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## 11 will vie for local seats on fall ballot

**JOEL ADDINGTON**  
NEWS EDITOR

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Eighteen-year veteran county commissioner Alex Robinson drew an opponent in his bid for a sixth term last week when roofing contractor Oliver "Jimmy" Anderson qualified by fee to run for the District 2 seat.

Eleven candidates in all were vying for two county commission seats and two school board seats as qualifying closed June 18.

Mr. Robinson, a Democrat, owns P&R Electric in Macclenny, while Mr. Anderson, a Republican of Glen St. Mary, co-owns a number of different roofing companies, according to elections office records.

He listed A&R Truss Company, Anderson Qualified Roofing and A&R Enterprises as income sources, though none showed dollar amounts.

Mr. Anderson's net worth is \$490,675, or about \$176,000 more than his opponent's, the records show.

The roster of men running for the District 4 county commission seat now held by Mike Griffis is much more crowded.

The one-term commissioner announced in mid-May his intention not to seek re-election.

Republicans Adam Giddens and Jeana Duval will face off in the primary August 24, along with Democrats Michael Conner, Chris Rhoden and Donnie Starling.

The winners of each race will meet in the general election in November.

Mr. Giddens, of Macclenny, works for Giddens Security Corp. of Jacksonville while Mrs. Duval, also of Macclenny, teaches second grade at Westside Elementary.

Mr. Conner is the building maintenance manager at First Baptist in Glen St. Mary and lives in the Taylor area. Mr. Rhoden of Glen St. Mary runs a land clearing business and Mr. Starling, also of Glen, owns Donnie's Nursery Inc. in Macclenny.

The winner from each primary election will have nine weeks to campaign before the general election November 2. That ballot will also determine the winner of the District 2 county commission race between Mr. Robinson and Mr. Anderson.

In addition to the Republi-

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## Healthy Families program nixed in Baker

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## 'Stoned' trio arrested for child neglect

### Late-night shoplifting with three children at Walmart

Three adults who police said were so high on drugs they were barely able to speak or stand were charged with child neglect after they were found in the Walmart Supercenter late on June 18 with three young children.

One of the suspects, Lois Johnston, 42, of St. George, GA was also charged with shoplifting \$280 worth of merchandise. Ms. Johnston was observed by Lt. Scotty Rhoden removing price tags from items, then stuffing them under a cover in a shopping cart — a cover that one of the children was lying upon.

Another suspect, Jason Bassile, 26, of Macclenny was also charged with possession of prescription medication.

Deputy Chris Walker said police were called to the store about 11:00 to investigate an intoxicated person inside an

entrance. They found Mr. Bassile seated next to a shopping cart containing one of the children, who was asleep. His speech

was slurred and he was not able to keep his eyes open, said the officer, but said his wife Amanda Moore and Ms. Johnston were in the store shopping.

Lt. Rhoden shortly after saw Ms. John-



Jason Bassile



Lois Johnston



Amanda Moore

ston attempting to steal merchandise and Deputy Walker stayed with Mr. Bassile, who telephoned Ms. Moore to tell her "...

watch out, the cops are here."

He then tossed a small container into a nearby trash can, and police found that it contained a single dose of the anti-anxiety drug Xanax.

Ms. Johnston was confronted when she attempted to leave the store, and the shoplifted merchandise was seized from her purse and under the blanket.

Ms. Moore was brought to the front of the store, and Deputy Walker said she admitted to taking drugs for back pain. He also observed she was drooling and having trouble speaking. The three children, four and five years old, are hers, and she had no explanation as to why she left two of them in the care of the others considering their condition.

At one point, Ms. Moore fell forward from a bench with a child in her lap.

The children were released to the custody of a grandmother.

Four days earlier, the same three were

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## Zoning for prison re-entry site approved

### New jobs win out over objections

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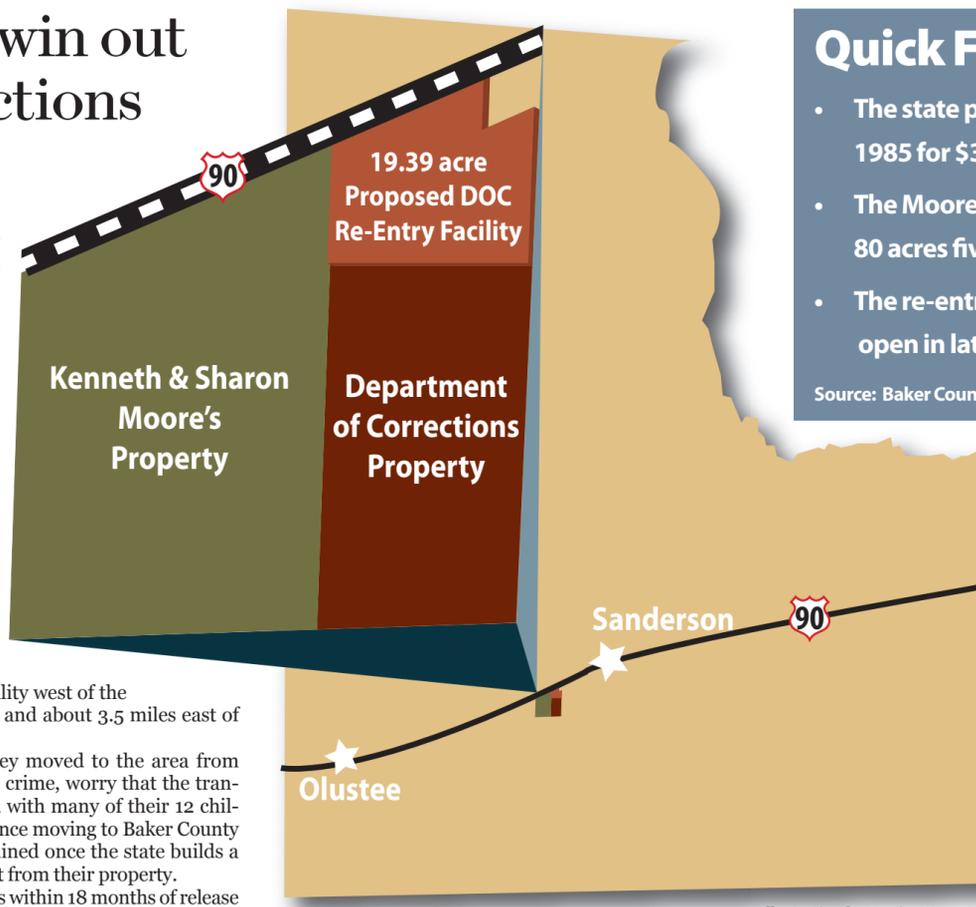
For the third time in two months, Kenneth and Sharon Moore pleaded with county officials to oppose plans for an inmate re-entry facility near their Olustee homestead, only to have the promise of new jobs overshadow their concerns June 21.

