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New head coach Ryan Sulkowski.

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## ‘Proud, humbled...’ BCHS unveils new gridiron coach

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

Newly hired Wildcat head football coach Ryan Sulkowski arrived Friday at BCHS with blaring sirens and flashing police lights. Sulkowski was escorted to his welcoming party at the BCHS auditorium that afternoon, the last leg of a marathon 36-hour journey from Rifle, Colorado, that included a blizzard and canceled airline flights.

Sulkowski, 32, was chosen on Thursday after a painstaking month-long search to replace Bobby Johns, who took the head coaching job at Milton High School in February. Sulkowski, who has eight years of college assistant coaching experience, has published a book *100 Drills for the Spread Offense*, and was head coach this past year of the Rifle Bears in Class 3A.

Some in the local crowd seemed to be taking a “wait and see attitude” about the new coach, partly because he is an untried commodity in this area and partly because some of their favorites were passed over in the selection process.

That was not the case with the team that finally made the decision to choose Sulkowski. Principal Tom Hill, Athletic Director Melody Coggin and Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson were convinced that he will be a perfect fit.

“I like his energy, life and vitality,” said Principal Hill. “You can tell just talking to the guy that he cares about kids and will help carry on the winning

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He has worked with great coaches and it's obvious that he knows his football.

— Sherrie Raulerson  
Baker County School  
Superintendent

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tradition we have at the high school.”

Athletic director Melody Coggin echoed his enthusiasm. “I’m ecstatic. You can tell he has a passion about football and a real integrity,” she said.

“He has worked with great coaches and it’s obvious that he knows his football,” said Raulerson. “He’s the whole package.”

Players, faculty, boosters, parents and administrators lined the sidewalk leading up to the auditorium to welcome the new head coach.

“I’m proud, honored and humbled at this reception,” Sulkowski told the crowd. “I know this is where I need to be.”

Sulkowski played offensive line at Valdosta State

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## Invasion burglary suspect absconds

A 19-year-old Macclenny man suspected in a home invasion burglary north of Glen St. Mary on March 3 escaped police custody six days later while investigators attempted to recover some of the stolen property.



Joshua Plummer

An arrest warrant has been issued for Joshua Plummer, who police believe broke into the home at 11212 N. CR

125 about 10:00 am

with Leo Jefferson, 17, also of Macclenny.

The pair allegedly made off with three televisions, two video game systems and a cell phone worth more than \$4500 after barricading the home’s sole occupant, Kameron Carter, 18, in a closet.

Both men face a trio of felony charges for burglary, grand theft and kidnapping.

Mr. Plummer’s girlfriend, Laresea Paige, 20, of Sanderson is suspected of driving the accused to and from the area that morning with their children in the car.

She’s in custody at the county jail facing the same three felonies, while Mr. Jefferson is serving time at a juvenile detention facility in Madison County for an unrelated pawn shop burglary.

He began a six-to-nine month sentence March 4.

Sheriff’s Investigator Chuck Brannan called Mr. Plummer the ringleader of the group. He remained at large the afternoon of March 16.

According to police reports, Mr. Carter’s older brother Jarred, 21, said Mr. Plummer had been at the residence previously gathering scrap metal to sell, saw the electronics inside and also overheard the combination on the garage door’s lock.

Investigators received information March 9 about the sale of some of the pilfered property to Raymond Brown, who said he bought a gaming system and TV for \$180 from Mr. Jefferson the day of the burglary, the report states.

In subsequent interviews with investigators, all three suspects admitted to involve-

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## Two die as vehicle leaves I-10, strikes tree

Two St. Petersburg, Fla. residents were killed instantly when their eastbound Chevrolet Impala left Interstate 10 east of Macclenny about midnight on March 15 and struck a large tree.

The Florida Highway Patrol says the car driven by Larry Jackson, 57, veered right to avoid striking the rear of an eastbound 1996 Honda also in the inside lane and the Chevrolet’s left front struck the Honda’s right rear.

The impact sent the Jackson vehicle onto the south grass shoulder where it overturned. Trooper T.C. Colalillo said the roof slammed into the tree, knocking it to its side. Both Mr. Jackson and passenger Patricia Spriggs, 59, died on impact.

They were wearing seat belts, as was Krysta Glass of Jacksonville, the driver of the Honda. She received minor injuries and her vehicle stopped along the interstate just east of the scene some three miles east of the SR 228 interchange.

The fatalities were the first on Baker County roads this year.

## ‘Irish queen’ recalls St. Patrick’s Day

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## Regional group lauds Shoals Park With annual environmental leadership award

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The Northeast Florida Regional Council gave its seventh annual regional leadership award for environmental stewardship to Baker County February 24 for the preservation and development of St. Mary’s Shoals Park.

The 1600-acre park north of Glen St. Mary features frequently-used horse trails on the eastern portion and off-highway vehicle trails are set to open on the western section this summer.

The effort began in 2004 when Florida Communities Trust, the administrator of the state’s land conservation grants program, transferred the tract to county control. Former extension office director Mike Sweat of Sanderson oversaw much of the park’s planning, including a layout design from University of Florida faculty.

Project management duties moved into the hands of county grants coordinator Maurice Postal more than a year ago as the park underwent construction.

“I was happy about finally getting recognition for something we’re doing out here,” said Mr. Postal of Jacksonville. “A lot of people had been putting in a lot of hours to get it up and ready to go.”

Mr. Sweat accepted the award during the regional council’s ceremony. County staffers and county commissioner Mike Griffin attended as well.

The park actually tied for the environmental stewardship award with a bio-diesel project in St. Johns County. They were chosen among eight nominations by a seven-member committee from the regional council’s full board of directors.

“It was really challenging,” said the council’s communications specialist Jennifer Hewett-Apperson. “The committee felt both projects were significant enough to warrant recognition.”

The award honors individuals, organizations or projects whose primary function is the long-term protection, conservation and enhancement of the region’s natural resources, or foster environmental stewardship through leadership or promotion of environmental awareness.

While the roughly 19 miles of hiking and horse trails opened last April and about 17 miles of off-highway vehicle trails are finished, the parking and trail head area for the latter use is still being built.

Signs and trail markings will also be added and Mr. Postal said a

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— Maurice Postal

County Grants Coordinator



fee for using the off-highway vehicle trails is being planned “so we can plot that money back into the park for maintenance.”

The trails require maintenance after heavy or prolonged rainfall.

He estimated that everything would be finished sometime this summer. The grants used to fund construction of the park run out in November, Mr. Postal said.

Also on the horizon is the park’s potential expansion, one that could nearly double its size to 2600 acres.

Mr. Postal received agreements related to a land conservation grant from Florida Communities Trust [FCT] on March 10. They’re due back to the state by April 12.

The county applied for the grant in 2008 for what was dubbed the park’s second phase — acquisition of four parcels owned by the Davis family’s Longbranch Farms LLC totaling about 1000 acres.

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# The WWII bombing ranges

## Clean-up timeline unclear

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A former practice bombing range on 72 acres southwest of Glen St. Mary may be cleaned up by the US Army Corps of Engineers eventually, but it's unclear how soon.

The U.S. Navy used the land for dive bombing target practice in the mid-1940s during WWII, employing 3- to 13-pound bombs filled mostly with sand, but also explosive charges to release plumes of smoke.

The Army corps began in the late 1980s identifying formerly used defense sites for further environmental investigations and last September inspected the "Manning Target," located about a mile west of the CR 125 intersection with SR 121 in the southern county.

According to a report recently made public, the inspection uncovered seven intact practice bombs on a road traversing the target's center and "numerous amounts" of bomb fragments.

The sheriff's office and Plum Creek Timber Company responded to the area, and the property's owner, Cummer Land Trust, was notified. The following day, September 30, a team from Jacksonville Naval Air Station removed the unexploded ordnance.

The corps also took surface soil samples from five locations within the target area and had them tested for higher-than-normal concentrations of aluminum, antimony, lead and zinc, and any explosives.

The tests came back negative.

The report states that no unacceptable human health risk or ecological risk is expected due



to exposure to munitions at the site. However, due to the intact bombs and bomb fragments found in September, the report says it's possible that additional explosives, in the form of practice bomb spotting charges, exist on or around the site; and they contain compounds and/or components which may pose a safety hazard should they remain there intact.

While the report recommends no immediate removal actions, Amanda Ellison, an Army corps spokeswoman in Jacksonville, said that doesn't rule out removal within the next few years.

She said there are more than 700 former defense sites in

Florida and more than 10,000 in the country, each ranked according to its potential safety risk on an 8-point scale with 8 being the least risky.

She said the Manning Target ranked in the middle range at 5.

"It's not in a residential community," she said. "It's kind of out in no man's land."

Nonetheless, Ms. Ellison cautioned that anyone finding foreign objects in the area should call 9-1-1 immediately. It's part of the Army corps' three Rs — recognize, retreat and report.

The agency also released a report on another, much larger former defense site in the southeastern county used by the Navy for dive and glide bombing prac-

tice through 1950-51.

The 649-acre "Baker Target" was similarly inspected in late September, 2009 with surface soil samples being collected and tested. Neither explosives nor any metals above the selected background levels were detected.

The Baker Target site has been recommended for a remedial investigation and feasibility study, but no removal actions are warranted at this time, the report reads.

Ms. Ellison said its priority ranking stands at 7 on the 8-point scale. The site is located immediately east of SR 228 about three miles south of the interstate.

The Army corps is also interested in hearing from people who have historical knowledge of both sites. They should call Ms. Ellison at 1-800-291-9413.

## Burglary suspect runs...

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ment in the burglary. During one interview March 9, Mr. Plummer pointed to Jarred Carter, saying he helped plan the crime and agreed to split the proceeds to pay his probation officer.

"We don't have any information that he [Jarred Carter] is involved," Investigator Brannan said. "We certainly looked at it close. Plummer worked with him on the premises and that's what Plummer said, but we don't have

any evidence to back it up."

Recovered from Mr. Plummer's uncle were a 55-inch Samsung flat screen TV, 32-inch Sylvania flat screen TV and Playstation 3. All three items matched the description of those reported stolen in the burglary.

The suspect fled from officers as he was being escorted from the uncle's house on Grisholm Street in Macclenny. A subsequent search could not locate him.

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## ----- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -----

## Why spend to take Shoals off tax roll?

Dear Editor:

In August of 2009, a rag tag group of residents got together by chance and formed the Baker County Tea Party. In order to help get our message out we recently established a Web site at [www.bakercountyteaparty.org](http://www.bakercountyteaparty.org).

We have worked diligently over the course of several months on federal, state, and local issues, and it has been an eye opening experience for us. The same lack of attention to citizen concerns you witness on TV in the health care debate is happening at all levels of government on many other subjects.

