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## Arrest on sexual battery charges Macclenny's IT chief

A mid-level employee of the City of Macclenny is in county jail charged with sexual battery and molestation of three teen-age females dating back to 2002-2004.

Marshall Mann, 45, was re-arrested at his residence off Lex Jones Rd. south of Sanderson late the afternoon of March 29 and his bond was set during a first appearance the next afternoon at \$300,000.



Marshall Mann

Initially, Mr. Mann was jailed on March 26 and released by Alachua County Judge Thomas M. Jaworski on a recognizance bond the following day, an action that drew the ire of sheriff's department officials close to the case and that of the alleged victims and their relatives.

The new arrest on Monday resulted from an interview earlier that afternoon with the third alleged victim, described as a friend of one of the other two. Since it required a first appearance, it negated an effort that emerged after the weekend to get a re-hearing to cancel the recognizance bond.

Mr. Mann has been employed by Macclenny full time since December, 2003 as the city's Internet and computer technician. City Manager Gerald Dopson said this week he has been suspended without pay, though he has access to accumulated leave.

The allegations against Mr.

Mann surfaced last year when the boyfriend of one of the victims "began noticing several personality traits from her which he believed to be the result of her being sexually abused," according to a narrative prepared by Investigator John Hardin.

The boyfriend confronted her about his suspicions, and the victim named Mr. Mann as the perpetrator.

During an interview before his arrest, Mr. Mann signed a waiver and admitted to having intercourse with that victim, but insisted it was but once. He also said on another occasion he may have been intoxicated at the time.

The victim alleges sexual contact was on a regular basis during that two year period. She is now 19. The second victim is now 21 and the third one is of unknown age.

The second and third alleged victims told police the abuse consisted of touching and fondling.

Chief investigator Chuck Brannan said on Tuesday the department has made initial contact with the potential fourth victim, who lives in Jacksonville, and hopes to interview her this week.

Mr. Mann's official title is information services director at a salary of \$48,663. Manager Dopson said his employment record at city hall is unblemished.

## Emaciated twins are taken; mom charged

Six-month-old twins admitted to the hospital in Jacksonville on March 19 malnourished and in critical condition are regaining their health as their mother sits in county jail charged with felony child neglect.

Tonya Mixon, 22, a Georgia mother who had been living with relatives and friends in Glen St. Mary, was arrested three days after the twins, who had been fitted several months ago with feeding tubes, were removed from her address off Lewis Anderson Rd.

Case workers from the

Department of Children and Families found the children emaciated and unconnected to the tubes when they visited the home. They were then examined by members of the Child Protection Team in Jacksonville and admitted to Wolfson Children's Hospital.



Tonya Mixon

A CPT member identified as Dawn Hawn told sheriff's investigator John Hardin the children were suffering from "malnutrition, failure to thrive, severe dehydration and medical neglect."

Ms. Mixon, who moved here in February from Sparks, Ga., told a DCF investigator she removed the feeding tubes because "she didn't think they needed them anymore." The mother, who had two other healthy children ages 3 and 4 with her, blamed the twins' malnourished appearance on the fact that they were born

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### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Taber Library funds may dry up

23% may be cut by the state

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Small rural libraries like the Emily Taber Library on McIver Street in Macclenny are among the most threatened as the Florida Legislature continues to hammer out its 2010-11 spending plans.

April Teel, the library's director, said that roughly 23 percent of Emily Taber's annual budget could disappear should proposals before the house and senate transportation and economic development appropriations committees go forward unchanged.

"A lot of services will be cut," she said. "We might have to take the Internet out or be open less



Library staff from Baker and Union counties demonstrate in Tallahassee. From Left: April Teel, Baker County; Mary Brown, Union County; Mary Weatherholt, Union County and Terri Brown, Baker County.

hours; that's been suggested. We'll just have to do what we have to do, but we're hoping not to have to cut staff."

Emily Taber Library employs four full-time workers and two

part-timers that alternate days. Its yearly budget totals about \$195,000.

More than \$21.2 million in state aid to libraries was reduced to nothing early this

month, but Ms. Teel said thanks to one member of the senate appropriations committee, about \$500,000 was later restored.

The program began in the

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## Overall county funding may remain static

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Much of the funding doled out to small counties like Baker by the Florida Legislature each year remains intact after four weeks of session, said County Manager Joe Cone.

Cash to offset impacts from additional property tax exemptions and caps approved by voters in 2008, as well as money for road improvements and garbage disposal remain in the state's 2010-11 budget, which begins July 1.

"This is not a good time to be rocking the boat. Nobody's really damaged the small counties," was the advice from the county's Tallahassee lobbyist, Mr. Cone recalled.

Nonetheless, he and county commissioners Alex Robinson and Mike Griffin stood on the capitol steps with other Florida Association of Counties [FAC] members March 24 urging legislators to reduce costs for local governments by an estimated \$269 million statewide.

FAC has identified more than two dozen bills and policy positions that could impact municipalities, both positively and negatively. Among them is eliminating an automatic 1.5 percent annual increase in court costs for counties.

"There was a big push regarding unfunded mandates," said Mr. Cone, referring to additional responsibilities delegated to counties by the state, without additional funding to

pay for them.

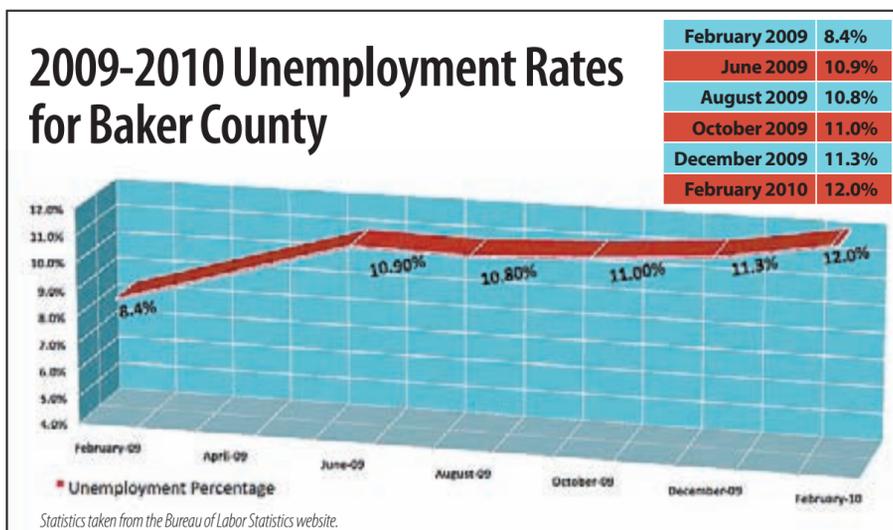
"Court expenses; that's one thing we talked to [Florida House Representative] Janet Adkins about," he said. "It doesn't matter if you need it or not, it goes up 1.5 percent. It doesn't make any sense in these times."

Also on FAC's list of mandates to oppose is an increase in liability caps under Florida's sovereign immunity statutes for government. In general, sovereign immunity limits how much in damages government agencies must pay as a result of lawsuits.

Bills proposing to increase the caps from \$100,000 to \$200,000 per individual and from \$200,000 to \$300,000 in the senate's bill, or \$400,000 in the house's bill, per

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## Local jobless highest in three decades



For the first time in at least three decades, Baker County's unemployment rate reached 12 percent in January and February, according to the most recent figures released by the

state's Agency for Workforce Innovation.

That's about 1500 people in the workforce without a job and few open positions close to home.

There have been less than a dozen help wanted ads on the classified pages of *The Press* first three March editions.

Worksource, a federally-funded job placement and train-

ing agency with a branch office on South 6th Street, reported only 37 jobs postings from Baker County in its system, but roughly 350 registered job seekers here; or about 10 people for each available job.

"Keep in mind that Baker County, like several Northeast Florida counties, has always exported most of its workers to Jacksonville and other places in the region," said Worksource spokeswoman Candace Moody, "which increases the number of opportunities available to Baker County citizens."

However, neighboring Duval County showed an even higher unemployment rate than Baker County — 12.6 percent — which equals more than 56,000 able-bodied workers without jobs. Clay County's unemployed reached 14.5 percent, Bradford 10 percent and Nassau 12.3 percent.

Baker County's unemployment rate rose nearly 4 percent

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## State scores released for local VPK providers

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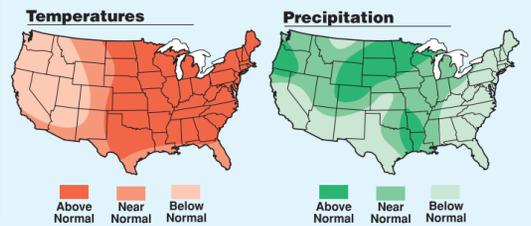
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## 7-Day Forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bright sunshine and pleasant	Nice with bright sunshine	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Morning rain; otherwise, mostly cloudy	Intervals of clouds and sun
High: 79° Low: 46°	High: 85° Low: 44°	High: 80° Low: 50°	High: 81° Low: 59°	High: 81° Low: 56°	High: 78° Low: 61°	High: 80° Low: 57°

## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

April 1 - April 7



## Tides

Cedar Key	Apr. 1	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Apr. 7
First high	4:19 a.m.	5:03 a.m.	5:49 a.m.	6:40 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	9:09 a.m.	10:33 a.m.
First low	9:56 a.m.	10:28 a.m.	10:59 a.m.	12:09 a.m.	1:01 a.m.	2:07 a.m.	3:29 a.m.
Second high	3:39 p.m.	4:11 p.m.	4:47 p.m.	5:27 p.m.	6:17 p.m.	7:29 p.m.	9:05 p.m.
Second low	10:42 p.m.	11:24 p.m.	---	11:34 a.m.	12:18 p.m.	1:27 p.m.	3:07 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Apr. 1	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Apr. 7
First high	10:31 a.m.	11:18 a.m.	12:04 p.m.	12:36 a.m.	1:26 a.m.	2:18 a.m.	3:14 a.m.
First low	4:35 a.m.	5:23 a.m.	6:13 a.m.	7:06 a.m.	8:02 a.m.	8:58 a.m.	9:52 a.m.
Second high	11:01 p.m.	11:49 p.m.	---	12:51 p.m.	1:40 p.m.	2:34 p.m.	3:32 p.m.
Second low	4:40 p.m.	5:25 p.m.	6:13 p.m.	7:06 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	9:04 p.m.	10:04 p.m.