The Baker County Commission voted 4-1 that evening to rezone about 20 acres of a roughly 64-acre tract owned by the Florida Department of Corrections [FDOC] from agriculture to institutional.

The new zoning classification will accommodate the state's proposed 235-bed facility west of the US 90 interchange with I-10 and about 3.5 miles east of Baker Correctional Institute.

The Moores, who said they moved to the area from Jacksonville to escape urban crime, worry that the tranquil existence they've shared with many of their 12 children and 28 grandchildren since moving to Baker County two decades ago, could be ruined once the state builds a re-entry center about 700 feet from their property.

Such facilities offer inmates within 18 months of release



### Quick Facts:

- The state purchased its 64 acres in 1985 for \$3.9 million.
- The Moores bought the adjacent 80 acres five years later for \$80,000.
- The re-entry facility is expected to open in late 2011.

Source: Baker County Property Appraiser

educational, behavioral and job training designed to assist them in re-joining society as productive citizens.

FDOC Secretary Walter McNeil described re-entry inmates as "low risk" and comparable to those released daily to do landscaping and litter pick-up.

"You already have this level of inmate in your community," he told commissioners.

The Moore family, however, has staunchly opposed the facility, saying noise and foul language from inmates will damage their quality of life, and the presence of con-

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PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN  
Dana Ganey picks heirloom tomatoes in the greenhouse.

## Organic farm flourishing off 121

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Thirteen years ago Scott and Denise Francis drove west out of Jacksonville looking for a place to establish a new business.

Twinn Bridges Herb Farm is the result of that adventure. Today, the farm supplies about 35 restaurants in Jacksonville with organically grown, pesticide free herbs, produce and eggs.

In addition to their restaurant clients, Twinn Bridges sells its farm-raised products as well as specialty cheeses, olive oils and a line of homemade soaps each Saturday at The

Beaches' Green Market in Neptune Beach.

As might be expected, a day on the farm starts early and employees begin work at 7:30 am.

When *The Press* arrived at the farm June 21, employee Dana Ganey of St. George was already busy in the green house picking tomatoes. Josh Howard of Macclenny was loading up boxes of squash starters to be transplanted in the fields out back.

Twinn Bridges grows a variety of herbs including basil, rosemary, oregano, tarragon, sage, chives, thyme and lavender. Among the herbs, large buckets on the property contain Kaffir Lime trees, harvested for their aromatic leaves used in Thai

and Cambodian cooking.

Heirloom tomatoes, raised in the greenhouses year-round, hang in long rows from arbor structures to make picking easy and produce varieties like purple Cherokee, sun gold, max wild cherry and the unusual black krim.

"Black kims come from a small island off the coast of Russia and until the Berlin Wall came down, there were varieties from that area we never saw here in the states," said Mr. Francis as he walked along one of the rows. "Since then, a lot of seed exchanges have taken place. Now the Russians are growing our better boys

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# 'Stoned' trio is arrested...

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witnesses to the death of Cynthia Daniels, 55, of Tall Pine Rd. north of Macclenny.

Ms. Daniels was found lying face down in her yard late that afternoon and pronounced dead at Fraser Hospital. The attending physician told Deputy John Hardin the woman's body temperature was 108 when she died.

The report notes that Kevin Wilkerson, 33, of Macclenny was the last person to see Ms. Daniels alive and told police she "...did not appear to be doing well and appeared to possibly be under the influence of medication or other controlled substance[s]."

He dressed her, put her back in her wheelchair and left to go to an auto parts store.

Her body was taken to the medical examiner's office in Gainesville for an autopsy.

**Kids were mosquito bitten**

In another incident that ended in an arrest for child neglect, Michael Hamilton, 25, of Macclenny is accused of taking his three children into a mosquito-infested yard off 8th St. late around midnight on June 20.

He told Deputy Earl Lord he feared they would be taken from him following a fight with his girlfriend.

Police were called to the neighborhood about 11:30 the previous evening by Diana Kipp, 20, of Macclenny, who said her boyfriend was drunk and had

walked away from their residence with the small children.

Several deputies fanned out in the neighborhood to search for them, and about an hour later Deputy Lord located Mr. Hamilton outside the home of Ms. Kipp's parents where they had been living.

He then noted multiple bite marks on the arms and legs of the children, and went to where they had been sitting on several milk crates in grass more than knee-high.

The children were released to the custody of Ms. Kipp's mother since the girlfriend is allowed only supervised visitation. She and Mr. Hamilton have another child together.

# County approves prison site

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victed criminals nearby is simply dangerous.

"We've had a lot of peace out there, and never had any problems. But we never had this," Mrs. Moore said in reference to the proposed facility. "I'm not against rehabilitating anybody, but it's going to be next to me ... I know God said, 'Thou shall not kill,' but I'd probably try to take out his legs."

FDOC's rezoning request came before the board last month, when commissioners decided to table the matter so the state could look into a possible land swap that would move the project to another location and away from the Moore's property.

The county's Land Planning Agency considered the request in April, recommending denial with a 3-2 vote.