Who would have thought this could have ever happened in America? Who would have thought a spirit of disdain for the First Amendment and the ability to approach one's elected representative would be such a dividing force in politics today?

Our own national and state leaders have been reluctant to commit to a town hall meeting, which is a traditional people's forum. You have to wonder what are they afraid of. This reluctance to invite the people to be heard has caused us to focus our efforts towards convincing them the people want a voice in their business.

Some have said we are few in number and insignificant — that may be true. However, when your household is affected by the loss of a job, the out-of-control cost of living, new taxes or government intervention in your private life, you might consider getting off the couch and joining us or venturing out on your own — if it is not too late.

Whatever you choose to do, do something. Unfortunately, remaining silent on the issues is not an option if you want a country and community for your children like you had when you grew up.

We are not radicals, zealots, aliens, or unsociable creatures. We are your neighbors and friends who want to see their children and grandchildren grow up debt free in the Land of the Free. Here are some issues we have addressed and still need a lot of work: national health care, deficit spending at all levels, state budget issues, education issues, local budget concerns, tax increase proposals and transparent government, unbridled growth of government and back room deals.

As we write this letter, there is a debate over the logic of convert-

ing more private land to federal, state and county control. This will take taxable land off the books forever. The state is considering reduced services, furloughs of employees, program reductions, salary reductions, and the raiding of certain trust funds to balance the budget.

So, we are asking why would we want to consider spending over \$3 million tax dollars for the purchase of 1000 acres of private land that would be added to St. Mary Shoals Park? The proposed expenditure by the state does not reflect a market price per acre.

We could be wrong. The government may very well tell us there is the supreme need to save some wondrous species living there, or for having a right-of-way without a red light for some migrating animal to travel to Miami for the winter.

If that be the case, then by all means throw logic out the window. Lets save the creature! If 43 percent of the total land mass of Baker County is already government owned, what does 1 or 2 or 3 more percent matter?

We are busy — how about you? Speak up and do it now! God bless the USA.

**Mike Yarborough and 43 other members of the Baker County Tea Party group whose names appear on our Web site**

## Don't slash library funds

Dear Editor:

On March 10, committees in the Florida House and Senate eliminated all state aid to public libraries from the state budget for the coming year.

We are asking for the Baker County community to write, call or e-mail our legislators stating what the Emily Taber Public Library means to them personally and to the community in general. Tell them what it would mean if these services were cut to bare bones or there were no services at all.

Here are the contacts: State Senator Charles Dean, 1-866-538-2831 or [dean.charles.web@flseante.gov](mailto:dean.charles.web@flseante.gov); Representative Janet Adkins, 904-261-2213 or [janet@janetadkins.com](mailto:janet@janetadkins.com)

**Diane Whiting**  
Emily Taber Public Library

# Park could make up for loss of taxes

## On Point In Print

Joel Addington

As you may surmise from this week's edition, a conflict is brewing over the proposed expansion of St. Mary's Shoals Park.

More than 40 members of the Baker County Tea Party group agreed to sign the letter [at left] in support of keeping the Davis family's holdings around the park in private hands, and generating property tax dollars that help fund the county budget.

In public hands, the property would generate zero property tax dollars. Today the parcels generate just under \$2000 annually. But, let me draw your attention to the economic benefits parks tend to create.

Shoals park attracts many users, particularly horse riders on the weekends. And keep in mind it's only partially used at this point with off-highway vehicle trails set to open this summer.

I did see a dirt biker riding the horse/hiking trails March 16. And even though it's technically not allowed yet, the rider likely gassed up here before riding. He may have gotten a bite to eat beforehand too.

The same can be said of the equestrians. I don't have any hard information on where the riders are coming from, but I'm sure many travel from outside the county in search of new landscapes to traverse.

Hobbyists called Geocachers, who armed with coordinates of hidden caches use GPS trackers to find them, descended on the park last year, many coming from other areas of Northeast Florida, said the event's organizer Keith Lane.

Visitors mean commerce, and good parks draw visitors.

Walmart truck driver and Palatka resident Deel Berlin came to Shoals Park for the first time Tuesday to see about doing some off-road bike riding.

"It was really nice back there," he said. "On a couple of those hiking trails, you could have a real leisurely ride through. For a

family, it would be great."

He was hoping for more rigorous terrain, but called the park "super nice."

But back to the cold hard cash, and the proposed expansion. No county taxes have been spent at the park thus far. It's been 100 percent funded through money from the state.

Yet, it has the potential to pay for its own maintenance costs in the future through a modest entry fee on the ATV trails portion. Proceeds from the sale of timber at the park is another possible funding mechanism. The county also could lease space for vendors to sell refreshments, rent canoes or fishing poles. That's more commerce, more sales taxes, more jobs.

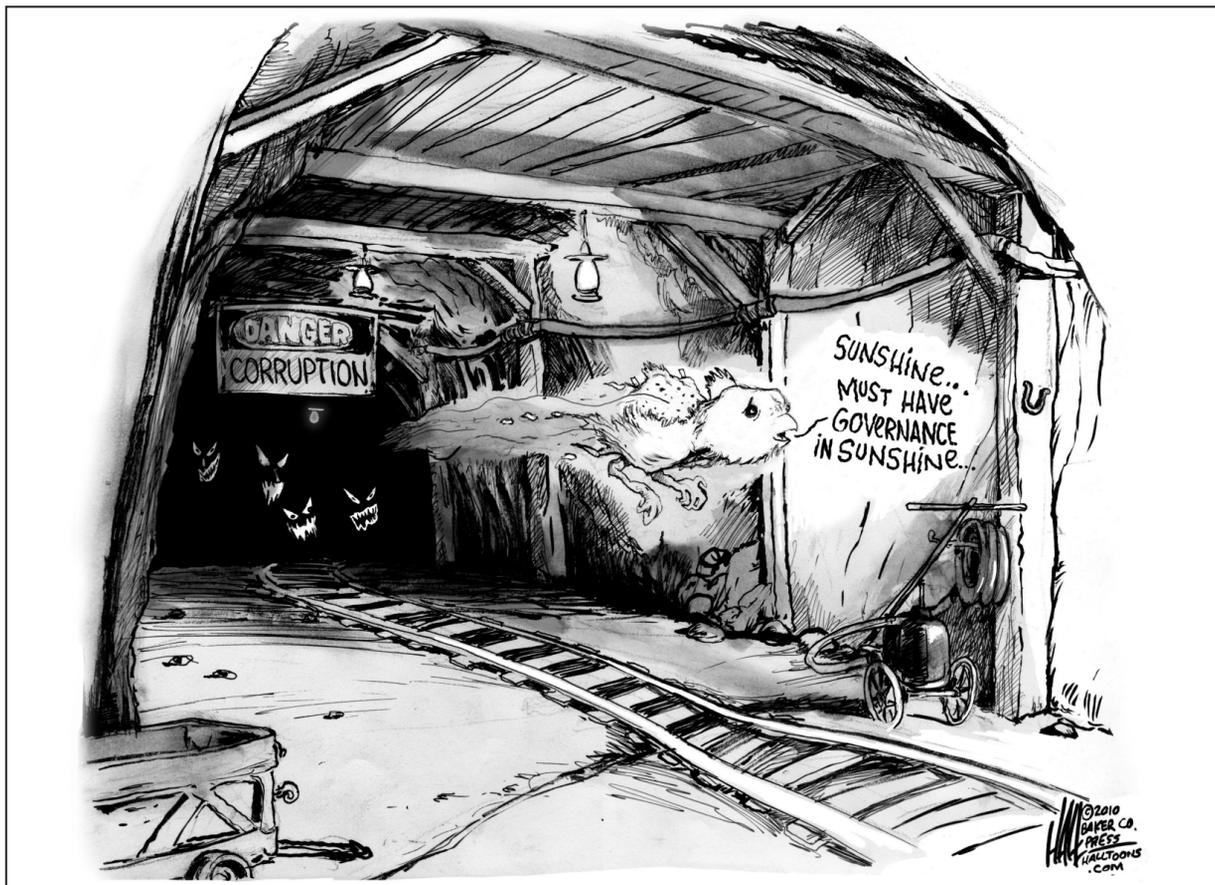
I also find it a bit ironic that a group with the slogan, Taxed Enough Already [TEA], is advocating for the Davis family to continue paying taxes on the land. Oh yeah, the Davis family. They stand to get millions of dollars in the roughly 1000-acre expansion. That's federal and state tax dollars coming back into Baker County, that otherwise would go

to some other land conservation project in Florida.

Right below the Shoals Park expansion, on the list ranking projects approved for funding by Florida Communities Trust [FCT], is Putnam County's Georgetown Riverside Park. If Baker doesn't take the money, more than \$6 million available will move to the next project in line. Even Mark Wilson, the president and CEO of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, endorsed funding for the Florida Forever program administered by FCT and responsible for buying the park's initial 1600 acres.

"[The program] helps sustain our award-winning Florida State Parks, and enhances the hunting, fishing and wildlife watching that supported 120,000 jobs in 2007, which generated approximately \$6.8 billion in retail sales and \$706 million in state and local taxes," he wrote in a March 4 letter to the state legislature's leadership.

So yes, the county would lose \$1974 annually in property taxes by expanding Shoals Park. But it could gain so much more.



## Press needs more 'supermarket tabloid'

Just the other day I was "friended" by *The Baker County Press*. If you are not familiar with social networking lingo, that means that I am now a fan of the *Press* Facebook fan page.

The *Press* also has an online site to go along with the newspaper that is published every Wednesday.

So, the newspaper is on the cutting edge, dispensing news in almost every way possible. Almost. I believe that there is yet another avenue the newspaper is missing; one more way it could be getting its message across.

I'm talking about tabloid journalism. That's right, I believe *The Press* needs enter the world of supermarket news. I know that Jim McGauley and Joel Addington are busy people, so I would be happy to take on the responsibility of editing this edition.

I even have a slogan. *The New York Times* uses the slogan, "All the news that's fit to print," and I'm thinking of adapting that to, "All the news that will fit."

I've put together a few stories for the first trial, and free, issue. They aren't the full story, of course. You'll have to pay for that. But it will give you a taste of the style I intend to employ in the tabloid edition of *The Press*.

I have employed the same exhaustive fact checking that many of the top tabloids like *The National Enquirer*, *The Weekly World News* and *The Globe* use.

### Boaters almost eaten by sea monster on Ocean Pond

When Louis Ray Crews and his cousin Darrell Moody went fishing last Friday on Ocean Pond, they expected to catch some bass or perch, but they never expected to land a sea

## MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

monster.

"When I hooked it I said to Darrell, I said, 'Drop that beer and give me a hand. I got a big one,'" said Louis Ray. "We latched on and pulled and we was in for the fight of our lives."