Mayport	Apr. 1	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Apr. 7
First high	11:08 a.m.	11:54 a.m.	12:23 a.m.	1:12 a.m.	2:05 a.m.	3:02 a.m.	4:03 a.m.
First low	4:44 a.m.	5:34 a.m.	6:28 a.m.	7:25 a.m.	8:23 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	10:14 a.m.
Second high	11:36 p.m.	---	12:42 p.m.	1:31 p.m.	2:25 p.m.	3:24 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Second low	4:45 p.m.	5:32 p.m.	6:23 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	8:22 p.m.	9:24 p.m.	10:23 p.m.

St. Augustine	Apr. 1	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Apr. 7
First high	10:37 a.m.	11:24 a.m.	12:10 p.m.	12:42 a.m.	1:32 a.m.	2:24 a.m.	3:20 a.m.
First low	4:37 a.m.	5:25 a.m.	6:15 a.m.	7:08 a.m.	8:04 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:54 a.m.
Second high	11:07 p.m.	11:55 p.m.	---	12:57 p.m.	1:46 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	3:38 p.m.
Second low	4:42 p.m.	5:27 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	7:08 p.m.	8:06 p.m.	9:06 p.m.	10:06 p.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday ..... 7:18 a.m.  
 Sunset Thursday ..... 7:47 p.m.  
 Moonrise Thursday ..... 10:59 p.m.  
 Moonset Thursday ..... 8:41 a.m.



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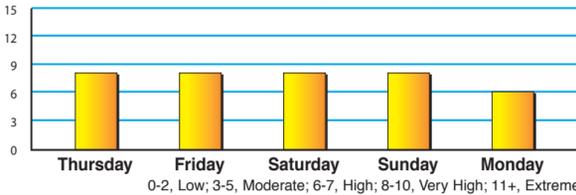
Jacksonville week ending Monday, Mar 29.

**Temperature**  
 High/Low for the week ..... 79°/41°  
 Normal high/low ..... 75°/51°  
 Average temperature ..... 61.1°  
 Normal average temperature ..... 63.3°

**Precipitation**  
 Total for the week ..... 0.57"  
 Total for the month ..... 1.87"  
 Total for the year ..... 8.54"  
 Normal for the month ..... 3.69"  
 Normal for the year ..... 10.53"

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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
Apr 1	12:57 a.m.	7:11 a.m.	1:24 p.m.	7:38 p.m.
Apr 2	12:57 a.m.	---	---	---
Apr 3	12:57 a.m.	---	---	---
Apr 4	12:57 a.m.	---	---	---
Apr 5	12:57 a.m.	---	---	---
Apr 6	12:57 a.m.	---	---	---
Apr 7	12:57 a.m.	---	---	---

## River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	.....	11.80	+0.61
St. Marks at Newport	.....	7.0	+0.03
Aucilla at Lamont	.....	9.0	+0.38
Santa Fe at Fort White	.....	24.0	+0.03
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# Library funds...

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 early 1960s and Emily Taber Library was receiving about \$66,000 annually until last year, when the legislature cut a third of the program's funding.

Exactly what the new cuts will mean to Baker County's only public library, and other rural libraries across the state, remains unknown.

"Dade [County] gets over a million [dollars] in state aid, so who knows who would get what, if anything," said the director. "Now we're lobbying to at least get the funding up to where it was last year."

Some smaller libraries may close altogether without the program.

"In some rural locations, the library is staffed by one person and only open a couple days each week," said Ms. Teel. "Those locations don't have a chance of surviving."

Last week she and Terri Brown, the children's programming coordinator at Emily Taber, joined other library staff from across North Florida at the capitol to protest the cuts.

They staged outdoors at first, trying to catch legislators returning from lunch, but soon joined others inside the capitol building. They had little contact with lawmakers at either location.

"The place is like an ant hill with many ways to come in," Ms. Teel said, describing how the group split up to cover more ground. "[Legislators] try to come in any way they can not to have to see people like us. If we said, 'hello,' they would say 'hello,' but they didn't even make eye contact."

Since returning from Tallahassee, the local librarians have been busy collecting signatures on form letters decrying the cuts. They'll be sent to Baker County's

two state legislators — Representative Janet Adkins (R-Fernandina Beach) and Senator Charlie Dean (R-Inverness) — as well as Governor Charlie Crist in April.

"It sort of sucks your time up," Ms. Teel said. "You try to explain it to everyone that walks in the door, but they don't always understand at first. It's consumed us ever since we found out [about the cuts] ... I would hate to be a lobbyist."

More than 26,000 messages opposing the cuts have also been sent off statewide as part of an ongoing e-mail campaign. It prompted a response from the governor's office in support of public libraries and their role in educating children and the public at-large.

"Governor Crist has demonstrated unfailing support for libraries by personally appearing at committee meetings to support funding during the 2009 Legislative Session," wrote Cole Hoopingarner of the governor's office. "Additionally, he recommended continued funding totaling \$21,253,978 in his Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget Recommendations. Please be assured the Governor is committed to addressing the needs of our citizens while ensuring that Floridians have access to library services."

For more information about Florida's public libraries, including form e-mails and letters that can be sent to legislators, visit www.flalib.org.

"I just can't believe they've cut us so much," said Ms. Teel. "It's ridiculous. I wouldn't want to live anywhere without a library."

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# OPINION

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# Proof that he'd make a lousy bachelor

## MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

I've come to a realization this week. I would not have made a good lifelong bachelor.

Since I've been married for 28 years, the chances of that were pretty slim to begin with, but I'm just not cut out for living alone.

What brought me to this conclusion is the simple fact that I've been on my own the past four days. They've been four long days.

Every year, Kelley takes a humanities group to New York City. The kids see the sights, go to Broadway plays, visit the museums and shop.

Some years I go along, but this year I had to stay home and paint backdrops. Snow White opens up in three weeks and I have five giant 12-by-30 foot scenery backdrops to paint. It's a long, time consuming job. So I stayed home.

"What stinks?" my wife asked when she entered the house last night.

"Probably my dinner," was my answer.

"Yuck. You've been eating that stinky stuff again?"

I have a bit of a ritual when Kelley is out of town. Some husbands use that opportunity to have poker parties, I cook stinky stuff.

My favorite foods happen to stink and Kelley won't cook any of them because of the odor.

You're wondering what in the world does this guy eat? But it's really not that unusual.

My favorite foods include liver and onions, corned beef hash, rutabagas, beets, broccoli and Brussels sprouts — what Kelley calls "Yankee food." To her, that means stuff that smells like a compost mound.

I've told the story many times before of when I stopped eating them around Kelley. She was pregnant with Sara Beth and went to bed with bad nausea. I was left to fend for myself. So, naturally ...

I don't remember which of those items or what combination from the above list that I actually cooked, but Kelley claimed I was trying to kill her and our unborn child. She said that any female judge in the country would convict me and throw away the key.

I had no real idea that foods could be homicidal, but I quit cooking them when she was around.

Kelley often accuses me of being a putterer, and I noticed it this weekend. I didn't actually get anything done, but I spent an awful lot of time doing it.

I also discovered that when there is no one in the house I talk to myself.

"The first sign of a deranged mind," she admonishes me. "If I wasn't around you'd be one of those men you see in the mall or on the street walking around muttering. Don't turn into a mutterer."

There's no danger that I'll be a mutterer, but I did notice I talk when I'm home alone. Not long conversations or anything, just little snippets like ... "Okay,

here's the plan. I'll paint the dwarf house and then I'll ...."

A little while later I'd be wandering around the house and catch myself talking out loud "... clean out the car and watch some basketball." It was all non sequiturs that wouldn't have made sense to anyone had they overheard it.

Of course there was also the sleeping issue.

Or not sleeping.

Even though we have a king sized bed, which is like being in another time zone, I don't sleep well when my wife is away.

I toss and turn and have weird dreams. Of course when you eat liver and onions and Brussels sprouts that might have something to do with it.

This is not the first time I've noticed this, and Kelley has the

same problem. After 28 years of marriage you get used to each other's presence.

So I couldn't be a bachelor for all those reasons. My house would constantly smell like cabbage. I'd mutter to myself and people would keep their distance and point. My eyes would be bloodshot from lack of sleep.

I'm glad my wife's home so I can start living normal again.

# Farmers markets highlight slow food

## On Point In Print

Joel Addington

A breath of fresh air is set to blow through Baker County this weekend when the farmers market opens its "doors" for the first time Saturday morning on South 6th Street in Macclenny.

