.

## Jail visitation done by remote video now

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The Baker County Sheriff's Complex is one of only two facilities of its kind in north Florida to have a video visitation center.

Video visitation is fast becoming the standard for communication between prisoners and their visitors. The glass partitions that traditionally separated a prisoner and visitor are quickly disappearing.

There are 18 call stations, each costing about \$6000, in the video visitation center at the county jail, which is located separate from the inmate dormitories.

Each is designed as a semi-private booth containing a video monitor, a camera and two telephone hand sets, allowing for group conver-

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A visitor uses a video call monitor at the Baker County Sheriff's Complex.  
PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

## NEFSH backers get boost from DCF director

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The Department of Children and Families budget director Nevin Smith reportedly said January 21 the department, which oversees Northeast Florida State Hospital, will not recommend privatizing management of the Macclenny facility.

"And if the committee asks, [Smith] said he will tell them that there is no evidence that it's the best option at this time," said Chamber of Commerce director Darryl Register, who spent that day at the Florida Senate's health and human services appropriations committee meeting and spoke with Mr. Smith.

Mr. Register also said that committee chairman Durrell Peadar Jr. told a reporter for the *Florida Times-Union* that he didn't support privatization either.

Among other financial matters, the budget director's presentation to the committee included examples of efficiency steps that the state's publicly-managed hospitals could take to save millions, including outsourcing some functions like kitchen and laundry services or nursing.

The presentation also stressed the department's commitment to "ongoing contract management and review to identify the most cost-effective community service providers," according to documents in the committee's meeting packet.

The documents also reveal various management options moving forward, like restoring privately-run institutions to public management, or a portion thereof; outsourcing portions of publicly-run hospitals, or outsourcing them entirely; or using the public/non-profit partnership model in place at Shands Jacksonville.

There the University of Florida partners with Shands, a nonprofit corporation.

Mr. Smith's presentation included a table of the budgetary growth at state mental health institutions and their per-bed costs. Both are factors that could weigh heavily on legislators if privatizing NEFSH is considered, yet again, this year.

NEFSH's budget has grown 27 percent since 2003-04 and its per-bed cost this fiscal year is \$121,844.

The budget of the privately-managed civil treatment facility in Broward County, South Florida State Hospital [SFSH], increased by 14 percent and had a per bed cost of \$115,037.

It's run by GEO Care, a sub-

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# Kids modeling city

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gestures and actions. Children and teachers turned their classrooms into replicas of local businesses such as grocery stores, restaurants and hardware stores. Doctor's offices, law enforcement and fire departments as well as the library and post office were also represented.

"The businesses were wonderful about donating items for the children to use," said Ms. Anderson. "Parents did their part too by donating things like empty cereal boxes, milk and coffee containers for the grocery stores or deposit slips for the banks."

The "Food Lion" was doing brisk business the morning of January 15, as shoppers filled their buggies from the shelves and waited in line to pay for their groceries. Aleksander Tsaregorodtsev quickly scanned and bagged items. The checkout lines were long at the grocer's chief competitor, Winn-Dixie, too.

In another area, dressed in green scrubs and with a surgical cap on his head, Avery Giddens was serious in his role as a doctor.

Using his stethoscope and a thermometer, he thoroughly checked a baby doll patient brought in by her anxious mother Brooklyn Jefferson. Dr. Giddens pronounced the baby sick and expertly administered a shot.

Waitress River Grace Neri took orders and served meals to patrons at Woody's barbecue. Pizza Hut and McDonalds catered to crowds of hungry customers also.

At the smallest Vystar Credit Union on earth, tellers Joshua Carver and Braxton Romo helped customers fill out checks for cashing and also processed money for deposit. Ridge Rhoden patiently waited behind his circulation desk for patrons to select books and check them out of the Emily Taber Library.

Although there isn't a Home Depot in Macclenny (yet) Robbie Hill and Gideon Jordan took their roles as hardware store clerks seriously. They showed customers how to use a carpenter's level and sold power tools.

Children Pat McNeil and Aline Prescott's class constructed a large map of the city streets showing the locations of the businesses represented. The children planned to determine the location of their own homes and add them to the map.

Creative writing assignments were part of the class's neighborhood study.

"Where are you going today?"

# Mortgages

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ing to see what happens in the first quarter and late into the second. But I feel comfortable about it ... Prices are dropping and the market's making a correction."

Mr. Collins predicted as much as an additional 10 percent drop in home prices before year's end.

"The key is pricing the house correctly. If you have it priced right, it will sell," he said.

Statewide the number of existing single-family home sales measured monthly by the industry group Florida Realtors has been above the previous year's figure for 16 straight months.

Existing home sales in Florida at year's end outnumbered sales from 2008 by 31 percent and increased 4.3 percent from November to December of 2009.

Meanwhile, the median price for such sales dropped 24 percent in 2009 to \$187,700. For the Jacksonville metro area, which includes Baker County, sales increased 21 percent while the median price decreased 16 percent, the group reported.

# NEFSH...

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sidiary of GEO Group, which manages prisons and residential mental health facilities worldwide.

However, those against privatization, like Macclenny Mayor Dr. Gary Dopson, who also works at NEFSH, said SFSH doesn't admit certain high-cost patients that NEFSH does, like those suffering from traumatic brain injuries.

GEO Care is also paid based on the number of beds at their facilities, not how many are occupied by patients, he said.

Ms. McNeal asked them. "Let's write about our experience."

The children busied themselves with writing. Each answer was unique to the child.

Daegan Gainey wrote: "Today I'm going to the store with momma and Zac to get medicine for his ears."

Some children wanted to write about visiting Walmart.

"Think about what kinds of activities you will do at Walmart," said Ms. McNeal. "Ask yourself questions. Why are you going? What will you do? What will you see or buy while you are there?"

Or-Naiz Pearson's essay described shopping for "good" and "bad" Spiderman figures. He said he always enjoyed going to the store with his family.

"Research shows that young children learn best through hands-on, enriching experiences," said Ms. Anderson. "Through the neighborhood projects, children can actually demonstrate new skills as they experience and learn them."

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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|--|-----------------|
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| <b>Widow/Widower</b>   | <b>\$500</b>    |
| <b>Veteran's Disability</b>  | <b>\$5,000</b>  |
| <b>Blind Exemption</b>   | <b>\$500</b>    |
| <b>Total Disability</b><br><i>(Income &amp; physical requirements)</i>   | <b>Full</b>     |



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## Evangelist lets loose with his 'devil pact' theory of retribution

With *Broadway in Baker* coming up this weekend at the high school I have been a busy beaver. But that has not in any way meant that I would shirk my responsibility as crack investigative reporter for *The Baker County Press*. Once again, I have searched to the very bottom of the news barrel to find all the stories that have escaped most of the big news outlets.

### MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

Here are just a few of the items I have investigated to help keep your finger firmly planted on the pulse of the world outside Baker County.

✓ Televangelist Pat Robertson made news again last week when he claimed the reason Haiti suffered the dreadful earthquake that may have claimed the lives of 200,000 people is because Haiti made a pact with the devil (believe me, I can't make this stuff up).

The evangelist, who also called Hurricane Katrina the wrath of God delivering judgment to the people of New Orleans, claims that during a rebellion against French colonial rule during the 1700s, the Haitians did a deal with the devil to serve him if they were allowed victory.

Robertson is known for unusual statements that are often impossible to verify. When discussing modern plagues upon mankind to replace locusts, frogs, snakes, etc., he mentioned the McRib and the Hyundai Sale-a-Thon Event.

Most clerics condemned Robertson's comments about Haiti and New Orleans, but a few also included the LA Clippers basketball team and David Hasselhoff among the modern plagues.

✓ In a related story, Osama Bin Laden claimed responsibility for the underwear bomber. Bin Laden, in a rambling video tape, said that the idea of packing underwear with plastic explosives was his and had come to him while watching a Chippendale's video at his sister's bachelorette party.

Bin Laden lambasted underwear bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmuttallab for his choice of Speedos instead of boxers. Homeland Security Administration officials claimed the thong underwear packed with explosive would have done little damage to the plane but that Abdulmuttallab's chances of having children would have been severely limited.

Bin Laden also went on to claim responsibility for the Bridezilla cable television show, Windows Vista, and Amtrak.

✓ American Idol contestant Larry Platt, whose original song *Pants on the Ground* has gone viral with tens of millions of YouTube hits, told USA Today there is a misconception about the song. It is not, as originally assumed, a song about teens who won't pull up their pants.

No, said Platt. The song is really about Tiger Woods.

✓ President Barak Obama recently informed the Cook County Clerk of Courts that he would not be available for jury duty. The president got a letter this past week to serve on a jury in Chicagoland. The president told the court he is too busy to attend because he is preparing for the State of the Union address.

Though blasted by Fox News for not doing jury duty, the president saw his approval ratings jump 5 points. The reason most people polled gave for the increase is that it shows the President is just like the rest of us.

✓ Though Brett Favre will not be quarterbacking the Vikings in the Super Bowl after losing 31-28 to the New Orleans Saints in the NFC Championship, viewers will probably see more of Favre than either Saints QB Drew Brees or the Colts' Peyton Manning. The reason is simple. We are now beginning the six-month long process of deciding if Favre will indeed retire or come back to play another year.

✓ Conan O'Brien recently decided to step aside and allow Jay Leno to have his time slot. After weeks of bickering, O'Brien reached a deal with NBC which would allow Leno to come back to late night after a disastrous stint in the 10:00 pm time slot.

The deal gives O'Brien a reported \$40 million to step aside for Leno. In short, O'Brien gets approximately a million dollars for every person who watches the show on a regular basis.

I also will to step aside and let Leno have my job as crack investigative reporter, and give him a really good deal. Come on, Jay, you know you could do a better job than I do with all this stuff. Come on, Jay. What do you say? \$20 million - \$10 million - I'll give you a really good deal.



## Cumberland's mystique

### Island preserve close by

### THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

Cumberland Island is one of the most unspoiled, undeveloped places in the United States. It could have gone the way of Hilton Head (perish the thought!), its barrier island cousin to the north off the coast of South Carolina. Developers pushed hard in that direction, but The Georgia Conservancy and other environmental groups dug in their ecologically stubborn heels and worked to push through a congressional bill that established the island as a national seashore. It later became a national park.

I made the trip to the island on a recent Sunday. It was the first day the uncharacteristic cold, which had gripped much of the south for the previous month, finally relented.

The sunlight was brilliant across the water after the gray gloom that had curtailed the sky for so long. The wind on that day threatened to blow us away, but no one seemed to care. There are no bridges connecting the island to the town of St. Mary's on the mainland. For much of the year, a ferry departs twice daily, conveying visitors yearning to escape, for a few days or an afternoon, the hustle, traffic, noise and asphalt of "civilization."

I sat with my fellow passengers on the ferry's upper deck and took in vast panorama stretches of Spartina marsh grass. Later, I stood on the boat's aft deck, feeling the rumble of the engine beneath my feet, watching hundreds of gallons of churning sea water roll away in a long, undulating wake. The ride took 45 minutes.

From the dock you look past rows of palm trees down a long sandy track lined with oaks that form a moss-draped vault overhead as far as the eye can see.

All roads on the island are sand. The only vehicles are those



Dungeness on Cumberland Island.

belonging to the park rangers and the small spattering of permanent residents. Nothing here is fast, hurried or anxious. Unconsciously, your pace slows as does your breathing and your pulse. Time is different. Here it does not march forward, but sort of glides along languidly, unassuming. If you're wearing a watch, you forget to check it.