He wasn't kidding. What they thought was the biggest bass of their lives turned out to be something bigger.

"We'd been working him for 'bout 20 minutes and we was getting tired," Louis Ray said. "Darrell was feedin' me Bud Light to keep my strength up when out of the water comes this tail. It must have been 20-foot long."

Darrell agreed. "Let me tell it. Then this here head comes up and it's got teeth..."

"Yeah, teeth," said his companion. "Big ole rows of 'em. And it takes a bite out of the side of the boat, and goes under taking the rod and tackle with 'em."

"That was a Shakespeare reel, too," said Louis Ray. "Course my wife didn't believe none of it and thinks I was drunk. I'm living with Darrell in his double wide right now till I can pay to have the boat fixed and his wife don't like it one bit."

### County Commissioners really aliens, claims Baxter man

Baxter resident Edwin "Shorty" Lawson, 52, told this reporter that he is convinced that the Baker County Commission has been taken over by space aliens.

"Have you seen some of them decisions that have come down lately," said Shorty. "They could only come from space aliens."

Asked if he had any proof, Shorty Lawson said you only had to look at them. "They's

aliens. You can see it in the way they look at ya. When I asked them when they was gonna come pave my road they looked at me like I was from Mars. Right then, I knew."

Lawson claims that they tried to infiltrate the Baker County School Board but that "Mrs. Sherrie, she wouldn't have it. She sent 'em packing back to Venus or Neptune or wherever they was from."

### Taylor woman sees the Devil in her microwave oven

Mary Lou Watson, 48, a lifelong resident of Taylor, shocked her family last Sunday when she declared that the Lord of Darkness had appeared in her microwave oven.

Watson was defrosting a package of Banquet Fried Chicken in the appliance when the cardboard package burst into flames.

"I was going to take it out and run cold water over it when I saw Satan's face in the flames," she said. "I screamed and ran into the living room where my husband Cliff was watching the NASCAR. I said, 'Cliff, the devil is in our dinner.' He said, 'I've told you that for years.'"

After putting out the flames and calming down, Mrs. Watson surprisingly continued cooking the demonic chicken, a fact that didn't surprise her husband Cliff.

"I've always said her cooking tastes like hell."

The family suffered no ill-effects from the meal although a week later the couple's daughter Linda had to stay home from school because her head spun around and she spit pea soup.

"That's pretty normal for her, though," Cliff said.

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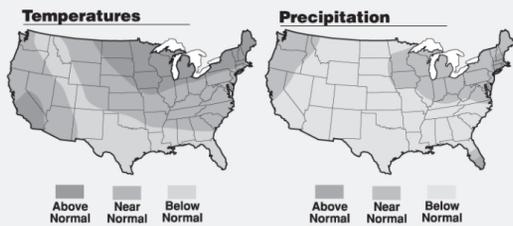
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## 7-Day Forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with a couple of t-storms	T-storms; turning cooler in the morning	Windy and less humid with periods of sun	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Cloudy most of the time	Intervals of clouds and sunshine
High: 73° Low: 66°	High: 79° Low: 51°	High: 70° Low: 44°	High: 66° Low: 40°	High: 67° Low: 38°	High: 65° Low: 41°	High: 66° Low: 47°

## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

March 11 - March 17



## Tides

Cedar Key	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Mar. 15	Mar. 16	Mar. 17
First high	12:10 p.m.	12:34 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	12:42 a.m.	2:21 a.m.	2:57 a.m.	3:32 a.m.
First low	5:40 a.m.	6:16 a.m.	6:46 a.m.	8:13 a.m.	8:39 a.m.	9:04 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Second high	11:09 p.m.	---	12:57 p.m.	2:19 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	3:01 p.m.	3:22 p.m.
Second low	5:21 p.m.	6:08 p.m.	6:48 p.m.	8:24 p.m.	8:57 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	10:03 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Mar. 15	Mar. 16	Mar. 17
First high	4:51 a.m.	5:38 a.m.	6:20 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:38 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:51 a.m.
First low	11:14 a.m.	11:59 a.m.	12:14 a.m.	12:57 a.m.	2:37 a.m.	3:15 a.m.	3:51 a.m.
Second high	5:02 p.m.	5:50 p.m.	6:33 p.m.	8:13 p.m.	8:52 p.m.	9:29 p.m.	10:05 p.m.
Second low	11:26 p.m.	---	12:40 p.m.	2:17 p.m.	2:53 p.m.	3:26 p.m.	3:59 p.m.

Mayport	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Mar. 15	Mar. 16	Mar. 17
First high	5:39 a.m.	6:23 a.m.	7:01 a.m.	8:38 a.m.	9:12 a.m.	9:47 a.m.	10:21 a.m.
First low	11:34 a.m.	12:18 p.m.	12:28 a.m.	1:09 a.m.	2:46 a.m.	3:20 a.m.	3:53 a.m.
Second high	5:51 p.m.	6:35 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	8:52 p.m.	9:28 p.m.	10:03 p.m.	10:38 p.m.
Second low	11:43 p.m.	---	12:56 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	3:28 p.m.	3:56 p.m.

St. Augustine	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Mar. 15	Mar. 16	Mar. 17
First high	4:57 a.m.	5:44 a.m.	6:26 a.m.	8:06 a.m.	8:44 a.m.	9:21 a.m.	9:57 a.m.
First low	11:16 a.m.	12:01 p.m.	12:16 a.m.	12:59 a.m.	2:39 a.m.	3:17 a.m.	3:53 a.m.
Second high	5:08 p.m.	5:56 p.m.	6:39 p.m.	8:19 p.m.	8:58 p.m.	9:35 p.m.	10:11 p.m.
Second low	11:28 p.m.	---	12:42 p.m.	2:19 p.m.	2:55 p.m.	3:28 p.m.	4:01 p.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday ..... 6:43 a.m.  
 Sunset Thursday ..... 6:34 p.m.  
 Moonrise Thursday ..... 4:14 a.m.  
 Moonset Thursday ..... 3:06 p.m.



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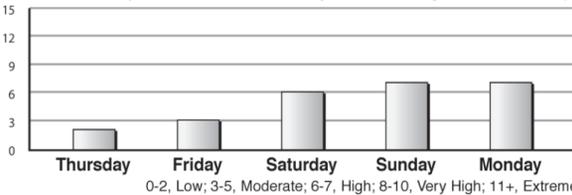
Jacksonville week ending Monday, Mar 8.

**Temperature**  
 High/Low for the week ..... 73°/29°  
 Normal high/low ..... 71°/48°  
 Average temperature ..... 48.6°  
 Normal average temperature ..... 59.6°

**Precipitation**  
 Total for the week ..... 0.47"  
 Total for the month ..... 0.47"  
 Total for the year ..... 7.14"  
 Normal for the month ..... 0.99"  
 Normal for the year ..... 7.83"

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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.

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Mar 11	7:42 a.m.	1:31 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	1:54 p.m.
Mar 12	8:24 a.m.	2:12 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	2:35 p.m.
Mar 13	9:03 a.m.	2:52 a.m.	9:24 p.m.	3:13 p.m.
Mar 14	9:40 a.m.	3:30 a.m.	10:01 p.m.	3:51 p.m.
Mar 15	11:18 a.m.	5:08 a.m.	11:38 p.m.	5:28 p.m.
Mar 16	11:57 a.m.	5:47 a.m.	---	6:07 p.m.
Mar 17	12:17 a.m.	6:28 a.m.	12:14 p.m.	6:49 p.m.

## River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	.....	10.35	-0.73
St. Marks at Newport	.....	7.0	-0.05
Aucilla at Lamont	.....	9.0	+0.22
Santa Fe at Fort White	.....	24.0	-0.03
Suwannee at White Springs	.....	77.0	-0.41



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# BCMS loses rate case on appeal

## Over formulas for emergency room charges

An appeals court in Tallahassee late last month ruled in favor of two large health insurers that Fraser Hospital in Macclenny is legally bound to accept "usual and customary" re-payment for emergency room services and not the more expensive "master rates" set by the hospital.

While hailed by a spokesman of defendant Humana Medical Plan as "a great win for all consumers," the appeals court upholding an earlier one in circuit court here is good news for Baker County residents covered by that company and the other co-defendant Aetna Health Management.

Fraser and its non-profit management arm Baker County Medical Services [BCMS] do not have service contracts with either insurer. Local hospital management has long contended that "deep discounting" by the HMOs makes such contracts unprofitable.

The First DCA ruling on February 24 isn't final yet. BCMS filed March 11 for a re-hearing and the insurers have 15 days to respond to that motion.

"We're heartened that the court concurred with us in its opinion [last month] that non-par, or non-network physicians or hospitals that provide medical services in an emergency room setting in Florida should bill for treatment with 'usual and customary' providers charges..." said Mitchell Lubitz, spokesman for Humana in Tampa.

Circuit Judge Mark W. Mosley of Gainesville ruled for the insurance companies in the original 2008 court case that BCMS appealed. The district court agreed with Judge Mosley that emergency room "customary" charges are not limited to those set by hospitals, but a compilation of those paid to the hospital by other insurers and HMOs, worker's

compensation, private pay, charity pay and indigent care, among others.

The appeals court ordered, however, that Judge Mosley's original ruling be amended to exclude Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements for emergency care from the formula since they are government-mandated and not "arm's length."

Dr. Gary Dopson of Macclenny, a former private physician now employed at NEFSH and current chairman of the BCMS board, said the non-profit went to court because it believes the re-imbursement rates paid by Humana and Aetna are unrealistically low.

"We have to see anyone who shows up at the emergency room regardless — that's the law," said Dr. Dopson. "In this county, we have many patients who are seen in the ER and we just don't believe what they [the insurers] feel

are "reasonable and customary" rates are realistic."

Dr. Dopson asserts that some insurers re-imburse at rates that are 30-40 percent of what Fraser Hospital says are customary charges. The hospital already writes off expenses for indigent patients from its "charge master" menu of maximum charges mandated by statute to be posted.

It can also write off the difference between the menu costs and what it might negotiate downward as "full payment" from cash-paying patients.

There is no accurate way to assess the number of people living in Fraser Hospital's service area who are covered by either Aetna or Humana. The area's largest employers, mostly public entities, have health care contracts with Avmed, United Health Care and Blue Cross.

# Mediation fails to resolve teacher firings

A court-ordered mediation in the case of three former Baker County teachers denied tenure contracts and fired in June, 2009 failed to reach a settlement on March 10 and their lawsuit is now expected to move forward in circuit court.

The teachers, Emmie Witten, Chana Williams and Callie Preston, sued the school district in July of 2009 alleging they were unjustly denied continuing contract, or tenure, after four years on annual contract since they were first hired.