Look for the blue tents near Crystal River Seafood and cross your fingers for a blue sky over head. This may sound like a shameless promotion, and it is; but not for the farmers market per se, rather the movement local farmers markets represent.

It's called the slow food revolution, and its here in Baker County.

As the moniker implies, slow food is everything fast food is not. I'm talking fruits and vegetables, fresh from the harvest and void preservatives, flavorings or other additives.

You'll only find whole foods at the farmers market, which means they haven't been put through a process that literally sucks the life, i.e. vitamins and minerals, out of them.

Plus, you'll know where those fruits and vegetables are coming from because you can develop a relationship with the farmer growing them.

Try asking the produce guy at a chain store what kind of fertilizer his tomatoes were planted with.

And then there's the most obvious benefit — fresh, whole foods are good for your body and mind.

In case you missed the news flash, the rates of obesity, diabetes and heart disease here and everywhere else are out of control. By eating more fruits and vegetables, and walking around a farmers market to buy them, you're killing two birds with one stone.

Finally, by supporting a local farmer, you support the community in which you live, from the banker to the bartender.



# Public unions and dwindling revenues

## IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

I'll start out by admitting my bias, then get around to making my point.

I don't like unions — never have. Once as a temporary employee at a can factory during college summers I was "encouraged" to join but didn't. The shop steward hated college kids anyway, so I had little to lose by telling him to jump off the cliff (nicely, of course since my rust bucket car was parked outside and they knew which one it was).

I'll concede that unions at one time were quite useful as America industrialized, but then so were kerosene heaters and buggy whips.

So when I hear about the fights that local governments are having with unions in these days of dwindling public revenues, my

sympathies side with, naturally, the people who have to make the revenues fit the budget.

If industrial and trade unions are affecting some industries adversely like in the domestic automobile sector, then the gradual infiltration of unions into the ranks of government service is a cancer of far worse proportion.

Back in the days when government service was properly charged with essential functions, there was little need for unions, particularly when compared to

hazardous jobs like mining coal three miles underground.

We're way past those days, and headed at mach speed toward a society where the only remaining highly paid union workers with safe jobs are in (you guessed it) government.

China and other export driven economies are putting the "slow death" choke hold on many private unionized jobs in the US. The only thriving unions appear to be in the public sector.

And that spells disaster on the

scale we've seen in the western European economies.

Are unions the sole reason for this slide? Of course not.

But when I see a city like Jacksonville — in a non-union nirvana like north Florida — paralyzed in the budget-making process because of "ironclad" pacts the city made with union pension funds during good times, well, it brings the dilemma to light.

Thankfully, Baker County isn't saddled with similar, potentially crippling, demands.



## Facebook fans

### 'What you had to say ...'

The Baker County Press has a fan page on Facebook (that social networking site you always hear about) for our online readers to connect with us. It's informal but effective in helping us find out what they think. We asked our fans on Facebook March 25, "With health care reform a foregone conclusion, what's the best way to boost job creation in Baker County?" Here's a look at the discussion it sparked.

"How about a nice steak house? or Krystals? Baker County needs something for the young and older people to do. Maybe a bowling alley. As a new dog owner I'd love to see a nice fenced in park. I see enough dead on the road. Lets have some place to let them run." Tammy Crawford McFarland.

"This was once brought up that we needed recreation in the forms of bowling alleys and roller rinks, however; it was turned down when someone approached to have the old Walmart converted into a bowling alley and it was denied the permit saying, 'there wasn't a market in Baker County.' I, for one, can think of nothing better than something like this out our way!" Elisa Lyons.

"We had a skating rink and bowling alley back in the 50s. We also had TWO movie houses, surely Baker County has grown enough to warrant these activities. We have too many 'outsiders' controlling/running our county. It's time the county folks took back the county and do what is best for all people that live here." Ruby Yarbrough.

"Take all the money we are currently spending on internet shopping and shopping in neighboring counties and spend it

here in Baker. Given our economic times this is about the only way to maintain current jobs and create new ones. Support the new Farmers Market when it opens in April." Julie Brinson Combs.

"We need support to the local economy by shopping in Baker County and saving gas money from those runs to Jacksonville. There is an older industrial building behind Advance Auto that needs something established in it. That location would be perfect for a movie theater and bowling alley and other venues. I haven't struck gold with the lottery, but I have ideas to keep our children safe and occupied. I believe if the residents were given a poll of what they would like to have in Baker County not just recreation, but food, services, etc; we all would learn a lot about our neighbors. I bet many want a place for adults and younger generation to relax, have fun and be safe know they are just down the road, versus an hour

away." Leigh Dubie.

"We are right off the Interstate, so a well developed and maintained RV park is another possibility for growth. The output of manufactured goods is minimal, and there is area for improvement. If my memory serves me correctly, the old Macclenny Products building is available for someone to establish either a production or distribution business. As to what kind of business to place there escapes me, but industrial nonetheless. Maybe, get a machine to manufacture plastic bottles, drill an artesian well, and become the next Zephyrhills." Justin Robinson.

"Cut county taxes and license fees on business is a good way, promote the county to business, ease zoning laws, develop local infrastructure such as roads and maybe even rail access, repeal local dry laws, and court business other than Walmart and the prison system." Russ Teeter.

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# Emaciated twins

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prematurely. She told Investigator Hardin the last time the children were examined by a physician was in January.

The case was first brought to the attention of police on March 21, when a DCF investigator told Deputy Rodney Driggers she located Ms. Mixon on March 16 and described the twins, a boy and a girl, as "skin and bones."

She noted the feeding tubes "looked dirty," and told police that her supervisor at DCF did not get back to her until three days later to order removal. The investigator said she tried "several times" to reach the supervisor during the interim.

Ms. Mixon moved to Baker County February 22, one day after the arrest of her husband

Samuel, 41, for domestic violence at their Cook County residence north of Valdosta, according to chief sheriff's investigator Chuck Brannan.

Georgia social workers contacted DCF, which said it made several home visits the next several weeks and found the children to be well. The case worker said Ms. Mixon changed residences several times and had to be tracked down.

Investigator Brannan said this week the twins and other children were to be turned over to their father's custody upon their expected release from Wolfson over the weekend. A Georgia judge who retained jurisdiction over the case ruled on the custody matter.

Ms. Mixon's bond was set at \$50,000.

## DCF says deputy's version is not accurate

The Department of Children and Families has a version of events leading up to the hospitalization of the Mixon twins different than that of Deputy Driggers.

The case worker did not describe their condition as "skin and bones" as recalled by the deputy, according to John Harrell, spokesman for the social services agency district office in Jacksonville. And the same worker did not spend three days attempting to contact her supervisor. Rather, she visited the Mixon home on March 19 on a regular visit, when she discovered the feeding tubes had been removed.

Ms. Mixon responded to the DCF worker that she was successfully bottle feeding the twins and following "original doctor's orders."

"The worker was concerned about the removal of the feeding tubes but did not feel the situation was an emergency and did not see indications that she should remove the children from the home," reads the statement by Mr. Harrell.

Three days later, however, DCF during a case review decided to seek a medical evaluation by the Child Protection Team because of uncertainty over the bottle feeding. That review resulted in their hospitalization in critical condition for dehydration and failure to thrive.

## Dispute over speeding

Criminal complaints for battery were filed against several parties to a neighborhood dispute over speeding that ended the afternoon of March 25 in an accident on Creekside Dr. southwest of Macclenny.

Scott Lightsey, 39, told Deputy Shawn Bishara he has had multiple run-ins with Logan Russell, for speeding on Creekside north from Woodlawn Rd. That afternoon, he said Mr. Russell did so again as his son walked on the road from a school bus, then stopped close by and the two began a verbal confrontation.

Mr. Lightsey told the officer he was struck by the door of Mr. Russell's pickup as it suddenly backed up, and the truck then reversed direction with spinning tires near Dupree Rd. and raced back to the scene.

This time, the pickup struck a tree when Mr. Russell lost control driving around Mr. Lightsey. A second verbal confrontation then resulted, and included Mr. Russell's teenage sister. The fight was broken up by off-duty jail deputy Lonnie Norman, who lives in the neighborhood and heard the commotion.

The brother and sister both accused Mr. Lightsey of striking them, charges he denied.

The Florida Highway Patrol responded to the accident and charged Mr. Russell with reckless driving.

The state attorney's office will make a decision on the battery counts.

In other complaints:

- Patsy Vinzant of Glen St. Mary named son-in-law Damon Katsikas of Jacksonville on March 22 for violating a domestic violence protection order by calling her residence several times.

- A 15-year-old male student at Baker County Middle School was accused of disorderly conduct and fighting the morning of March 26.

The youth and another 15-year-old male were involved in a fracas shortly after 8:00, and teacher Gail Combs was knocked to the ground attempting to pull them away from each other.

Campus deputy Tracie Benton said teacher Anne Cassidy's fingernail was nearly detached as she also intervened. The fight reportedly was the result of a feud between the boys' families.

# SHIP funding should resume

JOEL ADDINGTON

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A backlog of more than 30 applications for the county-administered State Housing Initiative Partnership, or SHIP, program is expected to begin clearing at the end of April, according to county officials.

For almost a year now, the use of roughly \$350,000 in SHIP funds has been restricted to down payment loans of up to \$8000 and paid back through the federal government's home buyer tax credits.

