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## Rookie deputy arrested for abuse

A rookie county deputy is on unpaid administrative leave following his arrest during the early morning hours of April 18 for domestic violence on his wife.

Robert L. Simpkins, 28, a member of the force since August, 2009, is accused of twice dragging his wife Kristin, no age listed, while holding her in a headlock following an argument at their residence on East McIver St. in Macclenny.



Robert Simpkins

Witnesses told Deputy Larry Clark they first heard Mrs. Simpkins yelling as she approached the property of neighbor Gina Dyess, and that she along with Karen Tomlin, Jonathan Dyess and Allen Yonn struggled with Deputy Simpkins attempting to free the woman.

The suspended officer attempted to fight them off as he dragged his wife toward their residence, where at least one of their children was awake and crying in a bathroom around 2:30 when the incident occurred.

Deputy Clark noted in his report that, "It was apparent that all parties involved had been drinking..." Before he was arrested, Mr. Simpkins was also interviewed by Sgt. Brad Dougherty, as were the witnesses who the officers said gave consistent statements.

During the second interview, however, Mrs. Simpkins agreed with the accused that he did not strike or choke her in a headlock. Rather, she said he placed his arm around her attempting to escort her home.

Ms. Tomlin disputed that, insisting that the husband's grip on his wife was sufficient that he could push them away while still maintaining "a good hold" on his distraught wife.

The witness said at one point she attempted to calm Mr. Simpkins by reminding him he is a police officer, to which he replied, "F--- you, f--- my career!"

Maj. Gerald Gonzalez, operations chief for the sheriff's department, termed the arrest

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## BCI guard sentenced for getting prisoners drugs, girls

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## Accused murderer amassed a record in county

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A Macclenny man acquitted of armed robbery late last year and released with time served in a second armed robbery case, both at local convenience stores, has been charged with killing a navy chief in Jacksonville after the sailor interrupted a burglary at his home April 16.



DeAngelo Thomas

Police have charged DeAngelo Thomas, 30, of Macclenny with murdering chief petty officer David Gilbert, carrying a concealed firearm by a convicted felon and burglary. He has a lengthy criminal record that includes burglaries, thefts and drugs sales dating back to when he was a juvenile.

He served five years at the Mayo Correctional Institution for robbing the Amoco station in downtown Macclenny in 2002, with his release coming in May 2008.

About one year later he was charged with robberies at the Kangaroo store on E. Macclenny Ave. and the Quick-N-Handy on N. SR 121 in which more than \$450 in cash were taken along with cigarettes.

Investigators used the dating code on cigarettes recovered from his Joan Street residence to link the merchandise to the Kangaroo station robbery in late May 2009. Mr. Thomas was also implicated by his close resemblance in stature and voice inflection to the gunman in security videos from both robberies, though the suspect's face was covered in each.

A jury acquitted Mr. Thomas last November in the Kangaroo store robbery, despite testimony and evidence from cigarette distributors that the pack of Newports found at his home came from the store.

The following month he was sentenced to 183 days time already served in return for a no contest plea to attempted armed robbery of the Quick-N-Handy. The state dropped companion charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and petty theft.

Jacksonville police found Mr. Gilbert, 40, dead in the doorway of his Savannah Oaks apartment on Roosevelt Blvd.

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Firemen cool the area around an LP gas tank outside the McKenzie home the night of April 13.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

## Fire guts home in Margaretta

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Jerry McKenzie stood in front of his burning Margaretta home the evening of April 13 watching firefighters spray water at the structure, which had already sustained heavy damage.

He spotted a corner of the 1600-square-foot house at 9886 CR 139 that appeared relatively intact and not totally charred. His work boots were placed there.

"I'm hoping to at least get those out," he

said.

About an hour after the county fire department arrived about 9:00 pm, Mr. McKenzie wasn't sure where he'd be sleeping that night.

"I raised my kids in this house," he said.

The CSX railroad worker described how he smelled smoke while watching TV in a bedroom and found flames rising from the floor of the laundry room about 4 feet high.

"I tried to get water out of the sink, but I couldn't find anything big enough to even attempt it," said Mr. McKenzie.

He gathered up his family — a 28-year-old daughter and her two children, ages 4 and 13 — and left the residence to call 9-1-1.

The fire destroyed the home and its contents, including three televisions, furniture, a washer and dryer and other belongings.

"Everything's gone," Mr. McKenzie's wife Elaine said early this week. "The only thing they got out of there with was the clothes on their back."

The home's occupants, which also included the daughter's boyfriend, have relocated with

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## A route to curb commuter costs

### By use of van pools

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Commuters spending more than \$21 a week driving to and from work could save big by participating in the Florida Rural Vanpool Program.

The Florida Department of Transportation [FDOT] is using financial support from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, also known as the stimulus package, to offset 60 percent of the cost for "vanpools" in 32 rural Florida counties, including Baker, during the next 21 months.

FDOT partnered with VSPI, Inc. of Troy, Michigan to launch a vanpool program designed to reduce commuting costs, highway traffic and vehicle emissions.

### VANPOOL RIDER'S MONTHLY FEE ESTIMATES

Number of Riders	Fee per Rider
6-7	\$84-\$72
8-9	\$73-\$65
10-15	\$66-\$44

Based on 1,500 miles per month



According to estimates from Jim Cipollone, VSPI's Florida manager, commuters going from Macclenny to Jacksonville could pay as little as \$44 a month to participate in a vanpool, provided their route is roughly 68 miles round-trip and they join 14 other riders to share 40 percent of the total operating costs.

Even with five riders, the estimated cost per passenger — including fuel, maintenance and a 2010 model year van — would be \$84 a month.

A vanpool's monthly operating costs will be estimated based on the size of the van furnished

by VSPI and the length of the route, which determines the monthly fuel and maintenance costs.

Sixty percent of the total operating cost is paid by the state and the remaining 40 percent is shared equally among vanpool users, making the service less expensive for larger groups.

VSPI offers minivans that seat seven or center aisle conversion vans seating nine to 15 passengers. Mr. Cipollone based his monthly cost estimates on 1500 miles of travel and no parking or toll expenses. The estimate showed vanpools with six riders could pay \$84 a

month, with 10 riders \$66, and only \$44 with at maximum capacity of 15 riders.

The program also requires a high level of coordination among riders on routes and stops. Each vanpool is assigned a driver, approved by VSPI, responsible for collecting and remitting monthly rider fees to VSPI, having maintenance performed on the vehicle and keeping it full to hold down rider fees.

Other than the van, VSPI is responsible for auto liability insurance for approved drivers and a bumper-to-bumper schedule of preventive maintenance and repairs.

The service will be offered on a month-to-month basis in the 32-county area and requires no long-term commitments.

Riders pay at the beginning of the month to secure a seat in the vanpool for the coming month. There are no refunds.

Pick-ups can be made at a staging area or riders homes.

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## Log truck plows into tree line on US 90

Fireman Briton Hughes removes his jacket and paramedic Chris Chance gathers her equipment after this eastbound truck loaded with logs swerved across the opposite lane of US 90 west of Interstate 10 the afternoon of April 13. Driver David Brown, 57, of Lake City said the left front tire of his 1992 Peterbilt tractor blew out, causing him to lose control. He had only minor injuries and the truck was the only vehicle involved. Earlier that morning, Kenneth G. Trout, 27, of Jacksonville was seriously injured when he lost control of his 1999 Lincoln on CR 125 at Fish Curve. The Florida Highway Patrol said the vehicle struck a large tree and overturned. Mr. Trout was airlifted to Shands Jacksonville. He was not wearing a seat belt.

# Accused murderer Margaretta fire...

«From page 1 with multiple bullet wounds. He leaves behind a 3-year-old daughter, who was found unharmed that evening.

According to reports from *The Florida Times-Union*, police said neighbors gave officers a description of a man who was seen going into the apartment and then leaving, and he was stopped by police nearby.

The victim was most recently assigned to the Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202. He served two tours in Iraq as a construction supervisor.

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other family in the area.

The couple has six children and 14 grandchildren. Mr. McKenzie moved to the area last November from Lakeland, Fla. for work in Jacksonville, while his wife continued her job there.

The blaze, Mr. McKenzie said, was likely ignited by the dryer, which had been powered through an extension cord plugged into a wall outlet in the kitchen.

Fire Chief Richard Dolan concurred.

His report valued the home and its contents at roughly \$75,000.

Nine units, including three engines, three tanker trucks and 29 county and City of Macclenny

firefighters, responded to the scene, which was cleared shortly after midnight.

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## Commuter costs...

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The first step in starting a vanpool, whether for a single work destination or among local residents working in the same general area, is to determine a basic route.

The distance of the route can then be used to estimate the monthly expenses depending on which size van is chosen. And armed with a cost estimate, users can advertise a vanpool and recruit fellow riders.

Call 1-800-826-RIDE (7433) for assistance with this process.

Groups then identify a volunteer driver, and alternates to fill

in during vacations or other periods when the driver may not be working. The drivers are qualified through VPSI, which required a completed application and about 48 hours.

Membership in the program also entitles users access to an emergency ride home service through the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization. For more information about the rural vanpool program, call 1-800-826-7433 or e-mail Mr. Cipollone at [jim.cipollone@vpsince.com](mailto:jim.cipollone@vpsince.com).

VPSI can be found online at [www.vanride.com](http://www.vanride.com).

## Rookie deputy arrested

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"absolutely a surprise" in light of Deputy Simpkins' performance since he was hired.

"His performance since he has been here has been outstanding and his peers and immediate supervisors report that he performs well above average for the amount of time he has been employed," said the chief.

The accused was released the next day on \$500 bond, and once

the state attorney's office decides on a criminal charge the department will conduct an internal review. Since Deputy Simpkins is still on his initial year of probation, civil service rules including appeals do not apply.

Maj. Gonzalez indicated the couple has since admitted to marital difficulties, but that he is unaware of what sparked the argument last weekend.

This is Deputy Simpkins' first law enforcement job.

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# Learning how to 'make it right' on the St. Marys

## THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

Last Saturday afternoon I rode with a friend out to the St. Marys River. In back of the truck was his red kayak, paddle and two life preservers.

I'd been talking for some time about learning a few more things before embarking on a kayak journey by myself and he had offered to help.

That was early last fall. The months slipped by and winter approached. Still, we talked about doing something with the kayak. It would have to wait until spring.

Finally, spring sprang and the subject came up again last Saturday while I was at the grand re-opening of Bennett's Feed, Farm and Pet Center — which, by the way, was a blast.

There was my friend standing in line for some barbecue. We sat and ate together, chatting about this and that. When we finished, he looked at me and said "We'll, do you have anything planned for the rest of the afternoon?"

I told him no.

"You want to give this kayak thing a try?"

An hour later we arrived at the river. The place was packed. There were trucks and people everywhere. Kids ran and squealed, dove and splashed. Bikinis were out in force. The smell of hamburgers and the strains of country music from a radio floated on the air.

Our kayak was conspicuous as we carrying it down the boat ramp, a lone, bright scarlet object against the tannic blackness of the river water.

I got strapped into my life vest, climbed into the kayak and waited a few minutes until he got the foot rests adjusted to fit the reach of my legs.

"O.K., take her out and have a go. Let me see how you handle her," he said.

I took off and soon the beach fell far behind. I haven't had a paddle in my hands for months and maneuvering a kayak paddle is not the same as a canoe paddle, but it comes back quickly, like riding a bike.

I passed two men in a canoe going in the opposite direction. One couldn't resist teasing me.

"We just passed an 8-foot gator!" he called merrily.

"Then I guess I'll stay in this boat!" I shouted back.

I could see my friend, about the size of an ant, watching patiently on shore. I paddled back.

"Now," he said. "You're going to learn how to get back in the kayak if you fall out in water over your head."

I practiced in three feet of water, following his instructions, but it wasn't easy. In fact, it was amazingly hard. I'd been doing some isometric arm exercises at work for several months and that's the only reason I was able to pull it off.

This technique involves grappling with the back end of kayak, getting a leg over so you can straddle it and hauling your body, inch by laborious inch, forward until you can drop your backside into the seat. The object, of course, is to do it without capsizing.

I did it in the shallows. Then I paddled out over my head, but still close to shore and did it there. Then I took the kayak back out on the river some distance away and repeated the maneuver until I was confident I wouldn't forget it.

I can just hear the question I know some readers will ask me after they read this column. It will be similar to the one I got asked dozens of times after I went sky-diving.

"Why, (I can just hear it now) would you want to jump out of a perfectly good kayak?"



# Keep your taxes in perspective

## On Point In Print

Joel Addington

The annual IRS true-up is over. The tea partisans had their protests, including here at the Macclenny post office April 15. And before you know it, the county, Macclenny, Glen St. Mary and school district will begin work on their 2010-11 budgets and tax rates.