Armadillos cross and recross the roads. Cumberland is full of them. On an endless search for grubs, worms and other delectables, they busily push their snouts into the soft, loamy soil of the island's maritime forest floor. They seem little concerned about my presence and I slowly follow several on their foraging expeditions.

Groups of wild turkeys tack back and forth through open fields like small brown sailboats. Ruts and tears in the ground and undergrowth belie evidence of the passage of wild boars.

Several generations of the famed Carnegie family lived on the island and the houses and the remains of the houses they built and occupied still remain. Some, like Plum Orchard, are much as they were originally. Others like the ill-fated Dungeness, which burned to the ground three times, stand in ghostly ruins looking out to sea. Not even an echo remains of the long ago voices and laughter that once filled its proud halls and salons.

For silence is what speaks loudest on this island retreat. Silence and the wind; the rustle of tree branches and the pattering rain. Conversation almost seems unnatural here, as if there is no need.

On the walk to the beach I descended between vast dunes covered with the bleached silver skeletons of long dead trees. Atop another dune, the black silhou-

ettes of leafless oak trees grow elongated from the constant push of the sea breeze. The winding boardwalks leading to the shore are bordered with thick stands of wax myrtles, their limbs filled with clusters of dark, purplish fruit.

I could see the water from where the boardwalk ended. The tide was out and it was still a long, long walk to where the waves finally broke upon the shore.

In such ways, Cumberland makes you work for your reward and you find yourself, when watching a sunset, or seeking shelter during a rain shower, or following an armadillo, only too willing to do whatever it asks.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## Respond to survey

Dear Editor:

The letter is of interest to the residents of Cow Pen Road, Tennessee Street, Palmetto Place and Aunt Mary Harvey Road. Baker County was recently awarded a \$395,000 CDBG [Community Development Block] grant by the State of Florida and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This money for improvements to roads that were damaged during Tropical Storm Fay in 2008. The county will use the grant money for improvements to Cow Pen Road and Aunt Mary Harvey Road in Glen St. Mary.

The Baker County Grants Department recently sent you a survey packet with questions about your household. As a requirement of the grant, we must get information about households in the area that will benefit from the road improvements.

Please complete the survey and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope. This information will be kept strictly confidential. Only one staff person in Baker County will see the information before it is sent to the state.

We thank you ahead of time for your cooperation. If Baker County can not get the survey information that the state requires, we may have to forfeit the grant.

Maurice Postal  
Baker County Grants  
Coordinator

### Wanted: Your Valentines stories

The Press is looking for true tales about love, loss and romance in Baker County. Please share with us any unique, unusual or extraordinarily heartwarming experiences you've had or plan to have this Valentines Day by calling Joel Addington or Kelley Lannigan at 259-2400.

### We want to know!

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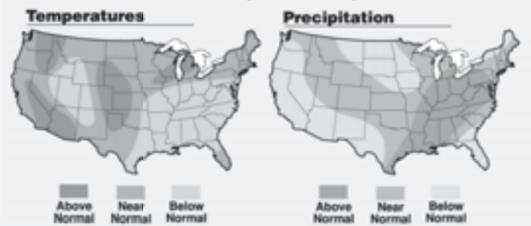
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## 7-Day Forecast

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## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

January 28 - February 3



## Tides

| Location                  | Jan. 28  | Jan. 29   | Jan. 30  | Jan. 31  | Feb. 1   | Feb. 2   | Feb. 3   |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Cedar Key</b>          | First high 1:30 p.m.<br>First low 6:44 a.m.<br>Second high —<br>Second low 6:28 p.m. | 12:09 a.m.<br>7:30 a.m.<br>2:04 p.m.<br>7:19 p.m. | 1:04 a.m.<br>8:12 a.m.<br>2:35 p.m.<br>8:07 p.m. | 1:56 a.m.<br>8:51 a.m.<br>3:05 p.m.<br>8:53 p.m. | 2:47 a.m.<br>9:27 a.m.<br>3:34 p.m.<br>9:40 p.m. | 3:37 a.m.<br>10:01 a.m.<br>4:03 p.m.<br>10:27 p.m. | 4:28 a.m.<br>10:34 a.m.<br>4:34 p.m.<br>11:17 p.m. |
| <b>Jacksonville Beach</b> | 6:04 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m.<br>6:23 p.m.   | 6:58 a.m.<br>12:40 a.m.<br>7:18 p.m.              | 7:50 a.m.<br>1:34 a.m.<br>8:12 p.m.              | 8:40 a.m.<br>2:27 a.m.<br>9:04 p.m.              | 9:30 a.m.<br>3:19 a.m.<br>9:57 p.m.              | 10:18 a.m.<br>4:11 a.m.<br>10:48 p.m.              | 11:07 a.m.<br>5:05 a.m.<br>11:41 p.m.              |
| <b>Mayport</b>            | 6:39 a.m.<br>12:38 p.m.<br>6:59 p.m.   | 7:33 a.m.<br>12:44 a.m.<br>7:55 p.m.              | 8:25 a.m.<br>1:39 a.m.<br>8:48 p.m.              | 9:15 a.m.<br>2:32 a.m.<br>9:41 p.m.              | 10:04 a.m.<br>3:25 a.m.<br>10:33 p.m.            | 10:54 a.m.<br>4:19 a.m.<br>11:26 p.m.              | 11:43 a.m.<br>5:17 a.m.<br>—                       |
| <b>St. Augustine</b>      | 6:10 a.m.<br>12:32 p.m.<br>6:29 p.m.   | 7:04 a.m.<br>12:42 a.m.<br>7:24 p.m.              | 7:56 a.m.<br>1:36 a.m.<br>8:18 p.m.              | 8:46 a.m.<br>2:29 a.m.<br>9:10 p.m.              | 9:36 a.m.<br>3:21 a.m.<br>10:03 p.m.             | 10:24 a.m.<br>4:13 a.m.<br>10:54 p.m.              | 11:13 a.m.<br>5:07 a.m.<br>11:47 p.m.              |

## Sun and Moon

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| Sunrise Thursday  | 7:22 a.m. |
| Sunset Thursday   | 6:02 p.m. |
| Moonrise Thursday | 4:27 p.m. |
| Moonset Thursday  | 5:53 a.m. |

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| Full  | Jan 30 |
| Last  | Feb 5  |
| New   | Feb 13 |
| First | Feb 21 |

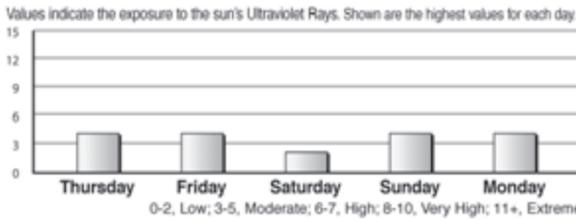
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## Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Jan 25.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Temperature                | High/Low for the week 78°/40° |
| Normal high/low            | 64°/42°                       |
| Average temperature        | 59.6°                         |
| Normal average temperature | 53.0°                         |
| Precipitation              | Total for the week 2.91"      |
| Total for the month        | 3.86"                         |
| Total for the year         | 3.86"                         |
| Normal for the month       | 2.97"                         |
| Normal for the year        | 2.97"                         |

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## 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.

| Date   | Major      | Minor     | Major      | Minor     |
|--------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Jan 28 | 8:44 a.m.  | 2:28 a.m. | 9:15 p.m.  | 2:59 p.m. |
| Jan 29 | 9:41 a.m.  | 3:25 a.m. | 10:12 p.m. | 3:56 p.m. |
| Jan 30 | 10:38 a.m. | 4:23 a.m. | 11:09 p.m. | 4:53 p.m. |
| Jan 31 | 11:36 a.m. | 5:22 a.m. | —          | 5:50 p.m. |
| Feb 1  | 12:05 a.m. | 6:20 a.m. | 12:34 p.m. | 6:47 p.m. |
| Feb 2  | 1:05 a.m.  | 7:18 a.m. | 1:31 p.m.  | 7:44 p.m. |
| Feb 3  | 2:03 a.m.  | 8:15 a.m. | 2:28 p.m.  | 8:40 p.m. |

## River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

| Location                   | Flood stage | Monday | 24-hour change |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|----------------|
| St. John's at Jacksonville | —           | 10.30  | -1.26          |
| St. Marks at Newport       | 7.0         | 8.48   | -0.15          |
| Aucilla at Lamont          | 9.0         | 7.97   | +0.79          |
| Santa Fe at Fort White     | 24.0        | 19.37  | -2.74          |
| Suwannee at White Springs  | 77.0        | 61.83  | +0.13          |

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# Keen on commuter transit Baker's vision in regional group

# Jail visitation now video-remote

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After spending months examining how a new regional transportation authority [RTA] for Northeast Florida could work, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and its 50-member advisory panel have recommended spending the next two-and-a-half years delving further into the details.

"In this six-month period, we realized we couldn't take this very far," said Scott Clem, strategic planning director for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the organization tasked by the Florida legislature last year to led the effort.

Mr. Clem presented a draft report of the study group's recommendations — due to the legislature February 1 — at the panel's last meeting January 25 in Orange Park.

The panel consists of citizens, elected officials and transportation experts from a seven-county area that stretches west to Baker County and south to Flagler County.

Specifically, the report proposes moving ahead with planning an RTA by establishing a 19-member commission, with two appointees from each county, except Duval County with four Jacksonville City Council members. The recommendation is opposed by some of the panelists.

"I'd really like to see it equal," said Putnam County Commission Nancy Harris.

Baldwin Mayor Stan Totman disagreed, however, saying that it's likely Duval County will contribute more local funding than

smaller, neighboring counties, and therefore, it should have more influence. "They've got the right," he said.

Baker County Manager Joe Cone supports the recommendations and said Baker County could benefit from regional transportation projects in many ways.

Widening Interstate 10 to six lanes, for instance, would add more capacity for new development. While the recently approved traffic variance from the Florida Department of Transportation increased capacity here, it runs out after 10 years.

With roughly 5000 local residents commuting to Jacksonville for employment, Mr. Cone said commuter rail or bus transit options could be useful here as well.

A regional approach to road construction will also be needed to link the county's plans for future east-west thoroughfares north and south of Macclenny to western parts of Duval, Nassau and Clay counties.

"It [an RTA] should bring better coordination between the counties on overall transit needs we all have, not just roads," said Mr. Cone.

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority [JTA] has pledged to staff and fund the proposed commission's work, which could include developing a plan of regional transportation projects and potential funding sources, namely increased sales and gas taxes and public-private partnerships.

The study report recognizes the public's resistance to tax increases, and none of Florida's four existing RTAs (Northeast

Florida is the only region without an RTA) have the power to levy or increase taxes. Instead, RTA taxes must gain voter approval.

Though part of the impetus for forming an RTA is to better position the region for state and federal transportation funding, Flagler County Commissioner Milissa Holland fears too much of the cost burden could be carried by counties and cities.

"Funding is still a huge issue from my perspective as an elected official," she said. "Once you get the train going, pardon the pun, it's hard to stop it ... We believe it's an unfunded mandate that will eventually pass to local government."

Envisioned for delivery to the legislature by the end of 2012 are a transportation projects plan, an implementation plan including funding sources and draft legislation for the formation of an RTA.