The move came after the Florida Legislature used dollars allocated to the state in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of

2009, more commonly known as the stimulus package, to fund the SHIP program.

But under the program's new guidelines, only one applicant received funding in Baker County, largely due to difficulties for most applicants in obtaining bank loans, said the county's SHIP coordinator Arlene Griffis.

Meanwhile, grant applications for home rehabilitation projects and new home construction sat idle.

County Manager Joe Cone said he's been informed by state Senator Charlie Dean's office as well as the county's capitol lobbyist Chris Doolin that the restrictions on SHIP funds should end soon.

"All indications are those funds will be freed up at the end of April," Mr. Cone said. "If you

want to put people back to work, here's an opportunity to go out and build some houses."

Once the money's released, Ms. Griffis said the dormant applications will be processed in the order they were received, though applicants with severe disabilities or other special hardships can be moved to the front of the line.

Two Margareta families, for instance, have been tapped for immediate help. One family's home was leveled by a storm in December 2008 and the other's residence sustained severe damage.

Mr. Cone said he hopes to have those projects out to bid by the end of April and award construction contracts as soon as possible.

## Accused of firing bullets into houses

A Macclenny man was arrested March 25 on multiple charges including firing pistol rounds into two residences off MLK Dr. the previous evening.

Both houses had multiple occupants but no one was injured.

Michael Jones, 36, of Glen St. Mary was arrested based on identification by both Danyl Glover, 36, and Laronda Ellis, 23, who was at a neighboring residence when the incident occurred about 10:00.

Ms. Glover told Deputy Kevin Jenkins she, her two children and a friend were walking from her mother's when the suspect exited a vehicle in her front yard and aimed the pistol at her.

She fled inside with the children and hid in a bedroom while she called police after hearing one gunshot. She heard a second

one as the vehicle drove by the side of her residence.

Investigator Steve Harvey said bullets were retrieved from the nearby houses of Corai Albritton and Annie Moore, and a shell casing was found in Ms. Glover's front yard.

The first residence had three occupants that night; the second one six.

Lt. Scotty Rhoden said police had gone to the neighborhood several times during recent weeks due to an ongoing dispute between the suspect and the Jackson family. Officers in fact had been gone from the area only minutes when the shooting occurred.

Mr. Jones was jailed for aggravated assault, improper discharge of a firearm, firing a weapon into a building and criminal mischief.

Two of the charges are felonies.

In a case of aggravated battery, a complaint was filed against NEFSH patient Brian Berendt, 44, for allegedly striking an employee and another patient with an iron during the early morning hours of March 28.

Anna Land of Lake Butler told Deputy Koty Crews that Mr. Berendt barged into her nursing station about 2:20, grabbed the iron and stuck her in the back of the head. With the help of fellow employee Lorraine Hyman of Jacksonville, she fled the room and locked the patient inside.

Before security arrived, Mr. Berendt used the iron to attack a 46-year-old male patient who sustained several head lac-

erations and like Ms. Land was treated at the emergency room. She had bruising on the head and knees.

Security workers talked the suspect out of attacking a second patient, this one a 57-year-old male, when they found him holding the patient down by the throat with the iron above his head.

Criminal complaints for battery were filed against two other NEFSH patients: a 45-year-old female for an attack March 23 on another female, age 23; and a 30-year-old male for an attack on a 35-year-old male on March 24.

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## Drunk man arrested for cursing, exposure

An intoxicated Macclenny man found himself in handcuffs after a dispute among neighbors led him to allegedly spout profanities and expose himself on March 26 in front of several bystanders, including juveniles.

Deputy Koty Crews responded to a disturbance call on Deerwood Circle in the northeast city about 3:50 pm and saw the suspect, later identified as Daniel Bailey, 37, standing in the road "clenching his fists, yelling profanity, threatening, and displaying obscene gestures" to neighbors, the officer's report states.

One of them, Monica Carrow, said her family had been arguing most of the day with neighbors she'd confronted about the killing of her dog.

She added that Mr. Bailey and others living at his address, 11187 Deerwood Circle, were attempting to goad her husband, brother and herself into a fight.

Other neighbors confirmed her version of events, including the fact that Mr. Bailey exposed himself. He faces two misdemeanor charges of disorderly intoxication and indecent exposure.

- Michael Jones, 36, of Glen St. Mary was arrested for disorderly intoxication after witnesses said he was yelling at customers and the clerk of the BP station on W. Macclenny Ave. the evening of March 25.

Deputy Ben Anderson also noted in his report that the suspect had been given several verbal warnings prior to the arrest shortly before 1:00 am.

- Catherine Wilkerson, 35, of Macclenny was taken into custody and charged with disorderly intoxication after Deputy Kevin Jenkins found her "extremely intoxicated" with bruises on her hands and face, and a split lip at the Raceway station on Woodlawn Road about 3:00 am.

Ms. Wilkerson declined medical assistance or a ride home, and was taken to county jail for her own safety, the officer said.

- A disturbance that drew a crowd in the area of South Boulevard and Quail Lane about 1:00 pm March 25 resulted in two more arrests.

Eighteen-year-old Christopher Henderson of Macclenny refused Deputy Erik Deloach's orders to disperse and wouldn't identify himself, the officer's report states.

He was arrested for resisting a law enforcement officer without violence, a misdemeanor.

Deputy Michael Hauge arrested Romona Robertson, 22, of Joan Street shortly after the disturbance, during which she was involved in a verbal altercation with several individuals near South Boulevard and Joan Street.

After releasing Ms. Robertson from the scene, the deputy learned she has driver's license restricted to work purposes, but observed her driving east on South Boulevard about 30 minutes later, coming from her mother's house.

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# Took laptop and camera Neighbor implicates man in theft

The occupant of a neighboring apartment in south Macclenny was arrested late on March 26 for stealing a laptop computer and digital camera.

Mendy Hance called police about 10:30 after noticing that the property and a tote bag valued at \$420 were missing from a chair in the living room of her apartment on South 6th.

Deputy Jason Bryan questioned an occupant of a nearby unit, who recalled seeing Joseph Marek run downstairs from a second level and place what appeared to be a bag in a 1990 Acura parked outside.

Andrea Perry, owner of the vehicle, consented to a search and Deputy Bryan said the stolen property and bag were inside. Mr. Marek, 21, was charged with burglary and grand theft.

He allegedly entered the apartment through an unlocked front door.

In other burglary cases the past week:

- Stephanie Underwood, 37, of Gainesville was named as a likely suspect in the theft of property valued at \$6660 from the residence of Melanie Miller north of Sanderson the afternoon of March 24.

Ms. Miller said she returned about 2:00 and found Ms. Underwood seated on the front steps of her residence on John Williams Rd. She described the suspect as despondent over her recent breakup with Ms. Miller's son, and she asked Ms. Underwood to leave.

Once inside her trailer, Ms. Miller told Deputy Allen Markley she noticed clothing valued at \$500, a Gator blanket, ring and pendant set and a diamond ring valued at \$4600 missing.

She phoned Ms. Underwood, who insisted she took only clothing belonging to the ex-boyfriend, and Ms. Miller called police after the suspect failed to return the property within two hours.

A warrant was to be sought for burglary and grand theft.

- Joshua Plummer, a suspect in the burglary and false imprisonment case that occurred in Glen St. Mary March 3 and later escaped from police custody, was apprehended at the Macclenny home of his grandfather March 24.

The day before, Mr. Plummer and two accomplices allegedly robbed a Jacksonville shopper at gun point after the victim left a Walmart, sheriff's office investigator Chuck Brannan said.

"He got away," said the investigator, "and that picked up the pace for both us and Jacksonville

[law enforcement] on our search for him."

Mr. Plummer faces charges of burglary, false imprisonment and theft in the Glen burglary, and of armed robbery in the Jacksonville case.

- Dominique Daniels returned to her residence off Circle G Lane near Sanderson the evening of March 28 to find it had been looted of more than \$1000 in property.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said evidence at the scene suggested a chair was positioned under an open kitchen window to gain entry, and nearby tire tracks likely were from a small white pickup seen on the property about 3:30 that afternoon.

Missing property included a flat screen TV valued at \$800, a wallet and \$5 cash, electronic games and a console.

The owner had been away since the previous evening. A relative told police the truck was occupied by two black males — one with short hair and the other with dreadlocks.

- Carrie Holton returned to her home off CR 120 in the north county the evening of March 26 to find a rear door had been pried open and her prescription medication Hydrocodone taken.

# Satchel, contents stolen from bar

A patron at the Country Club Lounge in south Macclenny reported the theft of a book bag and contents during the early morning hours of March 28.

Jolynn Bramlett told police she was inside the bar between 1:00-2:00 am when the bag went missing. Inside were identification belonging to her, her husband and father, along with bank cards, driver's licenses, prescription medication and \$40.

She told Deputy Earl Lord she did not report the loss until late that evening because she had to take her father home when the bar closed.

In other thefts and vandalism:

- Tina Ruise, 41, of Macclenny

was named in a complaint after she allegedly attempted to leave the Walmart Supercenter about 11:00 am on March 24 with merchandise in her purse.

The unpaid items included four live fish, fish food, shirts and deli food. Total value was \$42.

- Someone damaged a \$65 humane animal trap placed near a residence on River Heights Dr.

during daylight hours on March 25.

The trap and two others had been placed there by animal control to trap feral cats.