Looking ahead at the local level, residents should keep in mind

just how good they have it.

Last year's property tax rates for the county, schools, hospital and water management district totaled \$16.22 per \$1000 of taxable value. Macclenny residents, with the added layer of taxation for centralized water and sewer service, paid a rate of \$19.71.

In 1990, those rates stood at \$23.02 and \$26.02, respectively. And they've been falling ever since. Meanwhile, the price of everything from water to gas to construction materials has been rising. Comparatively, North Florida has some of the lowest property taxes in the state. And Florida has some of the lowest

taxes in the country.

Even at a national level, we as a state received back almost every dime we sent to Washington, or 97 cents on the dollar, according to 2005 figures from the nonpartisan Tax Foundation. Meanwhile, states like California and New York only saw about two thirds of its federal tax burden return there. Imagine living in New Jersey, where 40 cents of every federal tax dollar ended up in some other state.

Yet, states like New Mexico and Alaska actually profited from the federal tax system. In 2005, the foundation reported those states got back twice as much as

their citizens paid in.

The tax system at all levels is unfair. Those who pay don't necessarily benefit, and those that do, don't always pay.

But, by and large, the folks with the highest tax burdens — property owners, business owners, corporations — all depend more on government services than Joe Sixpack, who didn't sue anybody this year, move goods across state lines, or need police and fire protection for his property.

Nobody likes paying taxes, and I certainly want my middle class tax cut again next year. I'm just saying — keep it in perspective.

# More stories for the 'tabloid' edition

About a month has passed since my first issue of the supermarket tabloid edition of *The Baker County Press* and oddly enough my publisher has not been beating down my door for a second issue.

I don't understand it. Maybe he has just been so busy with all the other news in Baker County that it has just slipped his mind. He meant to pat me on the back and say "Great job, keep it coming," but he just had too much to do.

So, I'm just going to forge ahead. I have been combing the bushes for breaking news and stories that stand out and have come up with a few that I'm actually very surprised have not made the front page. What are they thinking? How can you ignore a turnip shaped like President Ronald Reagan?

• Clovis and Maynard Whitaker of Baxter turned a few heads at the Baker County Farmers' Market this month when they unveiled a gigantic turnip bearing a striking resemblance to the 40th president of these United States.

The 25-pound behemoth made mouths drop because of its uncanny resemblance to "the great communicator."

"Reagan was always my favorite president," said Maynard, "so you can imagine how tickled I was when I found him smiling up at me from my garden."

His wife Clovis agreed. "Every time that I looked at that turnip I remember President Reagan calling the Soviet Union the 'evil empire' and it just runs chills down my spine. I almost hated to sell it."

"Course," said Maynard, "it did go to a couple of them Tea Party people. They're big fans of Reagan so I doubt they'll cook him up with a mess of greens.

## MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

They'll probably have him sittin' on the podium at their next meeting."

• Killer Kangaroo strikes again

That local legend The Killer Kangaroo has reared its marsupial head again on the road around Cuyler. Ella Mae Jones of Taylor was driving home late at night last Tuesday when something large and hairy ran out in front of her car.

"At first I just thought it was high school students playing a joke," said Ms. Jones, "but then it stopped and reared up on its hind legs or something and looked at me with its yellow eyes. It scared the wits out of me, I can tell you that."

Ms. Jones was about to turn the car around when it growled at her and hopped off into a stand of trees.

That might have been that except later the next day, Mrs. Annie Crews reported that her pit bull Joker was missing from the back yard. "We keep him chained up in the back yard and, poof, he was gone. He couldn't have broke that chain neither. I think it was bit through."

Sheriff's deputies investigated but no trace has been seen of Joker.

The fact that kangaroos are marsupials and not meat eaters did not hold water with Mrs. Crews.

"He wouldn't be called the Killer kangaroo if he was eatin' daisies. I won't sleep a wink till he's caught, I'll tell you that much."

• US Census falls flat in Baker County

The Department of Commerce is a little concerned about Baker County since only 19 people here have actually filled out the gov-

ernment document.

Martin O. Myers Jr., the Department of Commerce functionary in charge of collecting census data from a five-county area including Baker, is baffled by the lack of response.

"Actually, we can't really explain it," said Myers. "We've gone house to house and people either have never heard of the census or want no part of it. The general consensus seems to be that they know where they live and don't see why it's any business of the US government."

Myers says his workers have tried to explain that filling out the census is vital to determining school funding and how many federal dollars will come into Baker County.

"Federal dollars?" said one resident who wished to remain anonymous. "Is that like that bailout thing?"

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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 April 15, "What are your thoughts on why Gov. Crist vetoed senate bill 6? What kind of bill do we need to replace it with, or is the system fine the way it is?" Here's a look at the responses:

Tammy Crawford McFarland:

"What is wrong with the system as it is ... other than teachers need a pay raise? I would hate to know that if I were a teacher my pay would depend on the grades of kids who don't care, could care less and other things. Would you as a doctor want to get paid based on the fact that you lost

a patient? This bill was crazy to begin with !!! GO TEACHERS !!!!!

Derek LeRoy Thrasher:

"Teachers should be paid based on performance. They have fought this for years. What system is in place to make sure you can actually teach? Other than your students grades? Teachers are overpaid and underworked!!

Angela Suppa Callahan:

"FYI — I'm a teacher ... worked at school from 7:55 to 4:00 (I am only paid until 3:25), came home took care of my family and am now (at 8:07pm) about to start grading a stack of papers — might get done around 10ish."

Maurice Postal:

"Crist's veto of SB 6 is basically his announcement that he's going to run for the Senate as an Independent. It's a big middle

finger to the Republican establishment in Florida, especially Jeb."

Melissa Haines:

"I do not think that our teacher's pay should be determined by the grades that students get. Some kids just are not good students and that is just the way it is. They do not want to apply themselves and sometimes that parents don't care if they do the work or not. God bless our teachers they have a lot on their shoulders. They can only teach the students they can't make learn or apply what they teach."

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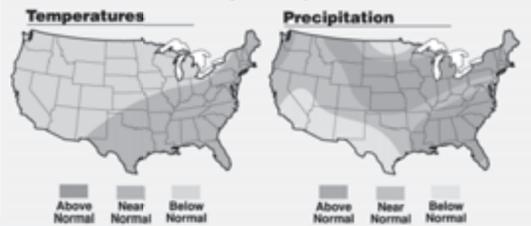
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## 7-Day Forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny and warmer	Partly sunny and seasonably warm	Partly sunny	Overcast with a thunderstorm possible	Heavy t-storms; mostly cloudy and humid	Clouds and intervals of sunshine	Sunny
High: 85° Low: 56°	High: 84° Low: 59°	High: 83° Low: 66°	High: 84° Low: 69°	High: 78° Low: 60°	High: 83° Low: 52°	High: 79° Low: 55°

## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

April 22 - April 28



## Tides

Cedar Key	Apr. 22	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28
First high	10:04 a.m.	10:58 a.m.	11:41 a.m.	12:00 a.m.	1:02 a.m.	1:55 a.m.	2:44 a.m.
First low	3:09 a.m.	4:23 a.m.	5:25 a.m.	6:17 a.m.	7:02 a.m.	7:42 a.m.	8:19 a.m.
Second high	9:10 p.m.	10:44 p.m.	—	12:18 p.m.	12:53 p.m.	1:26 p.m.	1:59 p.m.
Second low	3:20 p.m.	4:47 p.m.	5:55 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	7:37 p.m.	8:21 p.m.	9:03 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Apr. 22	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28
First high	2:44 a.m.	3:50 a.m.	4:55 a.m.	5:55 a.m.	6:50 a.m.	7:42 a.m.	8:32 a.m.
First low	9:22 a.m.	10:22 a.m.	11:19 a.m.	12:13 p.m.	12:53 a.m.	1:49 a.m.	2:40 a.m.
Second high	3:19 p.m.	4:28 p.m.	5:32 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	7:24 p.m.	8:14 p.m.	9:03 p.m.
Second low	9:45 p.m.	10:51 p.m.	11:53 p.m.	—	1:06 p.m.	1:56 p.m.	2:44 p.m.

Mayport	Apr. 22	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28
First high	3:27 a.m.	4:35 a.m.	5:40 a.m.	6:38 a.m.	7:32 a.m.	8:23 a.m.	9:12 a.m.
First low	9:36 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	11:32 a.m.	12:08 a.m.	1:06 a.m.	2:01 a.m.	2:51 a.m.
Second high	4:08 p.m.	5:16 p.m.	6:17 p.m.	7:13 p.m.	8:05 p.m.	8:54 p.m.	9:41 p.m.
Second low	9:58 p.m.	11:05 p.m.	—	12:26 p.m.	1:16 p.m.	2:05 p.m.	2:51 p.m.

St. Augustine	Apr. 22	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28
First high	2:50 a.m.	3:56 a.m.	5:01 a.m.	6:01 a.m.	6:56 a.m.	7:48 a.m.	8:38 a.m.
First low	9:24 a.m.	10:24 a.m.	11:21 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:55 a.m.	1:51 a.m.	2:42 a.m.
Second high	3:25 p.m.	4:34 p.m.	5:38 p.m.	6:36 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	9:09 p.m.
Second low	9:47 p.m.	10:53 p.m.	11:55 p.m.	—	1:08 p.m.	1:58 p.m.	2:46 p.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday ..... 6:54 a.m.  
 Sunset Thursday ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Moonrise Thursday ..... 2:03 p.m.  
 Moonset Thursday ..... 2:49 a.m.



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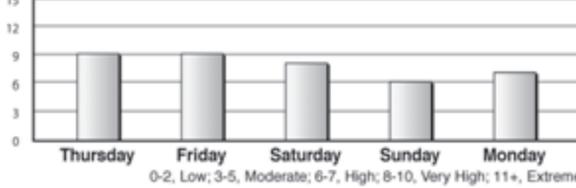
Jacksonville week ending Monday, Apr 19.

**Temperature**  
 High/Low for the week ..... 83°/49°  
 Normal high/low ..... 79°/54°  
 Average temperature ..... 64.7°  
 Normal average temperature ..... 66.6°

**Precipitation**  
 Total for the week ..... trace  
 Total for the month ..... trace  
 Total for the year ..... 8.54"  
 Normal for the month ..... 2.04"  
 Normal for the year ..... 12.81"

## AccuWeather.com UV Index™

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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 22	6:25 a.m.	12:09 a.m.	6:53 p.m.	12:39 p.m.
Apr 23	7:20 a.m.	1:07 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	1:33 p.m.
Apr 24	8:09 a.m.	1:57 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	2:22 p.m.
Apr 25	8:55 a.m.	2:42 a.m.	9:20 p.m.	3:07 p.m.
Apr 26	9:38 a.m.	3:26 a.m.	10:03 p.m.	3:51 p.m.
Apr 27	10:22 a.m.	4:10 a.m.	10:48 p.m.	4:35 p.m.
Apr 28	11:09 a.m.	4:56 a.m.	11:36 p.m.	5:23 p.m.

## River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	—	11.52	+0.49
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	6.03	-0.03
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	6.05	+0.82
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.54	-0.02
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	54.94	-0.28

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## BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

# Board votes to buy additional Shoals land

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The Baker County Commission voted unanimously April 19 to expand the roughly 1600-acre St. Mary's Shoals Park north of Glen St. Mary by 1044 acres, despite fears from tax-weary citizens about future costs of maintaining additional public recreation space.

"I'm here as a taxpayer," said Copper Creek resident Danny Norton. "I'm asking that you not make a decision that will cost the taxpayers."

Glen St. Mary resident Mike Yarborough has also opposed the expansion in recent weeks, but urged county officials to evaluate wetlands on the additional park land and assess its potential for timber harvesting to arrive at a "fair market price" for the acquisition.

"This information would be critical in negotiating with the landowner," he said.

Money allocated in 2008 by the Florida legislature to the Florida Forever land conservation program will be used to fund the purchase. However, a national land conservation group, the Trust for Public Land, which has a branch office in Tallahassee, will be negotiating the sale, explained Bob Guido, a senior project manager with the organization.

"They [the landowners] will not be paid more than the property is worth," he said.

Two independent appraisals are required on the land, which includes various parcels on the

park's western and southern boundaries owned by the Davis family's Long Branch Farms LLC and Amy E. Stavelly, respectively.

The Trust for Public Land cannot pay more for the land than its appraised value.

"It's scrutinized to no end," said Mr. Guido.

Should the negotiations fail, the expansion won't happen. But if they're successful, the state would buy the land and transfer ownership to the county through a contract outlining the county's responsibilities, like maintaining the land for public use.