"It seems like a lot of time, but I think it's what's needed to figure out how to move forward," said Mr. Clem.

To view the draft report, please visit [www.jtaonthemove.com](http://www.jtaonthemove.com), click on the Regional Transportation Agency study link on the right side and scroll down to click the underlined link labeled N.F.R.T.A.S. Draft Final Report.

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sation. Prisoners communicate with visitors from one of two video stations in the dormitory where they are housed.

The system eliminates the need for a guard to remove a prisoner from his or her cell and escort them through the building into a community visitation room. It also creates a less restrictive visitor environment that allows for small children and even infants to participate in a visit.

Using the video system allows schedule flexibility as well — the center is open seven days a week. The result is the opportunity for more frequent and longer visitations between prisoners and their family and friends.

All calls are monitored.

"It has also virtually eliminated the passing of contraband during visits, which was a big problem before," said Major John Finley.

According to Major Finley, the old county jail had eight visitation windows in a space that was only meant for four.

"It was cramped and noisy and sometimes chaotic," he said. "People were right on top of one another. The new video visitation center has changed all of that. It makes it so much better for everyone."

Doris Stablesky, one of two jail employees who monitor the video visitation center, agrees.

"It actually has had a calming effect on the people visiting. It's a much more relaxed atmosphere," she said.

Debbie Lawrie travels from Duval County to the center for visitation.

"Of course, I'd prefer face-to-face," she said, "But this is good. The flexibility for visitation times is definitely an improvement. The staff here is also very accom-

modating and helpful."

Video visitation developed by capitalizing on existing teleconferencing technology that's been used by businesses for the last three decades.

"I saw a set-up something like this years ago at the prison in Hillsborough County and I've been hoping for something for Baker County ever since," said Major Finley.

According to Wikipedia sources, video visitation was first developed and installed by Datapoint Corporation for the Sharpes Jail facility in Brevard County, Fla. in 1995.

A similar installation followed at the St. Lucie County jail in Ft. Pierce in early 1996.

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has the only mobile video visitation bus in the country. The specially equipped bus stops at predetermined locations, making visitation possible with prisoners whose visitors may lack the means to travel.

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# Internet sex lure case sentences

## Jail time, probation, restrictions

A trio of local men was sentenced to jail time, probation and a laundry list of sanctions for their role in attracting two underage females to a residence last July to have sex.

Among the conditions of probation imposed by Circuit Judge James Nilon is that none of the defendants can use computers or subscribe to social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook. The former method was employed by one of them to lure the girls the night of July 3.

All three defendants entered no contest pleas January 25 and

Judge Nilon adjudicated them guilty on some of the counts and withheld it on others.

• Calvin Lee Lamb, 22, of Glen St. Mary was adjudged guilty of two counts of contributing to the delinquency of minors. The judge withheld adjudication on charges of aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony.

Mr. Lamb, who the state alleged had sex with the girls, then ages 14 and 15, while the two others and a third acquaintance watched, received a 240-day jail sentence less 23 days already served.

Following that, he will be on probation five years and must live at home the first six months of that term. Other than prohibitions on use of computers and a cell phone, Mr. Lamb was ordered into counseling, refrain from consuming alcohol or drugs,

avoid contact with both victims and pen a letter of apology.

• Allen B. Ingram, 23, of Macclenny was deemed guilty of contributing to delinquency and adjudication was withheld on counts of traveling to meet a minor and obscene communication. The state dropped two counts of interference with custody.

His sentence includes a 120-day jail term less time served and 42 months on probation. Judge Nilon imposed a night curfew on Mr. Ingram and his co-defendants, and required he attend weekly Alcoholic Anonymous meetings for a year in addition to the other restrictions.

• Sterling Carl West, 21, of Macclenny was adjudged guilty of two counts of contributing to the delinquency of minors for having sex with one of the girls, and the judge withheld adjudication on a companion charge of aggravated assault with intent to commit a

felony. He also got a 240-day jail sentence less time served.

Mr. West, the son of former BCHS football coach Carl West, will be on probation five years and has restrictions similar to the others.

The girls sneaked away from the residence of one of them north of Macclenny that night after arrangements were made via the Internet to meet the defendants, and were taken to the home of Mr. Lamb's parents off CR 125 north of Glen where they engaged in the drinking game "beer pong."

Mr. Lamb told sheriff's investigators after the mother of one of the girls called police the next day that they had led him to believe they were 16 and 17 years of age. The fourth individual who participated in the games but did not engage in a sex act or have an active role in procuring the girls was not charged.

## Other cases are resolved

A number of other defendants were sentenced following no contest pleas during regular motion and docket day in circuit court on January 25. Among them:

- Valerie Givens — a year on house arrest followed by four years on probation after pleading to possession with intent to sell and sale of cocaine near the Sanderson Community Center.
- A year on house arrest followed by four years on drug-offender probation for Melissa Johnson for sale of a controlled drug and possession with intent to sell.
- A 10-year probation term for Jay Calvert for seven counts including grand theft, dealing in stolen property and burglary of a dwelling.
- Leslie Pertyman — five years on drug-offender probation for felony battery as a repeat offender.
- Dustin Rhoden — 90 days already served in county jail and three years on probation for aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony.
- A five-year drug-offender probation for Ciara Stokes for burglary of a structure. She must also undergo anger management therapy and evaluation for substance abuse.
- John Parliment — two years on probation and drug abuse evaluation for two counts of trespass. Two grand theft auto charges were dropped.
- Concurrent terms including two years of house arrest followed by a year of drug-offender probation for Jason H. Smith for felony driving without a license, battery on a person 65 or older, petty theft, felony battery and resisting arrest.
- He was ordered into in-patient treatment for drug abuse.
- Columbus Mizell — a year on drug-offender probation for felony marijuana possession.
- Aaron Dehart — two years on probation for multiple counts of credit card fraud and grand theft. The state dropped six other related counts.

Arrest warrants went out for several defendants who failed to appear in court: Adam Christmas for sale and possession of a controlled substance; Mary Peacock for sale of a controlled substance and possession with intent to sell; Caleb Linton for purchase of a controlled substance.

## Jail budget reduced \$6.4M; inmate surge

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The seven-month-old jail at the sheriff's complex reached 67 percent capacity January 20, not long after sheriff's office administrators reduced the facility's annual budget by more than \$6.4 million.

The facility's highest occupancy thus far was bolstered when almost 100 more Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] detainees arrived three days before, and would've been even higher had a lull in local crime not occurred.

"It's not where we want to be, but it's getting better. Brighter days are ahead," said Sheriff Joey Dobson during last Wednesday's meeting of the Baker Correctional Development Corporation's [BCDC] board of directors.

According to a report from detention chief John Finely, ICE detainees numbered 254, the US Marshals Service and Bureau of Prisons had eight inmates housed, and local prisoners totaled 81. That brought the jail population to 343 inmates.

This month's average, however, stood at 251 prisoners, 5 percent above the previous month.

The decreased number of locals incarcerated — which generally runs about 100 — may have been caused by the chilly weather in recent weeks, said Mr. Finely.

"It's bound to go back up," he said. "Everywhere in the area has been down, but it won't be that way forever."

The uptick in ICE inmates was welcomed by the BCDC board and sheriff's officials in light of recent layoffs and compensation cuts that saved about \$3.4 million in all.

"It's probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do ..." Mr. Dobson said. "It was just one of those business decisions we had to make."

The sheriff's office maintains a annual management contract with BCDC for the facility. The management fee dropped from \$800,000 to \$200,000 under budget revisions presented to the board last week.

A contract for medical services fell about \$645,000, food and kitchen supplies lost \$309,000 and supplies for inmates decreased more than \$70,000.

"Things have changed drastically," said Brian Bishop, the sheriff's administration chief.

While some of the cuts were directly related to a lower-than-anticipated prisoner population, other reductions were tied to the difference between the cost projections at start-up and actual costs incurred during the last few months.

"There is not any fat in these [budget] estimates," Mr. Bishop said. "There is no wiggle room."

Under other business, the sheriff's finance manager Jeffrey Cox said an audit of the BCDC's finances by LPA CPA Group of Jacksonville began December 14 and should be complete by mid-February.

"Based on their initial work, they haven't had any significant findings," he said.

Mr. Cox also explained to the

board how cash flows through the facility. He said monthly invoices go out to ICE or the county, for instance, for the housing of inmates, and payments are placed in an account at Mercantile Bank.

Bank of Oklahoma N.A., the trustee of funds being used to pay back the \$45 million borrowed to build the jail, pulls money from the Mercantile account to place in a number of different bond funds for things like interest, principal and taxes.

Bank of Oklahoma then sends BCDC funds used for operating expenses.

"The way the climate has been, they've been sending most of that money back to BCDC," said Mr. Cox.

BCDC attorney Terry Brown also advised the board he would be revising the organization's bylaws to, among other things, require quarterly board meetings rather than monthly.

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# Traffic violator ignores warning Leaves courthouse after court, gets behind wheel

David Combs of Jacksonville was warned by Judge Joey Williams in county court on January 20 not to get behind the wheel of a vehicle.

Deputy Rodney Driggers was in court when Mr. Combs, 24, of Jacksonville was admonished by the judge that morning. The officer a short time later also witnessed the defendant, who had a court date for driving on a suspended license, leave the courthouse, get into a 1995 Buick parked across the street and begin to drive away.

He stopped the vehicle as it left the parking lot of the Kangaroo convenience store, and confirmed that Mr. Combs had two prior suspensions. He was taken to jail and the vehicle license tag seized.

A passenger in the Buick, 60-year-old Philip Showalter of Glen St. Mary, likewise had a court date that morning on pending cases, among them drunk driving and driving without a license. He was not arrested.

Mr. Combs was among eight motorists arrested recently for having suspended licenses. Some are habitual offenders.

• Mitchell Buchanan, 37, of Macclenny was stopped by Sgt. James Marker the afternoon of January 23 on Minnesota Ave. because the officer was aware of past violations.

Mr. Buchanan's license has 18 prior suspensions, and he was wanted on two warrants from Baker County and one from Orange County for violating probation for drunk driving.

• Another habitual offender, Candy Young, 47, was arrested the evening of January 22 after Deputy Shawn Bishara stopped her 2001 Mitsubishi for speeding on Interstate 10 near Glen St. Mary.

The officer said Ms. Young's vehicle was swerving in and out of lanes with its hazard lights operating. She was ticketed for speeding and failure to maintain a single lane.

The driver's address was listed as Irmo, S.C., but the officer's report notes her place of business is A&R Towing of Macclenny, which removed the car from the scene.

• Christopher Taylor, 23, of Glen was listed on the police computer as an habitual offender when he was spotted driving a 2005 Pontiac on US 90 the afternoon of January 22.

Deputy Matt Sigers, aware of Mr. Taylor's license status, stopped him in the parking lot of Dollar General in Glen and noted the vehicle had an expired tag.

• James Ratliff, 21, of Macclenny was at the wheel of a Dodge pickup stopped for speeding by Cpl. Thomas Dyal on CR 23A the afternoon

of January 22. He has two prior suspensions for drunk driving.

• Another speeding motorist, Michael Larue, 25, of Glen, was stopped on the interstate by Deputy Kevin Jenkins the afternoon of January 19. He was deemed an habitual offender for failure to pay fines or appear in court.

• Deputy Earl Lord pulled over a vehicle driven by Terrance Alston, 19, of Tallahassee as it entered the eastbound ramp from US 90 west of Sanderson about midnight on January 21.