"We've looked at every nook and cranny in Baker County," Secretary McNeil said this week. "We have not been able to find an alternative [site] ... Our promise is to work with the property owner next to us to mitigate any concerns they may have."

He suggested that a berm or concrete barrier could be erected between the two parcels, shielding the Moore's property from nuisance noise. The secretary said the department would also be willing to work on plans to mitigate lighting from the new facility.

The re-entry prison is expected to create 150 to 200 corrections jobs with starting salaries of about \$33,000.

Commissioner Mike Griffis cast the dissenting vote against the rezoning.

"You say the state has exhausted all options, but I'm not sure," he commented shortly before the vote.

Despite the Moore's concerns, other board members agreed that having the re-entry facility in Baker County was in the best interest of the county as a whole.

FDOC is expected to break ground in the fall and begin operating the facility in late 2011.

In other business this week:

- The board approved the hiring of Dr. Michael A. Davis, an assistant professor at Texas A&M University, to the position of agricultural extension director, the top post at the University of Florida's extension office (Ag Center) on US 90 west of Macclenny.

Mr. Davis holds undergraduate and doctorate degrees in poultry science from Auburn University and has been with Texas A&M since 2005. He's expected to start in September.

- Commissioners accepted a timber harvesting bid from Callahan Timber Co. for the thinning of trees at St. Mary's Shoals Park. The harvesting of an estimated 25,000 tons could generate about \$400,000 in revenue for park operations.

- Board Chairman Alex Robinson also announced that the Florida Department of Transportation [FDOT] will likely transfer \$900,000 in grant funds left over from Small County Road Assistance Program appropriations in 2009-10 state budget to the county.

"We're 99 percent sure it's going to happen," he said. "We got some good friends over there in Lake City."

FDOT's District 2 office is located in Lake City.

Commissioners agreed to use the newfound cash to continue

resurfacing CR 125 N. and widen an existing repaving project on Woodlawn Road.

- Commissioners approved

plans for a nine-lot subdivision on about 130 acres fronting CR 125 south of Odis Yarbrough Road.

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# The decline of Florida's springs

## THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

My decision to move to Florida was based on a job offer, but strongly motivated by memories and experiences I had long carried of the extraordinary natural places I saw on previous visits.

Places like Silver Springs. Seeing the springs when I was a child made it seem that magic wasn't an insubstantial fanciful human notion, but a tangible reality that existed in the earth.

Today, there is trouble in paradise. The reality of the present puts a different face on such places. The silver sands and crystalline waters that thrilled passengers aboard Silver Springs' famed glass bottomed boats have dimmed.

The waters are growing increasingly cloudy. Industrial runoff flows directly into the springs. Invasive weeds carpet the formerly clear sandy tracts. The limpkin, a wading bird, once ubiquitous on the spring's banks (and hunted to near extinction before laws protected it) have disappeared. The reason? The spring's waters are no longer hospitable to the freshwater snail they depend on for food.

The activities of man, through industry, development, agriculture, landscaping and recreation, have made tremendous demands on the environment. People have used their natural resources hard and done relatively little — and often nothing — to replace, man-

age or protect them.

Across the planet, the state of the natural world is increasingly exhibiting symptoms of sickness and many of Florida's springs are a prime example.

Last February, renowned nature photographer John Moran challenged the Florida Legislature regarding the woeful condition of many of the state's unique freshwater springs.

From the steps of the capitol in Tallahassee he spoke eloquently about his passion for Florida's springs and the critical need to take action to protect them.

During his talk, astonishing images taken by John over a period of many years were displayed. The early images showed cavernous expanses of startling turquoise waters. Those images changed dramatically as the time line approached the present day, showing areas of once pristine waters now murky and choked with algae, sludge and muck.

The video of that speech can be viewed at [www.johnmoranphoto.com](http://www.johnmoranphoto.com). Some of his commentary on this matter is posted on the Web site [www.floridathinks.com](http://www.floridathinks.com).

Natural phenomenon like

Florida's springs take millions of years to develop. In less than a century — not even the equivalent of an eye blink in the history of our existence — humans have managed to inflict an appalling amount of damage.

Because of our careless personal and industrial practices and more shamefully our apathy, such irreplaceable treasures now stand at the tipping point of being lost forever.

Man is the only animal on the planet that pollutes his own nest. What happens to us when the nest is gone?



# Erased, ruined lives from teen drinking

JESSICA PREVATT

I read news accounts frequently of underage teenagers drinking and driving. The end result is usually disastrous for either themselves, a friend or somebody else completely innocent who was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Take the recent conviction of the teen in Jacksonville who is going to prison for manslaughter after drinking, a lot, then letting three others ride in the back of this truck that wrecked. One young lady was killed and another seriously injured. Those families will never be the same.

There are a lot of things wrong with this story, starting with why teenagers were out at 3:30 am. I know at that age I still had to be home early, especially during the school year. Knowing what I know now, that wasn't such a bad thing and I really didn't miss out on anything. As I got older my curfew got later, but at no point would 3:30 am have been acceptable. Not that I didn't push the envelope a few

times. Honestly, there is nothing good that comes of teenagers or young adults being out that late. Trust me, I know. I haven't been over 30 forever!

Another point for parents — don't allow your children to drink underage at home and not expect them to do it when they leave the house. If they are allowed to drink at home in moderation, this just means the moderation goes out the window when away from parental influence. Not to mention the fact it is illegal for those under the age of 21 to drink. There are many crosses and markers on the roadways to prove this point. Teenagers just aren't mature enough to handle alcohol. Neither are many adults, for that matter.

Teenagers feel like they are invincible and what happens to the other kids won't happen to them. This doesn't just apply to drinking and driving. I see way too many young drivers going fast or pulling reckless stunts in their vehicles for attention. They just don't understand that not only are they putting themselves

at risk, but anyone else who is on the roadways with them. Accidents happen in the blink of an eye, even when you are being vigilant. Trust me, I have experience in this also.