While there are opportunities for generating revenue at the park for its upkeep — like concession stands at athletic fields, entry fees or harvesting timber — Mr. Guido said a lack of funding wouldn't necessarily trigger a provision in the contract allowing ownership to revert back to the state.

"If something drastic happens," he said. "You can close a portion of the park, and begin asking for private donations to keep it open, just like they do with the National Parks ... The state is very understanding with extensions to meet [contractual] requirements."

When asked if the state has ever taken back park lands, Mr. Guido said, to his knowledge, it hasn't ever happened.

Concerns about spending tax dollars on the park expansion didn't go unnoticed by the board. Commission chairman Alex Robinson thanked residents for their input and participation during the meeting and a preceding

workshop on the matter April 6.

"It's taxpayer dollars that generate these grants," said Commissioner Michael Crews. "But we have an opportunity here to bring some of those tax dollars back to Baker County."

In other business this week:

- The commission accepted another state grant — \$395,781 for paving a section of Cow Pen Road north of US 90.

The county also has about \$216,000 it received from CSX for closing a crossing that could be used for additional funding.

County Manager Joe Cone said the county intends to combine the money to pave as much of Cow Pen Road as possible while also connecting the paved portion of Fred Harvey Road with the newly-paved section of Cow Pen.

Cow Pen and Fred Harvey would also serve as an alternate north-south route in the western county that avoids the occasionally-blocked railroad crossing at CR 229.

Road department director Robert Fletcher said the full extent of the project will be known after engineering and permitting has been completed.

- Commissioners agreed to spend about \$45,700 from its yearly contingency budget on the local match for a \$457,000

federal grant from FEMA to overhaul radio communications equipment used by emergency medical services [EMS] and fire department personnel.

EMS Director David Richardson said the grant hasn't been awarded just yet, but the agency requested a commitment from the county.

"It sounds very, very likely," he said. "They wouldn't have asked for this if we weren't going to get it, but they won't say yes or no."

The new radios would be required by 2013 anyway, Mr. Richardson added, because the Federal Communications Commission is phasing out "wide band" frequency systems for "narrow band" systems at that time.

The new equipment also helps the county comply with another conversion taking place, from analog radios to those that have both analog and digital modes, offering a higher degree of interoperability between agencies and more privacy through encryption.

The radios also have a better range, longer battery life and louder, clearer audio.

- The board waived permit fees on up to six mobile home units for Raiford Road Church's still-developing housing ministry on S. SR 121.

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# Pacts with inmates for sex, drugs

A former Baker Correctional work release supervisor pleaded no contest in circuit court on April 19 to collaborating with inmates to furnish them with contraband food, liquor and drugs and, in the case of one inmate, allowing him to leave the crew for brief periods to have sex with girlfriends from Jacksonville.

Ronald Ryan Wilson, 31, of Lake City was ordered onto house arrest for a year, followed by three years on probation. He must perform 100 hours of community service and surrender his state certification as a corrections officer.

Judge Phyllis Rosier withheld adjudication of guilt, but also ordered a \$1000 fine and that Mr. Wilson pen a letter of apology to BCI warden Melody Flores.

The defendant had been an officer for 10 years before the offenses took place in the summer of 2008. Mr. Wilson was a supervisor of a work release crew in Baker County at the time.

He pleaded to twin counts of receiving unlawful compensation, permitting an inmate to escape and accepting unauthorized compensation. The state dropped a charge of felony possession of marijuana.

According to a lengthy DOC investigation report, Mr. Wilson on July 15 and August 12 allowed inmate Charles Hall to leave Public

Works Squad 6 for brief periods to have sex at area motels.

The liaisons were arranged beforehand and the girlfriends picked up Mr. Hall in private cars when the crew was parked near Mount Herman Cemetery off Woodlawn Rd. near Macclenny.

In return, the supervisor required the ladies to bring "free world" food like fried chicken and hamburgers to the rest of the crew.

On August 15, 2008, a former BCI inmate brought food and liquor to the crew and later that day when Mr. Wilson was tipped off about a surprise inspection of their van when they returned to the Macclenny work center, they ditched a bag of contraband in a palmetto bush off Steel Bridge Rd.

When a prison team searched the van it was clean, but two of the inmates had become intoxicated on the cognac.

The supervisor also allowed inmates to have marijuana, use of cell phones and chargers in the van. The BCI investigators learned from other inmates that Mr. Wilson, who had financial woes due to divorce, accepted money to allow both cocaine and pot to be smuggled into the facility, located between Sanderson and Oluسته.

Judge Rosier admonished the defendant and said he betrayed a system that relies on

the honesty and integrity of its employees, and facilitated illegal activities of prisoners who were being punished for crimes against society.

In other circuit court cases this week:

- Gary Davis was placed on house arrest six months and will serve three years on probation after pleading to felony criminal mischief, burglary and grand theft.

- Phillip Lloyd pleaded no contest to fraud and will be in county jail seven months less 126 days already served, followed by two years on probation.

- He must also pay \$6649 restitution to the victim.

- Steven Smith entered a similar plea to sale and possession of narcotics and driving on a suspended license and got a year in county jail less time served.

- A similar sentence was given to Kathy Hardin after she admitted to violating probation on earlier cases of grand theft and fraud. Judge Rosier revoked the probation.

- An arrest warrant with no bond will be issued for Shannon Gaskins, who failed to appear in court on several charges of sale and possession of prescription drugs and marijuana.

# Arrest for stabbing husband with a fork

A Glen St. Mary woman was jailed early on April 18 for stabbing her husband in the back with a fork during an argument over whether she should leave a residence in an intoxicated state.

Deputy Daniel Nichols said he was called to the address off Timber Trace Pl. about midnight following a disturbance involving Monica Mills and her husband Eric, both 30 years old.

A witness, age 12, told the officer Ms. Mills stabbed her husband in the shoulder and then several times in the back as he attempted to walk away during the argument. The two then fell to the floor after Mr. Mills grabbed her. The wife also said she was choked.

Mr. Mills refused to sign a statement implicating his wife, and she was then arrested for aggravated domestic battery, a second-degree felony.

DCF was called in this case also because the couple's two children, ages 6 and 8, were at the residence. The Mills both have Lakeland, FL addresses but had been staying with another couple there. They told Deputy Nichols they did not witness the physical confrontation.

The officer noted both parties were "extremely intoxicated."

- Tabitha Cohen, 18, of Sanderson was arrested for stabbing her husband Devan, 20, in the hand with a knife during an argu-

ment the evening of April 17.

The couple quarreled about 8:30 when Ms. Cohen returned to collect clothing. It soon escalated into a physical fight during which Mr. Cohen allegedly threw her to the ground and they wrestled.

When the husband attempted to walk away, Ms. Cohen allegedly grabbed scissors and followed him outside where she stabbed him. The scissors were taken away by acquaintances, but Ms. Cohen then retrieved a kitchen knife and attempted to stab her husband.

She was charged with aggravated battery and aggravated assault; Mr. Cohen with domestic battery.

- Two sheriff's investigators arrested Rodrick Roberts, 23, of Macclenny after they saw him pull the hair of girlfriend Tiara Roberson, 24, also of Macclenny, the afternoon of April 16.

Investigators Michael Hauge and Erik Deloach said they were near the intersection of South Boulevard and 9th St. when they saw the suspect follow Ms. Robertson out the door of his residence. He confronted her and pulled her back into the yard by her hair, said Investigator Deloach.

Mr. Roberts was arrested for domestic battery because of the couple's relationship. Mr. Roberts described the victim as "my baby momma."

# Night raids on two stores in Sanderson

Police are looking into a likely connection between two commercial burglaries that occurred overnight April 13 in downtown Sanderson.

A front door was pried open to gain entry to the Sanderson Cheap Butts convenience store at CR 229 and US 90 sometime between closing time the previous night and 6:15 am when an employee arrived to open up.

Owner Ali Amir told Deputy Matt Sigers that \$1971 in inventory and cash from a drawer was taken. The stolen loot included 24 cartons of cigarettes valued at \$1174, \$429 cash, cigars and smokeless tobacco.

About the same time that morning, owner William Williams arrived to find someone had smashed a front window at his grocery store and made off with an unspecified amount of cigarettes and cigars.

Deputy Brad Dougherty said change was in a cash register but it was not taken.

In other burglaries of a commercial nature, four persons were arrested April 17 for breaking into a concession stand at the Knabb Sports Complex and stealing an undetermined amount of candy, soft drinks and other food items.

Deputy Ben Anderson was investigating the breakin through a customer window when he spotted several males walking on nearby Blair St. He noted that one of the subjects, later identified as Antonio Shapiro, 18, of Mac-

clenny left the roadway briefly with a plastic bag and returned without it.

The bag was later located and contained several items taken from the concession stand. Other merchandise was recovered both in and outside the home of a 17-year-old suspect who lives on Blair.

Also charged were Michael Blodgett, 23, of Macclenny and another 17-year-old male. They have the same address on Mil-tondale Rd.

Mr. Shapiro told Deputy Anderson he is on probation for burglary. All were charged with burglary and petty theft.

- Jason Burnette, 20, and a 17-year-old male were arrested on April 15 for grand theft and criminal mischief for stealing two air conditioners from an unoccupied residence off Chestnut Rd. near Macclenny.

The home is being foreclosed upon by Country Federal Credit Union, which notified police that morning of the thefts.

Deputy Koty Crews questioned the suspects who live nearby when he spotted them working on what appeared to be one of the units. It had been dismantled; the other was intact on a trailer. Other neighbors told the officer Mr. Burnette said he was maintaining the property for the credit union, and that they often saw him with appliances and other items from the residence and other unoccupied ones in the area.

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# Thieves target grills

Barbecue grills were reported stolen at two residences the past week, one of them an unoccupied house near Ocean Pond.

A lawn maintenance worker noticed that a gas grill valued at \$500 was taken from the porch of a cabin near Ocean Pond belonging to Malcolm Ramsey of Cocoa Beach.

He told police he had last been there in October of last year. Ralph Hurlbert of Glen St. Mary reported on April 18 that two grills with a combined value of \$379 were taken from his property on US 90. He last saw them three days earlier.

In other reports:

- Purses and contents belonging to Elizabeth Davis, Jessica Davis and Anita Taylor were taken from their residence on 9th St. in Macclenny during a social gathering the evening of April 11.
- Bernice Cabral told police someone vandalized a water softener and piping at her residence off SR 121 south during the early morning hours of April 14.

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# No license, brings pot to jail Macclenny driver with 4 prior suspensions

A Macclenny man arrested driving without a license suspended as an habitual offender early on April 14 now faces other charges after a small amount of marijuana was found on him while he was being booked.

Deputy Rodney Driggers stopped a 1999 Buick driven by Genaro Harris, 24, near South 4th and Michigan just after midnight, and learned of four prior license suspensions and the habitual status.

Mr. Genaro told the officer he was clean of contraband before he was taken to jail. However, police found a small baggie of marijuana in his shoe. That led to additional counts of misdemeanor possession and attempted smuggling of pot into the jail, a third-degree felony.

• Preston Baker, 19, of Sanderson was charged with DUI the morning of April 14 after he was reported to police for reckless driving on US 90 west of Sanderson.

Deputy Larry Clark said he stopped a 1998 Saturn driven by Mr. Baker about 2:35 and the driver failed several field sobriety tests. He also did not chart any alcohol content on a breathalyzer at county jail, but admitted to the deputy that he smoked marijuana.

Mr. Clark also told the officer that friends may have slipped some cocaine into his marijuana.

• Aaron Salts, 25, of Macclenny was arrested for reckless driving in a parking lot off South 6th just after 2:00 am on April 18.

Deputy Shawn Bishara said he was on patrol when he saw the

suspect spinning his 1999 Chevrolet pickup in circular "donuts" with sufficient force to deflate a rear tire. He also said several pedestrians standing nearby had to run to avoid being struck.

• The same deputy arrested Melvin Norman, 42, of Glen St. Mary about 3:00 am on April 13 for driving on a license suspended nine times. Mr. Norman had also been adjudicated as an habitual offender.

He stopped the suspect on Turner Cemetery Rd. after receiving a call of gunshots in the area. Mr. Norman is not believed to be involved in the firearms complaint.

• Deputy Robert Simpkins stopped a Chevrolet SUV driven by Justin Thomas, 24, of Maxville after receiving a report the evening of April 15 of a speeding

motorist.

A computer check revealed his license has four prior suspensions and he was arrested.

• Dustin Parker, 22, no address given, was stopped the evening of April 14 for running a stop sign at CR 125 and Madison in Glen. He was booked for driving on six prior suspensions and not wearing a seat belt.

• Deputy Matt Sigers said he was aware of prior suspensions when he stopped a 1999 Dodge van driven by Charles Burnsed, 25, of Sanderson near the SRs 121-228 interchange north of Macclenny the morning of April 16.