The officer said he noted the vehicle parked near the Citgo station while on patrol and stopped it after it jumped a median on 90 heading toward I-10.

Mr. Alston's license had seven prior suspensions.

Joshua Benjamin, 22, of Sanderson was arrested for having a tag on his 2003 Ford that had been expired more than six months.

Deputy Sigers stopped the suspect the afternoon of January 18 after spotting him on CR 229 at Tony Givens Rd. He said he had warned Mr. Benjamin on three prior occasions in December.

# ATV found in city turns out to be stolen from Georgia county

A Macclenny man was arrested the afternoon of January 24 and charged with possession of a four-wheel ATV vehicle reported stolen in Lowndes County, Ga. in May of last year.

Deputy Sgt. James Marker said he responded to a report of ATV vehicles driving recklessly in a neighborhood of west Macclenny and found one that matched a description parked off Rock Ct. and MLK Blvd. The owner of the residence where it was parked said she did not know who it belonged to.

The ATV was a 2001 Yamaha model that the officer learned via computer had been reported stolen.

Clinton Scott, 30, of Macclenny soon arrived on the scene and told Sgt. Marker the vehicle was his. He was arrested for dealing in stolen property, a second-degree felony. The ATV was valued at \$2000.

In another report the same day in the same neighborhood, Quentina Stoutamire told police someone entered her 2000 Mercury and pilfered a wallet and credit cards, \$650 cash, a DVD player and clothing from the interior. There was no sign of forced entry.

The vehicle was parked off MLK Blvd., and the owner told police the theft occurred between January 22-24.

In other theft reports involving wheeled vehicles:

• A utility trailer valued at \$600 was taken from beside the First Assembly of God Church on North 5th in Macclenny between January 16-19. It belonged to Derrick Watson, who had loaned it to the church to haul off debris.

• Speakers, an amp and amp box valued at \$400 were taken from a vehicle at the residence of Gary Gain off Oak Wood Terrace near Glen St. Mary between January 13-20.

The vehicle belonging to Kevin Catlin had been left there for repairs.

• Bicycles were reported stolen from outside the residences of Russell Wiesemeyer on North 5th in Macclenny on January 24, and from Tammy Nipper off North Boulevard sometime between January 9-24.

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Hooked on Books, a local organization which provides free books for children in Baker County will be in Olustee at the park on February 6 from 1-2 pm. Donations of books and cash to be used to purchase children's books are appreciated. Call Janice at 259-7884 if you can help.

# Drags a girlfriend by her hair

The sheriff's department arrested a Glen St. Mary man for striking his girlfriend and dragging her out a front door by her hair during an argument over time he had spent at a bar.

Deputy Shawn Bishara said he responded to a disturbance call on Bob Burnsed Rd. about 7:30 the evening of January 23, and arrested Jimmy Sweat, 48, after interviewing him and Leslie Starling, 39, who also lives at the address.

Ms. Starling said an argument began after the boyfriend returned home from being in a bar all day, and Mr. Sweat asked her to leave. As she began collecting her belongings, they started arguing again and Mr. Sweat allegedly attacked her.

The deputy noted Ms. Starling bore physical signs of a struggle, including a bloody nose and a large scratch on her back from where she had been dragged onto concrete steps. Her juvenile age daughter confirmed the mother's version of events.

Mr. Sweat, who Deputy Bishara said was intoxicated, insisted he defended himself when struck with a metal spittoon.

In other incidents:

• Hance Sweat, 38, was arrested at his residence off Clete Harvey Rd. the afternoon of January 21 for domestic battery on ex-girlfriend Brandi Burns.

Both Mr. Sweat and Ms. Burns, 35, told Deputy Koty Crews the accused broke out a windshield

and driver's side window of the victim's 1998 Mercury van but gave differing stories as to why Ms. Burns had driven to the address.

The deputy noted that Ms. Burns had several small lacerations that were likely caused by shattering glass as the windows were struck by a bucket.

• A criminal complaint for battery was filed against a 55-year-old female patient at Northeast Florida State Hospital for an alleged attack on an employee.

Sandra Yates, 45, of Branford, Fla. told police the patient attempted to strike her with her fists then kicked her several times the morning of January 21.

• Jason Byrd, 31, of Baldwin was jailed early on January 23 for multiple offenses following a fight with Early Byrd, 55, of Sanderson outside the Country Club Lounge.

Deputy Daniel Nickles said he was parked across SR 121 from the bar at the 2:00 am closing time, and saw the two men fighting outside.

When he broke up the fracas, the younger Mr. Byrd fled on foot through a wooded area north of the lounge, and Deputy Nickles lost sight of him after tripping over a small tree.

Deputies Bishara and Randy Davis had arrived as backup when the suspect was spotted near the rear of the lounge property and continued the pursuit. Jason Byrd was arrested just

south of there after being struck by a taser probe and falling into a ditch.

The older Mr. Byrd was arrested in downtown Macclenny for fighting. Jason Byrd was booked at county jail for fighting, resisting arrest without violence and disorderly intoxication.

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The cast of Broadway in Baker singing "You Should Be Dancing."

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## 'Broadway in Baker' back Another take at BCHS this weekend

*Broadway in Baker* is back at BCHS. The tremendously popular musical review is coming back for the third straight year with an all-new collection of songs to get you tapping your feet and dancing in the aisles.

*Broadway in Baker 3 - Songs of the Silver Screen* opens Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm and runs through next weekend. This year's revue focuses on movie musicals with great songs that span the decades.

The revue stretches throughout the history of movies from great old standards like I've Got Rhythm, Singin' in the Rain and Moon River, through the disco era with Stayin' Alive and Rhythm of the Night and up to the present with songs from High School Musical and Enchanted.

This year's show is a co-production between the

high school and Baker County Community Theatre and features performers from the school and community.

Performers include high schoolers Sarah Davis, Ana Tomas, Taylor Hartley, Cameron Kirkland, Meagan Crawford, Ashley Bryant, Riann Parker, Jewli King, Matt Sawyer, Ashleigh Thick, Hayden Stevens, Savannah Jones, Colton Butcher, Harli Livingston and Whitney Railey. Community members include Denny and Diane Wells, Mark Bryant, Kelley Norman, Niki Knight, Dylan Gerard, Trey Orberg and Nancy Mason.

Masters of Ceremonies are Spencer Norman-Gerard, Jamie Buford and Hailey Thigpen.

A new wrinkle this year includes a cast recording of selected songs from the show and from past *Broadways* that will be on sale in the lobby.

## Now hear this (or don't hear it)!

KELLEY LANNIGAN  
FEATURES

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The Macclenny Woman's Club has been helping test children's hearing for years, but last week, it was the women who got their ears checked.

Marcheta Crews, the Baker County school district's chief nurse and a former junior member of the club, spoke about school health screenings during the group's meeting January 21.

The screens test for hearing loss, vision problems and the spinal condition scoliosis. Other exams measure height, weight and body mass. Ms. Crews brought audiometers, the standard piece of equipment used to measure hearing, to demonstrate that test to club members.

The state of Florida mandates that all school children undergo hearing tests. In the most recent testing of 1983 students in Baker County, the screenings identified 16 students who have some level of hearing impairment.

"Screenings like this help us determine if a student has hearing deficiency in one or both ears," said Ms. Crews. "Keeping the recorded results on file also helps us track hearing loss that may occur between testing."

Screenings are usually conducted in the fall with follow-up screenings given several more times as children progress through higher grades. Testing begins in kindergarten and occurs again in first, fifth, sixth and ninth grades.

The audiometers have headphones that are color coded red and blue because ears are tested separately. People involved with

the testing like school nurses, nurses in training and volunteers, use the following phrase to help make sure the phones are matched to the correct ears: If it's red, it's right.

During testing, students sit facing away from the person administering the screen and listen for six different tones of high and low frequencies. If they hear the tone, they raise their right or left hand depending on which ear is involved. When screening indicates a problem, parents are contacted and more in-depth testing is recommended.

Members of the Macclenny Woman's Club have been helping with the hearing screenings in the schools for many years as part of the activities supported by the club's Education Department.

"I usually talk to the students for a few moments and explain why they are taking the test," said club president Trilby Crews. "I tell them they'll be hearing some sounds that seem like the chirping of birds and to raise their hand for which ear they hear it in."

A recent development with administering the screenings is the involvement of students in a



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Marcheta Crews, (standing) demonstrates the audiometer to WC member Nazarene McKinney.

local private school.

"We partnered recently with Pastor Mitch Rhoden, who directs the United Christian Academy, and arranged for its students to be screened," Ms. Crews said. "I found it very rewarding to be able to provide them the opportunity to participate."

The club felt rewarded, too, after Ms. Crews' presentation. Her mother owns the Sugar and Spice Bakery and she thoughtfully provided some extra-sweet desserts which were served to the ladies after the club's meeting. "Just my way of showing thanks and appreciation for all the volunteers who help with the hearing screening program," she said.

## Police 'tase' man twice

A county deputy twice tased a belligerent and uncooperative Sanderson man following a high-speed chase just after midnight on January 25.

Johnathan Mann, 18, is in county jail charged with a number of offenses including drunk driving and felony high-speed fleeing from Deputy Larry Clark, who observed the suspect driving erratically on SR 229 near Clarence Dobbs Rd.

The officer said the 1987 Land Rover was southbound when it suddenly braked and made a U-turn, then headed north swerving on both sides of the pavement.

Deputy Clark said Mr. Mann sped forward westbound when he turned on John Mann Rd. and continued at high speed until the SUV crashed into a ditch. Once out of the vehicle, the driver initially refused to get on the ground, and was struck in the torso by the first taser shot.

A second dose of the stun-gun was applied when he refused to position his arms so he could be handcuffed.

Deputy Clark said Mr. Mann smelled strongly of alcohol and was unsteady on his feet. He refused to take a breathalyzer test and continued to act in a belligerent manner when placed in the officer's vehicle for transport to county jail.

The suspect allegedly cursed and threatened to kill the deputy and his family, and at one point attempted to bribe him, said Deputy Clark. He was also butting his head against a rear seat window and seat, and was caustic with jail personnel.

Other than the offenses mentioned previously, Mr. Mann is charged with assault on an officer, resisting arrest without violence and making threats against an officer.

In another case, Karen Carter, 43, of Macclenny was jailed for disorderly intoxication the evening of January 23.

Deputy Randy Davis said he confronted Ms. Carter at the Oak Grove Cemetery after receiving a complaint about a suspicious vehicle. The suspect's brother is interred there, and she indicated she had driven there to be with him.

Ms. Carter had a strong odor of alcohol and was unsteady on her feet, said Deputy Davis. He took her to the home of her son in north Macclenny, and a half hour later was back because she was making a disturbance.



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| Number of Residents   | 2138               |
| Number of Businesses  | 296                |
| Total   | 2434               |
| Charge per Residence  | \$207.84-\$281.76  |
| Charge per Business<br>(Based on cubic yard volume)                       | \$317.76-\$1121.36 |
| Solid Waste Management Cost for City                                      | \$638,452.90       |
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## Collection site for Haiti relief

Robin Eaddy of Macclenny made it her business last week to do something for the earthquake-ravaged island nation of Haiti — she arranged to have two pod-type collection units placed in front of her home on MLK as a drop-off point for clothing and non-perishable food. Since the units were placed there by U-Haul free of charge last week, a modest amount of items have been deposited there, and the units will remain until Friday of this week. All donations — including bottled water — will be sent to Haiti and distributed by Mission Harvest of Jacksonville. Ms. Eaddy holds down two jobs as a health care worker, but says someone will be at her home through the end of the week to help with storing items. She asked that clothing be brought in heavy plastic bags that will withstand transit. For more details, she can be reached at 446-7552.