I hate to see parents turn a blind eye to what their teenagers are out doing. You can't shelter them from everything, but rules and curfews are good. Be a good example. Children are less likely to go out partying and drinking, if they are concerned about getting caught. Not to say they still won't try it, but the chance of being caught and punished can

sway their decision. Drinking is not as glamorous as television makes it out to be and the after effects are much worse! Make your kids think about the fact that not only are they putting their life in danger, but others as well if they drink and drive.

Of course, the same applies for drugs. Driving while impaired is dangerous. Period. Whether you are 16 or 65, just don't do it and help keep our roads and children safe!

Jessica Prevatt is a married mother of two and the advertising director for The Baker County Press.



## Facebook fans

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

We asked June 22: "What do you think should be done about the amount of people who are caught driving without a license multiple times? What kind of punishment would stop this repeat behavior?" Here's what you had to say.

**Pat Cobb:**  
"This is a difficult one, folks have to drive to work etc. Perhaps probation that works toward getting their license back and does not end until their license is renewed. The probation officer can monitor that they do not drive."

**Doug Feather:**  
"I don't think you will stop it but any thing after 2 should be 60 days."

**Johnathan M Lee:**  
"IDK. Maybe jail for one year per time? I really don't know, I am just a young teen ..."

**Elisa Lyons:**  
"Well since there is a hardship license for those that must get to work and their children to school, I say 30 days for each time they do it after the first warning. Increasing by 30 days for each offense. I am sure a good bit of these drivers have lost their license for failure to pay fines ... so that would seem pointless. They know their license are invalid so it is willfully breaking the law! You would get jail time for most any other repeat offense. Why not this one?"

**Dennis Whelan:**  
"Super glue their hands to a steering wheel ... that will cure that!"

**Chrissy Mobley:**  
"Do more licence checks. If they know its really likely they're going to get caught, they are less likely to take the risk."

**Christie Passmore:**  
"Being the fact I have been rear-ended by a drunk driver who already had his licenses suspended 13 times and he was still driving it's kinda hard to say, but then again prison time sounds a lot better then seeing him drive past me again the next day!"

**James R. Hart Sr.:**  
"After the 3rd time, impound their car! And then impound any car they drive after that!"

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Column inaccurate on Waldo speed trap

Dear Editor:

This is in response to an editorial re-printed in the *Bradford County Telegraph* on June 10, 2010 written by Jim McGauley.

I have been a citizen of Waldo for 23 years and have been city clerk since 2002 and city manager/clerk since 2004. To my knowledge Mr. McGauley has never visited Waldo, talked to one of our police officers or citizens to see the importance of controlling the speed of the over 30,000 motorists a day that travel through the City of Waldo. So what are your remarks about the City of Waldo based on, something you have read or heard?

I am a staunch supporter of freedom of speech, but I also feel that researching what you are going to write about is a responsibility that goes along with that right. The incident with former Lawley Police Officer Kenyatta Sheffield had nothing to do with the City of Waldo, its police department, or its citizens.

Waldo has two major highways that dissect the town, U.S. 301 and State Road 24. The citizens in Waldo use these highways to get to the school, post office, and the various businesses along these two major highways. They range in age from young children to the elderly and their safety is our number one goal.

According to NHTSA [National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration], 41,059 people lost their lives in auto accidents in the U.S. in 2007 alone. Thanks to our enforcement of the traffic laws within our city limits, not a single person has lost their life in an auto related accident in 17 years.

As for major crimes, our police officers are the first line of defense in our town, investigating and solving all types of crimes, including home invasion, drug distribution, and creation of pipe bombs. Our police department has a good working relationship with Alachua and Bradford County Sheriff's Offices, the Florida Highway Patrol, and the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement in solving many of the major crimes you referred to. It is this working relationship that has given our town one of the lowest crime rates in the nation.

We don't like writing speeding tickets. We would prefer people obey the law. We take steps to prevent not only speeding, but more serious crimes such as armed robbery by strategically placing police cars at local businesses along the highway in an effort to prevent crime and to slow traffic. If you would take the time to drive through our town, you could see for yourself. Speed is not our only concern. We have arrested people for DUI, possession and distribution of drugs, pipe bombs, stolen goods, revoked licenses, and even escaped murderers who tried to speed through our town.

One concern of ours that you did not address is the varying speeds along 301 within our city limits. It changes from 45 mph to 55 mph and back to 45 mph. Our city council has requested several times the Florida Dept. of Transportation to make this a consistent speed. However, Florida DOT has advised us, after doing numerous traffic studies, our change requests are not warranted.

The setting of fines, signs along the highway, and speed limits are controlled by the Florida Legislature and Dept. of Transportation. Our primary responsibility is enforcement. Therefore, we invite you to visit our town, but drive safely and obey the law or suffer the consequences.

Kim Worley  
City of Waldo, FL

# 'I didn't say that...'

Dear Editor:

In response to Leonard Davis' letter in last week's *Press*, let me start by saying I do not feel I said anything [to fellow school board member Karen McCollum] that could have been interpreted as bullying.

I certainly understand that people sometimes feel bullied whether intended or not, so I'd like to publicly apologize to Mrs. McCollum if anything I said made her feel bullied. That was certainly not my intention. I only intended to say that she was entitled to her opinion and I was entitled to mine.

I listened to the tape [of the meeting] several times, and I didn't say any of the things that Mr. Davis quoted in his letter. I never said that any issue that came before the board was far beyond my knowledge and understanding.

I also never said that I relied on staff members and contractors to make my decisions. I have no idea where Mr. Davis came up with those quotes.

The only thing I said was, and I quote: "I don't have the expertise to determine that all policies comply with Florida law. So we have to have someone to look at our policies and see that they are in compliance with Florida statutes."

We are a small district and do not have legal people on staff with the expertise to do that. As you can see, this is not even close to what Mr. Davis quoted me as saying.