The deputy noted in his report that he had warned the same driver of a similar violation nine days earlier.

# Cocaine found during vehicle search

Police made four arrests the past week for possession of drugs, two of the cases resulting from traffic stops.

Ty Canaday, 40, of Macclenny was at the wheel of a 1997 Nissan stopped by Lt. Scotty Rhoden the evening of April 16 for running a stop sign at SR 121 and Linda in the north city.

A subsequent search of the vehicle by Sgt. Brad Dougherty turned up a small baggie of powder cocaine stashed in the boot of a gear shift, along with steel wool and a pipe commonly used for smoking crack.

Mr. Canaday, who also had a holstered pistol on the front seat of the pickup, was arrested for felony possession and having narcotics paraphernalia. He

was issued tickets for the traffic violation and for having a faulty tail light.

In other arrests:

• Amanda Layfield, 23, of Hilliard was arrested in the early afternoon of April 17 for felony possession of seven varieties of prescription medication, possession of partially smoked marijuana cigarettes and a smoking pipe.

Ms. Layfield was stopped on SR 121 near CR 23D north of Macclenny after Deputy Matt Sigers said he observed her speeding southbound and following another vehicle too closely.

The driver gave consent to search her 2002 Chevrolet and the pills were found in various locations.

• Police acting on a complaint of suspicious activity at an Ocean

Pond campground in west Baker County arrested John Ingram, 70, of Taylor, Michigan on April 18 for felony possession of marijuana.

Deputy Rodney Driggers said Mr. Ingram produced the pot from inside his motor home parked at Hog Pen Landing, and admitted he had videotaped teenage girls at a bonfire the previous night.

A complaint had been logged about the videotaping and a suspect in a white motor home offering other campers marijuana.

• Scott Johnson, 19, of Jacksonville was arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana after he was found sleeping in the women's rest room at City Park in Macclenny the morning of April 18.

Deputy Kevin Jenkins said Mr.

Johnson was also in possession of candy and a drink believed stolen from a concession stand at the nearby ball park the previous day.

He was also charged with trespass. Deputy Jenkins was responding to a call that someone was locked in the rest room.

# Escapes officers on foot

Warrants have been issued for a Daytona Beach suspect who presumably fled barefoot in a dense wooded area off Interstate 10 near Sanderson the night of April 14 and evaded police.

Surray Brown, 33, abandoned a 1989 Oldsmobile beside the eastbound lanes of the highway at mile marker 323, and was found by Deputy Robert Simpkins walking east about one mile away around 9:45.

When the officer was checking his identity through a crime computer, Mr. Brown took off running in the heavily forested woods beyond the highway perimeter. Deputy Simpkins summoned the sheriff's department tracking dog and handler Patrick McGauley, and they trailed the suspect for a while before the dog lost his scent.

Meanwhile, police learned Mr. Brown was wanted on a Volusia County warrant for burglary.

Deputy McGauley later spotted the suspect walking along the westbound road shoulder about five miles east of the original area where he fled, and found one of his black tennis shoes in a bog. The other shoe was found in the Oldsmobile.

The search dog again lost a scent and the suspect was not seen again.

Back in the vehicle, Deputy Simpkins found a variety of items including a large screwdriver, hammer, a necklace and earrings with attached price tags indicating a value of \$971, a GPS system and a rock.

The vehicle had a jimmied steering column and shattered window. Its windshield had writing and a price consistent with the model year, and police later contacted its owner Thomas Hundley in Lake City.

The owner said he had given the Oldsmobile to a man who had done work for him, but did not know his name.

Mr. Brown initially told Deputy Simpkins he was walking from Lake City where he had been left at a fast food restaurant.

The warrants are for possession of burglary tools and resisting police by fleeing.

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CITY OF MACCLENNY

# St. Johns permit is appealed

## City says more water needed for future growth

**JOEL ADDINGTON**  
NEWS EDITOR  
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The City of Macclenny is appealing a decision by St. Johns River Water Management District effectively denying its application for a 20-year permit to withdraw as much as 2 million gallons of water per day, averaged annually, by 2027.

The city applied for the consumptive use permit or CUP in August 2007, and for the last two and half years city officials, including City Manager Gerald Dopson and Macclenny's engineering consultant Frank Darabi, have been feeding additional information sought by the district.

"We have attempted to respond to your questions as much as we can, this process has cost the City of Macclenny a significant amount of money, ordinances and regulations to withdraw the water simply for their population and future growth," Mr. Dopson wrote in the city's response to the ninth official request for additional information or RAI from the district.

"Before you and I retire, please issue this permit or give the city whatever allocation you think is appropriate," he said.

The ordinances included the tiered billing structure for water that became effective last November to encourage conservation. Under tiered billing, the more water customers use, the more expensive that water becomes.

Manager Dopson said the new rates have spurred conservation. "More people are inquiring about leaks," he said. "People are more concerned about that now."

The city has spent more than \$50,000 to pursue the 20-year permit.

A five-year permit was recommended by the district March 12, but for up to 1.02 million gallons per day [MGD] on average annually by 2015, not the requested 20-year permit for more than 2 MGD.

The city currently consumes an average of roughly 0.9 MGD.

The water district no longer issues 20-year permits. But Mr. Darabi, the city's engineer, contends that change shouldn't affect Macclenny because it applied for the permit in 2007, when the longer duration permits were available.

Assistant City Manager Roger Yarbrough argued the permit would limit the city's ability to grow in the future and discourage commercial development that creates jobs.

"They have a strangle hold on us," he told the commission. "We need the jobs."

According to flow data from Mr. Darabi from all three of the city's water plants, the average daily use in 2008 was 0.947 MDG. He said that additional conservation measures have taken place since then like the installation of leak reducing meters and improvements at the plant serving the southeast city.

"If development kicks off again, we have no margin [for growth]," Mr. Darabi said. "That's

why we are appealing this."

The permit issued March 12 may be revised by the district, should demand outstrip the amount allocated by the permit, which gradually increases from 0.927 MGD this year to 1.02 MGD in 2015.

"Most industrial and commercial entities that may want to locate in the [Walmart distribution center] industrial park do not have the time to wait for us to get the CUP permit revised, so they go somewhere else," Mr. Darabi said.

The city had 26 days from the date of approval to contest the five-year permit. Mr. Darabi said he intends to negotiate with the district to include additional language in the permit protecting the city from extensive delays should a development opportunity surface in need of water beyond the permitted limit.

"We're going to sit down and work this out," he said. "There's not a conflict with St. Johns."

The district is forwarding the city's appeal request to the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings this week. The office will assign an independent administrative law judge to consider arguments from the city and the district before making issuing recommendations.

The next appeal arena is the state District Court of Appeals.

# Vehicle burglaries off Woodlawn Road

The sheriff's department was called to investigate a trio of vehicle burglaries in the same neighborhood off Woodlawn Rd. overnight on April 12.

In but one of the cases was the owner able to identify missing property.

Jessica Kearnes said a purse and contents were missing from her car parked off Ben Rowe Circle, and told police she last saw the purse on April 11. She reported the incident April 13.

Melisa Knight said a window on her 1995 Chevrolet pickup was shattered but nothing appeared missing when she inventoried it the morning of April 12. She lives on Ben Rowe also.

Yvonne Brock reported her unlocked Dodge pickup was entered the same night off neighboring Adams Rd., but also reported nothing missing. Her husband's work truck was entered the same night.

In other reports involving vehicles:

- A complaint names Jessica Barnwell, 21, of Glen St. Mary as the person responsible for damaging a 1990 Chevrolet pickup belonging to her estranged boyfriend Joshua Fish.

- A witness told police Ms. Barnwell went to Mr. Fish's residence off CR 127 and struck the truck on the hood, windshield and window with a hammer.

- Helen Davis reported a golf cart stolen from a shed on her property on Tom Wilkerson Rd. overnight April 13.

- A 2005 Nissan belonging to Belinda Weaver of Green Cove Springs was gutted by fire during the early morning hours of April 13 near CR 231 and Road 779 in the Osceola National Forest.

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# WC turns 90

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In observance of the 90th anniversary of its organization and its contributions to the community, Mayor Gary Dopson and the Macclenny City Commission have declared April 25, 2010 as GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny Day.

Mayor Dopson in his proclamation stated that "the GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny has continuously worked to promote, educate and improve our community in the areas of the arts, education, conservation, public affairs, home life, international affairs and domestic violence awareness."

The Woman's Club of Macclenny, which currently has 49 members, is holding a special open house celebration April 25 at its clubhouse on S. 5th St. The event will be a time to recognize and reminisce about the club's founding, history, members, community, national and international work. The observance will take place from 2:00-4:00 pm.

"We are extremely excited about this special milestone in the club's history," said club president Trilby Crews. "We are asking anyone planning to attend to please bring copies of photos of events that took place at the Woman's Club building or a short written account of some special occasion they or a member of their family may have shared at this location."

The photos and written accounts will be compiled into a special memory book to commemorate the 90th anniversary.

The club will also be presenting four lifetime membership awards to members with 15 or more years of service.

Entertainment will be a part of the celebration. The middle school Tiger Paw Dance Team will be strutting their stuff on stage. Local music instructor Gary Murch will perform classical guitar selections.

The club has repeatedly been recognized at the state level for its many contributions to international programs such as Heifer International, which provides women in third world countries with livestock to help them become self-sustaining and Operation Smile, which performs surgery to repair facial deformities in children.

The club also raises funds to sponsor and train service dogs for individuals who are physically impaired.

Promotion of the arts in the community and the public schools has been another of the club's ongoing projects and members have won numerous blue ribbons for their own artistic creations.

The club has, year after year, received state recognition for the excellence of its annual club scrapbook.

Founded in 1919 as The Mother's Club of Macclenny, it was dedicated to the improvement of the community. It became part of the General and Florida Women's Clubs organizations in 1920. Later it became the GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny in 1955.

"It's people like those in the Macclenny Woman's Club that make this community a great place to live and we appreciate them so much," said city commissioner Vernon Bennett.



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Macclenny mayor Gary Dopson signs the proclamation that officially declares April 25, 2010 as GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny Day. Standing from left to right are club president Trilby Crews with members Mary Finley and Linda Green.

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The following will be sold at public auction May 10, 2010 at 3:00 pm at 25443 NE 137th Trail, Raiford, Florida 32083:

Contents of "Forever Tan" tanning salon formerly located at 795 South 6th Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063

4/8-4/29

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN 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 #: 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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN 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#: JSAAAM41XW2102873 (NOTE: Anyone interested in viewing the 4 wheeler being sold at 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.)

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1999 W-W All Arund Aluminum Horse Trailer VIN#: 11WHS1628XW248369 (NOTE: Anyone interested in viewing the horse trailer being sold at 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.)

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

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## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

The First Coast Workforce Development, Inc., (DBA WorkSource), will release a Request For Quotation on Monday, April 26, 2010 for Payrolling Services for our Re-Employment Connection Program to be performed June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 with an option for renewal for 4 additional years.

A copy of the request will be available beginning Monday, April 26, 2010 at [http://www.worksourcefl.com/partner\\_vendor/request\\_for\\_proposals.aspx](http://www.worksourcefl.com/partner_vendor/request_for_proposals.aspx) or at 1845 Town Center Blvd., Suite 250, Fleming Island, FL 32003. For additional information contact: D. Neivison 904/213-3800, x-2010. DEADLINE TO SUBMIT 2:00 PM (EST) 5/14/2010.

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## NOTICE TO BID

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000133  
DIVISION

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

TOMMY P. BENNETT, et al,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 31, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000133 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and TOMMY P. BENNETT, JUANELLE C. BENNETT, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, 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 7th day of May, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A PART OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 30; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, 60.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST, 169.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, 200.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST, 205.69 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, 200.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST, 36.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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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 April 6, 2010.