# Traffic stops result in arrests

County deputies who stopped two motorists on Interstate 10 near Sanderson for speeding in separate incidents arrested the vehicles' occupants for felony possession of drugs.

Deputy Kevin Jenkins clocked a 1999 Ford at 95 mph in the 70 zone about 6:30 the morning of January 23 and after getting consent to search the vehicle found 118 grams of marijuana and a weighing scale in a book bag and a still-lit marijuana cigarette in an ash tray.

He arrested driver Carl Collier, 19, of Jacksonville and passenger Marshall Bell, 18, of Sanford for felony possession, having open containers of beer in the car, possession of alcohol under the age of 21, possession of the scale and failure to wear seat belts.

A second speeding stop, this one the morning of January 18, resulted in the arrest of passenger John Farrow, 32, of Carlisle, KY for possession of a hydrocodone pill in a container that fell out of his pants pocket during a routine pat-down.

Deputy Matt Sigers stopped an eastbound 2009 Kia occupied by Mr. Farrow and two others, also of Carlisle, about 8:30. Mr. Farrow, the driver, told the officer he was going to Jacksonville for an appointment with a pain management specialist, but was unable to give the physician's name.

Deputy Sigers gave him tickets for speeding and lack of insurance proof, then because the trio was acting suspiciously asked for and received consent to search the vehicle.

Tonya Robinson, 29, of Macclenny was arrested for misdemeanor marijuana possession the afternoon of January 26 after her 1995 Toyota was stopped on North Lowder for having a cracked windshield.

Deputy Jeffrey Shouse said Ms. Robinson consented to a vehicle search, during which he found a baggie with a small amount of pot and a metal container used for grinding down marijuana leaves.

Ms. Robinson was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Sadly, many people haven't much to show for it except car payments, signature loans and credit card bills. The good news is that there is hope. Most folks are simply unaware of what their money can do for them. You work hard for your money. It's about time that your money works hard for you!

Debt and other financial woes

are a huge problem in our culture today. However, financial problems are almost always only a symptom of larger issues in your life. The only way to win with your money is to start living on less than you make, and the only person who can fix your money problems is YOU. You just need to know where to start and you need a plan!

Why be normal if "normal" requires massive amounts of debt and financial stress? My challenge for you is to be different. For example, let's dump the idea of instant gratification and save for large expenses. Saving and paying cash for your lifestyle will

result in a more realistic idea of how much you can afford, as well as a greater appreciation for your income.

We're going to unpack all kinds of financial issues where I'll explain how to dump debt, get yourself on a planned budget, save for emergencies and retire with dignity. We'll discuss the advantages of saving for expenses versus borrowing, the common misconceptions of consumer debt, and your rights when dealing with debt collectors. Let's talk about how you can get control of your income to insure your own financial freedom.

Submit financial questions for this column to [rosienicklespfc@yahoo.com](mailto:rosienicklespfc@yahoo.com)

*Rosie Nickles lives in Macclenny and is a Dave Ramsey-certified financial counselor. She is a graduate of Bishop Kenny High School and has an accounting degree from the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond, Virginia.*

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### January 29

District-wide: Report cards. BCHS: Girls' basketball vs. Bradford (H), 6:00 p.m. BMS: Accelerated reading test due. KIS: Accelerated reading goal day.

### January 31

BCHS: Drama Presentation, "Broadway in Baker," 2:00 p.m.

### February 1

District-wide: School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m. BMS: Band All District Week. PK/K: Accelerated Reader Morning in Computer Lab, 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

### February 2

BCHS: Girls Basketball District Tournament (H). Boys Basketball @ Bradford, 6:00 p.m. WES: School Advisory Council Mtg., 8:00 a.m. Good Morning Show Club Mtg., 8:00 a.m. PK/K: Accelerated Reader Morning in Computer Lab, 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

### February 3

PK/K: Accelerated Reader Morning in Computer Lab, 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

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## School Lunch MENU

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### Monday, February 1

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**Lunch:** Beef stroganoff over egg noodles with a homemade wheat roll or breaded chicken patty on a bun, choice of 2 sides: golden corn, lettuce and tomato slices, chilled fruit

### Tuesday, February 2

**Breakfast:** Chicken biscuit, fruit juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Hamburger or hot dog on a bun, choice of 2 sides: baked french fries, lettuce and tomato slices, creamy coleslaw

### Wednesday, February 3

**Breakfast:** Pancake and sausage on a stick, fruit juice and milk  
**Lunch:** Tasty chili with beans or oven baked chicken with gravy, choice of 2 sides: baked potato rounds, raw veggies with ranch dressing, fruit choice and a homemade wheat roll

### Thursday, February 4

**Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, fruit juice and milk  
**Lunch:** Slice of pepperoni pizza or cheeseburger on a bun, choice of 2 sides: baked french fries, seasoned mixed vegetables, chilled applesauce and a homemade cookie

### Friday, February 5

**Breakfast:** Sausage biscuit, peach slices and milk  
**Lunch:** Taco salad with a homemade wheat roll or grilled ham and cheese sandwich, choice of 2 sides: golden corn, lettuce and tomato blend, chilled fruit juice

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## Terry Hendrix, 65, loved the outdoors

Terry L. "Pawpaw" Hendrix, 65, of Taylor died peacefully at his home on January 22, 2010 following a long illness. He was born in Rayville, Louisiana to Terry Lee Hendrix and Mary Ethel Anderson Hendrix on August 19, 1944.



Terry Hendrix

Terry moved to Florida in 1986 and lived in Lee for 14 years before moving to Baker County in 2009. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, sports, gardening, working on his computer and being with his companion dog Ben. He especially enjoyed time spent with family.

Mr. Hendrix was a Navy veteran and a member of the American Legion, Post 224 of Cherry Lake, FL and a Baptist. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Melvin "Bub" Hendrix; sister Melva Ellen Black.

Survivors include his companion of 23 years, Carolyn Bossé of Taylor; sisters Lela Silk and Nancy Stokley both of Rayville, LA Mary Lee Cisko of Green Cove Springs; daughters Tandi (Devin) Caldwell and Kylie Hendrix, both of Moroe, LA; step-daughters Susan (Henry) Phillips of Lee, FL, Pattie (Todd) Hanner of Glen St. Mary, Vickie Bossé of Cherry Lake, FL and Sharon (Tim) Pickering of Jacksonville Beach; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on January 30 at his home in Taylor with Pastor Scott Becker officiating. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Haven Hospice, Lake City, Florida. Guerry Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Venita Kerce, 80, of Glen St. Mary

Venita S. Kerce, 80, of Glen St. Mary died January 22, 2010. She was born in Lake City to Charles Albert Stansell and Viola Douberley on May 7, 1929, and was a resident of Baker County for the last 28 years after moving from Lake City. Mrs. Kerce was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Macclenny.



Venita Kerce

Venita loved canning vegetables, working in the garden, cooking, spending time with her family and grandchildren. She was predeceased by husband of 48 years, Lester Paul Kerce; brother J.D. Stansell.

Survivors include daughter Ann (Raymond) Loadholtz of Glen St. Mary; brother Kenneth Stansell of Lake Butler; sister Mildred Dukes of Worthington Springs; two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

The funeral service was January 25 at 1:00 pm at her church with brothers Ronnie O. Kirkland and Joseph R. Heath officiating. Interment followed at New Zion Cemetery in Lulu, FL. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

## Paul Rhoden, 95, owned drug store

Paul E. Rhoden, 95, of Macclenny died January 23, 2010. He was born to Carl and Mamie Johns Rhoden on January 19, 1915.



Paul Rhoden

During World War II he felt a sense of duty to his country and enlisted in the Army Air Corp where he became a pilot. After serving his country, he purchased Crockett's Sundries in Macclenny, which later became known as Paul's Rexall Drug Store where he was known to all as the only registered pharmacist in town for many years.

He and wife Violet continued the business until 1977 when they retired. From then on he enjoyed his passion for turkey hunting and spending time with his family whom he loved and cherished so much.

Mr. Rhoden will always be known as a man of honor, honesty, and high moral standing, a true testament to those of his generation.

He was preceded in death by son Edward Wray Rhoden; brothers Horace and Herbert Rhoden; sister Evelyn Rhoden.

Survivors include wife of 72 years, Violet Rhoden of Macclenny; daughter Paula Rhoden; son Phil (Debbie) Rhoden; one granddaughter; three grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held January 26 at 2:00 pm at the Macclenny Church of God with Rev. Shannon Conner officiating, assisted by Rev. David Thomas. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to community Hospice of Northeast Florida 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Morgan Vines Sr., avid coon hunter

Morgan Vernon Vines Sr., 59, of Taylor died Friday, January 22, 2010 at his residence following an extended illness. He was a native of Andalusia, Alabama and resided in Jacksonville before moving to Baker County 33 years ago.



Morgan Vines

While living in Jacksonville Mr. Vines worked as a diesel mechanic for over 15 years and then as a correctional officer at Union Correctional Institution for 15 years until his retirement in 2006. He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and loved to coon hunt in Baker County.

Mr. Vines was preceded in death by parents Freddie Morgan Vines and Dorothy Earnestine Kilpatrick Vines; brother James Earnest Vines.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Annette Vines of Taylor; daughters Nina Aline Vines of Glen St. Mary; sons Morgan Vernon Vines Jr. of Orange Park and Jesse Harvey Vines of Taylor; sisters Wanda (Elwood) Smith of Gantt, AL and Dorothy G. (Buddy) Hester of Opp, AL; brothers Michael A. Vines and Daniel D. (Wanda) Vines, both of Andalusia; grandchildren Connor and Luke Miner.

The funeral service was held January 25 at Faith Baptist Church in Macclenny with Rev. Torren Dismuke officiating. Interment followed January 26 at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Michael Vines, Daniel Vines, Vernon Vines, Jesse Vines, Robert Palumbo and Jesse Barbour. Honorary pallbearers were Elwood Smith, Nick Butler, Jonathan King, Thomas Mann and Jonny Robinson. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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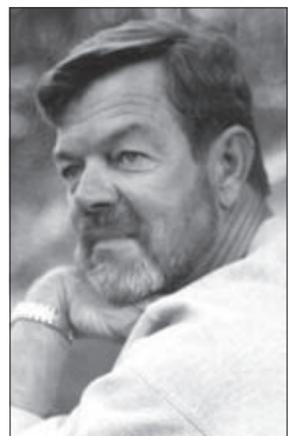
**Welcome First Baptist Church of Sanderson**  
 CR 229 S., Sanderson FL  
 Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 am  
 Sun. Morning Worship . 11:00 am  
 Sun. Evening Worship . . 6:00 pm  
 Wed. Eve. Bible Study . . 7:00 pm  
 Pastor Bob Christmas  
<http://www.fbcfirstsanderson.org>

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

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



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



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 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
 Wed. Evening Prayer Serv. 7:30 pm  
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 Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm  
 Wed. Night Service 7:30 pm  
 Pastor Allen Crews  
 Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford  
 Youth Pastor Brian Poole

**THE LORD'S CHURCH**  
 Intersection of CR 125 & 250 in Taylor •• 259-8353  
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 Sunday service ~ 11:00 am  
 Wednesday night Bible Study ~ 6:30 pm  
 Family style dinner ~ 1st Sunday of the month following service  
*Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*  
**Pastor Bobby & Faye Griffin**



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**Sunday School** 10:00 am  
**Preaching Service** 11:00 am  
**Sunday Night Service** 6:00 pm  
**Wednesday Service** 7:00 pm

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**Pastor Donnie E. Williams •• 259-4529**

# Legal Notices

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 02-2008-CA-000212 DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN P. HALLER, et al., Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 12, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2008-CA-000212 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and STEVEN P. HALLER; REBECCA S. HALLER; 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 16th day of March, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATED LYING AND BEING IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, VIZ: PARCEL L; COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 16 OF THE TOWN OF MACCLENNY AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN DEED BOOK D, PAGE 800 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE SOUTH 78 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 16, A DISTANCE OF 199.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, 198.85 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, 79.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST, 198.76 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID NORTH LINE; THENCE NORTH 78 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 79.68 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES OVER AND ACROSS THE SOUTH 7.5 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS, ALSO SUBJECT TO A UTILITY EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE WEST 5.0 FEET OF THE SOUTH 119.32 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS.