Send us letters  
and make sure  
they are SIGNED  
with a phone number.

The people who elect us have the expectation that we will consult when we need to make the most knowledgeable and informed decision in the best interest of their children and our school system.

I feel the members of this board do a great job of getting all the information on agenda items and come to the meetings prepared to make informed and knowledgeable decisions. That is not "rubber stamping."

To my knowledge, Mr. Davis has attended one school board meeting in the last 25 years, yet he has the knowledge to know we are out of touch with our purpose in the district.

Dwight Crews, Member  
Baker County School Board

# She also felt a loss

Dear Editor:

I want to send my heartfelt condolences to the family grieving the loss of their dog Koby that was killed by our dog Mary recently.

However, I want to relay some additional information about the incident. Mary was laid to rest two days later and it was extremely difficult for us as well because she had been a loyal member of our family for over six years.

Also, Mary's escape from our residence was a direct result of it being broken into, and since I was at work nothing could have been avoided.

Again, my condolences to Koby's family because I, too, know what it feels like to lose a faithful companion.

Renee Frain  
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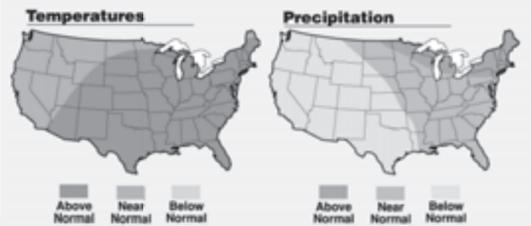
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## 7-Day Forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny	Times of clouds and sun	Times of clouds and sun	A thunderstorm possible in the afternoon	Rain at times	Humid with rain	Variably cloudy and humid with t-storms
High: 94° Low: 70°	High: 93° Low: 70°	High: 94° Low: 71°	High: 93° Low: 73°	High: 92° Low: 75°	High: 92° Low: 76°	High: 89° Low: 74°

## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

June 24 - June 30



## Tides

Cedar Key	Jun. 24	Jun. 25	Jun. 26	Jun. 27	Jun. 28	Jun. 29	Jun. 30
First high	1:56 a.m.	2:39 a.m.	3:17 a.m.	3:50 a.m.	4:21 a.m.	4:49 a.m.	5:17 a.m.
First low	6:43 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	8:13 a.m.	8:53 a.m.	9:32 a.m.	10:11 a.m.	10:51 a.m.
Second high	12:27 p.m.	1:11 p.m.	1:53 p.m.	2:33 p.m.	3:12 p.m.	3:51 p.m.	4:32 p.m.
Second low	8:01 p.m.	8:42 p.m.	9:19 p.m.	9:52 p.m.	10:23 p.m.	10:52 p.m.	11:22 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Jun. 24	Jun. 25	Jun. 26	Jun. 27	Jun. 28	Jun. 29	Jun. 30
First high	6:55 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	8:32 a.m.	9:17 a.m.	10:01 a.m.	10:43 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
First low	1:11 a.m.	2:02 a.m.	2:49 a.m.	3:32 a.m.	4:12 a.m.	4:51 a.m.	5:29 a.m.
Second high	7:36 p.m.	8:22 p.m.	9:07 p.m.	9:48 p.m.	10:28 p.m.	11:06 p.m.	11:44 p.m.
Second low	1:08 p.m.	1:57 p.m.	2:43 p.m.	3:27 p.m.	4:06 p.m.	4:48 p.m.	5:30 p.m.

Mayport	Jun. 24	Jun. 25	Jun. 26	Jun. 27	Jun. 28	Jun. 29	Jun. 30
First high	7:43 a.m.	8:32 a.m.	9:18 a.m.	10:01 a.m.	10:43 a.m.	11:23 a.m.	12:02 p.m.
First low	1:28 a.m.	2:18 a.m.	3:03 a.m.	3:46 a.m.	4:26 a.m.	5:05 a.m.	5:43 a.m.
Second high	8:20 p.m.	9:05 p.m.	9:48 p.m.	10:27 p.m.	11:04 p.m.	11:40 p.m.	—
Second low	1:22 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	2:54 p.m.	3:36 p.m.	4:16 p.m.	4:56 p.m.	5:37 p.m.

St. Augustine	Jun. 24	Jun. 25	Jun. 26	Jun. 27	Jun. 28	Jun. 29	Jun. 30
First high	7:01 a.m.	7:51 a.m.	8:38 a.m.	9:23 a.m.	10:07 a.m.	10:49 a.m.	11:31 a.m.
First low	1:13 a.m.	2:04 a.m.	2:51 a.m.	3:34 a.m.	4:14 a.m.	4:53 a.m.	5:31 a.m.
Second high	7:42 p.m.	8:28 p.m.	9:13 p.m.	9:54 p.m.	10:34 p.m.	11:12 p.m.	11:50 p.m.
Second low	1:10 p.m.	1:59 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	3:29 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	5:32 p.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday ..... 6:28 a.m.  
 Sunset Thursday ..... 8:34 p.m.  
 Moonrise Thursday ..... 7:17 p.m.  
 Moonset Thursday ..... 4:38 a.m.

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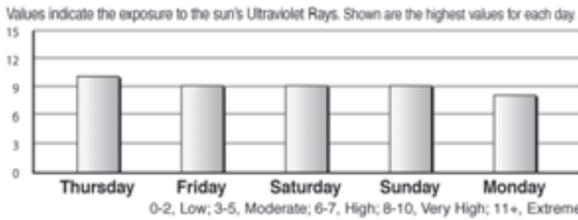
## Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Jun 21.