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

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4/15-4/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO. 02-2008-CA-000128  
DIVISION

US BANK, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

TRACIE R. GATTO, et al,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 31, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2008-CA-000128 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida wherein US BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and TRACIE R. GATTO, DAVID A. GATTO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S SERVICING COMPANY, 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 NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 25, A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, 200.00 FEET, SAID LINE ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF THE PLAT OF THE HILLS OF GLEN, A SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 51 AND 52 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 25, A DISTANCE OF 217.80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL TO SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL TO SAID EAST LINE, 217.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000282  
DIVISION

HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

ALEXANDER CALDWELL, et al,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 31, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000282 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida wherein HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC, is the Plaintiff and ALEXANDER CALDWELL, CYNTHIA CALDWELL, 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 3rd day of June, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

PARCEL C, A PART OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 5 OF OWEN'S ACRES, UNIT II, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 34 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9, IN BLOCK 5 AND RUN THENCE S 88 DEGREES 41'49" E, 151.28 FEET TO A ½ INCH IRON PIPE, NO IDENTIFICATION MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 5; THENCE N 01 DEGREES 20'00" E, 86.66 FEET; THENCE N 88 DEGREES 37'39" W, 181.08 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THOMAS CIRCLE EAST; THENCE S 01 DEGREE 28'05" W, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 86.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 6341 EAST THOMAS CIRCLE, 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 April 6, 2010.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-000032

INDYMAC BANK, FSB,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JACQUELINE BACH, et al,  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:  
JACQUELINE BACH  
Last Known Address: 5095 Rogers Trail, Macclenny FL 32063  
Current Residence Unknown

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

## EXHIBIT A

A part of the southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Township 2 South, range 22 East, Baker County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of said Southwest 1/4; thence N 89°54'14" W, along the South line of said Section 20 a distance of 660.96 feet; thence N 00°10'30" W, 1308.01 feet to the Northwest corner of lands described in Official Records Book, 391, page 242 of the public records of said county; thence N 89°12'08" E, along the North line of said lands described in Official Records Book 391, page 242 a distance of 2.17 feet; thence N 00°36'03" W, 196.90 feet to the corner of a 60 foot easement for ingress and egress; thence S 88°04'24" E, 194.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N 00°36'03" W, 116.73 feet to a point on the South line of lands described in official records 1999-1085, page 1 of said public records; thence N 89°13'22" E, along said South line, 187.37 feet to the Southwest corner of lands also said point being on the Westerly right of way line of State Road No. 121 (A 100' right of way as now established); thence S 03°11'44" W, along said Westerly right of way line, 125.49 feet to the Northeast corner of said 60 foot easement; thence N 88°04'24" W, along the North line of said 60 foot easement, 179.24 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a 60 foot easement for ingress and egress:

A part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Township 2 South, range 22 East, Baker County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of said Southwest 1/4; thence N 89°54'14" W, along the South line of said Section 20 a distance of 660.97 feet; thence N 00°10'30" W, 1308.01 feet to the Northwest corner of lands described in Official Records Book, 391, page 242 of the public records of said county; thence N 89°12'09" E, along the North line of said lands described in Official Records Book 391, page 242 a distance of 2.17 feet; thence N 00°36'03" W, 136.84 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N 00°36'03" W, 60.06 feet; thence S 88°04'24" E, 373.64 feet to a point on the Westerly right of way line of State Road No. 121 (A 100' right of way as now established); thence S 03°11'44" W, along said Westerly right of way line, 60.01 feet, thence N 88°04'24" W, 369.66 feet to the Point Beginning.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 40TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 on or before May 17, 2010, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the BAKER COUNTY PRESS 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.

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: AL FRASER, CLERK OF COURT OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AT 339 E. MACCLENNY AVENUE, MACCLENNY, FLORIDA (904) 259-3121 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OF HEARING, IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8771.

WITNESS MY hand and the seal of this Court this 7th day of April, 2010.

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

4/15-4/22

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The following vehicle will be sold at public auction May 7, 2010 at 8:00 am at A, R&R INC, 10525 Duval Lane, Macclenny, FL 32063.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO: 02-2009-CA-000065

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.  
PLAINTIFF

vs.

KENNETH LEE; SUSAN D. LEE; 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, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION DEFENDANT(S)

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 8, 2010 entered in Civil Case No. 02-2009-CA-000065 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, MACCLENNY, Florida. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the EAST DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE located at 339 EAST MACCLENNY AVE, at MACCLENNY, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 7th day of May, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

PARCEL #14 OF RIVERVIEW, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION COMPROMISING ALL OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE S 89°15'40" W ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 36, 450.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 89°15'40" W ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE 150.0 FEET; THENCE N 00°01'30" W AND PARALLEL TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 36, 817 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATERS OF THE ST. MARY'S RIVER; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WATERS OF THE ST. MARY'S RIVER, 165 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID WATERS WITH A LINE BEARING N 00°01'30" E, 800 FEET, MORE OR LESS, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 00°01'30" E, AND PARALLEL TO THE AFOREMENTIONED EASTERLY LINE OF SECTION 36, 800 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT:

EASEMENT "A":  
A 50 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, LYING 25 FEET EACH SIDE OF A PERPENDICULAR TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE AND BEING A PART OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE N 00°01'30" W, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 36, 25.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 89°15'40" W AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 36, 269.25 FEET; THENCE N 10°11'30" W, 198.61 FEET; THENCE N 49°18'27" W, 375.05 FEET; THENCE N 87°43'27" W, 403.53 FEET; THENCE S 44°39'54" W, 100.85 FEET; THENCE S 55°45'44" W, 79.18 FEET; THENCE S 23°04'59" W, 56.50 FEET; THENCE S 62°25'29" W, 150.22 FEET; THENCE S 50°53'44" W, 150.22 FEET; THENCE N 83°49'25" W, 77.73 FEET; THENCE N 56°12'03" W, 71.97 FEET; THENCE S 53°54'33" W, 167.15 FEET; THENCE S 34°31'57" W, 106.28 FEET; THENCE S 89°15'40" W, AND PARALLEL TO AFOREMENTIONED SOUTHERLY LINE OF SECTION 36, 488.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF TERMINUS OF SAID EASEMENT.

EASEMENT "B":  
A 30.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, LYING 15.00 FEET EACH SIDE OF AND PERPENDICULAR TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE AND BEING A PART OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SE CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE N 0°13'30" W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 36, 25.00 FEET; THENCE S 89°15'40" W, 269.25 FEET; THENCE N 10°13'30" W, 198.61 FEET; THENCE N 49°18'27" E, 375.05 FEET; THENCE N 87°43'27" E, 403.53 FEET; THENCE N 12°3'15" E, 213.69 FEET; THENCE N 57°15'27" E, 113.72 FEET; THENCE S 78°45'9" E, 81.52 FEET; THENCE N 58°2'15" E, 120.97 FEET TO THE POINT OF TERMINUS OF SAID EASEMENT.

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 this 8 day of April, 2010.

AL FRASER  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Bonnie Palleschi  
Deputy Clerk

THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN, P.A., ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  
900 South Pine Island Road Suite 400  
Plantation, FL 33324-3920  
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## Grand re-opening of Bennett's Feed

Although it's been operating for some months since a damaging fire, Bennett's Farm, Feed and Pet Store celebrated its official grand re-opening with a customer and vendor appreciation day April 17. Brad Raulerson of Redneck Cooking lent a hand preparing barbecue and Gary Fraser cooked up loads of chicken and rice for hungry patrons and vendors. Bluegrass Breeze performed and kids had fun jumping in bounce houses and riding the miniature train. To show appreciation for community support after the fire, Bennett's gave away dozens of door prizes, including a \$1,000 leather saddle. Participating in the ribbon cutting are from left: Verna Crews, Randy McIntosh, Rick Williams, Ken Wells, Patricia Bennett, Bennie Joe Bennett, Sharon McCormick, Roy McCormick, Sheree Crews and Rita Taylor.

## High school's FFA supplies a petting zoo for PreK students

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FEATURES  
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Baby lambs and pigs, a heifer, a horse, chickens and rabbits paid a morning visit to kids April 14 as part of Zoo Day and the PreK Center.

Greg Johnson, sponsor of Baker County High School's FFA program, along with FFA students Kendall Brooks and Clayton Lyons transported the animals to the school, creating an instant petting zoo for the kids to experience.

Kindergarten students went on a field trip to the Jacksonville Zoo that day. Because the pre-k children could not go, the FFA program brought the "zoo" to them.

Several classes of children gathered in the bus circle and sat in a large group while the heifer and horse were unloaded from a trailer.

Ms. Brooks introduced Lizzy, a beautiful white Arabian horse. She has taken care of him for many years.

"Lizzy is 23 years old," she told the kids. "He's retired now but he used to be a show horse."

Lizzy paraded around elegantly and patiently while kids asked questions.

Where does a horse live?

What does it eat?

Do you ride it?

Ms. Brooks had a question of her own for the kids.

"Did you know that horses are frightened of thunder?" she asked. "That's one reason it's important to have a barn so they can take shelter during storms."

Lizzie said goodbye to the kids by giving them, with a little help from Ms. Brooks, a huge horsey grin, showing lots of teeth.

The kids roared with laughter.

Petting the chickens was a hit, too. Two hens, a White Leghorn and a Rhode Island Red, were quiet and cooperative as Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lyons held them while they talked.

"You'll learn something inter-



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Teacher Diane Kirby kisses the pig.

esting today. If a hen is brown, she lays brown eggs. White eggs come from white hens," Mr. Johnson told them.

The proof was definitely in the pudding. During the program, The White Leghorn laid an egg in her cage and it was — you guessed it — white.

The piglet, only three weeks old, rooted about in the hay. Kids learned that he wasn't yet weaned but would soon start on solid food and would gain weight rapidly, reaching about 80 pounds by the time he's 3 months old.

While Mr. Lyons held him for the kids to see, he squirmed and squealed.

Mr. Lyons just couldn't pass up the opportunity for some entertainment and called a teacher up before the crowd.

"We're not leaving today until you kiss this pig," he declared.

Being a good sport, teacher Diane Kirby smacked the pig right on the lips. Not once but three times!

"Do pigs like to play in mud?" one child asked.

Mr. Johnson nodded his head.

"Pigs love to play in mud," he said.

"So do kids," said one of the teachers, with a laugh.

The kids wanted to know what

the pig's name was.

Mr. Lyons explained that the pig didn't have a name because he wasn't a pet, but was being raised as a show animal.

Such pigs have notches in their ears as a form of identification. This pig's notches indicated it was "one and seven" or pig number seven from the first litter born this spring.

The bunnies were a big hit, too. There were three varieties; New Zealand White, used for meat; a Jersey Woolly, used for fur; a Holland Lop, strictly a pleasure animal and pet.

Then came the most special of the visiting animals. Oreo, a two-week-old black and white lamb. Oreo wore a little blue harness and was led around by a leash which he didn't seem to mind at all. He happily suckled on anything presented to him — fingers, elbows, shoes.

"Oreo is only a baby and must be bottle fed 8 ounces of milk three times a day," Ms. Brooks said.

As the program concluded, the classes of children lined up single file and one by one, petted the little lamb. Oreo was so adorable that some of the children couldn't resist hugging him and giving him a kiss on the head.



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**Polly Barton, 75, NESH retiree**

Polly S. Barton, 75, of Macclenny died April 15, 2010. Polly was born in Baker County to James Harrel Stewart and Bertha Griffin on August 23, 1934. She spent the majority of her life in Baker County and was a member of Glen Friendship Tabernacle Church. She retired from Northeast Florida State Hospital after 25 years of service where she worked in the laundry. She loved her church, fishing, baking cakes and spending time with her grandchildren and family. She was predeceased by husband Gus Junior Barton; son Thomas Wayne Barton.



Polly Barton

Survivors include son Harold (Sharon) Barton of Macclenny; brothers Buckshot Stewart and Billy Stewart; sister Tinkey Starling; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held April 19 at 2:00 pm at her church with Pastor Albert Starling officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**Mr. Higginbotham dies on April 13th**

Fred D. Higginbotham of Durham, NC, formerly of Tampa, died April 13, 2010. He was born November 21, 1928 in New Port Richie, Florida and lived in Macclenny 22 years raising chickens. He retired and moved back to Tampa, became ill and went to the VA Hospital. In 2007 he moved to Durham, NC to live with his son.

Survivors include children Vicki St. John of Macclenny and Robin Higginbotham of Durham; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held April 17 at Calvary Tabernacle in Thonotassassa, Florida. Interment followed at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Tampa beside his wife Rose.

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

**David Nixon, 77, dies on April 18**

David Nixon, 77, of Glen St. Mary died on April 18, 2010. He was born on July 30, 1942, to David and Lillian Nixon in Screven, Georgia.



David Nixon

Mr. Nixon is survived by sons David III (Sabrina), Marshall (Demetris), Landus (Jackie), Dwight (Regina), Terry, Carlos (Celena); daughters, Lillian (Stanley), Victoria (Latari), Beverly (Edgar), Vickie (Reuben), and Kimberly (Nate); special friends Shirley Thomas, Pearl Lee and Brenda Madison; 36 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Nixon was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Ophelia Nixon, Ozella Witherpoon, Juanita Butler, Alfred Nixon, Alphonso Nixon, Sammie Nixon, Leroy Nixon and Daniel Nixon; children Delores Nixon, Cynthia Larry and Robert Thomas.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 24 at the Christian Fellowship Temple located at 251 West Ohio Avenue in Macclenny with Elder Carlos Farmer officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Macclenny from 5:00-6:00 pm on Friday, April 23.