A/K/A 544 EAST OHIO AVENUE, MACCLENNY, 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 13, 2010.

Al Fraser  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Bonnie Palleschi  
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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201 E. University Avenue, Room 410  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
Phone: 352-337-6237  
Fax: 352-374-5238  
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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 #: 1N4AL11D45N468493  
(Note: Anyone interested in viewing the vehicle being sold may do so prior to the time of the sale at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery located at 7611 W Mount Vernon Street, Glen St. Mary, FL.)

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on February 9, 2010 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendants, Donna Flores and Frank Flores, 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 4th day of January, 2010, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and EDWARD C. GRAY, JR., was defendant, being Case No. 2005-SC-202 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, Edward C. Gray, Jr., in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

1990 Chevrolet K1500 Pickup  
VIN#: 1GCDK14K1Z267306  
(NOTE: Anyone interested in viewing the vehicle being sold may do so prior to the time of the sale at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery located at 7611 W Mount Vernon Street, Glen St. Mary, FL.)

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on February 23, 2010 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant, Edward C. Gray, Jr., 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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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY

CIVIL ACTION  
Case No. 02-2009-CA-000136  
DIVISION

NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
Plaintiff,

vs.

GLENN HOLDER, Jr. AND KETRA D. HOLDER A/ K/A KETRA DION HOLDER, STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on January 7, 2010, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida described as:

LOT 9, BLOCK 3, JERRY W. THOMAS SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9, BLOCK 3, JERRY W. THOMAS SUBDIVISION AND RUN THENCE S 45° 32' 10" W, 204.42 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF JERRY CIRCLE, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE 10.05 FEET; TO THE NORTHWEST LINE OF SAID LOT 9, THENCE N. 48° 06' 30" E, 204.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO: THAT PART OF LOT 10, BLOCK 3, JERRY W. THOMAS SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 42 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 10, BLOCK 3, JERRY W. THOMAS SUBDIVISION AND RUN THENCE S 84° 46' 34" W, 167.10 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF JERRY CIRCLE, AND RUN THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 20.10 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 10, THENCE S 88° 10' 39" E, 165.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

and commonly known as: 383 JERRY CIRCLE, MACCLENNY, FL 32063; including the building, appliances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, on February 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Dated this 13th day of January, 2010.

Al Fraser  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Bonnie Palleschi  
Deputy Clerk

Edward B. Pritchard  
(813) 229-0900 x1309  
Kass, Shuler, Solomon, Spector, Foyle & Singer, P.A.  
P.O. Box 800  
Tampa, FL 33601-0800  
1/21-1/28

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-0215 DIVISION

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JIMMY LIGHTSEY and RUBY L. LIGHTSEY, his wife, et al.,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION/CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: RUBY L. LIGHTSEY

Last Known Address: 449 S. College Street, MacClenny, FL 32063

Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint to foreclose a mortgage on real property located in Baker County, Florida has been filed and commenced in this Court and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DANIEL S. MANDEL of the Law Offices of Daniel S. Mandel, P.A., Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 2700 N. Military Trail, Ste. 355, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court within 30 days after first publication of Notice, on or before February 15, 2010, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the Complaint, to wit: the foreclosure of a mortgage on the following described property:

The North 1/4 of Lot 4, Block 78, Town of MacClenny, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Deed Book "D", Page 800, of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida. Less and except the east 10 feet thereof.

Street address: 449 S. College Street, MacClenny, FL 32063

NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at MacClenny, Baker County, Florida this 13th day of January, 2010.

AL FRASER  
As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: JAMIE CREWS  
As Deputy Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROJECT/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FIXED WIRELESS BROADBAND NETWORK RFQ 2010-01

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among: Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The regular meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. E.T. on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Suwannee Room, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The NFBA Board will address general operating issues of the NFBA. And, notice is hereby given that the NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY (the "NFBA") is requesting qualifications for Project/Construction Management and Project Engineering Services, RFQ 2010-01. Responses must be received no later than February 1, 2010 at 12 p.m. All responses should be addressed to Patrick Lien, System Manager, North Florida Broadband Authority, 1500 Mahan Drive, Suite 250, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Any questions shall be emailed to Faith Doyle at fdoyle@govmsn.com or faxed to 407-629-6963. All questions must be received by January 26, 2010. Answers to all questions will be promptly posted to the NFBA website: www.nfba-fl.org, in no case later than close of business on February 17, 2010. If a person desires to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the meeting, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, or if you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least two business days prior to the date of the meeting.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000017 DIVISION

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN A. MIDYETTE, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 19, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000017 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 STEVEN A. MIDYETTE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; 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 March, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 13, BLOCK D, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF MACCLENNY II, UNIT II, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 64 AND 65 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 4423 BIRCH STREET, MACCLENNY, 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 20, 2010.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

\*\* See Americans with Disabilities Act  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Jan Phillips  
Human Resources Manager  
Alachua County Family/Civil Courthouse  
201 E. University Avenue, Room 410  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
Phone: 352-337-6237  
Fax: 352-374-5238  
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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-000215 DIVISION

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

VIRGIL DAVIS, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 19, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2008-CA-000215 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, is the Plaintiff and VIRGIL DAVIS; PATRICIA G. DAVIS, 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 March, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN BAKER COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA VIZ: A PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SEC.11, TWP. 3 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF SAID NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 SEC.11, AND RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 45.36 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF THE WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD #229 AND THENCE RUN NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTLINE OF SAID ROAD RIGHT OF WAY 236.04 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LOT HEREIN CONVEYED; THENCE CONTINUE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID ROAD 2700 N. MILITARY TRAIL, STE. 355, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431 AND FILE THE ORIGINAL WITH THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE STYLED COURT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER FIRST PUBLICATION OF NOTICE, ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2010, OTHERWISE A DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF PRAYED FOR IN THE COMPLAINT, TO WIT: THE FORECLOSURE OF A MORTGAGE ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO VIN# GAFW-34A714385H22 TITLE# 76558613 & GAFW1348714385H22 TITLE#76558614

A/K/A STATE ROAD 229 NORTH, SANDERS, FL 32087

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 20, 2010.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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201 E. University Avenue, Room 410  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
Phone: 352-337-6237  
Fax: 352-374-5238  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE NFBA'S RFQ EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces meetings of the NFBA RFQ Evaluation Committee that all interested persons are invited to attend. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The NFBA's RFQ Evaluation Committee meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010; 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2010; and 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the offices of the Suwannee River Water Management District, Room 103, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, FL 32060. The NFBA's RFQ Evaluation Committee meeting is to evaluate proposals submitted to the NFBA in response to the PROJECT/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FIXED WIRELESS BROADBAND NETWORK. RFQ. If a person desires to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding or have any questions please contact Faith Doyle, Clerk to the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3482 or (407) 629-6900 at least one (1) business day prior to the date of the meeting.

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## M & S MINI STORAGE

127 LOWER STREET SOUTH  
MACCLENNY, FLORIDA 32063  
904-259-9273

The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction at 9:00 am February 6, 2010 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:

| Name             | Unit # |
|------------------|--------|
| Mack Blackwell   | 5      |
| Edward Anderson  | 6-35   |
| Tracy Liebel     | 12-29  |
| Kathy Chasse     | 18     |
| Donna Edstrand   | 21     |
| Karen Lipnick    | 27     |
| Olivia Rothfeldt | 49     |
| Claudia Crews    | 54     |
| Joseph Hollings  | 55     |
| Jennifer Kirk    | 74     |

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000072 DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASD 2007KS1,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

LOREE BYRD A/K/A LOREE R BYRD A/K/A LORREE R BYRD A/K/A LOREE ROSE BYRD, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 19, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000072 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASD 2007KS1, is the Plaintiff and LOREE BYRD A/K/A LOREE R BYRD A/K/A LORREE R BYRD A/K/A LOREE ROSE BYRD; 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 16 day of March, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 3, BLOCK 3 OF POWELL BLUFF SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 27 MARTHA DRIVE, MACCLENNY, 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 21, 2010.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000082 DIVISION

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JARED L. GRIFFIS, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 19, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000082 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, is the Plaintiff and JARED L. GRIFFIS; LINDSAY N. GRIFFIS; 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 20th day of April, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

PARCEL 28  
A PARCEL OF LAND, LYING IN AND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6 AND RUN THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 1,820.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; CONTINUE THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 6 A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 52 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 289.89 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF A 50 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 24 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 100.11 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 51 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 285.11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 5906 WOODLAWN CEMETERY ROAD, MACCLENNY, FL 320630000

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.

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

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### St. Mary's River Management Committee



Chef Robert cooks up spicy shrimp.

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# A tour, tastin' of the Glen

## 250 turn out for St. Peter's benefit

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Nearly 250 people, some from as far away as Amelia Island and Hahira, Ga., made the trek to north Baker County to attend the first Tour and Taste of the Glen event held at the Glen St. Mary Nursery January 23.

The event was organized and produced by the congregation of Saint Peter's In The Glen Anglican Church to raise funds for its new sanctuary.

Guests spent an afternoon sampling culinary treats and taking tours of nursery houses and buildings, either strolling to each on foot or riding in horse-drawn wagons.

At each location there were demonstrations of by-gone industries such as turpentine extraction and traditional home arts like canning jelly.

The food, of course, was a main attraction. Three culinary stations catered to guests at one of the nursery's residences known as Linwood.

On one of Linwood's sprawling porches, Chef Donald Rowe of Culinary Creations was busy preparing salads at a brisk pace.

Guests enjoyed watching as he skillfully blended a fresh dressing that included hand-squeezed lemon and orange juice, garlic, honey, apple cider vinegar, mustard and olive oil. A side of homemade blue cheese cakes was served with each salad creation. Nearby, another of Culinary Creation's staff members was whipping up orders of fried green tomatoes.

Inside, in one of the spacious drawing rooms decorated with antique furnishings, Chef Robert Tulko served up his special recipe for shrimp in a delightful red sauce served over grits made with heavy cream and fresh Parmesan cheese. As corporate chef for Winn-Dixie, Chef Robert is featured regularly on Jacksonville's Channel 12.