**Temperature**  
 High/Low for the week ..... 102°/70°  
 Normal high/low ..... 89°/70°  
 Average temperature ..... 84.1°  
 Normal average temperature ..... 79.6°

**Precipitation**  
 Total for the week ..... 1.30"  
 Total for the month ..... 1.59"  
 Total for the year ..... 12.79"  
 Normal for the month ..... 3.66"  
 Normal for the year ..... 21.05"

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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
Jun 24	9:41 a.m.	3:28 a.m.	10:08 p.m.	3:55 p.m.
Jun 25	10:31 a.m.	4:17 a.m.	10:58 p.m.	4:44 p.m.
Jun 26	11:21 a.m.	5:08 a.m.	11:48 p.m.	5:35 p.m.
Jun 27	12:13 p.m.	6:00 a.m.	—	6:26 p.m.
Jun 28	12:40 a.m.	6:53 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	7:18 p.m.
Jun 29	1:33 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	1:57 p.m.	8:08 p.m.
Jun 30	2:24 a.m.	8:35 a.m.	2:46 p.m.	8:57 p.m.

## River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	—	9.59	-0.18
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	6.54	+0.11
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	5.02	-1.07
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.52	+0.01
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	51.47	+0.11

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# Newspaper wins ten awards in annual Florida Press contest

The Baker County Press garnered 10 awards last week at the Florida Press Association's 2009 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest, including three first place honors in the environmental or conservation news, editorial cartoon and editorial page categories.

The contest marks the first time the newspaper received recognition for general excellence, placing third in that category. The Press also had the second highest number of awards among newspapers with circulations under 7000.

- The winning entries included:
- News editor Joel Addington's story examining the highest-volume users of water within the City of Macclenny's service area and the potential for the city's tiered rate structure to encourage more water conservation by customers.
  - Features reporter Kelley Lannigan's story about Temple University professor and Baker



Some of the certificates and trophies presented.

County native Sonya Peterson-Lewis researching the former black community known as Baby Towne once located in southeast Macclenny.

- An illustration by advertising director and graphic designer Jessica Prevatt.
- Editor Jim McGauley's photos of the annual Olustee Battle re-enactment.

- The Press Web site.
- Mr. Addington's review of the 2009-10 state budget's impact on local funding.
- Ms. Lannigan's humorous column about a despondent shopping cart left abandoned in a shopping center parking lot.
- An editorial cartoon by Ed Hall.

## Fun at Jonesville

Come celebrate with us at Jonesville Park June 26. "I Can" summer activities in the park will begin at 2:00 pm with a session promoting literacy by reading "The Little Engine that Could," followed by a book giveaway.

There will be sports activities, hamburgers, hotdogs and much more. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## DAV poppy drive

The Disabled American Veterans are having their annual poppy drive July 2-3 to assist our local veterans. Members will be collecting at Food Lion, Wal-Mart and Winn Dixie.

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## Bar groups honor Maloney

Frank Maloney of Macclenny (right), received the coveted Tomlinson Award for Professionalism from the Eighth Judicial Bar Association at its annual banquet in Gainesville earlier this month. Mr. Maloney, who has been in private law practice in Baker County 28 years, is the first attorney from outside the Gainesville area to win the award. He also received the President's Award from the six-county circuit, and it was only the second time it was given to an attorney from an outlying county. He is pictured here with Ray Brady, the circuit chair for professionalism, and Elizabeth Collin, the circuit bar president. Mr. Maloney was given a third honor when he won the Pro Bono Attorney of the Month for June awarded by the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid organization.

Photo courtesy of Frank Maloney

# 11 vying for four seats

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can and Democratic primaries for the open county commission seat, the election August 24 will also decide the fate of two school board seats, those of District 3 and 4.

A third seat, that of sitting school board member Dwight Crews, is unopposed.

Humana insurance wholesaler Jesse Davis of Macclenny will face Tina Mobley, also of Macclenny, in District 3.

Ms. Mobley owns a Macclenny sporting goods store and helps manage a family land trust.

The District 4 race includes Glen St. Mary resident and New River Correctional Institute officer Charlie Burnett in a race against incumbent Paul Raulerson, who retired from Florida Power & Light employee after 26 years. Mr. Raulerson has served 14 years in office. He's also the father of sitting Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson.

School board seats are non-partisan.

The elections office, 32 N. 5th St., is taking requests for absentee ballots for the August 24 and

November 2 elections. Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford said the ballots would be sent out beginning July 9.

Absentee ballots can be requested by visiting the elections office, calling 259-6339 or going to [www.bakerelections.com](http://www.bakerelections.com).

Early voting will take place at the elections office August 9-22 for the primary and October 20 to November 1 for the general election.

The elections office will be accepting address changes to voter registration information through election day.

However, new state residents registering to vote for the first time in Florida and voters seeking to change party affiliation must do so before July 26 to vote in the primaries, and by October 4 to vote in the general election.

Candidates running for local office must also file campaign finance reports with the elections office showing the identity of campaign donors and the amounts donated beginning July 23.

The reports are required every two weeks thereafter through the election.

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# DUI arrest on 121 north Starke man swerving in roadway

A Starke man was arrested for drunk driving early on June 18 after a county deputy on patrol got behind his swerving north-bound vehicle on SR 121 in north Macclenny.

Cpl. Ben Anderson said he observed the 2004 Dodge truck driven by William Alvarez, 45, weave into the southbound lane before stopping him just north of the SR 121-228 intersection at 2:37 am.

The driver refused to submit to field sobriety tests at the scene, and once at county jail refused to take a breathalyzer test.

Cpl. Anderson's report notes that Mr. Alvarez smelled strongly of alcohol and was unsteady on his feet. In addition to DUI, he was charged with failure to stay in a single lane and having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle.

In other recent arrests:

- Mark Belford, 43, of Macclenny was taken to jail for disorderly intoxication after cursing loudly and making threats the afternoon of June 16 at the op-

erator of a car detailing service downtown.

Deputy Daniel Nichols said Mr. Belford refused to calm himself and leave the area of the BP store parking lot, where he was cursing detailer Bryce Irby.

- Shantel McAlister, 32, of Valdosta, GA was arrested for disorderly conduct when she refused to leave the area outside the emergency room at Fraser Hospital.