Arrangements are under the direction of Combs Funeral Home in Lake City.

**Mr. Swearingen dies April 19 at 59**

Howard Roscoe Swearingen, 59, of Taylor died April 19, 2010. He was the son of Mozell Merritt (Vernon H.) Hensel and the late Howard Chandler Swearingen and was born March 17, 1951 in Coffee County, GA.

Mr. Swearingen was a graduate of Paxon High School and a resident of Baker County since 1971. He honorably served in the National Guard and was the owner of Howard Swearingen Livestock, Inc., where he spent the majority of his time.

He also loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, riding horses and roping in the PRCA. He was predeceased by step-father Vernon H. Hensel and grandson Jordan Smith.

Mr. Swearingen is survived by his mother of Taylor, children Amy (Michael) Walker of Taylor, Bart (Jesse) Swearingen of Glen St. Mary and Marie Swearingen of Macclenny; grandchildren Keith, Kristopher and Chase Smith, Shaylee Swearingen and Kyle Cooper.

The funeral service will be Friday, April 23 at 11:00 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel and interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 22 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the funeral home.

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**Myrtle Plew, 85, rites in Tennessee**

Myrtle Matthews Plew, 85, of Macclenny died on Monday, April 19, 2010 at Regents Park of Jacksonville nursing facility. A native of Oneida, TN, she lived in Macclenny the past 35 years after moving from Havelock, NC.

Mrs. Plew was a member of the First Baptist Church of Macclenny and enjoyed being active in the church. In her spare time, she enjoyed oil painting and cake decorating.

She was preceded in death by her first husband and the father of her two daughters, William C. Matthews, in 1992. Her second husband Jack died in 2005 and her sister Mildred Sharp in 2007.

Mrs. Plew is survived by daughters Sharon (Wayne) Ketter of Newport, NC and Julia (Robert) Cable of Jacksonville; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, April 23 at Marcum-Kidd Cemetery in Oneida, TN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 1975, Morehead City, NC 28577 in her memory for foreign testaments.

Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of local arrangements.

**Franklin Tyre, 66, of Glen dies**

Charles (Franklin) Tyre, 66, of Glen St. Mary died Friday afternoon, April 16, 2010 at his residence following a courageous battle with cancer. Mr. Tyre was a native of Lake City, the son of the late Charles and Mattie Williams Tyre.

Mr. Tyre attended school in both Columbia and Union counties and served in the National Guard for several years. He worked several different occupations, including owning and operating his own upholstery business for more than ten years and finally serving as a Baker County Deputy Sheriff. He was a member of the Mt. Zion (North Prong) Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Linda Altman Tyre; sons Robin Tyre of Valdosta and Stacy Tyre of Little Rock, Arkansas; daughter Chanell Berry of Baker County; brothers Elwood of Lake City and Ralph of Old Town, Florida; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

The graveside funeral service for Mr. Tyre was held at 2:00 pm on April 19, 2010 at North Prong Cemetery with Elder Freddie Thomas officiating. Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home of Lake City was in charge of arrangements.

**Annie Thrift, 100, dies on April 19**

Annie Mae Thrift, 100, of Glen St. Mary died on Monday, April 19, 2010 at Frank Wells Nursing Home following an extended illness.



Annie Thrift

Mrs. Thrift was born in Baker County and lived in Macclenny and Glen all her life. She and her husband were once owners of both Baldwin Home Appliance and the Twin Bridges Country Store on the state line before their retirement.

She was a member of the Macedonia Independent Methodist Church and was preceded in death by parents Andrew Jackson and Lucy Crews Mabley; husband Russie Elmer Thrift and daughter Sybil Ann Myers.

Mrs. Thrift is survived by son Norman Danny Thrift Sr. of Glen; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for Mrs. Thrift will be at 3:00 pm on April 22 at the First United Methodist Church with Brother Roy Crews officiating. Interment will follow at Macedonia Cemetery.

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**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Preaching Service 11:00 am  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Service 7:00 pm  
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Pastor Donnie E. Williams •• 259-4529

**Macclenny Church of God**  
Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life  
Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Wed. Eve. Worship 7:30 P.M.  
Pastor Rev. Shannon Conner  
North 6th Street - Macclenny • 259-3500

**New Hope Church, Inc.**  
23-A to Lauramore Rd. & Fairgrounds Rd.  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Children's Church 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Services 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
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Sunday School 10:00 am  
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**In Loving Memory  
Colonel W. and Wilma  
(Jeanette) Combs**

11/8/11 - 4/11/86  
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*Finding peace and comfort in  
God's Word: "Let not your heart be  
troubled; ye believe in God, believe  
also in Me. In my Father's house are  
many mansions; if it were not so, I  
would have told you. I go to prepare a  
place for you, I will come again, and  
receive you unto Myself; that where I  
am, there ye may be also."*

(John 14:1-3)

**LOVE ALWAYS AND FOREVER,  
YOUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN,  
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND  
GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN**

**Heartfelt thanks**

The family of Eskel Odom Sr. thanks the many people who provided support, food, flowers and their prayers during its time of loss. It was greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. We would also like to give a special thank you to Todd Ferreira and his staff for doing such a beautiful job. Thank you again to all for your love and support.

**SINCERELY,  
LOIS, CHILDREN &  
GRANDCHILDREN**

**Free music event**

A free "music in the park" event will take place at 206 E. Macclenny Avenue behind Studio One Hair Salon on Saturday, April 24 from 3-6 pm. Come hear Junior Combs and Southern Joy, vocalist Gail Moore and others perform gospel selections. Refreshments will be served and bring your own lawn chair. Call 259-4247 or 994-4915 for more information.

**Pastor anniversary**

McCray's Holiness Outreach Ministry in Olustee is hosting its pastor's sixth anniversary observance involving various churches.

They will be held nightly April 30 and May 1 beginning at 7:30 and May 2 at 11:00 am and 4:00 pm.

**Gospel sing**

The Road to Calvary Church in Glen St. Mary will be having a gospel sing April 23 beginning at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited.

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**Sanderson  
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Sunday School 10:00 am  
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Evening Prayer Serv. 7:30 pm

**Pastor: Oral E. Lyons**

**DINKINS NEW  
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Sunday School 10:00 am  
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Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm  
Wed. Night Service 7:30 pm

Pastor Allen Crews  
Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford  
Youth Pastor Brian Poole



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**Prayer breakfast April 15**

A sumptuous feast was a treat for attendees of the Woman's Club of Macclenny's annual prayer breakfast April 15. Special guests included members from the Woman's Club of Jacksonville Beach as well as city commissioners Mike Griffis and Gordon Crews and Sheriff Joey Dobson. Father Paul Smith, vicar of St. James Episcopal Church in Macclenny gave the opening invocation and incoming Woman's Club president Sydney Ferreira gave a talk inspired by the third chapter of Phillipians. Gail Moore of Olustee and Kelley Lannigan of Macclenny performed musical selections.

**Caution teen drivers**

As teens prepare for prom night and graduation day, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and Florida Highway Patrol are encouraging them to drive safely and responsibly.

"This is an exciting time of year for most young people as they take the next big step in their lives, and we want to help them get there - safely," said Florida Highway Patrol Spokesperson Lieutenant Bill Leeper.

Studies show that teens whose parents set rules and closely monitor their driving are 50 percent less likely to be in a crash, 71 percent less likely to drive intoxicated, and twice as likely to buckle up. DHSMV developed Drive

with CARE (Courtesy, Attention, Responsibility and Experience), which includes a Web site ([www.flhsmv.gov/teens/](http://www.flhsmv.gov/teens/)) and a driving guide, as well as a presentation for parents with teen drivers.

Teen drivers have the highest crash rate among all age groups in Florida and were involved in more than 32,000 crashes in 2008. Out of the 109 teen drivers killed in crashes that year, nearly two-thirds failed to buckle up.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles also encourages teens and their parents to register their Emergency Contact Information online at [www.flhsmv.gov/eci](http://www.flhsmv.gov/eci) or in a driver license office.

**Glen Congregational Holiness  
Campground**

**HOME COMING  
REVIVAL**

**April 28 - May 1**

Wednesday - Friday 7:30 pm

Saturday morning 10:30 am

**Evangelist: Rev. Billy Anderson**

Everyone Invited.

259-2827 for more information

**East Andrews St. in Glen St. Mary**

**Back to Mayport**

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Michael P. Pitt, the son of Cynthia L. Pitt of Macclenny and Paul M. Pitt of Nashville, Tenn., returned home in March from a four-month deployment aboard the *USS Samuel B. Roberts* homeported in Mayport.

Pitt is a 1999 graduate of Baker County High School and joined the Navy in August 1999.

**GOP meeting**

The monthly meeting of the Baker County Republican Party will begin at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 27 at the Mathis House on the Glen St. Mary Nursery.

All local Republicans are invited to attend. For more information, call Don Marshall at 259-9668.

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**2007 Gheen Gheenoe**, 15'4" fiberglass, 9.9 Mercury four-stroke motor, magic tilt gal. Trailer, new electric trolling motor and marine battery, \$3299. 904-259-9605. 4/22-4/29p

**Green plaid Graco** open top swing with toy tray, \$35; Johnny jumper, \$10. 588-3628. 3/25tfc

**12 x 24 above-ground pool** with one-year-old pump, \$600. 904-509-9278. 4/22p

**Two nightstands**, dresser with mirror and TV stand, used baby accessories. 904-838-2287. 4/15-4/29p

**Got roaches?** Buy Harris Famous Roach Tablets or Powder. Eliminates roaches or your money back, guaranteed. Available at Bennett's Feed. 10/15tfc

**Hurry in!** Franklin Mercantile will be open Fridays and Saturdays 10-5 until summer shutdown May 16. RR crossing in Glen. 259-6040. 4/22-4/29c

**Artists! Oils, acrylics**, water colors, Canvases, drawing pads and much more! On sale now. The Office Mart, 110 S. Fifth Street, 259-3737. tfc

**1988 24' 5th wheel camper**, good shape, incl. like new Reese 5th wheel and brake controller, \$3500. Will trade for pickup, automatic or fishing boat of equal value, 397-0092 or 309-3570. 4/22p

**2006 Bombardier 400 4x4**, two seater, cargo racks, only 410 miles, asking \$3800; 2005 6x12 enclosed trailer, rear ramp door \$2200 or both for \$5,000. 386-350-0095, 386-972-3522. 4/15-4/22p

**Bass boat**, 2002 Lowe 180 W 150hp V-Max. Call 275-2450. 4/22p

**Two golf carts**, one 36 volt for \$2000, one 48 volt for \$3000. Both club cars have lift kit, big tires, utility beds and bumpers. Look good. 591-2640. 4/22p

## Automobiles

**1997 Z71** four wheel drive pickup truck, loaded, excellent condition, plus tool box included. 259-2375. 4/22p

**1995 F150 4x4**, 5.8 automatic, extended cab, 80,000, fiberglass topper, 6" lift, new 36" tires, excellent condition, asking \$7,000. 386-350-0095 or 386-972-3522. 4/15-4/22p

**1994 Nissan pickup**, standard, red, new tires, low miles on engine, \$1800. 571-0913. 4/22p

**1965 Cadillac Coupe Deville** convertible for sale, \$5500. Call Nick for details. 904-424-5480. 4/22p

## Miscellaneous

**Professional cleaning**, home, office or move outs. Before and after party services available. Highly referred. Licensed and insured. Melissa or Jacqueline. 904-259-5260, 904-259-1468. 4/15-5/6p

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**Retired man** will mow your grass reasonable. 259-3599. 4/1-5/26p

**Lets trade:** will scrape off old popcorn from your ceiling and replace with knock down, up to 2500 SF for your used camper or truck. For information call 904-424-8693. 4/22p

**Spring cleaning**, all types: pressure wash, rake, cleaning, planting garden, painting. Call Curtis 303-4736. 4/15-4/22p

**Concealed weapons course**, Tuesday April 27th 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Hole In The Wall Gun Shop. Complete course: packet, photography, fingerprints, notary, certificate, \$80. 259-6568. 4/15-4/22p

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**Happy Jack mange medicine** promotes healing and hairgrowth to any mange, bare spot on dogs and horses with out steroids. Glen Cash store. 259-2381. www.happyjackinc.com 4/22-5/13p

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**Dogs: all types** from puppies to adults. Animal Control, \$65 adoption fees will apply. 259-6786. 11/20tfc

## Lost & Found

**LOST: Visla German Pointer**, tan, tall and thin, very friendly, no collar or tag, answers to "Heckel". 904-887-5308. 4/22p