Personnel records at the school district office in Macclenny reflect that all three were given satisfactory or in some instances glowing evaluations in each of the years they were on probation status.

New teachers work three years on annual status, and that can be extended one year. If they don't merit tenure status then, they are typically let go.

Ms. Witten and Ms. Preston were employed at Keller Intermediate as fourth grade teachers; Ms. Williams was at Westside Elementary teaching second grade.

Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier in January ordered the plaintiffs

and school district to mediation and appointed attorney Michael Burnett as a mediator. The parties were told not to discuss the case after the unfruitful session ended last week.

School Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson was a party to the mediation and said the gag order pre-empted comment on the case — specifically why the teachers were dismissed when others who had extended annual contract into a fourth year were granted tenure status with its automatic re-hiring provision.

The Baker County district implemented the extended year policy to save money.

The teachers' legal defense is being paid by the Baker County Education Association union, whose president Sandi Harvey said this week it was the first time the teacher group has sued the school board over a dismissal. "Our position is they [the three] should never have been put on that fourth year of probation; there was no compelling reason," said Ms. Harvey. "They all merited being put on professional services contracts."

That employment status, formerly called continuing contract,

dictates that teachers are up for automatic re-hiring each year providing their performance evaluations and other conduct are within district and state guidelines.

"It's not a guaranteed job like tenure. Teachers can still be fired for a number of reasons; professional services contracts basically guarantee it be for just cause and establish due process," said Ms. Harvey.

Absent of those contracts, teachers are "at will" employees

and thus subject to being let go — as were the three plaintiffs.

Both Ms. Preston and Ms. Williams have taken jobs in the Columbia County school system. Ms. Witten is said to be ill and has not gone back into teaching.

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# Favors more commercial area

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The Land Planning Agency [LPA] recommended rezoning more of the southeast corner of the CR 125 intersection with Odis Yarborough Road for commercial use last week.

The property owner's attorney, Hugh Fish, said his client, Glen Plantation LTD, hasn't yet settled on a business plan for the site, but that 10 acres already zoned commercial is no longer large enough.

During the LPA's meeting the evening of March 11, Mr. Fish explained that new rules from the St. Johns River Water Management District require more water retention and recently completed street improvements around the property made previous points of access unfeasible.

Glen Plantation's Todd Knabb requested rezoning 10.69 acres adjacent to the corner lot from agriculture to commercial, enlarging the commercial block to more than 20 acres.

"Yeah, we have 10 acres there, but there's no way to use it," Mr. Fish told the five-member LPA board.

Larry Morgan's property, the only residence in the immediate area, is east of Glen Plantation's commercial parcel.

He said commitments from Mr. Fish for shields on future lighting to deflect illumination to the west, and existing rules for a 20-foot buffer between com-

mercial and residential property, left him comfortable with the expanded commercial zoning.

"When you hear about projects like this, your mind kind of runs wild," he told the board. "I'm just trying to keep up with it."

The discussion soon turned to the potential height of future lighting, which assistant planning director Carolyn Bissonnette said is limited by land development regulations. She estimated the maximum allowed was 35 feet.

The board voted unanimously to recommend approval of Glen Plantation's rezoning request to the Baker County Commission with the condition that light shields are used in the buffer area, directing light away from Mr. Morgan's property.

In the evening's only other request, Deitra Andrews was granted permission to have up to five horses on her roughly 5-acre property at the western end of Ray Phillips Road southwest of Macclenny.

Horses are allowed on any lands zoned agriculture, but Ms. Andrews' property carries residential zoning. She told the board she had horses previously, beginning in 1989, and hopes to purchase them once again.

The board also voted to begin convening just once a month, rather than the twice-a-month schedule that's been in place for the last year.

The LPA will meet on the last Thursday of the month, instead of the second and last Thursdays; however, county planning staff will have the discretion to set meetings more frequently.

# Arrest for threats against his mom

An Olustee man was arrested when he returned to his mother's residence off CR 231 just minutes after being warned by a county deputy to stay away from her.

Mary Kent, 54, called police the evening of March 10 when her son Thomas Kent, 24, caused a disturbance, and informed Deputy Brandon Kiser that she had a domestic violence order against him due to past incidents.

Ms. Kent sought only that the deputy issue another warning, and he located the son at Fastway convenience store to inform him he would be arrested if he again violated the court order.

Mr. Kent replied that he was living in a tent near his mother's property and promised to stay away from the residence.

A half hour later, Deputy Kiser was back in the neighborhood after Mrs. Kent reported her son was banging on her front door. He was again located at the convenience store and arrested.

In other recent cases, a criminal complaint for violating a domestic violence order was filed against Ray Hodges, 39, of Baldwin after an alleged verbal confrontation with sister-in-law Kathy Waldo, 38, also of Baldwin.

The complainant told Deputy Rodney Driggers that Mr. Hodges confronted her at the BP station in downtown Macclenny about 7:00 the morning of March 11. She claims she was also verbally accosted by Mr. Hodges' wife Mary.

Ms. Waldo had the previous day obtained the restraining order in Nassau County due to past incidents.

Shortly after the complaint, Deputy Driggers was summoned to the sheriff's office where Mr. Hodges had gone to say he was verbally assaulted by Ms. Waldo at the BP station and drove off rather than worsen the situation.

The deputy was not immediately able to contact Ms. Hodges, and indicated she would be named in a complaint as well.

In an unusual case involving assault by text message, a complaint was filed March 8 against a 12-year-old girl from St. George, Ga. for allegedly sending profanity-laced messages to a Baker County Middle School student of the same age and gender.

Campus deputy Tracie Benton noted in her report that six such messages were sent March 2. The report was made on March 8.

The accused is a student at the Alternative School for disruptive students.

Police filed complaints for battery in several other cases the past week:

They include both parties in a scuffle at the office of Dr. Charles Scarborough on South 5th in Macclenny on March 12. Stephanie Morales, 31, of Macclenny

accused Rebecca Williams, 45, of Glen St. Mary of pulling her pony tail and striking her with a fist about 3:00 pm.

Deputy Chris Walker later interviewed Ms. Williams, who said she did so in self-defense. Ms. Morales was listed as the doctor's office manager and the dispute was over "office policy."

Jennifer Mosley, 29, of Macclenny is accused of pulling the hair of sister Vicky Morris, 44, of Glen and striking her during a fight at their mother's residence in the south city the afternoon of March 12.

Ms. Mosley later affirmed the accusation in an interview with Deputy Walker.

Two battery complaints were made by patients at Northeast Florida State Hospital against other patients. A 28-year-old female accused another female, age 45, of striking her in the face after accusing her of taking photos off a counter.

That incident occurred on March 9, three days before a 62-year-old male accused another male, age 30, of kicking him on the arm.

# Seven prior license suspensions

The driver of a rental car stopped for speeding on Interstate 10 the evening of March 11 had seven prior license suspensions.

Deputy Matt Sigers also learned that Tony Strong, 53, of Ellenwood, GA is wanted in Hillsborough County, FL for a license violation.

The officer said he stopped a 2010 Chevrolet going east near Macclenny about 9:45 after clocking it at 89 mph. He detected the odor of marijuana smoke when questioning the occupants, and received permission to search the car from passenger William Gazrison, who rented it.

Another passenger, Karlos Emory, 35, of Atlanta was arrested after he was found to be sitting on a fast food bag with a small baggie of marijuana inside. He

was charged with misdemeanor possession.

In other arrests:

Chad Mallory 31, of Macclenny was stopped driving a 1990 Mercedes on Lowder St. near Milondale about 7:30 the morning of March 12, and taken to jail with 21 prior license suspensions.

Deputy Chris Walker said he stopped the northbound vehicle for lack of a license tag, and learned Mr. Mallory had been classified as a chronic offender because of the suspensions.

He was out on bond for the same offense when stopped.

Deputy Johnny Hodges stopped a 1998 Dodge van on South 6th St. in Macclenny about 9:00 the evening of March 13 and arrested Michael Jackson, 28, of Glen St. Mary for driving on a li-

cence suspended nine times.

The deputy said he got behind the northbound van because it was swerving in and out of its lane.

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## CIRCUIT COURT

# House arrest for neglect

A 31-year-old Glen St. Mary woman arrested last December for leaving her month-old son in a shopping cart in front of the CVS store in Macclenny while she was inside shoplifting will serve two years on house arrest.

Teresa Marie Stokes, 31, entered a no contest plea in circuit court on March 15 to neglect of a child and grand theft. Judge Phyllis Rosier ordered a year of probation following the house arrest.

Ms. Stokes left the infant alone for five minutes, based on a surveillance video that belied her original contention that she had gone into the store only for a few moments to retrieve something she left inside.

A video also showed her leaving the store with a cart containing \$424 in merchandise, none of it paid for. Police were initially called to the scene at the behest

of both store employees and customers alarmed at the baby's presence outside.

In other sentencings this week, chronic offender Stanley Holland Jr., 29, of Macclenny was given one year and a day in prison after admitting to multiple probation violations.

Mr. Holland was placed on house arrest last July for felony driving on a suspended license and felony battery as a repeat offender. Among the violations was theft of personal items from the Macclenny fire station in December.

Mr. Holland was doing community service at the station at the time he took cologne, a game, shorts and a razor from the living quarters.

• Crystal Coleman will be in county jail a year less time served after pleading no contest to violating a house arrest probation

on earlier drug sale and possession charges.

Ms. Coleman was re-arrested when she was caught driving.

• Mitchell Buchanan was given a one-year jail sentence in return for his plea to grand theft, felony petty theft, forgery and felony driving on a suspended license.

• Judge Rosier ordered Teddy Belford onto a 24-month probation for fleeing law enforcement after a crash. His driver's license was suspended for a year, and he will serve a month-long jail sentence for leaving the scene of an accident and resisting arrest.

• A two-year probation was ordered for Marianne Duncan after her no contest plea to forgery. The judge also ordered her to pay \$479 in restitution.

• An arrest warrant will be issued for Anjuan Jackson, who failed to appear Monday on six drug-related charges.

# Shoals lauded...

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The project was ranked 33rd out of 88 projects statewide, with the top 21 getting funded from the roughly \$63 million allocated in the 2008 grant cycle.

"FCT was not funded in 2009 and probably won't be funded this year either, due to the budget deficit," Mr. Postal said by e-mail early this week. "Baker County was not originally on the funding list for the 2008 grant. However, land prices are so low that all of the projects ahead of us on the list were funded with millions of dollars to spare in the program."

Should the Baker County Commission approve the FCT agreements, which are expected for consideration April 6, two independent appraisals on the land will be sought and negotiations will begin with Longbranch Farms.

A workshop on the matter has been scheduled prior to the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Mr. Postal said that if Longbranch Farms and FCT can't agree on the sale price at or below the appraised value, then the contract with the county dissolves.