- A soft drink vending machine belonging to Coca Cola Bottling of Tampa was vandalized on West Lowder sometime before 4:00 the afternoon of March 25.

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# Bank cards and IDs are stolen

Bank cards and other items were reported stolen from parked vehicles in two incidents the past two weeks, the latest outside the Country Club Lounge on SR 121 south of Interstate 10.

Lori Smith of Macclenny told police she locked her 1993 Chevrolet outside the club about 11:30 on March 27, and returned about 45 minutes later to find her purse had been taken. Entry was likely through a passenger window.

Missing property included a bank card, \$20 cash and a Social Security card.

In a theft that occurred overnight March 14 but was not reported until a week later, Natalie Giordano said a purse and contents were taken from her 1995 Toyota parked off Creekside Dr. near Macclenny.

Contents included a bank card, \$100 cash, a telephone and identification.

Several incidents of vehicle vandalism were reported the past week:

- A criminal complaint for

felony criminal mischief was filed March 22 against Brad Weeks, 32, of Glen St. Mary for repeatedly smashing a parked vehicle with a baseball bat.

Robert Martin told police Mr. Weeks was distraught when he appeared at a residence off St. Mary's Circle in west Macclenny about 9:45 that evening.

He was looking for Brian Beattie, owner of the damaged 1971 Volkswagen Beetle who was at the address but stayed inside.

Mr. Martin and his step-father Philip Ogden told Deputy Johnny Hodges that Mr. Weeks then brandished the bat and pummeled the front, back and sides of the vehicle before throwing the bat at it and departing.

- A complaint for misdemeanor or criminal mischief was filed against Romona Robertson, 22, of Macclenny for puncturing two tires on a 2005 Chevrolet SUV belonging to Brandy Jones of Macclenny.

That incident occurred overnight March 26.

Mr. Robertson is also accused of tossing an object and denting the door of the same vehicle as she attempted to block Ms. Jones on MLK Dr. the afternoon of March 27.

## The jobless

«From page 1 during 2009 and inched up to 12 percent from 11.3 percent last December. Ms. Moody also said roughly 690 people show up in their system as receiving unemployment claims.

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# Funding may be static

«From page 1 occurrence, could not only cost counties more when they're sued, but may also increase liability insurance premiums by 50 to 100 percent, warns an FAC position paper.

Fortunately, officials said, state revenue projections are rosier than previously thought.

"The counties appear to be in pretty good shape, we were told," said Mr. Cone. "The [FAC] president said that if you had asked him at this time a month ago whether we would be in this good of a position, he would be hard pressed to say yes."

More good news emerged for small counties regarding Florida's move to recycle 75 percent of all solid waste by 2020. A bill introduced in the house requiring each county to recycle 50 percent by 2012 was amended to hold small counties harmless.

"Effectively, you are exempt as long as you provide the opportunity to recycle to your residents," said Diana Ferguson, an FAC attorney, by e-mail March 25. "That is in keeping with current law."

Small counties' minimal contribution to the state's overall solid waste load justified the exemption.

"We could be at 100 percent recycling and it wouldn't be measurable statewide," Mr. Cone said. "For us, when and if we have to get into this business, we could talk to surrounding counties about recycling at the landfill itself and do some sorting at the collection centers."

Despite better than expected revenues for state government, reports still place the budget shortfall at more than \$2 billion,

much smaller than last year's \$6 billion hole.

Expecting cuts across the board, the Florida League of Cities joined FAC for the capitol press conference, something highly unusual, according to Mr. Cone.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 02-2008-CA-0034

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MANAGEMENT, INC.  
Plaintiff,

v.

RORY PORTER; \_\_\_\_\_ UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RORY PORTER; PATRICK WALLACE; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the herein named Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants; TENANT #1 and/or TENANT #2, the parties intended to account for the person or persons in possession; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 16, 2010, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in BAKER County, Florida, described as:

**COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AND RUN THENCE N 1 DEGREE 18' 10" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 1603.54 FEET, THENCE N 89 DEGREES 02' 10" E 407.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; AND THENCE N 1 DEGREE 18' 10" E, 210 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF ELEN STREE, THENCE N 89, 02'10" E, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 203.60 FEET, TO THE WEST LINE OF CARY BARBER ROAD, THENCE S 1 DEGREE 18'10"W, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF CARY BARBER ROAD, 210.00 FEET, THENCE S 89 DEGREES 02' 10"W, 203.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

a/k/a 9162 CARY BARBER ROAD, MACCLENNY, FL 32063

At public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., on April 22, 2010.

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

Dated at Macclenny, Florida, this 17th day of March, 2010.

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

Douglas C. Zahm, P.A.  
18820 U.S. Hwy 19 N., #212 Clearwater, FL 33764  
(727) 536-4911 phone / (727) 539-1094 fax  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-0215

CAROLINA FIRST BANK, as successor by merger with Mercantile Bank,  
Plaintiff,

v.

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

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 17, 2010 entered in Civil Case No. 02-2009-CA-0215 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein CAROLINA FIRST BANK, as successor by merger with Mercantile Bank, is Plaintiff and JIMMY LIGHTSEY, et al., are Defendant(s).

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 27th day of April, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

**The North ½ of Lot 4, Block 78, Town of Macclenny, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Deed Book "D", Page 800, of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida. Less and except the east 10 feet thereof.**

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

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

Dated at Macclenny, Florida, this 18th day of March, 2010.

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

Daniel S. Mandel, Esq.  
DANIEL S. MANDEL, P.A.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
2700 N. Military Trail, Ste. 355  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
Tel: (561) 826-1740  
Fax: (561) 826-1741  
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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 19th day of November, 2009, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and STEPHANI STELMA AND KENNETH STELMA, were defendants, being Case No. 2005-CC-328 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, Stephani Stelma, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

**1999 W-W All Around Aluminum Horse Trailer VIN#: 11WH51628XW248369 (NOTE: Anyone interested in viewing the horse trailer being sold may do so prior to the time of the sale at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery located at 7611 W. Mount Vernon Street, Glen St. Mary, FL.)**

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on May 4th, 2010 at the hour of 11:20 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant, Stephani Stelma, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

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

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL ACTION. CASE NO. 02-2007-CA-0164

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC,  
Plaintiff,

v.

HUNT O. WITHEY, et al,  
Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure, dated March 29, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2007-CA-0164 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC, is the Plaintiff and HUNT O. WITHEY, CHERYL COCHRAN, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 30th day of April, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, 25.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, 451.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; RUN THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, 260.80 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 90; THENCE SOUTH 66 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 175.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 24 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, 260.80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 66 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, 175.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO EASEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC ROAD OVER AND ACROSS THE EAST 25 FEET THEREOF, ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL 28.**

A/K/A 8073 US 90 WEST, GLEN SAINT MARY, FL 32040

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 29, 2010.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
T07047215 SUNTRUST-VA--

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

The Baker County Board of County Commissioners is currently accepting proposals from Florida Registered engineering companies and individuals to perform the annual monitoring inspections and submitting the required reports to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Jacksonville on a closed landfill in Baker County.

Baker County is a member of the Tri-County Landfill (Baker, Bradford, and Union counties) and has no open, operating landfills. The monitoring reports are required on a county landfill closed approximately twenty years ago.

Interested parties should submit a brief summary of their organization or individual experience in dealing with DEP on landfill issues as well as the qualifications, experience, and background of individuals that will be assigned to the project. Inquiries can be directed to jcoone@bakercountyfl.org or robert@bakercountyfl.org.

Proposals shall be submitted to:  
Joseph L. Cone  
County Manager  
County Administration  
55 North 3rd Street  
Macclenny, FL 32063

ALL RESPONSES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 4: 00 PM TUESDAY APRIL 20, 2010.  
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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 11th day of March, 2010, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and AMY E. STAVELY, was defendant, being Case No. 2010-CC-11 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, Amy E. Stavely, in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

**NW ¼ of SE ¼, SE ¼ of NW ¼, SE ¼ of SW ¼ of NW ¼, NE ¼ of NW ¼ of SW ¼ and NW ¼ of NE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 34, in Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida.  
Parcel ID #s: 34-1S-21-0000-0000-0030 and 34-1S 21-0000-0000-0031**

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on May 4th, 2010 at the hour of 11:20 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant, Amy E. Stavely, right, title and interest in the aforesaid real property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

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

4/1-4/22

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL ACTION. CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000120

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,  
Plaintiff,

v.

BENJAMIN D. ELLIS, et al,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 16, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000120 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., is the Plaintiff and BENJAMIN D. ELLIS; JULIE ELLIS; ROLLING MEADOWS OF MACCLENNY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; TENANT #1 N/A PAMELA DUXBURY; TENANT #2 N/A DUANE DUXBURY are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 22nd day of April, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**LOT 119, ROLLING MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 AND 101, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

A/K/A 5561 HUCKLEBERRY TRAIL WEST, MACCLENNY, FL 32063

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 22, 2010.

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

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

\*See Americans with Disabilities Act  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Jan Phillips  
Human Resources Manager  
Alachua County Family/Civil Courthouse  
201 E. University Avenue, Room 410  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
Phone: 352-337-6237  
Fax: 352-374-5238  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY. CIVIL ACTION. CASE NO. 10000040CA

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (BB&T),  
Plaintiff,

v.

DANNY POWERS, et al.,  
Defendants.