On the porch of the recently restored Mathis House, Agie Kline demonstrated an antique beaten biscuit machine belonging to 98-year-old Emily Taber, the nursery's grand dame who came to Glen St. Mary as a young bride in 1935.

For decades she made hundreds of biscuits on the motorized machine mounted atop an old Singer sewing machine stand.

The technique was traditionally used to make an unleavened bread that lasted for weeks without refrigeration. After mixing by hand, the dough is run back and forth through rollers on the machine to forcefully introduce air. Each biscuit is pricked three times with a three-prong fork to create a traditional nine-hole pattern.

At the beginning of the event, Ms. Taber came by for a moment to sample the first batch of biscuits coming out of the oven. She had a helpful hint for the ladies in the kitchen. "They need just a

minute more," she announced.

Kathryn McCollum, who lived at the nursery as a young girl, remembers carrying around bags of the biscuits.

"I remember when Emily would give us bags of these. We would eat them for weeks!" she said.

Guests enjoyed trying the biscuits along with samples of jellies being canned in the Mathis kitchen as they watched.

Some of the wonderful things they tasted were cranberry apple

A photography display featured original camera and darkroom equipment as well as a considerable collection of glass plate negatives from the days when materials for nursery catalogues were produced on the building's second floor.

There was also a copy, in beautiful script, of the original handwritten business agreement struck between George L. Taber and Thomas P. Beath dated September 12, 1880.

Visitors to the museum exhibit could buy a raffle ticket to win a one-of-a-kind cedar chest made by Ralph Kline and Danny Milner.

Outside on the porch steps, a volunteer demonstrated how turpentine was extracted from the county's once ubiquitous stands of pine trees. On a table nearby were dozens of clay pots and oblong metal trays, a once common sight on pine trees in days gone by.

There were also authentic wood barrels once used to ship the raw sap and a clear glass gallon jug of pure turpentine, long since hardened into an amber-like substance.

Also on display was the green 1950 MG TD manufactured in Britain and specially ordered by George Taber Jr. as well as the first car in Baker County, a motorized 1904 Holsman once owned and driven by George L. Taber Sr. The Holsman was housed in a barn built in 1903 which also contained a Delco plant generator that once provided electricity to Linwood.

There were other notable things of interest highlighted for visitors taking a walking tour of the grounds:

- The old pump house by the south prong of the St. Mary's River was used to pump water one mile underground to a water tower on the property.
- Remnants of the Old National Highway connecting Jacksonville to Tallahassee where wagon wheel ruts can still be seen.
- Weather sheds used by field workers as shelter from sudden storms.
- The bell tower that signaled the beginning and end of the work day, lunch break or to alert workers to a fire.
- The bamboo groves.
- A one room Cracker house, one of twelve that once housed nursery workers.
- The fruit barn where oranges were sorted before being loaded on wagons bound for the train station in Glen St. Mary.
- A crepe myrtle tree planted in 1890 and purported to be one of the oldest known specimens in Florida.
- A guest cabin, recently constructed from five types of wood — cherry, pine, cypress, pecan and cedar — all harvested from nursery property.



Agie Kline demonstrates the beaten biscuit machine.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

chutney, mincemeat and two marmalades, one from Hamlin oranges, one from Kumquats. Both marmalades were made from oranges grown on the nursery. There was also Baker County honey and sorghum syrup.

Along with the wonderful jellies, Taste of the Glen cookbooks dedicated to Emily Taber were for sale.



Guests dine in the outdoor tent.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

So were beautiful book stands of cedar and pecan wood harvested on the nursery grounds and hand-crafted by artisan Danny Milner.

In the kitchen of the Steele House, local downtown eatery Amuse Cafe had re-created itself and offered sandwiches and coffee.

Inside the nursery's main office building, guests could view a museum exhibit of photographs, artifacts and equipment that told the story of the nursery industry during the early decades of the 20th century.

Guests were particularly intrigued by an unusual hand-cranked wooden contraption used to sort oranges into different sizes and grades.

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Emma Duncan

**Born December 30**

Jimmy and Misty Duncan of Macclenny are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Emma Grace Duncan at St. Vincent's Medical Center on December 30, 2009. She weighed 10 lb., 3 oz. and was 21 1/4" long.

Proud grandparents are Sherry and Victor Fitchie of Honolulu, HI, John "Red" and Laurie Canaday of Moniac, GA, and Jim and Cathy Duncan of Baxter.



Kate Vraniak

**Born January 12**

Lisa Szanto-Vraniak and Leonard Vraniak of Chicago are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Kate Evelyn on January 12, 2010. She weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Lisa is a 1984 graduate of Baker County High School.

Grandparents are Nancy Szanto of Daytona Beach, Otto and Gloria Szanto of Ocala, the late Leonard Sr. and Evelyn Ruth Vraniak of Ocala.

**Many thanks**

I would like to say thank you to all of those who came to my fund raiser. I especially want to thank Thomas Paronish for cooking for me and all my immediate family for helping with my benefit. You never know when you may need help in this life and this time it was my turn. We also want to thank Wesley and Tina Mobley and the City of Macclenny for the use of their property and of course, my sweet grandmother Lyma Raulerson. I have been so very blessed and am so thankful to everyone for their prayers. They have truly helped me get through this difficult time.

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RyLeigh Perkins

**Born January 11**

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Proud grandparents are Shelley and Jamie Carr of Glen St. Mary and Brenda and Gordon Perkins of Lake City.

**Grateful for prayers, help**

I'd like to show my appreciation to the following people for helping our family during the recovery of my daughter-in-law, Tabbatha (Norman) Armstrong, who was seriously injured after an accident in December.

I want to thank Sheriff Joey Dobson and his office, and the Florida corrections officers for taking the time to drive all the way over to the hospital to check on Tabbatha.

Thank you to Mr. Greg and all his Sanderson Boy Scouts. Being an ex-Boy Scout myself made me remember all the good things I did with my troop and fellow Scouts.

Also thanks to the great folks at the Westside Nursery of Glen St. Mary, Woodsman of America of Lake City, and a big thanks to Tabbatha and James' fellow co-workers at Columbia and Lake Butler Corrections and all the other facilities not known to me for all the support, donations to the kids and their precious donation of time they transferred to them.

Our hearts and thanks go out to all these fine folks. And a special thanks to all the family and friends that have stood by Tabbatha and pitched in.

Please keep Tabbatha in your prayers.

Buddy Armstrong  
Glen St. Mary

**Praises FMH**

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the medical professionals at Ed Fraser Hospital who were instrumental in caring for me during my recent knee surgery.

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Christine Hicks  
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## Cats 'stepping backward' First district loss a squeaker to Warriors

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Wildcat basketball team had a tough couple of outings last week, losing to University Christian for the second time this season and dropping its first district match in a two-point loss to West Nassau.

"We took some steps backward in these two games," said Coach Charles Ruise.

The squad's second-leading scorer Chris McCray has been hobbled by a shin injury since the Bishop Snyder game January 15 and his output was limited. Though McCray still averaged in double figures in both games, he was not playing up to par.

The Cats ran into a buzz saw on January 19 when University Christian came to town. UC has an excellent inside tandem of J.J. Nissen and Muslim Gore, and the two led the Christians to a 64-51 victory.

UC pushed the Wildcats to the outside and though they got strong shooting from top scorer Blane Finley and McCray, it was not the kind of game the Wildcats wanted.

"We like to start from the inside and that gives us better looks on the outside," said Ruise.

Solid rebounding by the Christians left BCHS with few second-looks at the basket.

UC led at the half by a 43-28 score and continued to build on the lead in the second half.

Finley finished the game leading the Cats with 19 points. McCray had 12 and Chris Walton 9 points that evening.

The Wildcats next traveled to Callahan January 23, dropping a heartbreaker West Nassau by a single basket. The 52-50 loss was the first district defeat of

the season for BCHS.

The game was back and forth all night long, with the Cats trailing by three points at the half. West Nassau pulled up by six at the end of the third behind strong inside and outside play from Desman Harrell and Aaron McCullers.

The Cats scratched back into the game in the fourth with accurate shooting from Finley, who had seven of his 10 points in the period. But McCullers got hot for the Warriors, scoring eight points of his own to keep BCHS trailing.

Walton led the Wildcats with 15 points against West Nassau while McCray had 11 and Finley 10 points.

The Wildcats will take on Union County in the first of two away games on Saturday, January 30, before heading to Bradford County February 2.

Coach Ruise said he hopes to give some of his bench players an opportunity to get on the court for valuable playing time ahead of the district tournament.

Tip-offs are at 6:00 pm for JV and 7:00 pm for varsity. The team returns home for Stanton Prep February 4.



Above: Blane Finley darts along the baseline during the loss to University Christian. At right: Darryl Johnson looks to score.



PHOTOS BY JUD JOHNSON

## Lady Cats post trio of losses the past week To Snyder, Kenny, CHS; win over Ridgeview

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

It's been a rough week for the Lady Wildcat basketball team, which for the first time this season lost three straight to Bishop Snyder, Columbia High and Bishop Kenny before clinching a win against Ridgeview.

The girls hope to get back on the winning track when they face off against Yulee and Bradford at home on Thursday and Friday, January 28 and 29.

The Lady Wildcats started the week with a trip to Bishop Snyder. The Cardinals kept the pace very deliberate and carved out a 34-29 win.

BCHS couldn't have had a much worse first period. Nothing would drop for the Cats — absolutely nothing. Snyder outscored them 7-0 in the first quarter. The only saving grace was that the pace was so slow.

From then on, the Cats clawed themselves back into the game, but they couldn't manage to control the tempo. Chelsey Ruise

continued her scoring run and led the Cats with 12 points that night.

BCHS trailed by seven at the half and chipped away the remainder of the game, but could not overcome the early deficit.

Kiana Parker had 7 points and 7 rebounds, and Megan Osteen and Brittany Burns each had 9 rebounds.

The Cats had an even rougher night January 19 in Lake City as Columbia High put a 49-30 hurtling on BCHS.

The bigger, taller and more athletic Tigers ran all over the court, and the pace the Cats would've liked against Bishop Snyder didn't help them at all against CHS.

The Tigers' fast break and transition game put the Cats in a hole early and they couldn't make it up. CHS led 26-14 at the half and kept piling it on in the second.

Though the Cats lost the game, Coach Franklin Griffis gave the girls high marks for effort.

"We wanted to prove to ourselves that we can compete against big, athletic teams. We played Columbia tough and kept it a lot closer than the first time we played them and closer than the score shows," said Griffis.

Though eight Wildcats made it into the scoring column, not a single one was in double figures. Burns led the way with 7 points. Kiara Battles had 9 rebounds and Parker had 7.

The Cats struggled again the following night on the road at Bishop Kenny.

The Crusaders came into the game undefeated and the Cats gave them all they could handle. The Wildcats led the game until a minute and a half stretch in the third quarter when Kenny caught fire.

The Wildcats took a one-point lead to the locker room at half-time, but the Crusaders came out red hot from the outside. They went on an 18-8 run in the third period that effectively sealed the game. The Wildcats played them

evenly in the fourth period but could not bridge the gap.

Destiny de la Pena led the Cats with 12 points and Burns had 11. Parker had 10 rebounds and Osteen 7 in the loss.

Things got a little better on Friday, January 22, as BCHS returned home and scraped out a two-point win over Ridgeview to run their record to 11-5.