## Antique tractor show Mar. 26-27 at Glen Nursery

The annual spring antique tractor show will be held March 26-27 on the grounds of the historic Glen St. Mary Nursery.

The public is invited to stroll the display area and look at the wide array of old-time tractors, steam engines, farming implements and other antiques.

This year's event will showcase the Allis-Chalmers line of tractors.

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## GOP meeting

The monthly meeting of the Baker County Republican Party will begin at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 23 at the Mathis House on the Glen St. Mary Nursery.

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# BCHS introduces new coach

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and got a master's degree from Clemson, where he was also a graduate assistant coach. He coached prep school at Hargrave Military Academy, and at the college level at Valdosta State, Lenoir-Rhyne, Austin Peay and Chowan College, where he was a finalist for the Division III Assistant Coach of the Year Award. Last season he coached the Rifle Bears to a 4-6 record in Class 3A.

Sulkowski was chosen after a rigorous selection process that saw over 100 coaches applying for the job. Corey Green, son of Orange Park High and former Wildcat coach Danny Green, was among the applicants, as were George McDuffie from BCMS and Mike Lloyd from Ponte Vedra. The selection committee actively recruited Joey Wiles, the very successful head coach of the St. Augustine Yellow Jackets. Wiles applied but then decided to stay at St. Augustine.

Lloyd made it deep into the selection process and for some time was considered the top prospect, though the selection committee played it very close to the vest and would neither confirm or deny that he was the top choice. As of last week they had narrowed it down to two, and in the end, the

committee chose Sulkowski.

The group was impressed with his collegiate experience and because of that were willing to overlook his lack of experience at head coach, a fact that galled some community members and boosters who would have preferred someone with more head coaching credentials.

As the search for the new coach wound to a conclusion, Superintendent Raulerson spent hours on the phone with people who knew Sulkowski, including former Clemson coach Tommy Bowden and current Tiger coach Dabo Swinney. Both highly recommended Sulkowski and Swinney told Raulerson, "You've got the right man."

Sulkowski and his wife Heather will be spending another two to three weeks wrapping up their affairs in Colorado before coming to take the reins for spring football. He spoke to many of the players individually and told them to continue lifting weights and preparing for the hard season ahead.

"Much of life is about how you deal with adversity," Sulkowski told the crowd. "You can't say ... well, we've had a coaching change. I've had a player change and now we just have to get to work."

Despite lack of sleep and the struggle that he had getting to Baker County, Sulkowski stayed and talked with as many people as wanted to meet him and those who talked to the coach seemed charmed by him.

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As part of our ongoing investigation, we are seeking additional information from the public about the former Manning Target (located approximately 30 miles southwest of Jacksonville, Florida). If you have information, please send it to: William Spence, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207 or by email to: [FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil](mailto:FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil).

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As part of our ongoing investigation, we are seeking additional information from the public about the former Baker Bomb Target (located 4 miles southeast of Macclenny, Florida and 25 miles west of Jacksonville, Florida). If you have information, please send it to: William Spence, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207 or by email to: [FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil](mailto:FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil).

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# \$1700 in tools, property stolen from building site

Police suspect that a key stored in a building permit box may have been used to enter a residence under construction in Glen St. Mary overnight on March 10.

Foster General Contracting, also of Glen, reported that tools and other property valued at \$1700 were taken from the site on Sherman St.

The missing items include saws, a microwave, two nailers, a compressor and a paint spray gun. Contractor Robbie Foster said he locked the front door when he left the previous evening, and the door was locked when he arrived the next morning.

There was no sign of forced entry. In another theft with no sign of forced entry, property valued at \$1531 was taken from the residence of David Manucy the evening of March 9.

The owner said he was gone between 8:00-10:00 pm and called police the next morning when he noticed a camera and the safe it was stored in were missing.

Other property said to be taken include games, knives, baseball cards, an amplifier, necklace and prescription medicine.

Other recent incidents reported to the sheriff's

department:

- Stereo and speakers valued at \$150 were taken from a 1995 Dodge that had broken down on US 90 just east of the Sanderson railroad viaduct. Owner Erica Starling of Macclenny said she left the car there the evening of March 11, and Deputy Robert Simpkins found it off the east shoulder the next morning.

- The car's windows had been smashed and the interior ransacked.

- Mohammed Abdulaal of Macclenny reported an \$800 cell phone taken from his vehicle while he ran errands the evening of March 12.

- The victim said he was out of his car outside the Kangaroo Store on South 6th and at Little Caesar's Pizza on US 90 west.

- Vandals broke windows at Burkins Chevrolet on US 90 during night hours on March 5-6, and at the residence of Mark Charron on Christie Ct. in Macclenny early on March 13.

- Xavier Ruise said two tires on her 2000 Dodge were punctured overnight on March 9 while it was parked off MLK Dr. in west Macclenny. She gave police the name of a suspect.

# Riders in vehicles stopped had pot

Passengers in two vehicles stopped by county deputies on traffic violations in west Macclenny on the same night ended up jailed for misdemeanor marijuana possession.

Richard Mann, 32, of Sanderson allegedly tossed a small baggie of the drug out the window of a Honda as it was being stopped by Deputy Koty Crews on 8th St. about 8:45.

Mr. Mann then attempted to conceal the bag with his foot while being questioned, the officer said, and on his way to jail said he had swallowed two Xanax pills when the car driven by Andrew Altom, 34, of Macclenny was pulled over.

Deputy Crews said Mr. Altom failed to stop at an intersection. He was issued a warning ticket.

About two hours later, Sean Johnson, 32, of Macclenny was arrested on a similar charge after Deputy Johnny Hodges found a small amount of pot in a cigarette pack stowed under a seat.

Mr. Johnson was riding in a Suzuki driven by Tammy Cook of Live Oak that pulled out in front of Deputy Hodges' patrol car from West Boulevard nearly causing a collision.

The officer noted in his report that Mr. Johnson acted nervously and appeared to be placing something under the seat. Ms. Cook agreed to a vehicle search.

- Two Baker Middle School students, both males and 14, were arrested for misdemeanor possession the afternoon of March 8 after other students reported one of them giving the other a marijuana cigarette.

Campus deputy Tracie Benton said the cigarette was found during a search, as was residue in the jacket pocket of the second student.

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# Man accused of stalking

A criminal complaint for stalking was sent to the state attorney's office recently naming a Glen St. Mary man who allegedly is using a MySpace page, e-mail and other methods to harass an 18-year-old Macclenny man.

Mark Lyons, 48, has for several months been attempting to interfere with the activities of Brandon Odom, including the latter's relationship with a 15-year old girl from Glen.

The girl's mother, 34, called police on March 11 complaining that Mr. Lyons had placed photos of her daughter and Mr. Odom on his MySpace page with comments disparaging of their difference in age.

The mother told Deputy Matt Sigers other material that has appeared on the page suggests events and times that only someone who has been stalking the couple would know. She described Mr. Lyons' interest in Mr.

Odom as "an obsession."

Sgt. James Marker, who along with Deputy Sigers interviewed the suspect at his Glen residence following the complaint and after viewing the MySpace pages, indicated that Mr. Odom has several times in recent months complained of the harassment. It allegedly has been ongoing since

June of last year.

Mr. Odom has rejected seeking an injunction against Mr. Lyons and instead has asked police in the past to warn him away. Sgt. Marker said he issued another warning following his interview with the accused.

Stalking is a first-degree misdemeanor.

# Lottery card theft

A store employee was named in a criminal complaint for petty theft after she allegedly stole \$108 worth of scratch-off lottery tickets during her shift on March 11.

Christina Latham, 39, of Glen St. Mary is depicted on a surveillance video taking the cards out of camera range during her 12-hour shift at the Citgo station on South 6th in Macclenny, said Deputy Jason Bryan. She first took the cards from a dispenser and hid them under a clipboard on the counter.

In other store thefts:

- Deni Fill-Yaw, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested for shoplifting at the Macclenny Walmart the evening of March 10 after a

security worker saw her slip on a pair of men's work boots.

The suspect also placed two greeting cards in her purse before attempting to leave the store about 6:00.

Deputy Kevin Jenkins said he was also informed that Ms. Fill-Yaw was caught stealing from the Walmart in Live Oak. She was issued a trespass warrant to stay away from the Macclenny store.

- Thomas Birley, 45, of Macclenny was arrested at Walmart after allegedly attempting to take \$177 in merchandise out of the store in a shopping bag.

He was observed placing items in the Walmart bag the afternoon of March 12.

# Firewise Saturday in Taylor

The Baker County Fire Department is asking Taylor homeowners "Is your home Firewise? Can your home be defended if a wild fire threatens?"

On Saturday March 20, the Taylor Firewise Group will host its second annual Firewise Communities Clean-up Day.

Representatives from the Baker County Fire Department, Florida Division of Forestry and US Forest Service, along with members of the Taylor Firewise Group will be working with Taylor residents to help them prepare their homes for the wildfire season.

Available services include trimming of overhanging limbs, clearing brush from around homes, removing leaf litter from roofs and gutters. This assistance is free to Taylor residents, but you must pre-register to participate by calling Nancy Oliver at 259-7061 to set up an appointment.

The number of homes eligible is limited by time and personnel.

The day will start at 8:30 at the Taylor Voting House with a safety briefing, followed by a division of work crews. Lunch is back at the voting house with meat provided and cooked on site. All participants are asked to bring a side dish and or a dessert to serve several people. Work will resume after the community lunch. Free Firewise mugs will be given to all participants.

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GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO: 02-2008-CA-000084

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PLAINTIFF,

VS.

ONA FRANCES DAVIS, ET AL.,  
DEFENDANT(S).

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If you wish to receive a copy of a Technical Staff Report (TSR) that provides the District staffs analysis of a permit application, please submit your request to: Director of Regulatory Information Management, PO Box 1429, Palatka, Florida, 32178-1429, tele. no. (386)3294268. Once a TSR becomes available, you may also view it by going to the District's E-Permitting Web site at <http://floridaswater.com/permitting/index.html>. To obtain information on how to find and view a TSR, click on the HELP FAQ in E-Permitting and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents."

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P. O. Box 1429, Palatka Florida 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at [Clerk@sjrwm.com](mailto:Clerk@sjrwm.com) within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing the notice of intended District decision in the mail (for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice), within twenty-one (21) days of the District emailing notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District emails actual notice), or within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4, and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., is not available.

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The lot behind the senior center was cordoned off last week in preparation for work to begin. A number of ruts in the dirt lot had filled with water after steady rainfall on March 11.

# City to open up parking areas

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It was 3:00 on a Monday afternoon when Chamber of Commerce director Darryl Register counted the empty parking spaces in downtown Macclenny.