TO: DANNY POWERS  
Whose residence is: 728 CONSTITUTION PL, MACCLENNY, FL 32063 & 96129 STONEY DR, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL, 32034 & 1943 PINE DR, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL, 32034

TO: GAIL L. POWERS  
Whose residence is: 728 CONSTITUTION PL, MACCLENNY, FL 32063 & 96129 STONEY DR, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL, 32034 & 1943 PINE DR, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL, 32034

If alive, and if dead, all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against DANNY POWERS; GAIL L. POWERS and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

**LOT 3 OF HERITAGE OAKS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 95, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

a/k/a 728 CONSTITUTION PL MACCLENNY, FL 32063

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Jessica Fagen, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 on or before April 19, 2010, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 19th day of March, 2010.

AL FRASER  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
As Deputy Clerk

A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the defendants and address named above.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 9042598113, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. Macclenny, FL 32063. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System.  
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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 11th day of March, 2010, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and JAMIE DUGGER, was defendant, being Case No. 2004-CC-0097 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, Jamie Dugger, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

**1997 Chevrolet Pickup VIN#: 1GCEK14R2VZ105995 (NOTE: Anyone interested in viewing the vehicle being sold may do so prior to the time of the sale at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery located at 7611 W. Mount Vernon Street, Glen St. Mary, FL.)**

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on April 27, 2010 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant, Jamie Dugger, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

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

3/25-4/15

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 19th day of November, 2009, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and STEPHANI STELMA AND KENNETH STELMA, were defendants, being Case No. 2005-CC-328 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, Stephani Stelma, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

**1998 Suzuki 4WD LT-F500F 4 wheeler VIN#: J5AAM41AXW2102873 (NOTE: Anyone interested in viewing the 4 wheeler being sold may do so prior to the time of the sale at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery located at 7611 W. Mount Vernon Street, Glen St. Mary, FL.)**

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on May 4th, 2010 at the hour of 11:10 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant, Stephani Stelma, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

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

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## CALL FOR BIDS TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, SALE OF VEHICLES Bid No. TRN 2011-02

The Baker County District School Board will accept sealed bids for the sale of six (6) school buses and one (1) pickup truck at the Purchasing Department, Baker County School District, 392 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, FL 32063, until 11:00 A.M., Thursday, April 15, 2010.

Items will be sold to the highest bidder and can be viewed at the Baker County School Board Transportation Department, 544 Baker Bus Drive, Macclenny, Florida 32063. Please address any questions regarding vehicle specifications to Keith Thrift at the Transportation Department at (904) 259-2444.

Bids should be sealed and the envelope clearly marked with Bid No. TRN 2011-02 Sale of Vehicles. Be sure to state the item number that you are bidding (1,2,3,4,5,6, or 7). Print or type your full name, address, telephone number and include your signature on all bids. Bids received after the specified date and time will be returned to the bidder unopened. Faxed or emailed bids are not acceptable.

For further details regarding the bid procedure or to request a bid packet, notify Cathy Golon at (904) 259-4330.

The Baker County School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL ACTION. CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000203

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,

v.

WAYNE A. LIMBAUGH, et al,  
Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 23, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000203 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and WAYNE A. LIMBAUGH; DAFFNEY M LIMBAUGH AKA DAFFNEY LIMBAUGH; AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC.; TIMBERLANE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF MACCLENNY, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 6th day of May, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29, A DISTANCE OF 872.67 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY R/W LINE OF NORTH BOULEVARD; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY R/W LINE A DISTANCE OF 1072.97 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST R/W LINE OF NORTH STREET, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 30.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 92 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 08 SECONDS AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD OF 43.31 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 54 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 48.39 FEET TO POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 340.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 9 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 16 SECONDS AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD OF 48.74 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 03 DEGREES 53 MINUTES**

## Free workshop on parent skills

A free workshop is being offered to parents to learn practical skills to strengthen their relationship with children and lessen the risk of drug use and other errant behaviors.

Titled *Guiding Good Choices*, the five classes will be held starting Monday, April 12 at 6:00 pm. There is free child care, a dinner at 5:30 and a \$35 fee to reimburse for gas expense at the completion of the program.

April 9 is the registration deadline. Call Anne Lewis at 259-7822 to do so.

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-0178  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2005-4,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT J. SCHEILDING, CHRISTINE SCHEILDING UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 24, 2010, entered in Civil Case No.: 02-2009-CA-0178 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2005-4, Plaintiff, and ROBERT J. SCHEILDING, CHRISTINE SCHEILDING, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Front Door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, at 11:00 AM, on the 23rd day of April 2010, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

### EXHIBIT "A"

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32, AND RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 416.36 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING NORTH 01 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, CONTINUING SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 300.72 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING NORTH 01 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, CONTINUING SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 300.72 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING NORTH 01 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 350.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 510.29 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY A DISTANCE OF 124.90 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 71 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, AND A DISTANCE OF 94.87 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 35.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 699.58 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A 60.00 FOOT PRIVATE ROAD (KNOWN AS GUNNER-BRAXTON ROAD); THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 614.82 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A 60.00 FOOT COUNTY MAINTAINED GRADED ROAD (KNOWN LOCALLY AS MARGARETTA GRADE ROAD); THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 699.86 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 631.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO A 15.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES OVER, ACROSS AND ALONG WESTERLY 15.00 FEET THEREOF. SUBJECT TO A 15.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES OVER, ACROSS AND ALONG NORTHERLY 15.00 FEET THEREOF. SUBJECT TO A 15.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES OVER, ACROSS AND ALONG SOUTHERLY 15.00 FEET THEREOF.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 29, 2010.

AL FRASER  
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# 11 license suspensions Driver with pot gives false name

One of five men this week arrested for driving without a valid license added to his troubles by doing so with a small amount of marijuana in the car and lying to a deputy about his identity the afternoon of March 22.

Rodney Carter, 35, with a Lake City address, also had outstanding warrants from Broward and Columbia counties, which is why he gave Deputy Robert Simpkins a false name, according to the officer's report of the traffic stop on US 90 in Olustee.

Deputy Simpkins noted an expired tag on the 2000 Toyota Camry driven by the suspect and pulled the vehicle over near Ocean Street about 3:00 pm.

The driver had no identification and admitted his license was suspended, but couldn't provide any information or documents verifying he was Derek Thompson.

During a search of the car's interior, Deputy Simpkins found a loan agreement with a different name, Rodney Carter, and the same birth date the driver initially provided, plus a folded piece of notebook paper with marijuana inside.

The officer's report states the suspect still denied he was Mr. Carter, implying it was his cousin's name who had the same birth date. A check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's crime database showed a Rodney Carter matching the suspect's physical de-

scription, including a tattoo on his left forearm.

He was arrested for driving on a license suspended 11 times, a felony; misdemeanor marijuana possession and giving false information to law enforcement, also a misdemeanor.

Mr. Carter was wanted in Columbia County for failing to appear at a probation violation hearing, and in Broward County for violation of probation.

In other arrests for driving without a valid license this past week:

- After following a Ford truck reportedly involved in a disturbance at Mac's Liquors, Deputy Simpkins stopped driver Winston Williams, 38, of Macclenny near his residence on Michigan Ave. about 2:00 am on March 27.

The officer reported the truck drove erratically down MLK Blvd., turned east on South Blvd., north on S. 6th St. and then drove through a stop sign at 7th Street while heading west on Michigan.

A computer check revealed his license had been suspended three times for failure to pay child support, which landed Mr. Williams in county jail.

- Deputy Christopher Walker spotted a driver not wearing a seat belt near US 90 and CR 127 the evening of March 26 and pursued the 2002 Pontiac sedan onto Sanderson Circle where it accelerated before pulling behind a residence.

Though the suspect fled on

foot, he was apprehended and identified as Aaron Davis, 18, no address listed. Mr. Davis was booked at county jail and issued a citation for driving on a suspended license.

- Kalin Graves, 24, of Orange Park was stopped after failing to signal his turn from the Kangaroo station on E. Macclenny Ave. the morning of March 23.

Deputy Jason Bryan's report states Mr. Graves' license had been suspended three times for not paying traffic fines.

- Deputy Earl Lord Jr. recognized Daryl Norman, 28, of Glen St. Mary as the person behind the wheel of a 1998 Ford pickup heading west on US 90 near 7th St. in Macclenny about noon March 22. He pulled the vehicle over due to Mr. Norman's history of license suspensions.

Mr. Norman was taken into custody after a computer check revealed his status as an habitual traffic offender with a revoked license.

## Gardeners at farmers market

The Baker County master gardeners will be on hand at the farmers market grand opening, this Saturday, April 3 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, in the Cornerstone Square shopping center in Macclenny.

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**Owen Burnsed, 70, Army veteran**

Owen Roger Burnsed, 70, of Sanderson died March 26, 2010. He was born to the late Solomon Mingo Burnsed and Bertha Raulerson Burnsed on July 18, 1939.



Owen Burnsed

Owen was a life-long resident of Baker County and a graduate of Baker County High School. He was an Army veteran stationed in Germany and he worked as an agriculture law enforcement agent for 25 years until his retirement. Owen loved fishing, fox hunting, spoiling his grandchildren, gardening, playing cards and farming.

Mr. Burnsed was predeceased by brothers Rufus, John, Leo and Aaron Burnsed.