**FOUND: Three dogs**, one male German Shepherd, one smaller male mix breed, one smaller female mix breed. 259-8294. 4/22

## Hunt Club

**Still hunt club**, 3000 acres, joins Okefenokee Swamp, 9/days bear season, hogs, deer and turkey, dues \$975/year. Contact John Thomas 259-6199, cell 891-3974. 4/22-4/29p

**Trail Ridge Hunting Club**, 7853 acres, still hunt or dog hunt. Contact Jeff Webb at 904-608-3281 or Tom Barton 259-4368. 4/22-4/29p

## Help Wanted

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**Urgent! Owner operators needed**, step-deck/flatbed/dry vans. Local/regional/OTR. Paid weekly, 85% of gross; 40% advance. 1-888-880-5922. 4/22-4/29

**Heavy duty diesel mechanic** needed, Travel Centers of America, Baldwin location, 1024 US 301 South. Driver's license required. Please apply to Mark Holmes, Shop Manager. 904-266-4281, ext. 22. 10/1tfc

**Local business owner** needs 40 health-conscious people to promote a "get-healthy" product to their families. 904-502-7408, 904-318-4993 or email bodybyvi@comcast.net 4/1-4/22p

**Hair stylist**, booth rental or commission, ask for Glenda. 607-5673. 4/22-4/29p

## Real Estate

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**3 or 4 BR, 2 BA**, brick home, 1760 SF, large fenced in yard, 8751 Dupree Road, Macclenny. Asking \$155,000. 904-742-1392. 4/22-5/6p

**2286 SF home** with many updates including new roof and A/C, 3/2-1/2 with possible 4th BR. Large workshop plus 2 sheds in beautiful one acre yard, \$198,000. Macclenny Realty Inc. Call 904-259-7709. 4/8-4/22p

**Beautiful one acre lot** with trees, zoned for home or mobile home, close to I-10, Macclenny, \$28,500. 904-259-5972 or 904-304-6294. 4/15-5/6p

**3 BR, 2 BA** house with city lot, \$75,500. 2 BR, 1 BA house with city lot, \$55,500. Building/mobile home lot 1/2 acre \$7900. Eric Raulerson Construction. 483-8742. 4/22tfc

**One acre lot**, Macclenny II subdivision, great buy, 904-234-3437. 4/8-4/22p

**3 acres, high and dry**, fish pond, homes or mobile homes, set-up included, owner financing. 912-843-8118. 2/22tfc

**Beautiful one acre**, homes only lot with trees, \$35,000. Macclenny Realty, Inc. Call 904-259-7709. 4/8-4/22p

**\$248,900**, desirable location, 4 BR, 2 BA home on one acre lot. Macclenny Realty, Inc. 904-259-7709. 4/8-4/22c

**2.89 acres in Macclenny II** on cul-de-sac, homes only, partially cleared \$73,000. 904-610-9974. 4/15-5/6p

**FSBO**, 2500 SF brick home on five acres. Hills of Glen 11536 Confederate Lane. 4 BR, 3 BA, great room with wood burning fireplace, double garage and detached garage workshop. Asking \$239,000. Call 259-9582 or 553-4165. 4/22-5/27p

## For Rent

**2 BR, 1 BA** apartment, 12 month lease, \$700/month, \$600 deposit. 351 N. Lower. 259-9797. 3/25tfc

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**2 BR, 1 BA**, Highway 90 in town, newly remodeled kitchen/bathroom, quiet, retired, 386-365-4508. Leave message. 4/22-4/29p

**Large 3 BR, 2 BA** brick home, washer/dryer, on city lot, \$850/month, \$500 deposit, available 5/1/10. 813-5558. 4/15-4/29p

**3 BR, 1/2 BA** on a 1/2 acre fenced yard, \$550/month, first and last month. Available 4/12/10. 904-509-7210. 4/15-4/22p

**2 or 3 BR** mobile home for rent on 1/2 acre. Service animals only, garbage pickup, sewer, water and lawn maintenance provided, rent \$385-\$550, family neighborhood. 912-843-8118; 904-699-8637. 10/29tfc

**1 BR apartment**, \$450/month, deposit \$300. Lights and water included, you provide gas. Call after 5:30 pm Monday - Friday, leave message. 904-322-0310. 4/22p

**Homes and mobile homes** for rent from \$750-850 monthly. 259-2255 or 813-1580. 11/13tfc

**2 BR, 1 BA** mobile home, very clean, \$300 deposit, \$550/month. Call 259-2787. 4/15-4/22p

**Mobile homes** for rent from \$385 to \$575, garbage, water, sewage and lawn care included. 904-219-2690, 912-843-8165. 1/14tfc

**3 BR, 1 BA** house in the country. Service animals only, \$600/month, \$500 deposit. Call 923-2191. 4/1-4/22p

**Mobile homes**, 2 and 3 BR, A/C, service animals only, \$500-\$575 plus deposit. 904-860-4604. 3/17tfc

**Highway 185/Moniac**, 1800 SF 3 BR, 3 BA doublewide, fireplace, kitchen equipped, two wood decks, one acre fenced, \$750/month. Will sell with owner financing. 904-879-2143. 4/22p

**2 BR, 2 BA** mobile home, extra clean, \$650/month, \$650 deposit, service animals only. Available April 1. 259-2121. 3/25tfc

**2 BR, 1 BA** mobile home in Sanderson. Also 1 BR apartment in Sanderson. 275-2136. 4/22p

**Baldwin apartment**, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, central H/A, washer/dryer hook up, 12 miles to I-10/I-295, pet friendly, \$600 month, \$600 security; will work with you. 266-9898. 4/15-4/22p

**3 BR, 1 BA** brick home in nice neighborhood, \$850 deposit, \$850 month, contact John. 904-228-4568. 4/22p

**6 BR, 4 1/2 BA**, 3000 SF, new construction, \$1550/month, call for interview and walk-through. No smoking, service animals only. 233-0980. 4/22p

**3 BR, 2 BA** 2007 doublewide, 1600 SF, separate living room/den, fenced backyard. \$750/month, \$500 deposit. Richardson Road. 334-0972, 259-8417. 4/15-4/22p

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**Friday, 8:00 am-?**, 5966 J. B. Hines Road off of Woodlawn. Kids and adult clothes and shoes, toys and household items.

**Friday, 8:00 am-noon**, 7107 S. SR 121, Kids clothes only, newborn - 16. New and gently used. Balloon on mailbox.

**Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm**, Next to Big Barn Auction in Glen. Lots of stuff.

**Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-3:00 pm**, 8097 Trips Way, off 125 South, follow signs. Antiques, collectors, glassware and yard sale.

**Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm, and Saturday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm**, 9899 Barber Loop, Macclenny.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-noon**, 728 Liberty Circle in Heritage Oaks. Women's clothes size small, men's clothes size large, various household items and tools.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm**, 6186 Michelle Road, Macclenny. Baby clothes.

**Saturday, 9:00 am- 2:00 pm**, Three blocks south of US 90 on 125. A - Z, lots of tools.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm**, Behind Franklin Mercantile. Proceeds go to Taryn Steven's and Kim Register's mission trip. Yummie chicken and hot dogs for sale.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-noon**, 6666 North 40 Circle. Girls clothes size 10-12, boys 8-10, shoes, ladies clothes, household items and toys.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-?**, 4161 Dogwood Street. Fundraiser for camp. Clothes all sizes, shoes, household items, little bit of everything.

**Remodeled 1 BR** mobile home, \$375/month, \$375 deposit, service animals only. 259-8140. 4/22tfc

## Vacation Rental

**Smoky Mountain cabin**, with trout stream near Cherokee, Maggie Valley, Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Dollywood, \$350/week. 386-752-0013. 2/18-5/6p

**Office space**, 500 SF, Macclenny Avenue, \$450 rent, \$450 deposit. 259-6546. 4/15tfc

**Professional office for rent**, Crockett building, downtown Macclenny, off-street parking, conference room use included. In business, first impressions are essential. Only \$250/month, includes utilities. Call 904-259-5361. 4/22-5/6p

## Commercial Rental

**2000 SF commercial building** for sale (\$160,000) or lease (negotiable) located in Macclenny, on Hwy. 121 near I-10. Property can be divided into two separate units, 1000 SF each. Seller is willing to sell or lease total of 2000 SF or divide and sell units separately. Great location, high traffic flow. Excellent opportunity for a retail, office or restaurant. 904-610-9974. 4/8-4/29p

**Commercial property**, 1566 SF, perfect for offices or small business. Old style home updated, \$119,900. Macclenny Realty Inc. Call 904-259-7709. 4/8-4/22c

**Restaurant and 2000 SF** commercial building for sale located in Macclenny, on Hwy. 121 near I-10. \$200,000.00. Serious inquiries only please. 904-613-7759. 4/8-4/29p

## Mobile Homes

**Tired of people** trying to tie up your property, get in this 3 BR, 2 BA, for just \$265/month, no land involved. Call John T. 386-752-1452. 4/1-4/22c

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**COMPLETELY REMODELED!** - MLS#524569 All brick 4BR 2.5 BA 3,000 SF hm sits on 1 acre land. Features huge game rm, in ground pool, tennis court & more. 2 full baths have been remodeled with travertine tile. \$299,000

**GREAT HOME!** - MLS#509000 This 3BR 2BA sits on 1.4 acres features formal living Rm, dining rm & family rm that opens to the Florida rm. Has 2 detached garages with workshop and more. \$199,900

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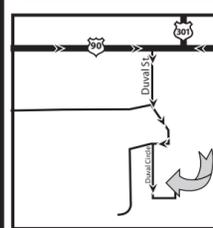
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Ms. Franklin - Mr. Williams

**April 24 vows**

Evelyn and Greg Robins of Macclenny are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Nicole Franklin to Nicholas Williams, both of Glen St. Mary.

Nicholas is the son of June and Richard Williams, also of Glen.

The ceremony will take place Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 pm at the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ. A reception will follow at the Agricultural Center. Family and friends are invited.

Following a honeymoon in Orlando, the couple will reside in Glen.

**Richardson reunion**

The descendants of Stephen Ellis and Sadie Green Richardson will have their family reunion Saturday, April 24 at the Franklin Richardson Farm south of Sanderson on Richardson Road.

Dinner will be served at noon, but come early and enjoy the day. All family and friends are welcome.

**Thrift reunion**

The annual Thrift family reunion will be Saturday, May 1 beginning at 5:00 pm at the Georgia Bend farm of Felton Thrift.

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**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.

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**Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza hot picket or ham with pinto beans and rice, choice of 2 sides: raw veggies with lowfat ranch dressing, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit juice and a homemade wheat roll

**Wednesday, April 28**

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

**Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce and a slice of homemade wheat Italian bread or fish crisp on a bun, choice of 2 sides: Baked potato rounds, creamy coleslaw, steamed broccoli and cherry crisp

**Thursday, April 29**

**Breakfast:** Sausage biscuit, fruit juice and milk

**Lunch:** Beef stroganoff over egg noodles with a homemade wheat roll or breaded chicken patty on a bun, choice of 2 sides: golden corn, lettuce and tomato slices, chilled fruit choice and a roasted peanut cup (gr. 7-12)

**Friday, April 30**

**Breakfast:** Chicken biscuit, fruit juice and milk

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



Max Rhoden

**Brother arrives**

Miley Shay Rhoden is proud to announce the birth of brother Max Kyler Rhoden on March 29, 2010 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. Max weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20" long.

Proud parents are Brad and Angela Rhoden of Sanderson. Grandparents are Terry and Shirleen Rhoden of Macclenny and Eugene and Donna Richardson of Sanderson. Great-grandparents are Shirley Goad of Macclenny, Geraldine Richardson and Mary Tarte, both of Sanderson.

**Reunion April 25**

The annual Rowe, Barber and Thompson reunion will be held on Sunday, April 25 at Celebration Park in Glen St. Mary. Registration is at 11:30 am and lunch at 1:00 pm.

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Call Sara Sizemore at 259-3304 or Berry Raulerson at 386-754-2483 for more information.

**Complete class**

Lakieva Holley and Chelsey Rhoden of Baker County were among 19 students recently completing a 16-week patient care class at Lake City Community College.

They are now eligible to take the exam to become certified nursing assistants. The class will hold a graduation ceremony on May 5.

**Art show**

The BCHS art department will have it's 35th annual art show Thursday, April 29 in the high school media center from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.



Hailey Wallace

**Daughter is born**

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**April 23**  
BCHS: FAIR testing, FFA state ag sales. Boys weightlifting state finals @ New Port Richey, 11:00 a.m. Drama presentation, "Snow White," 7:00 p.m. District softball championship @ Keystone Heights, 7:00 p.m. KIS: Book Fair WES: 2nd and 3rd grade field day. Positive behavior support club mtg., 8:00 a.m.