The total came to 69 vacant spaces in four square blocks stretching from College Street west to 6th Street, most of them near the tax collector, elections and property appraiser offices west of North 5th Street.

Mr. Register shared the results of his survey with the Macclenny City Commission the evening of March 9, and requested the city's assistance in placing slag and parking bumpers in the lot behind the senior center on East Macclenny Avenue.

Mr. Register has been meeting with a group of downtown business owners in recent months, planning ways to boost foot traffic in the city's core. Encouraging use of the area's existing parking is the group's latest strategy.

"The main reason it's a challenge is we're spoiled," Mr. Register told the commissioners. "We want to park right in front of where we're going."

The group believes labeling certain lots as "public parking" areas, with signs directing drivers to them, may help.

"It's a parking lot now," Mr. Register said of the senior center's rear lot. "If it's designated a public parking area, people feel more comfortable about parking there."

He also suggested placing signs pointing to the spaces along Railroad Avenue one block south of US 90, where Mr. Register counted 18 empty spaces that Monday afternoon. Other signs could designate the lots at city hall and adjacent to county government offices, he said.

City workers could spread slag on the senior center lot, city manager Gerald Dopson said, making the project relatively inexpensive. He estimated the cost at \$1000.

The board voted unanimously to grant Mr. Register's request with the cost not to exceed \$1500.

Mr. Register also approached commissioners that evening about waiving the city's permit fee for the upcoming Baker County Farmers Market on South 6th Street and allowing vendors to use blue tents provided by the market.

He said the congregation of tents — all the same size, color and style — will serve as a beacon to passersby and avoid the need for signs.

Commissioners agreed to do so. The market opens April 3.

• Another parking-related discussion took place concerning the narrow street widths in Macclenny subdivisions, which can pose difficulties for emergency vehicles when drivers park along the street.

"I suggest we look and see what kind of corrective action there is on that," said Mayor Gary Dopson.

Assistant city manager Roger Yarbrough said he would gather information on the matter for the board to review at a future meeting, but that wider paving requirements could also hinder development.

"It can be a back breaker," he said of paving costs. He added that mandating longer driveways and larger front-yard setbacks could help as well.

City codes require that local streets are at least 20 feet wide. But with on-street parking so common in neighborhoods like Cypress Pointe, fire trucks and ambulances may not be able to pass.

"[Street widths] should allow for an emergency vehicle with cars parked on both sides," said Commissioner Phil Rhoden. "People are going to do it."

• The conversation about street widths was preceded by the approval of three city code revisions regarding window wind loads, driveway aprons and landscaping around retention ponds — all on first reading.

If adopted on the second and final reading next month, windows in new buildings will have to be capable of withstanding 110 mph winds, paving on driveway aprons will have to be at least six inches thick and trees required

around retention ponds will have to be spaced no more than 50 feet apart.

The existing wind threshold is 100 mph, there's no requirement for driveway apron thickness and one tree is required for every 2500 square feet of surface water at maximum elevation.

Mr. Yarbrough said the changes reflect what builders and developers have been required to do, but not what's on the books.

"A lot of these we don't know about until it comes up," he said.



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**Mary Farley, 85, dies March 10th**

Mary VaLillian Farley, 85, of Sanderson died Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at Acosta Rua Center for Caring in Jacksonville. She was born in Jacksonville to Robert Matthew Bales and Myrtle Moore Bales on March 24, 1924.



Mary Farley

Mary lived in Jacksonville for 37 years prior to moving to Huntington, West Virginia and had been a resident of Baker County for the last six years. She was a long time member of the Eastern Star and she enjoyed crocheting in her spare time. She was preceded in death by husband of 66 years, James Madison Farley Jr., and son James M. Farley III.

Survivors include brother Johnnie DeVoe Bales of Ohio; sister Katherine Joyce Bales-Edwards of Starke; grandchildren James M. (Kimberly) Farley, IV of Sanderson and Katherine (Kevin) Kruser of Springfield, MA; four great-grandchildren.

Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Patricia Gainey, 36, of Macclenny**

Patricia LeAnn Gainey, 36, of Macclenny died Sunday, March 14, 2010 at her residence. LeAnn was born in Palatka to Patrick Bowen and Debby Jean DeVaneNorman on August 8, 1973. She had been a resident of Baker County for the past 34 years and was a member of Christian Fellowship Temple.



Patricia Gainey

LeAnn graduated from Baker County High School in 1992. Her life revolved around her family and her children.

Survivors include loving husband of 11 years, Johnny Calvin Gainey Jr. of Macclenny; mother Debby Norman of Macclenny; children Zachary John Gainey and Deagan Lee Gainey.

The funeral service was held March 17 at her church at 2:00 pm with pastors David Thomas, Timmy Thomas and David Griffith officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Jean Lomnick, 73, a native of Maine**

Jean Wilma Lomnick, 73, of Macclenny died Sunday, March 14, 2010 at her residence with family by her side. She was born in Bangor, Maine on January 16, 1937 to the late Eugene Lunt and Pauline Elizabeth Toothaker Lunt.



Jean Lomnick

She was a resident of Baker County since 1999 after moving from Orange Park. Jean enjoyed bingo and cooking. She was preceded in death by son Jeff Walton.

Survivors include her loving husband of 40 years, Allen Eugene Lomnick of Macclenny; children John (Sharon) Walton of Clearwater, Emily (Mitch) Walton of New York, Mark (Mimi) Walton of Gray, ME, Carl (Lihn) Welborn of Washington D.C., Paul (Jennifer) Ginther of Jacksonville and Cathy (Robert) Sparks of Macclenny; brother Howard Lunt of Gray, ME; sister Julie Dubay of Jackman, ME; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.



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**Sincere thanks**

The family of Earnest G. (Earnie) Davis Sr. would like to thank everyone for their kindness in our time of great loss. Thank you for the flowers, food, donations and your time. A special thank you to the Baker County Health Department, to the workers at Ed Fraser Hospital, Baker County Sheriff's Department, Road to Calvary Church and Todd V. Ferreira Funeral Home. A special thank you to pastors Clifton Barton Jr. and Tommy Anderson.

To everyone we thank you for your love, support and prayers.  
**THE DAVIS FAMILY**

**Many thanks**

The family of Hilda Troxell would like to thank everyone who took their time to pray, bring food, call and visit during our time of loss. You will never know how much it meant to us.  
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# Residents ready for Spring time

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FFA students from Baker County High School took advantage of a temperate sunny afternoon several weeks ago to landscape the front property of the Council on Aging's Senior Center on east Macclenny Avenue.

Such days, typically abundant throughout the usually mild winter season in North Florida, have been rare during the 2009-10 winter.

Record freezing temperatures, prolonged cold spells, and an overabundance of cloudy, rainy days became the common scenario. Meteorologists once even predicted the possibility of snow, a truly rare occurrence for this region of "The Sunshine State."

Thankfully, spring comes to North Florida March 20 and Baker County citizens are breathing a collective sigh of relief.

For Darlene Rockefeller, activities director at the Baker County Council on Aging, the promise of longer, sunnier days is what she looks forward to most.

For 10 days in January, night time temperatures plunged, often below freezing. The days were overcast, usually with rain. Since then, shorter episodes have been repeated — none as long, but frequently long enough to have people shaking their heads and asking "When is this going to be over?"

"I was raised in Miami and that 10-day stretch of cold dark

days really made me miss the sun," she said.

"It's been a long, cold winter with too many cloudy days and that can really affect people's outlook. Spring always helps turn that around."

She is right. It's scientifically proven that prolonged dark days and rainy weather adversely affect our moods. Some people even suffer major episodes of depression and must resort to medical help. The condition even has a name - SAD - which stands for *seasonal affective disorder*.

Sunlight and warmth can quickly dispel this type of depression, raise spirits and promote feelings of well-being.

For Vince McDuffie, owner of Renee's Bail Bonds, shedding heavy sweaters and socks will be a relief. He likes being outside and on the water when he's not working.

"I'm just tired of being cold. I'll be glad when I can put on shorts and flip flops," he declared.

Mr. McDuffie is also looking forward to fishing. He built a pond on his property last year and stocked it with bass, speckled cats and brim.

He feeds his fish about every three days and has noticed a big difference in their behavior since the severely cold weather pattern of the last few months.

"They usually perk up when it's feeding time, but it's been so cold and windy, it's impacted their feeding behavior. They hardly come up to the surface when it's like this," he said.



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

FFA students take advantage of a rare warm day in February to landscape the COA center.

Linda Clifford, an employee at Hagan Ace Hardware's lawn and garden center, says that if her customers' sentiments are any indication, people are more than ready for warmer weather, particularly gardeners.

"I can tell you that folks are definitely ready for spring this

year. They are sick of the cold," she said. "People simply can't wait to get back out and work in their yards. I'm hearing it from everyone who comes in."

According to Ms. Clifford, there was a definite increase in customers in the garden center last weekend as they stocked

up on garden supplies and purchased a lot of bedding plants.

"They were buying lots of flowers like impatiens. I think if nothing else, the bright colors are cheering them up," she said.

For Bo and Mary Walker of Macclenny, spring can't get here quickly enough.

I usually turn the thermostat way down in winter to make it cold enough in the house for Bo to use the fireplace," she said. "But it's been so cold this winter I never did that once."

The couple enjoys being active outside and sitting in their outdoor swing. The swing, lovingly tended, has been a source of enjoyment in Bo's family for the last 45 years. The many temperate days of North Florida, even in winter, have always afforded them that pleasure.

"Not this year," said Ms. Walk-

er. "This simply isn't the Florida that everyone here is used to. Everyone I talk to says they don't ever remember a winter like this one."

Mr. Walker concurs. "Temperatures in this region have always dipped down below freezing from time to time," he said, "but only here and there for a couple days. But I don't remember anything like this protracted stretch of severe cold we've experienced this winter."

Mr. Walker has always put out his potato plants about the middle of February. Typically a week later, they are sprouting. Not this year. It's been three weeks since he planted and the potatoes show no sign of growth.

"I'm not sure any survived," he said. "It's the first time this has happened in my experience."

## CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

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# Library introduces 'We the People' shelf

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A National Endowment for the Humanities grant has provided the libraries in the New River Library Cooperative, including Emily Taber Library in Macclenny, with a "We the People Bookshelf," a collection of classic books on American history targeted toward, but not limited to, young readers.

Ginny Bird, the director of the cooperative spoke at the Baker County Rotary Club meeting February 24.

The cooperative supports libraries in Bradford, Baker and Union counties.

The bookshelf project is part of the We the People initiative, which aims to encourage and strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture through libraries, schools and cultural institutions.

Ms. Bird brought the collection



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Ginny Bird shows one of the new books.

of new books to the meeting for Rotarians to peruse. The collection of 17 books includes selections such as "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," "Sweet Music in Harlem," "The Life and Death of Crazy Horse," and "Across America on an Emigrant Train."