Survivors include his loving wife of 45 years, Maxine Raulerson Burnsed of Sanderson; children Vonda Kay (Mark) Crews of Glen St. Mary and Roger Lamar (Renee) Burnsed of Baxter; brothers Solomon "Jr." Mingo Burnsed Jr. of Glen St. Mary, Paul Burnsed of Macclenny, Woodrow (Retha Mae) Burnsed of Baxter; sister Cecil Louise Teague of Macclenny; four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held March 30 at 2:00 pm at Moniac Baptist Church with pastors Gene Burnsed and Ricky Dyal officiating. Interment followed at North Prong Cemetery in Baxter. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Eskel Odom Sr., retired lineman**

Eskel Odom Sr., 84, of Macclenny died March 27, 2010. He was born in Ocilla, Georgia to Sol Odom and Leoma Taylor Odom on January 31, 1926. He was a resident of Baker County most of his life and a member of Macclenny Church of God for the last 63 years.



Eskel Odom Sr.

Mr. Odom honorably served in the Air Force and retired from Florida Power and Light after 36 years of service as a lineman. He loved cooking, hunting, fishing, spoiling his grandchildren and serving the Lord.

Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Lois V. Crews Odom; children Eskel (Debbie) Odom Jr., Virginia (Larry) Thomas and Lynnette (Thomas) Hilliard, all of Macclenny and Laina (Chuck) Ballance of Homerville, GA; brother Ralph Odom of Macclenny; sister Nelia Crews of Tampa; brothers-in-law William E. (Evelyn) Crews and John Crews; sisters-in-law Almeta Williams (Frank), Margie Stoops, Shirley (Bob) Grosso and Faye Stoops; seven grandchildren.

The funeral service was held March 31 at 2:00 pm at his church with pastors Shannon Conner and William E. Crews Jr. officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Jerry Westberry, 51, of Starke dies**

Jerry Allen Westberry, 51, of Starke died Saturday, March 27, 2010. A native of Homestead, Florida, Mr. Westberry lived in Macclenny and also traveled in his job as a truck driver. He was currently working with Jim Lawrence Trucking in Starke.

Mr. Westberry was a graduate of Baker County High School class of 1977. He was preceded in death by mother Elizabeth Westberry in 2000.

Survivors include son Jason (Tonya) Westberry of Jacksonville; daughter Tabitha (Dustin) Russell of Macclenny; father Lawrence E. Westberry of Glen St. Mary; brothers Larry Edward Westberry of Watertown, NY and Terry Michael Westberry and Gary Earl Westberry, both of Fulton, NY; significant other Jeanne Crosby and her sons Rusty, Phillip, William and County Crosby, all of Starke; four grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

The funeral service for Mr. Westberry was held March 31 at 6:00pm at the Chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Father Dennis O'Neill officiating.

**Dinkins revival**

Dinkins New Congregational Methodist Church will host a revival April 5-9 beginning at 7:30 each night.

Dinner on the ground will be April 11. Everyone is invited.

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**Marolyn Petrey, 78, of Baldwin**

Marolyn G. Petrey, 78, of Baldwin died peacefully at her home March 23, 2010, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Petrey was born January 4, 1932 in Tampa, the daughter of Archie Guthrie and the former Nan Pearl Mc-Niel. She was preceded in death by son Wilbur 'Kirk' Petrey III.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Wilbur; daughters Belinda McGlashan, Bridgett (Don) Dryden and Norma (Carl) Schrupf; five granddaughters; three grandsons; ten great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at noon on March 27 at Grace Baptist Church of Baldwin with pastors Dewayne Jowers and Don Dryden officiating. Interment followed at Riverside Memorial Park in Jacksonville.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to: Haiti Relief Fund c/o Grace Baptist Church of Baldwin, 479 North Center Street, Baldwin, Florida 32234.

Prestwood Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**In Loving Memory of Linda Luke**

10/27/46 - 4/1/07

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**Thanks so much**

The family of LeAnn Gainey would like to thank the many people who provided support, comfort and love during our loss. We would like to especially thank our family, co-workers, and friends from NEFSH and the Baker County Health Department. Also words can not express the gratitude to our church family at Christian Fellowship Temple. Our church family went above and beyond in the love they have shown us. The messages brought by our pastors painted a beautiful tribute of LeAnn's kind and caring spirit and the music brought great comfort. We are so blessed to have such caring people in our lives.

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**CFCU cuts ribbon for new Sanderson branch**



A ribbon cutting was held the afternoon of March 30 inaugurating the latest branch of Country Federal Credit Union — this one in Sanderson at the site of the former post office just north of the railroad off CR 229. On hand as Darryl Register, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, cut the ribbon with the help of Ovedia Prevatt were her fellow board and committee members (from left) Dean Griffis, Bruce Sale, Preston Johnson, also the contractor for the extensive renovation, Carol Ruise, president and CEO Brian Yarbrough, Gale Wilkerson, Marvin Godbold Jr. and Marie Bell. Country Federal, which began in 1967 as Baker County Credit Union, currently has a membership of nearly 4700 and assets of \$41.7 million. It also has offices in Macclenny, Glen St. Mary and Baldwin.

**Registration for driver's ed class**

The Baker County school district is offering a non-credit driver education course this summer to individuals 15 years of age or older.

The class includes D.A.T.E. (Drug, Alcohol, and Traffic Education) information and students will be tested for a learner's permit or for an operator's license.

The class will be June 14 - 17 from 7:30 am to 12:45 pm. Registration is limited to 21 students — first come, first served. Parents must complete the registration form and pay the non-refundable fee of \$80.

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**Basketball honorees**

Chris McCray received the Player of the Year award on March 29 at the BCHS basketball banquet in the school auditorium. McCray led the Cats in scoring and was instrumental in some clutch game winning shots.

McCray also won for most assists with 100 on the season. Marcelle Gayden was Most Improved.

Most Versatile went to Chris Walton. Kendrick Singleton was the Best Rebounder with 135 boards and Brandon Robinson had the Most Blocks with 37.

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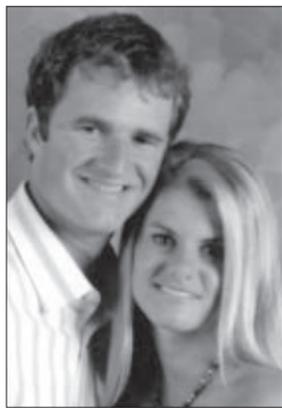
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Mr. Rhoden-Ms. Lee

## Plan fall vows

Mr. and Mrs. James (Jamie) Rhoden of Macclenny and Mr. and Mrs. Jere Lee of Nashville, TN are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Tyler Rhoden and Nicole Lee.

Mr. Rhoden graduated from The Bolles School in 2003 and received a bachelor's degree in human organization development from Vanderbilt University in 2007.

He pitched for the 2007 SEC champion Vanderbilt Commodores and for the Cincinnati Reds minor league organization from 2007-2009. He is currently a medical sales rep with Stryker Spine Medical Group in Nashville.

Ms. Lee graduated valedictorian from Hillsborough High School in 2003 and received a bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* in medicine, health and society from Vanderbilt in 2007.

She also has a master's degree in nursing and is employed by the Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance Group as an acute care nurse practitioner.

The couple plans to wed in Nashville in the fall.

## Alford reunion

The Thomas J. and Lula Jane Alford annual family reunion will be Saturday, April 3 at Mt. Zion New Congregational Methodist Church. Please bring your favorite covered dish, lunch will begin at 12:30.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith

## Wed March 6

Lacy Miranda Ott of Sanderson and Edwin Scott Smith of Macclenny were wed at the home of Al and Charlotte Fraser in Glen St. Mary the evening of March 6.

The bride is the daughter of Tommy and Cindy Ott of Sanderson and the groom is the son of Al and Sharon Smith and Thelma Gail Howell, all of Macclenny.

## Thanks for help

Thanks to everyone for the "perfect benefit" for Ethan Arnold last weekend at the Moose Lodge.

Here's a list of people and organizations that made it happen and raised \$6689: Katie Rhoden, Karen Burnsed and Susan Knabb for getting it off the ground; the Westside Elementary staff; the cooks; local businesses for donations for raffles, silent auction and food; the Macclenny Moose Lodge, Women of the Moose; Gentleman Josie Davis, Danny and Keith; all other local singers; my family — Jimmy, Kaylann, Elizabeth, my brother Jimmy; *The Press* for the article about Ethan and advertising the event; Channel 12 for covering it.

Thanks mostly to Ethan from all of us who know you. You are an angel and this community loves you!

Annette Barton

## Rhoden reunion

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



Jake Allen Lee

## Brother born

Paisley Anna Lee is pleased to announce the birth of brother Jake Allen Lee on Thursday, March 18 at 9:30 pm at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville.

Proud parents are Matti and Jeremy Lee; maternal grandparents are Glenn and Teresa Yarbrough and paternal are Mark and Holly Lee, all of Macclenny.

Maternal great-grandparents are Joe and Mavis Griffis; paternal great-grandparents are Venita Milton, Carlton and Barbara Lee and Johnny and Joyce Milton, all also of Macclenny.



Ms. Griffis and Mr. Lanier

## June wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Griffis of Macclenny are pleased to announce the engagement of daughter Katy Ranelle to Justin Randall Lanier of Maxville.

The intended groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Lanier of Maxville.