Police were called there about 7:30 the evening of June 14 when Ms. McAlister was creating a disturbance because she was not allowed to see a deceased friend. Deputy Jason Bryan said she refused several requests to quiet herself and leave the area.

- A similar charge was filed against Curtis Johnson, 45, of Macclenny, who refused to cease cursing at an employee at Mac's Liquors in downtown Macclenny about 10:00 the same evening.

Deputy Patrick McGauley took Mr. Johnson to jail after he refused multiple requests to leave.

- Deputy Chris Walker arrest-

ed Anthony Evans, 25, of Norfolk, VA the evening of June 18 when he learned the suspect was driving on a suspended license and wanted on a Georgia warrant for failure to pay a fine.

The officer stopped Mr. Evans in a 2010 Toyota after he sped away from the parking lot of the Kangaroo Store on US 90 east in Macclenny about 9:00. He was also issued a warning ticket for careless driving.

- An inmate at county jail was charged the evening of June 14 with bringing tobacco into the facility.

Lt. James Nickles said jail personnel found a baggie of the banned substance in the hand of Clint Waters, 21, of Macclenny when he was ordered to change boxer shorts. According to the report, the inmate was wearing a pair not issued by the sheriff's department.

Tobacco is considered contraband in the facility, and possession is a third-degree felony.

# Panicked boyfriend tries to hide his pot

A north Sanderson man apparently panicked the morning of June 20 when his girlfriend telephoned police after a domestic disturbance and he began disposing of several marijuana plants under cultivation.

Some of them were found by county deputies floating in the suspect's pond off Ivory Williams Rd. the morning of June 20.

Deputy Johnny Hodges said April Combs, 32, of Glen St. Mary told him about the pot plants when he arrived at the residence about 7:25 and an unspecified number were recovered both from a wooded area and from the nearby pond.

Jimmy Simmons, 60, admitted during subsequent questioning that the plants belonged to him, and told Deputy John Hardin he began growing marijuana to earn extra money to support Ms. Combs' cocaine habit.

He was booked at county jail for producing marijuana, a third-degree felony.

Deputies the past week made two other felony arrests for growing or possessing marijuana:

- Christina Reed, 35, of Starke was stopped on Railroad Ave.

in west Macclenny the evening of June 14 and police found 32 small baggies of pot in the trunk of her car.

Deputy Erik Deloach said he stopped Ms. Reed after observing her rolling through two nearby intersections with stop signs. She appeared nervous when questioned, and told the investigator about the pot in the trunk.

Police also confiscated \$237 cash from the suspect, who Investigator Deloach said admitted to selling the pot.

She was charged with having the drugs within 1000 feet of a school with the intention to sell it, a second-degree felony.

- Timothy Cole, 21, of Glen was arrested the afternoon of June 20 for felony possession of five pot plants between 6-18 inches in height.

An ex-neighbor of Mr. Cole told Deputy Patrick McGauley the location of the plants at the suspect's former residence on North Lowder in Macclenny.

Police caught up with the suspect after learning he is wanted on a warrant from St. Johns County.

# Struck boyfriend with bottle

Police arrested a pregnant girlfriend the morning of June 20 for injuring her boyfriend during an argument over her alleged use of drugs.

Christopher Byrd, 25, told Deputy John Hardin that his girlfriend Rosetta Jent, 21, became enraged and struck him in the head with a beer bottle. The deputy noted a large laceration near his left eye.

The incident took place about 11:00 at the couple's residence on River Heights Dr. near Macclenny.

A witness discounted Ms. Jent's allegation that the boyfriend pushed her to the ground and burned her stomach with a cigarette lighter. The witness told Deputy Hardin that the burn was self-inflicted when the girlfriend was using narcotics.

Ms. Jent was charged with domestic battery resulting in bodily harm.

In other incidents the past week:

- A father and son ended up in jail charged with battery following a fist fight at their residence off Hopkins Rd. near Glen St. Mary about noon on June 20.

Norman Fiano Sr., 55, told Deputy Patrick McGauley he confronted his son Norman Jr., 29, over a debt and eviction from

a residence. Both suffered facial injuries, including the father's loss of two teeth.

Several family members including children witnessed the altercation, and the Department of Children and Families was notified.

- Nathaniel Strachan, 21, of Macclenny was arrested shortly after midnight on June 19 for striking girlfriend Johnetta Scriven, 24, in the face during an argument off Barber Loop near Macclenny.

Deputy William Hilliard said Ms. Scriven's young son was present at the time and DCF was apprised of that.

- Deputy Kevin Jenkins arrested Wayne Jefferson, 27, of Macclenny for domestic assault on his mother Trudie Brown, 44, the evening of June 16.

Ms. Brown said her son had been drinking and the argument was over her boyfriend not working and living at the residence on US 90 west. She accused Mr. Jefferson of threatening her and refusing to leave.

- Teddy Belford, 19, of Macclenny was arrested for battery the evening of June 19 after he allegedly punched a 17-year-old male bicyclist in the jaw.

The youth told Deputy Jason Bryan he is acquainted with the

suspect who confronted him near MLK and US 90 about 10:00. Mr. Belford then asked the victim if he wanted to buy marijuana, and struck him when the youth declined, saying he had no money.

## HIV testing

The Baker County Health Department will be offering free HIV testing in observance of National HIV Testing Day on Friday, June 25.

Please stop by the health department between 9:00-3:00 for your free test. For more information, please call 259-6291 Ext. 2240. It is important to know your status. Take the test, take control.

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# Healthy Families slashed State ends it here, 8 other counties

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Healthy Families, a state-funded program of offering voluntary in-home parenting resources to at-risk families, will cease to exist in Baker County next month.

The Florida Legislature slashed the program's budget by 35 percent, which resulted in its elimination here and in eight other counties.

The program served approximately 36 families in Baker County, providing home visitors who teach mostly low-income, single parents about child health and positive parenting, and connect them with other resources in their community.

"They're building on the strength of families," said Carol McNally, director of Healthy Families Florida, which is administered by the nonprofit Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida with funds from the Department of Children and Families [DCF].