A highlight of the collection is an illustrated edition of "1776" by well-known American historian and author David McCullough, whose biography of President John Adams was adapted into a highly acclaimed HBO mini-series.

The books are reader-friendly and beautifully illustrated. Some, such as "1776," contain re-created pull-out sample materials like broadsides, large poster-like advertisements contemporary to people of the mid-eighteenth century.

According to April Teele, head librarian at Emily Taber Library, the "We the People Bookshelf" collection will not circulate, but will be housed in the library's reference room for patron access.

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John brings so much enthusiasm to our facility and this community. He is always looking to improve the level of care, bringing new ideas and energy to the facility. He is very passionate about his work and our residents. John is a dedicated leader and we are so honored to have as our administrator.

Thank you, John, for your dedication and personal touch you bring to your employees and our residents.  
Sincerely, Residents & Staff at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab

**SOCIAL NOTICE SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Birth announcements, wedding notices and social events (military service notes and school graduations) must be submitted within four weeks of the event. All news and advertising must be submitted to the newspaper office prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication, unless otherwise noted or arranged. It is requested that all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

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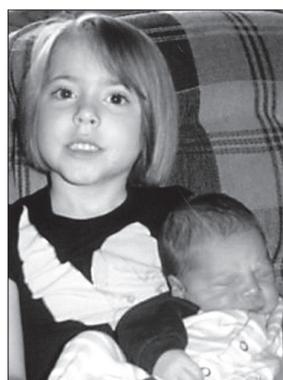
Anderson - Carlton

**Wed February 27**

Tish Anderson and Brian Carlton, both of Macclenny, were married at 3:30 pm February 27, 2010 at First Assembly of God in Macclenny.

Tish is the daughter of Wayne and Barbara Pickett of Baldwin. Brian is the son of Mike and Monica Carlton of Macclenny.

The couple is residing in Macclenny after enjoying a honeymoon in Gatlinburg, TN.



Patrick Conti

**Brother arrives**

Bailee Conti is proud to announce the birth of brother Patrick Clayton Conti on March 4, 2010 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Robert and Laci Conti of Sanderson. Grandparents include Kathy Evans and David Evans of Sanderson, Bob and Pam Conti of Middleburg, and Stuart and Rachel Coucher of Jacksonville.

**Sincere thanks**

Thank you to all those who participated in the benefit horse ride last weekend in my time of need. A special thanks to Joe and Tonya Bennett and Chris and Judy Blue for organizing the event. And thanks to the Lord's Church for helping with the food.

I also want to thank my boss Mr. Gerald Dopson and my fellow employees at the City of Macclenny for donating sick/leave time when I needed them most. I can't tell you all in words how much your support has meant. But God can, as you will surely be blessed — as I am with all of you.

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Darien Combs announces the birth of his sister, Alyssa Kay Combs February 11, 2010 at St. Vincent's in Jacksonville. She weighed 8 lbs, and was 20 3/4 inches long. Parents are Jason and Denise Combs. Grandparents are Dennis and the late Brenda Hall and Ronny and Sherry Combs

**JROTC student chosen for aerospace and technology summer camp in New Mexico**

BCHS Air Force JROTC cadets Darius Fernandes and Brandon Whitener recently were chosen as 2010 Honors Camp winners for Baker County High School.

A committee chose Fernandes to attend the 2010 Aerospace and technology honors camp at the University of New Mexico this summer. Whitener is one of the 20 alternates.

The committee awarded Fernandes a scholarship to attend the camp

They went up against some very tough competition. The average GPA for students selected is 3.69; while the average of those not selected is 3.42 GPA.

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*The following is a satirical analogy of Florida's "Race to the Top" grant and Senate Bill 6. Although this article is satirical, it is meant to highlight the frustrations of most of us in education. Teachers truly believe in "reform", but what the politicians in Florida are trying to do is not reform, but punishment. If they are not going after teachers' retirement, they are going after their class sizes. If they aren't going after teachers' salaries, they are going after their jobs. Florida's public school employees are doing more than ever with less and less. Florida's public schools are improving, test scores are up, and we are making great progress. What? You don't believe me? Just see what our Governor, our Education Commissioner, and our former Governor have to say about the report released that ranks Florida schools 10th in the nation.*

*"Florida is truly blessed to have such high quality teachers who have made our education system one of the best in the nation." Florida Governor, Charlie Crist.*

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*"Florida's elementary and middle school students are reading above the national average. Math proficiency is on the rise. The graduation rate has jumped double digits and fewer students are dropping out. Florida is now a model for the nation." Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush*

*These comments were made recently, so why are these same politicians supporting the false reforms in Senate Bill 6?*  
Sandi Harvey, BCEA President



Meadows - Lanier

**To wed March 20**

Kelton Lanier is proud to announce the marriage of his parents Elizabeth Reena Meadows and William Gregory Lanier Jr., both of St. George, GA.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Stanley and Loretta Bennett of Cuyler. William is the son of Robert and Donnia Quiett of St. George.

Family and friends are invited to share in the ceremony at 2:00 pm on March 20, 2010 at Corner Stone Congregational Church.

The couple will reside in St. George.

**Godwin reunion**

The Alfred and Mary Godwin family reunion will be held this Saturday, March 20 at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church on the corner of 100A and 231, north of Lake Butler.

Bring your favorite dish; ice and paper goods will be furnished. For more information contact Estelle Walker at 386-755-5580.

**Rhoden reunion**

The Hardy and Carrie Hogan Rhoden family reunion will be Sat., April 24, 2010 at 11:30 am at Baker County's Heritage Park. Call 904-266-2337 for additional information.

My dentist is great! He sends me reminders so I don't forget checkups. He uses the latest techniques based on research. He never hurts me, and I've got all my teeth.

When I ran into him the other day, I was eager to see if he'd heard about the new state program. I knew he'd think it was great.

"Did you hear about the new state program to measure effectiveness of dentists with their young patients?" I said.

"No," he said. He didn't seem too thrilled. "How will they do that?"

"It's quite simple," I said. "They will just count the number of cavities each patient has at age 10, 14, and 18 and average that to determine a dentist's rating. Dentists will be rated as excellent, good, average, below average, and unsatisfactory. That way parents will know which are the best dentists. The plan will also encourage the less effective dentists to get better," I said. "Poor dentists who don't improve could lose their licenses to practice."

"That's terrible," he said.

"What? That's not a good attitude," I said. "Don't you think we should try to improve children's dental health in this state?"

"Sure I do," he said, "but that's not a fair way to determine who is practicing good dentistry."

"Why not?" I said. "It makes perfect sense to me."

"Well, it's so obvious," he said. "Don't you see that dentists don't all work with the same clientele, and that much depends on things we can't control? For example, I work in a rural area with a high percentage of patients from deprived homes, while some of my colleagues work in upper middle-class neighborhoods. Many of the parents I work with don't bring their children to see me until there is some kind of problem, and I don't get to do much preventive work. Also, many of the parents I serve let their kids eat way too much candy from an early age, unlike more educated parents who understand the relationship between sugar and decay. To top it all off, so many of my clients have well water which is untreated and has no fluoride in it. Do you have any idea how much difference early use of fluoride can make?"

"It sounds like you're making excuses," I said. "I can't believe that you, my dentist, would be so defensive. After all, you do a great job, and you needn't fear a little accountability."

"I am not being defensive!" he said. "My best patients are as good as anyone's, my work is as good as anyone's, but my average cavity count is going to be higher than a lot of other dentists because I chose to work where I am needed most."

"Don't get touchy," I said.

"Touchy?" he said. His face had turned red, and from the way he was clenching and unclenching his jaws, I was afraid he was going to damage his teeth. "Try furious! In a system like this, I will end up being rated average, below

average, or worse. The few educated patients I have who see these ratings may believe this so-called rating is an actual measure of my ability and proficiency as a dentist.

"They may leave me, and I'll be left with only the most needy patients. And my cavity average score will get even worse. On top of that, how will I attract good dental hygienists and other excellent dentists to my practice if it is labeled below average?"

"I think you are overreacting," I said. "Complaining, excuse-making, and stonewalling won't improve dental health... I am quoting from a leading member of the DOC," I noted.

"What's the DOC?" he asked.

"It's the Dental Oversight Committee," I said, "a group made up of mostly lay persons to make sure dentistry in this state gets improved"

"Spare me," he said, "I can't believe this. Reasonable people won't buy it," he said hopefully.

The program sounded reasonable to me, so I asked, "How else would you measure good dentistry?"

"Come watch me work," he said. "Observe my processes."

"That's too complicated, expensive, and time-consuming," I said. "Cavities are the bottom line, and you can't argue with the bottom line. It's an absolute measure."

"That's what I'm afraid my parents and prospective patients will think. This can't be happening," he said despairingly.

"Now, now," I said, "don't despair. The state will help you some."

"How?" he asked.

"If you receive a poor rating, they'll send a dentist who is rated excellent to help straighten you out," I said brightly.

"You mean," he said, "they'll send a dentist with a wealthy clientele to show me how to work on severe juvenile dental problems with which I have probably had much more experience? BIG HELP!"

"There you go again," I said. "You aren't acting professionally at all."

"You don't get it," he said. "Doing this would be like grading schools and teachers on an average score made on a test of children's progress with no regard to influences outside the school, the home, the community served and stuff like that. Why would they do something so unfair to dentists? No one would ever think of doing that to schools."

I just shook my head sadly, but he had brightened. "I'm going to write my representatives and senators," he said. "I'll use the school analogy. Surely they will see the point."

He walked off with that look of hope mixed with fear and suppressed anger that I, a teacher, see in the mirror so often lately.

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Nick Dukeman serves the ball.

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## Snyder wins at BCHS

Bishop Snyder came to town March 11 and the Cardinals handed BCHS tennis a twin loss. The boys fell to the visitors in a close 3-4 match while the girls were shut out 0-7.

On the boys' side, Snyder's dominance was in the singles matches. They won the number 1 singles match 6-8, number 2 singles 2-8, number 3 singles 7-8 and number 5 singles 2-8.

Only Samuel Murphy won his singles match for the boys with an 8-3 victory.

The Cats bounced back with Trey Baker and Spencer Burnett, winning the number 1 doubles 8-4. Murphy and Nick Dukeman took the number 2 doubles 8-4.

On the girls' side it was all Snyder.

The closest match for the Lady Cats was in number 5 singles play, where Logan Raulerson went to 8-8, but lost the tiebreaker 8-10.

The Wildcat tennis squads will host West Nassau on Thursday, March 18, at 3:00 pm.