The couple plans a June wedding.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY GARY COOK

## BCHS chefs return from Orlando competition

Last year, the team of chefs from the Baker High School's culinary academy finished the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association's annual ProStart Culinary Team Competition fifth in the state in the gourmet event. This year, against roughly 40 other teams from schools around Florida, the students landed outside the top 10, said academy instructor Gary Cook. BCHS's gourmet meal team (pictured above from left) Megan Dolan, Dillon Yonn, Cam Hayes and Ben Hefty traveled to the Orange County Convention Center for the event March 27 along with the waiters relay team of (pictured below from left) Jennifer Blue, Blake Lumpkin and Heath Bell.



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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**March 30**

Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) testing  
BCHS: Tennis vs. Baldwin (H), 3:00 p.m. JV baseball vs. Trinity (H), 6:00 p.m. Easter presentation, auditorium, 7:00 p.m. WES: Good Morning Show club mtg., 8:00 a.m. PK/K: Kindergarten readiness, 6:00 p.m. Book fair begins

**March 31**

BCHS: Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) Testing. Senior panoramic picture, gym, 8:00 a.m. Varsity softball @ Fleming Island, 4:00 p.m. MES: Spring party - 1st grade and Hawkins PK/K: Book fair begins

**April 1**

BCHS: FAIR testing, CPT testing, 7:45 a.m. Dual enrollment mtg. with parents, media ctr., 6:00 p.m. Junior Varsity baseball @ Eagle's View, 6:30 p.m. Varsity softball @ Orange Park, 7:00 p.m. MES: Field trip to zoo for 2nd grade. GATES testing WES: Merrie Melodies club mtg., 8:00 a.m. PK/K: Book fair

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Jordan Hand at the plate.

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## Girls falter late in season

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

After a bright start to the season, the Lady Wildcats have faltered lately. This past week they dropped three of four games with defensive lapses. But their early season success and a key win over West Nassau on Friday assure coach Jamie Rodgers' team of a number 2 seed in the district tournament.

The Cats got a great pitching performance from Cami Craig in Monday's away match-up with Bishop Snyder. "But the defense really let us down," said Rodgers.

The Cats went down 4-0 and it looked like the Cardinals might be primed for a shut out, but Baker High came back in the sixth with a two out-single from Taylor McCann that brought in two runs. But with the bases loaded, the Cats couldn't get the hitting they needed to win the game.

The Cats played a home doubleheader on Thursday but their defensive woes continued and they lost to Hilliard 5-3 and Eagle's View 7-2.

The team bounced back on Friday, shutting out West Nassau at home 7-0. It did not look like the same team that took the field on Thursday, according to Coach Rodgers.

"I know I've said that a lot this year and that's been the biggest problem — being consistent. Some days we play really well and others we couldn't compete in little league. That has to change before the playoffs."

Craig continued to pitch well and Rodgers thinks the shutout will help boost her confidence going



Alexis Branch leaps for an overthrown ball.

PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

into next month's tournament. Ashley Tracy, Haley Crews, Taylor Crummey and Shelby Gatto all had RBI hits.

## Boys top seed in the district

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

It was a busy and successful week for the Wildcat baseball team, which won all four games to run their win streak to eight.

The Cats have gotten on a roll at just the right time of the season and parlayed their strong play into a top seeding in next month's district tournament.

The Cats started out the week at home on March 23 by defeating Baldwin 11-0 with the game ending early by the mercy rule. The Cats pounded out nine hits including five extra base hits to down the Indians.

Chris Waddell, Thomas Sirk, and Klata Duval each had doubles while Adam Holland and Jake Betros added triples. Dillon Jones got the win on the mound allowing just two hits while striking out six Baldwin batters.

The Cats then got on the bus March 24 and headed downstate to play Brevard Space Coast. The surging Wildcats defeated the Vipers 7-2. Thomas Sirk had a double and Brad Stone picked up the win to move his record to 2-0 on the year.

On Thursday the Cats played their biggest game of the year against district rival West Nassau. Baker High dominated the



Kyle Horne rounds third base.

PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Warriors 9-5 to wrap up the number-one seed in the district.

Waddell had one of his best games on the mound, striking out eight before giving way to Cameron Crews in relief for the last two outs.

Johnny Elasik had a double and two RBIs while Klata Duval added a double and Adam Holland had two more RBIs.

On Saturday BCHS hosted Williston in an afternoon game.

Williston jumped out on top early to take a four-run lead. But BCHS showed its determination and came back to defeat the visitors 8-4. Corey Mercer had a good day on the mound, allowing only a pair of hits in four innings to earn the win.

Elasik and Sirk had three hits each.

The streak has thrilled Coach John Staples, although he is convinced that the best is yet to come.

"We've scored 35 runs in the last four games and have not busted out yet offensively. When we start hitting like we are capable, it could get scary around here. I'm real proud of the boys for wrapping up the one seed and winning eight in a row after having to put up with unwarranted adversity early in the year."

The Cats are off until Thursday, April 8, when they will travel to the Fernandina Tournament.

They won't be resting, however, according to Staples. "We're gonna take this time to work on some hitting mechanics and some small things we have not been executing."

## Defeats at Bishop and Yulee

It was a miserable week for the Wildcat boys' tennis team. On March 23 they faced off against Yulee, a team that had beaten them 1-6 in February. It was an even tougher result on the road as Yulee put the Cats down once more 0-7.

Later in the week, on Thursday, the boys traveled to Bishop Kenny for their first match-up with the talented Crusaders. But though the team was different,

the result was the same.

The girls had a similar struggle against the Crusaders, losing 0-7. However they scraped out a 5-2 win against Yulee. Number 2 singles went to Logan Raulerson 8-2. Destiny de la Pena won the number 3 singles 8-1 and Logan

Raulerson won the number 5 singles 8-2.

The doubles team of Carissa Ward and Jessica Rhoden won a hard-fought match 9-8, winning a 7-2 tiebreaker. Number two doubles team of Kari Crummey and de la Pena won 8-3.

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# Pre-K ratings released Tiny Tots boasts top score, gains

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Almost all of the voluntary pre-kindergarten [VPK] programs in Baker County showed gains in preparing students for kindergarten during the 2008-09 school year, but at the top of the list stands Tiny Tots Daycare Center of Michigan Avenue in Macclenny.

Eight of its students now in kindergarten were evaluated in two areas — skills, knowledge and behavior; and readiness for reading — with all students passing the former and 88 percent the latter, giving the program a readiness rate of 188, or the sum of both percentages.

The Florida Department of Education releases the readiness rates statewide each spring. The department narrowed the areas measured this year from three to two, reducing the maximum score possible from 300 to 200.

"We just worked really hard," said Tabitha Gray, Tiny Tots owner since August 2007. "I wanted it to be more than just a day care; I wanted it to be a learning center as well."

Tiny Tots' VPK included only four children its first year and has grown to 18 students this year, the mother of five said.

It posted the largest year-to-year increase in readiness scores among the county's 11 VPK programs. Last year, Tiny Tots scored 225 points out of 300 possible, and this year 188 out of 200 possible points, a gain of almost 20 percent.

"The more opportunities you offer the children to learn, the more they're going to learn," Ms. Gray said. "We worked really hard to get those scores and we're proud of the parents and kids. It's not just a teacher thing; it's a teacher, parent and child thing."

Special Blessings School Readiness Center on N. 7th St., which had the second highest readiness rate, also showed significant gains with a roughly 10 percent jump, from 248 out of 300 possible points last year to 186 out of 200 points this year.

Only one VPK program in the county scored below the minimum needed to avoid being designated a "low performing provider," under state standards. In its first year here, the Head Start program from Episcopal Children's Services [EPS] on S. 8th St. posted a readiness score of 136, two points below the minimum.

While all the 11 students measured passed the skills, knowledge and behavior evaluation, less than four passed the reading readiness portion, which consists partly of letter naming and phonetic awareness.

Students in EPS's other pre-k program on South Blvd. performed markedly better with a readiness rate of 176, making it the sixth highest in the county.

Florida's VPK program is jointly administered by the Department of Education, the Agency for Workforce Innovation and the Department of Children and Families.

The Department of Education oversees standards, curricula and professional development, and accountability; the Agency for Workforce Innovation administers the day-to-day operations of the program including policy development, financial management and oversight of the 31

### VPK Provider's Readiness Ratings

Tiny Tots Daycare	188
Special Blessings	186
Baker County Pre-K	178
Westside Nursery Preschool	178
ABC Childcare	177
Episcopal Children's Services (E. South Blvd.)	176
First United Methodist, Little Playmates and Rising Star	175
Love Center Preschool	150
Episcopal Children's Services (S. 8th St.)	136

Note: Ratings are based on a 200-point scale and represent a student's readiness for kindergarten after attending the specified VPK program.  
Source: Florida Department of Education

Early Learning Coalitions; and the Department of Children and Families provides oversight of child care licensing, regulation, Florida's Gold Seal Quality Care program and the issuing of cre-

dentials for child care personnel. For more information about VPK in Florida and kindergarten readiness rates, visit <https://vpk.fldoe.org/>.



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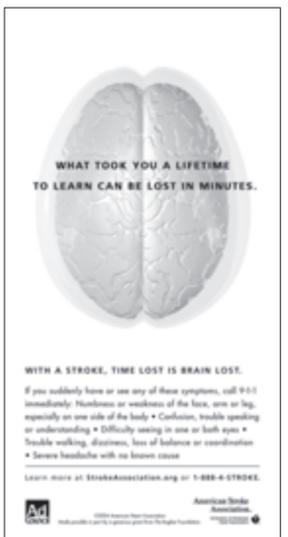


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