The 58-56 win saw Ruise again find her scoring form. She was hitting consistently from the outside and drilled 21 points to lead all scorers.

BCHS led at the half 29-27 and the teams swapped baskets throughout the remainder of the game. Ruise led the way with 21 points and de la Pena added 16 points. Parker had a good game inside with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

The Cats will host Yulee and Bradford on Thursday and Friday, January 28 and 29, with the JV tipping off at 6:00 and varsity at 7:30 pm.

## Is Johns leaving?

Baker County High football coach Bobby Johns acknowledged this week he's been in touch with unspecified schools about taking over their programs.

Speculation has been rampant in recent weeks that Coach Johns was being courted outside of Baker County similar to last year when he talked with Wayne County, Ga. officials about moving to the program in Jesup.

"I have been contacted and had correspondence with some interested parties but as of yet it has not moved to a decision making point," said the coach who has amassed a 33-12 record in his four years at BCHS. "That is about all I am willing to say. I will have more to say if it moves forward."

A source inside the school system who didn't want to be identified said the district has received a recommendation request from another, unnamed school. As of Tuesday, Coach Johns had made no indication to the district that he intended to resign.

Some of the rumored suitors — not confirmed by the coach or any other official source — include Suwannee and Columbia counties to the west and possibly a private school.

Coaches with his record, and post-season accolades that include two district crowns added to a state championship while at Blountstown, Fla. before returning to his alma mater at BCHS, are often targeted by suitors in the off-season.



Coach Bobby Johns

## An elite 7th place

Baker High athletics got a unique honor this past week as its program tied for seventh place in the Florida High School Activities Association's Sunshine Cup All Sports Awards.

BCHS was the only Class 3A public school to make the list, and tied with Hardee County and Santa Fe with 65.7 points.

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finalists, 60 for 5-8th places, and 25 for 9-16th places, etc.

The Cats had a strong showing this past year with a state championship in weightlifting and strong playoff showings in football, softball and baseball. The Cats don't compete in many of the smaller sports such as soccer and swimming that help other schools pad their point totals.

## Scoring error

Last week's edition included an error in the scoring totals from the BCHS boys basketball game against Bishop Snyder. Chris Walton was the Cats leading scorer in the game with 23 points, not Chris McCray.

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Out of confusion. How can a coach with a 12 win, 21 loss record get one of the most prestigious coaching jobs in all of college football? I'm baffled at why Southern California hired Lane Kiffin away from Tennessee.

I was equally baffled when Kiffin was hired at Tennessee in the first place. The former

USC offensive coordinator and son of defensive guru Monte Kiffin was, for some equally bizarre reason, head coach of the Oakland Raiders.

I'm a big Raiders fan and Kiffin was a horrible coach. Owner Al Davis called him an out-and-out liar in public. Then for some unknowable reason, Tennessee fired its very successful head coach Phil Fulmer after one less than sterling season and hired this stooge.

Kiffin's tenure at Tennessee was less than outstanding, finishing with a 7-6 record and a loss in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl, and his control over the program was suspect. Players were arrested and the program looks shady. A little over a year later, he bolts for SC.

When he informed his players of his departure, students and fans nearly rioted, setting fire to trash cans and mattresses in the parking lot of the athletic facility. They called Kiffin a no-good traitor.

They should thank SC for taking him off their hands. He comes to a program in turmoil. There's a cloud of sanction hanging over their head because of illegal payments made to Reggie Bush and perhaps Matt Leinart. The NCAA is investigating and will probably act.

Of course, that means it's the perfect time for Kiffin to take over the program. It's already full of great athletes, many of his recruits to Tennessee will follow and if he fails to produce, he has the NCAA investigation to blame.

I just wonder how long it will be before people realize this guy isn't nearly as good as he claims. He's like one of those celebrities who are famous just because they are celebrities and have no real talent.

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## Florida Farm Bureau opposes EPA standards

The Florida Farm Bureau released the following statement January 21 voicing its opposition to further restrictions on the amount of pollution permitted in state waterways:

"New water regulations proposed last week by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will levy a de facto water tax on Floridians by increasing water and sewer bills and will impose onerous economic burdens on agricultural producers, according to the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the state's largest general agricultural organization.

"For nearly a decade, Florida's agricultural community has been proud to cooperate with other businesses and government agencies in the state's Total Maximum Daily Loads program," said FFB President John L. Hoblick. "The TMDL program, which established numeric nutrient criteria based on watersheds, has caused Florida to be recognized as a national leader in water quality protection and restoration. This action by EPA abruptly changes that.

"In fact, almost 75 percent of Florida's 2.1 million acres of irrigated farm land currently embraces voluntary agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs). Agricultural BMPs are practical, cost-effective measures that agricultural producers implement to reduce the amount of pesticides, fertilizers, animal waste, and other pollutants entering our water resources. Best Management Practices are designed to benefit water quality while maintaining or even enhancing agricultural production.

"Farm Bureau believes EPA's overly simplistic approach, which affects only Florida, is generalized and fundamentally flawed because it does not take into account the unique characteristics of each of the state's rivers, streams and estuaries. Experts say the EPA standards will brand pristine streams and lakes as impaired, requiring the state to spend billions of scarce dollars to meet the standard.

"In some cases no technology currently exists to meet the proposed federal regulations, as in the case of agricultural wastewater. There is no way to calculate the time and expense involved in creating that technology," Hoblick said. "Agriculture may simply be unable to bear those costs. That should be of great concern to every citizen in Florida because a reduced domestic food supply would ultimately push food costs upward."

"Florida Farm Bureau is urging its members to get involved in the issue by contacting their elected representatives in Tal-

lahassee and Washington to let them know this federal action is unacceptable. Citizens should also get their concerns on the record by attending hearings planned for mid-February.

"The hearings will be held Feb. 16 in Tallahassee, Feb. 17 in Orlando and Feb. 18 in West Palm Beach. Individuals can register to speak by visiting <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/rules/florida>.

"The Florida Farm Bureau Federation is the state's largest general-interest agricultural association with about 140,000 member-families statewide. Headquartered in Gainesville, the Federation is an independent, nonprofit agricultural organization. More information about Florida Farm Bureau is available on the organization's Web site, <http://FloridaFarmBureau.org>."

# Tips for a healthy, crabgrass free yard

BY ALICIA LAMBORN

Horticulture Agent | Baker County Extension Service

Now is the time to control crabgrass and the trick to eliminating this weed is keeping your lawn healthy and preventing seed germination. This involves mowing at the recommended height for your species, removing lawn clippings when weed seed-heads are present, soil testing to determine the nutrient needs and lime requirements of your lawn, applying the proper amount of fertilizer for your species at the correct time of year, and applying pre-emergence herbicides before the crabgrass germinates.

There are five crabgrass species prevalent in Florida and seeds deposited in the ground during the last growing season will begin to sprout in early spring or once soil temperatures reach 50-55 degrees for 24 consecutive hours.

In north Florida, soil temperatures typically reach this range around March 1, but unseasonably warm weather will allow seeds to sprout sooner. Under warm winter conditions, or if your lawn has a history of crabgrass infestation, applying a pre-emergent herbicide in late winter to early spring (February 1-March 1 is recommended).

A follow-up pre-emergent herbicide application must be made 60 days (or as directed on the product label) after the initial treatment to kill any new germinating seeds missed the first time. A pre-emergent herbicide applied before the crabgrass germinates is the most effective way to control this weed, since post-emergence control is limited and often consists of hand-pulling.

Pre-emergent herbicide options for controlling crabgrass in Bermuda, St. Augustine, Centipede and Bahia include the following active ingredients: benefin (Balan®), bensulide (Betasan®, Pre-San®, ProTurf Weedgrass Preventer®), dithiopyr (Dimension®) metolachlor (Pennant®), oryzalin (Surflan®), pendimethalin (Pre-M®, Turf Weedgrass Control®, Halts Crabgrass Preventer®) and prodiamine (Sam's Choice Crabgrass Preventer®). Most need to be watered-in to be effective. Always refer to the label for specific uses, instructions, ap-

plication rates and turfgrass tolerance.

If you would like more information on controlling crabgrass, maintaining a healthy lawn, or other gardening advice, please contact Alicia Lamborn, Horticulture Agent, at the Baker County Extension Office by calling 259-3520 or email [alamborn@ufl.edu](mailto:alamborn@ufl.edu).

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinances, whose title hereinafter appears, will be presented in a public hearing to the Baker County Land Planning Agency for review on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioner's office, address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance which is titled as follows:

### ORDINANCE 2010-

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 91-1, AS AMENDED, REGARDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WITH RESPECT TO A PARCEL OF LAND, BEING APPROXIMATELY 10 ACRES IN SIZE, RELATING TO SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THRIFT LOG HOMES, INC.; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL B LAND USE TO INDUSTRIAL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### ORDINANCE 2010-

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING 10 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THRIFT LOG HOMES, INC., FROM AGRICULTURE (AG 7.5) TO INDUSTRIAL (I); PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Persons interested in commenting on the proposed changes may appear and shall be given an opportunity to speak at the public hearing or may send written comments to: Baker County Planning Department, 81 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida, 32063. Copies of the ordinance are available for public inspection at the Baker County Planning Department. For additional information, please call (9204) 259-3354.

**NOTE:** Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if any member of the public desires to appeal any decision made at this public hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for that purpose may need to ensure that he/she transcribe a verbatim record of the proceedings, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-3613 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.



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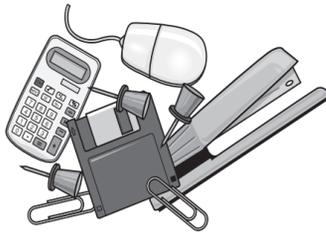
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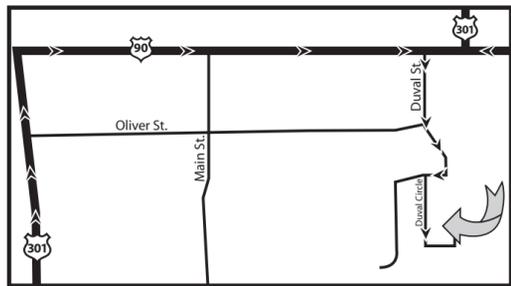
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## CITY OF MACCLENNY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING REZONING OF LANDS OF THE CITY OF MACCLENNY

The City Commission of the City of Macclenny, Florida shall consider **Ordinance No. 10-01**, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MACCLENNY, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A REZONING REQUEST FROM DAVID MOTLEY, PARCEL I.D. NO. 05-3S-22-0000-0000-0031 & 05-3S-22-0000-0000-0033; REZONING THE LANDS DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CM) TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD); PROVIDING FOR INTENT; AUTHORITY; FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY; FINDINGS OF FACT; SEVERABILITY; RECORDATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

**SYNOPSIS:** Ordinance No. 10-01 involves an application for PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT of approximately 4 acres of the City of Macclenny. The subject property is located at George Hodges Road. The complete legal description by metes and bounds and the ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.



**FIRST READING:** A public hearing on the first reading of the proposed ordinances was held on **Tuesday, January 12, 2010** in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. There was no vote by the City Commission regarding this ordinance at this meeting.

**COMMISSION VOTE:** A public hearing requiring City Commission action on the proposed ordinance will be held on **Tuesday, February 9, 2010** in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. The City Commission meeting **will begin at 6:00 p.m.** and the public hearing will be held shortly after the meeting is called to order. Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding the proposed ordinance.

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