## Cats drop Baldwin with three home runs

The Wildcat baseball team exploded for a trio of home runs and smashed the Baldwin Indians 9-3 on the road in Baldwin. The Cats also got a solid effort on the mound to seal the win.

Dillon Jones went four innings to earn the win and Cameron Crews came on in relief to pitch the final three innings. Crews was throwing heat and recorded 10 strike outs.

Chris Waddell, Johnny Elask, and Cason Lowery each blasted home runs against Baldwin pitching. Thomas Sirk was 2-2 with three walks to add to the onslaught.

The win moves the Cats to 2-0 in the district to top the rest of the field. The Cats play host to district foe Bishop Snyder this Friday night at home beginning at 6:00.

"Even though we really had Baldwin outmanned, the kids didn't let down and put them away the way they should have," said Coach John Staples. "Elask is not only the best outfielder I've ever had in 18 years, he is slowly becoming the best player I've ever had, period."

## Lifters fall by 1 point

The Wildcat weight lifting team narrowly missed getting its first win of the early season, losing to Matanzas by one point. Matanzas won the dual with 52 points while the Cat lifters collected 51. Still, Coach Scott McDonald saw improvement from last week's total of 45 points.

The Cats are pointing toward the first sectional of the year on March 22 at Nease. This will help determine how many Wildcat lifters advance to the state tournament. BCHS will host the final sectional on April 10, but McDonald would like to go into that with the pressure off by having his lifters qualify at Nease.

The Cat lifters finished as follows vs. Matanzas: 119 class, Steven Buhler 2nd place; 139 class, Denzel Mack 1st place; 154 class, Darius Green 2nd place; 169 class, Milton Baker 1st place and Rickey Tharpe 4th place; 183 class, Dikemby Hogan 2nd place and Kendrick Singleton 3rd place; 199 class, Reuben Jackson 1st place and Hunter Sullivan 2nd place; 219 class, Cody Wheeler 1st place and William Wheeler 2nd place; 238 class, Trace McCullough 2nd place and Blake Mills 3rd place; Heavyweight class, Ray Mangiafico 1st place and Garrett Griffis 2nd place.

## Track opens with strong times despite weather interruptions

After several rainouts, the BCHS track team finally got in a pair of meets last week, making the short hop to Baldwin on March 4 for a meet with the host, Mandarin Christian, Trinity, Yulee and Hilliard. The Cats had some very good individual times and both the girls and boys had a strong showing.

DJ Paige took first and Chris McCray second in the long jump with a leap of 21.5 and 21 feet, respectively. McCray also placed first in the triple jump with a 40.1 foot hop, skip and jump.

Harold Moore won the 200 meter in 24.13 seconds and the 100 meter in 10.92 seconds. Moore, Paige, Milton Baker and McCray won the 4X100 in 45 seconds flat.

Malone Hadley placed second in the 400 meter and Favion Allen was second in the 110-meter hurdles.

The girls team also performed well. Kiana Parker was first in the high jump at 5'2" and Chelsey Ruise second with a jump of 5 feet. Ruise placed first in the 100 meter at 13.39 second and Taytum McCullough

finished second at 13.41. Jelenia Plummer, Parker, McCullough and Ruise placed second in the 4X100 relay.

"This meet was a measuring stick for the players and coaches," said Coach Charles Ruise. "It allowed us the opportunity to see what events will be our strong ones."

The Cats hosted the meet with West Nassau and Union County on March 9 and again performed well.

McCray won the triple jump in 38.4 seconds and Moore the 100 and 200 meters. Hadley took the 400 meter and Allen the 110-meter hurdles. Paige placed second in the long jump.

Parker again won the high jump and Ruise placed second. Ruise also placed second in the 100 meters. Ashlynn Kerce won the 110-meter hurdles and Courtney Wallace the 400 meter. The girls 4X100 relay team placed second.

The Wildcats travel to Fort White March 18.



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## Gymnasts go to state

Baker County second-grader Sarah Theus (left) and eighth-grader Kasey Alford successfully completed their third AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Spring Qualifier — North Section on March 13 and 14 at the Fit Club of Volusia in Orange City, Fla. Theus, 8, of Macclenny, finished in first place on the vault and fourth place all around. Alford, 13, of Glen St. Mary, finished in first on the vault, second place on the floor, beam and bars; and second place all around. Both are members of The Shooting Stars of USA Gymnastics of Florida in Starke. They earned a spot to compete at the 2010 AAU Gymnastics State Championships in Lakeland, Fla. on April 23 and 24.



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# First look at new coach

## Witty, charming after tough trip

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It was high drama last Friday at the unveiling of new Wildcat head coach Ryan Sulkowski. For one thing, there was a question of whether the new coach was even going to show. He had a harder time getting from place to place than Steve Martin and John Candy in *Trains, Planes and Automobiles*.

Blizzards in the high Rockies, cancelled flights, delayed flights, no flights into Jacksonville, rental car woes. Like Sulkowski said in his inaugural remarks, he was wondering if God was trying to tell him something.

In the end, thanks to the sheriff's department, he got to his welcome on time and in style, with a motorcade worthy of a president.

For the most part he was greeted with happy, smiling faces. For the most part.

There were some frowns and long faces from people who wished that BCHS had hired someone with more head coaching experience. Sulkowski brings lots of experience in the assistant ranks in high school and college,

but only a year as a head coach. In general, though, the crowd was happy to meet him, happy to have a head coach after more than a month of high drama and delicate negotiations worthy of the United Nations.

He is a very personable man with a lot of charm, who is relaxed and confident in one-on-one situations. He spoke individually with all the players and anyone who wanted to talk with him, for as long as they wanted to talk.

I spoke briefly with him and found him open and easy to talk with. He also has a quick wit and humor he will need in the high pressure world of high school football.

I told him that with all the fanfare, I was surprised that they hadn't thrown a sheet over him and unveiled him like a statue. His response was quick, that after 36 hours of traveling, if they had given him a sheet he'd have grabbed a pillow and taken a nap.

He is a spread offense guru, and has written a book on the subject. A natural assumption would be that he would favor the passing game, but in his year at Rifle High School the Bears ran the ball a lot more than they threw it.

It's obviously too early to try to

dissect how he will put his stamp on Wildcat football. It will still be a couple of weeks until he fully makes the move from Colorado and will need time to meet his players and see what he has to work with.

I hope fans give him a little time to settle in before making comparisons between Coach Sulkowski and Coach Bobby Johns. He has big shoes to fill, but he'll have to get his feet under him before he can tie the laces.

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# 'Irish queen' recalls St. Patrick's Day parade and feast from 1978

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Cathy Fletcher (Slack) was 20 years old when she was crowned the Colleen Queen of the Jacksonville Hibernian Social and Marching Club back in 1978.

Colleen is the anglicized term for the Irish word *cailin*, which means girl.

Ms. Fletcher, who works in the front office at Macclenny Elementary, still has the rhinestone tiara and the shamrock necklace she wore as she reigned over the club's grand parade and high feast during three days of St. Patrick's Day festivities.

"You didn't have to be Irish to participate in the Hibernian Club's St. Patrick Day celebration, just pledge to be Irish for the day, she said.

Ms. Fletcher was working as a secretary at Independent Life in Jacksonville at the time and modeling for Denise Carol Modeling Agency.

"A friend urged me to submit something from my modeling portfolio when she heard the Hibernians were searching for that year's Colleen Queen," she said.

The photo showed a bronzed and long-limbed blond Florida goddess sunbathing on the docks near the Acosta Bridge.

The eye-catching bikini is probably what convinced the judges, not to mention the fact that the bikini was a bright shamrock green.

The next thing Ms. Fletcher knew, she had been selected as the seventh Hibernian Social and Driving Club's Colleen Queen. A photographer from the Florida



PHOTOS BY KELLEY LANNIGAN  
**Cathy Fletcher.**

Times-Union was dispatched to shoot her photograph in the indoor gardens of the Modis Building foyer.

Ms. Fletcher's reign as queen started with a fender bender. On the way to the parade she had an accident on the Arlington Expressway.

"There I was in the middle of traffic with my hair up in curlers arguing with the patrolman," she says, laughing.

"I'm the queen of the parade and I cannot be late!" she told him, frantic.

The patrolman was unsympathetic.

"Can't you just ticket me afterwards?" she begged.

The patrolman reluctantly agreed.

"You can go, but I will be right there to ticket you afterwards," he assured her.

And he was.

"I was so upset and embarrassed, but all the men in the Hi-

bernian club pooled their money and paid my ticket," she said.

Ms. Fletcher arrived with enough time to snatch the curlers from her hair, don her costume and step into a vintage Mercedes. The Saint Patrick's Day Parade had its queen. The rest of the affair went off without a hitch.

During the grand feast, which took place at the former Thunderbird Hotel reception hall, the tall willowy blond, wearing a flowing pale green dress and matching shawl was presented to her loyal subjects.

There was an eight course meal featuring a variety of grilled meats, baked apples and plenty of Irish Whiskey. An Irish tenor entertained the crowd with well-loved tunes such as *Danny Boy*, *Loch Lomond* and *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*.

"I didn't realize just what a big deal it was until I was right in the middle of it," said Ms. Fletcher. "It was such fun and a wonderful experience."

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Tuesday, March 23

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

**Lunch:** Roast pork with a homemade wheat roll or turkey noodle soup, choice of 2 sides: baked potato rounds, seasoned ole beans, chilled fruit or fruit juice

Wednesday, March 24

**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 cole slaw

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**March 20**  
BCHS: Winter Guard Contest @ Auburndale.

**March 22**  
BCHS: Boys weightlifting sectional qualifier @ Nease, 4:00 p.m. Varsity softball @ Bishop Snyder, 5:15 p.m. PK/K: Gates testing

**March 23**  
BCHS: FFA "Ag on the Hill", ROTC Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m. Senior cap & gown pictures, 8:00 a.m. Varsity & JV baseball vs. Baldwin (H), 4:00 p.m.

Tennis @ Yulee, 4:00 p.m. KIS: Family reading night, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. School Advisory Council Mtg., 6:00 p.m. WES: Good Morning Show Club Mtg., 8:00 a.m. PK/K: Gates Testing. School Advisory Council Mtg., 8:00 a.m.

**March 24**  
District-wide: Early dismissal. BCHS: Baseball @ Space Coast, 5:00 p.m. WES: "Just say No!" club mtg., 8:00 a.m. PK/K: Gates testing

**March 25**  
BCHS: Semester exams 2nd & 4th periods. Tennis @ Bishop Kenny, 3:00 p.m. Baseball vs. West Nassau (H), 6:00 p.m. Softball vs. Eagles View (H), 7:00 pm.. BMS: Club day, softball championship TBA. WES: Yearly fundraiser begins. Merrie Melodies club mtg., 8:00 a.m. PK/K: Gates testing

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