**April 24**  
BCHS: Art department fieldtrip to sidewalk chalk art competition in Savannah. Drama presentation, "Snow White," 7:00 p.m.

**April 25**  
BCHS: FAIR testing, Drama presentation, "Snow White," 2:00 p.m.

**April 26**  
BCHS: FAIR testing, Mandatory cheerleading tryout parent mtg., 7:00 p.m. Titan Twelve banquet, 7:00 p.m. Baseball sub-district tournament (H), 4:00 p.m.

**April 27**  
BCHS: FAIR testing, Baseball sub-district tournament (H), 4:00 p.m. 35th annual art show, media ctr. KIS: Family reading night, 4:00 p.m. WES: Good Morning Show club mtg., 8:00 a.m. MES: Terrific kids celebration

**April 28**  
BCHS: FAIR testing, Baseball sub-district tournament (H), 4:00 p.m. 35th annual art show, media ctr. WES: Just say no! Club mtg., 8:00 a.m.

**April 29**  
BCHS: FAIR testing, Baseball sub-district tournament (H), 4:00 p.m. 35th annual art show, media ctr. Drama presentation, "Snow White," 7:00 p.m. WES: 3rd grade visits to Keller Intermediate School. Merrie Melodies club mtg., 8:00 a.m. PK/K: "Kindergarten Rocks" play, 6:00 p.m.

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THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Macclenny City Commission, acting as the Local Planning Agency of Macclenny, Florida, will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday May 11, 2010, 6:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 118 E Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida to consider and transmit PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MACCLENNY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

**SYNOPSIS:** This is the transmittal hearing (first step) for the update of the Comprehensive Plan based on the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The EAR was accepted and found sufficient by DCA on June 1, 2009. Beginning in November 2009, the City has worked toward completing the proposed amendments that will result in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Should the City Commission transmit the proposed amendments, DCA has 60 days to review and issue an Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report (expected by the end of July 2010). Once this Report has been issued, the City has up to 120 days to address the objections and recommendations and adopt the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. The City will hold two (2) public hearings on the final amendments updating the Comprehensive Plan, likely in September and October 2010.

Drafts of the proposed amendments are available for your review online at [www.cityofmacclenny.com](http://www.cityofmacclenny.com) as well as at the City's Building and Zoning Department. The Building and Zoning Department is located at 118 E Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida. Written comments on this proposed amendment may be mailed to the attention of Janice Clark, Building and Zoning Department at the above address or emailed to [jclark@cityofmacclenny.com](mailto:jclark@cityofmacclenny.com). All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed amendments.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Manager at (904) 259-0972 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

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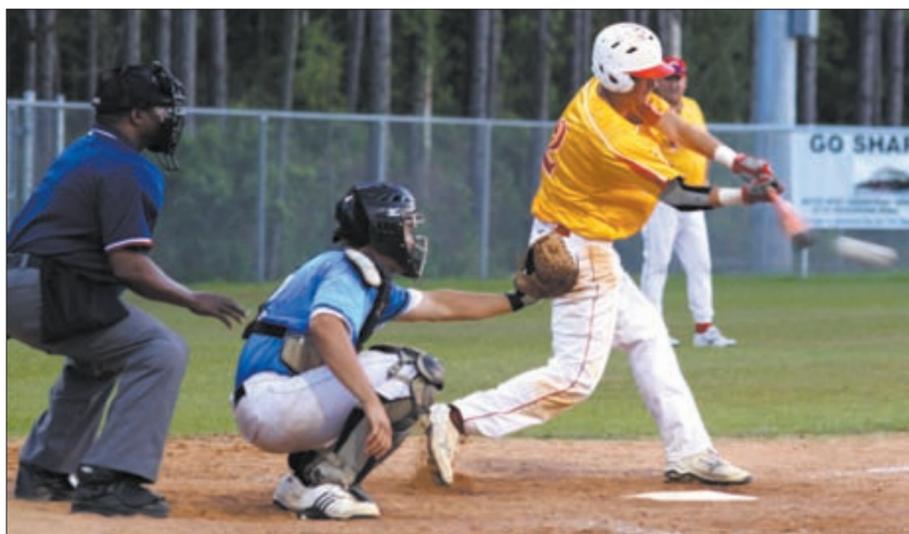


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Dixie and Jason Lanier.

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## Cats best Ponte Vedra

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The Wildcat baseball team split this week, winning a slugfest with Ponte Vedra and falling in a close game with the West Nassau Warriors.

The Wildcats on April 15 ended up on the short end against the Warriors 4-3 on the road in Calhahan. Cameron Crews pitched well and Coach John Staples praised his performance despite the loss.

"We didn't have any relief for Crews against West Nassau and he pitched two innings longer

than he normally should have," said the coach.

Scooter Gross had a pair of hits to lead the Cat offense against the Warriors.

The Cats banged out 11 hits against Ponte Vedra, including a three-hit effort by Thomas Sirk, two of them triples. Dillon Jones was once again superb on the mound, moving his record to 6-1.

The Cats play host to Episcopal on Wednesday, April 21, at 6:00 pm in the last regular season game. It will also be the last

regular season game for Coach John Staples, who surprised the Cats when he announced he will not return in 2011.

BCHS will host the district tournament starting Monday, April 26. West Nassau will play Bishop Snyder at 4:00 and Baker County goes against Baldwin at 7:00. The winners will play April 26 at 7:00 with the winner moving on to the district championship game Thursday, April 29, at 7:00 at Baker County.

The Cats go into the tournament as the number 1 seed.

## Staples stepping down in 2011

Wildcat baseball coach John Staples surprised his players this week when he announced that after ten years as head coach at BCHS he will resign at the end of this year to "pursue other educational avenues."

Staples, a three-time BCHS Coach of the Year and two-time North Florida Coach of the Year, is leaving a program that has continued to improve during his tenure.

In his 10 years at the helm, the Wildcats have gone to the playoffs nine times. In his eighteen years of coaching at BCHS, Eau Gallie, PK Yonge and Arlington Country Day, Staples has amassed 338 wins, 10 district titles and 15 playoff wins. Seven of his players have been drafted professionally and 92 players have gone on to college ball.

It was not an easy decision for Staples, who is leaving a young team, but one with tremendous potential.

"I have gone back and forth over the decision and decided to step down," he said. "Somebody will be walking into a gold mine of a program. This is the best group of freshmen and sophomores I have had in any program and they need an energetic person to steer the ship."

Staples, who is currently classified as a teacher on assignment heading up the Alternative School

for disruptive students, is looking to move into an administrative position. Administrators cannot take supplements from the school district and he would have had to give up the coaching position with an administrative job.

"I will be 50 in January and have two small children at home and a granddaughter in Orlando that I would like to spend more time with," the coach said. "There will be numerous administrative jobs opening up in the next few years and I would like to pursue those avenues."

The decision was not an easy one.

"One of the toughest parts about leaving is the administra-

tive support that I have received from Superintendent Raulerson, (principal) Tom Hill and (athletic director) Melody Coggin," he said. "I never was turned down on anything I asked for and me and my family will always be appreciative of that fact, and the undying support given in all matters concerning the baseball program. The bottom line is I have enjoyed a prosperous coaching career that includes some of the finest young men a person could encounter."

Staples will finish out the remainder of the season and takes the Wildcats into the next week's district tournament as the number-one seed. The Cats host the district tournament starting April 26.



John Staples

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## Spring football

With the start of spring football a little over a month away, new Wildcat head coach Ryan Sulkowski has been a busy man; settling in with a new community, a new school and a new team.

So far the transition has been a smooth one.

"Right now I'm trying to pace myself," said Sulkowski. "It's all about putting together a spring schedule, checking on grades and getting the kids to get their physicals. But it's rolling."

Sulkowski doesn't see wholesale changes in the offense and defense, though he does plan to put in some "new wrinkles."

"I know I have the reputation as a spread offense guy, but it has to do with what your personnel is capable of doing," he said.

He's been meeting with the booster club and has made an impression, and visa versa.

"We've had some great conversations," he said of the group. "We all have the same vested interests and our missions and goals are the same. It's about doing it for the kids."

Sulkowski may make some personnel changes in the coaching ranks over the summer, but doesn't foresee many changes at the present. "I'm still interviewing guys, but on such short notice, it's hard to bring guys in not knowing what teaching positions will be opening up," he said.

Sulkowski plans to give the public its first look at the new Wildcat football team with Midnight Madness at Memorial Stadium at midnight on May 1.

"We'll raise a little sweat and do our best to keep people awake," said the coach.

## Tennis squads ousted in district semifinals

The Wildcat tennis team had some good matches during the district tournament on April 13 at Bolles. Two of the Wildcat netters made it to the semi-finals before losing to Bishop Kenny.

It was always going to be a rough road for Allen Murphy's Cats. They were facing the big boys in the district tournament: Bolles, Bishop Kenny and Paxon.

All have players who will likely move on to Division 1 college tennis and the Cats had a hard time matching up.

Trey Baker made it to the semi-finals. The Cat number 1 had a first round bye and then defeated Ribault 6-0, 6-0. Baker ran into a Kenny buzz saw in the

semis and lost 0-6, 0-6.

Destiny de la Pena, the girls' number 3, got a first-round bye and then beat Yulee 6-1, 6-1. De la Pena drew Kenny in the semis and lost 1-6, 1-6.

Nick Webster beat Ribault 6-0, 6-0, but lost 2-6, 0-6 to Paxon in the quarterfinals. Samuel Murphy won 6-0, 6-0 over Ribault, but lost 0-6, 0-6 to Paxon.

Spencer Burnette won 6-4, 6-2 over West Nassau, but fell 1-6, 0-6 to Paxon.

Kari Crummey defeated West Nassau 6-4, 6-4 and lost 0-6, 0-6 to Kenny. The doubles team of Crusey and Carissa Ward beat West Nassau 6-0, 6-1, but then lost 1-6, 0-6 to Kenny.

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Snow White and her seven dwarves: Caitlyn Crawford, Savannah Jones, Jamie Lee Norman, Sarah Davis, Bethany Richardson, Harli Livingston, Meagan Crawford, Taylor Hartley.

# Snow White on the stage

Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho, it's to the play we go ...

The BCHS drama department will present *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* this weekend and next in the school auditorium. The familiar classic has something for audiences of all ages.

The show runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Next week's run is the same except there is no Friday show. Young children should bring their Snow White books and videos if they want an

autograph from Snow White or the Prince.

Young Snow White has a new step mother and the whole kingdom is celebrating the wedding. But the queen is not the loving mother she seems. She's terribly jealous of Snow White's beauty and banishes her to a life of hard labor. When that doesn't diminish her loveliness, the queen plots to have her killed. But like many fairy tales, this one too has a happy ending as Snow White finds her true love.

Senior Sarah Davis is the lovely Snow White and Ashley Bryant is the evil queen. Colton Butcher is Prince Charming and Hayden Stevens plays the king. Jamie Lee Norman, Taylor Hartley, Harli Livingston, Meagan Crawford, Bethany Richardson, Savannah Jones and Caitlyn Crawford are the seven dwarves. Tucker Washburn is the magic mirror and Ashleigh Thick is the old hag.

Other leading roles include Cameron Kirkland, Ana Tomas, Ellie Helms, Delany Walker, Jenna Gross, Cara Overstreet, Lupe Campos, Taryn Stevens, Rebecca Wilds, Alyssa Guidash, TJ Washburn, Haley Thigpen, Shelby Hodges, Caitlin Mason, Matt Sawyer, Jessica Rhoden, Carissa Ward, Emilee Pass, Chelsey Sampley, Noah Schatz, Emily Schatz, Sydney Raulerson, Lily-Ann Drawdy, Katie Register, Emily Griffiths, Mia Fish, Allie England, Lucas Kish, Harper Archambeau, Julia Archambeau, Marcie Davis and Alyani Guidash.

# Track team members qualify for state meet

The Wildcat track team had a good showing at the district tournament April 15 at Bradford County High, placing close to a dozen athletes in the regional tournament. The qualifiers will travel to Bolles April 23 attempting to make their way to the state championship.

Beverly Parker and Chelsey Ruise finished first and second in the high jump with 5'4" and 4'10" jumps, respectively. Parker also qualified in the 200 meters with a fourth place finish.

Devon Paige and Chris McCray finished first and second in the long jump to qualify. Paige jumped 21'3" and McCray was right behind with a 20'8" effort.

Favion Allen qualified with a 17.63 finish in the 110 meter hurdles.

The girls 100-meter-relay team of Parker, Ruise, Taytum McCullough and Courtney Wallace qualified with a fourth place finish. The boys 100-meter-relay team of Milton Baker, Harold Moore, McCray and Paige also qualified in fourth.

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