"They provide them the knowledge and skills they need to increase child protective factors so that their kids grow up free from abuse and become more likely to be successful members of society," she said.

The voluntary program covers the importance of child immunizations and doctor check-ups, safe sleeping habits, coping with crying, developing problem-solving skills, managing stress and a host of other topics for up to five years.

Participants typically have multiple children ages 5 and under. They've been involved with DCF's child protective services, abused as children, have no high school diploma, lack adequate prenatal care and experience limited contact with family and friends.

Ms. McNally said the program's been proven to be 98 percent effective at preventing child abuse. The figure is based on the number of families who

left the program and didn't have an instance of child abuse or neglect during the subsequent year.

She also cited that 70 percent of parents who enter the program unemployed leave it with a job.

In addition to Baker, the Healthy Families governing board decided to eliminate funding in Nassau, Osceola, Seminole, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton and Lafayette counties.

Facing a roughly \$10 million reduction to its 2009-10 budget of \$28 million, the organization had to find savings.

"It was a huge cut that will impact more than 3500 families and expose about 5800 children to the pain and suffering of child abuse and neglect," Ms. McNally said. "It is our hope that the legislature will restore the funding lost last session."

Each program in the state was evaluated and ranked, and though all programs lost some money, those ranking the lowest went unfunded for the 2010-11 state fiscal year, which begins July 1.

"When we learned of the cut, it was our goal to sustain every project," Ms. McNally said. "But with such a deep cut, we had no choice and had to eliminate four projects [covering nine counties] and cut the remaining projects ... With guidance from our advisory committee and board, we developed a budget plan and had to take project performance into consideration."

Since the creation of Healthy Families in 1998, she said the legislature has supported the program and eventually expanded it statewide.

Ms. McNally also questioned the logic of cutting a program with proven results.

She said research has shown that caring for a neglected or abused child can cost the state \$64,000 a year while Healthy Families can largely prevent abuse and neglect for a fraction of the cost, about \$1700 per child.

“It was a huge cut that will impact more than 3500 families.”

—Carol McNally  
Director of Healthy Families Florida

# Stolen gun found in vehicle

Two men fled on foot after the vehicle they were in was pulled over by police in Glen St. Mary shortly after midnight on June 15.

Deputy John Hardin said he stopped the 1995 Toyota at Washington and CR 125 about 12:20 for having faulty tail lights. The two occupants, described as black males, ran from the scene and were not located during a subsequent canine search.

The officer found a .40 caliber pistol on the driver's side floorboard and it later was determined to be stolen, as was the license plate on the vehicle.

The tag belonged on a vehicle owned by Evelyn Robins of Macclenny, and was reported stolen on June 14. No information was

available this week on the owner of the Toyota or the gun.

In other property crimes involving vehicles, a criminal complaint was filed June 16 charging Alan Weldon, 39, of Valdosta, GA with stealing a 1996 Ford pickup belonging to ex-girlfriend Kristy Heidron of Glen St. Mary.

The owner contacted police after attempting to get the vehicle back after making a trip to Valdosta where she located the suspect and he drove off in the pickup.

Deputy Brandon Kiser then entered the truck registration in the crime computer, and it was located on June 18 in Hahira, GA. Mr. Weldon was not detained, however.

He allegedly took the truck from Ms. Heidron's residence off CR 122 on June 11.

Denise Curry reported personal items and documents taken from her 1995 Chevrolet

Suburban while it was parked outside her residence on Hamilton Crews Rd. in Glen overnight on June 18.

The vehicle was unlocked and the owner placed the value of the missing property at \$351.

A large window was broken out of a Champion bus owned by the Council on Aging and parked overnight June 18 in a fenced lot off Baker Bus Dr. in west Macclenny.

Darin Blue told police the license plate on his 1995 Plymouth was stolen between June 12-14. It was parked off Quail Lane in Macclenny at the time.

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# Sex assault complaint

A Macclenny man is accused in a criminal complaint with sexual assault on a 15-year-old Sanderson girl.

The girl's father called police about 3:00 am on June 19 after finding Christopher Robinson, 20, in his daughter's bedroom. He told Deputy Earl Lord this is the second time Mr. Robinson was caught there.

The officer's report cites a statement by the girl that she invited the accused into her room.

The complaint alleges sexual activity with a minor.

# Sister is arrested for fraud

The sister of a Macclenny man was arrested June 14 for stealing his credit card and using it to make \$472 worth of purchases at the Walmart Supercenter.

Troy Vonk contacted the sheriff's department and named Abby Vonk, 20, also of Macclenny, as the person mostly likely to have stolen his wallet from his Chestnut Rd. address.

He later identified Ms. Vonk on a surveillance tape at Walmart using the card to make three separate purchases. She also attempted to return merchandise valued at \$131 for cash, but instead the amount was credited back to Mr. Vonk's account.

The victim told Deputy Chris Walker he was informed by his father that Ms. Vonk was back on drugs. She was arrested at a Morris St. address and booked for grand theft, fraudulent use of a card and burglary, all third-degree felonies.

In another credit card fraud case, Brenda Mercer, 18, of Macclenny was named in a complaint for taking a card belonging to her father Danny Mercer and using it to get \$100 from a south Macclenny ATM.

Mr. Mercer notified police June 17 after becoming suspicious, and said the daughter, also identified by the first name Rebecca, admitted taking the card from a bedroom at their Thomas Rd. address. She returned \$80 to him and said she gave \$20 to a female named Libby, who drove her to the ATM.

The complaint alleges petty theft and fraud.

Police also arrested two persons for shoplifting at Walmart:

Christopher Cole, 20, of Baxter, attempted to leave the store with an air conditioner valued at \$105 the afternoon of June 15.

Sandra Thompson, 44, of Macclenny paid for items in her shopping cart the evening of June 18, but not \$60 in merchandise stashed in her purse and in her waistband.

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# Coalition to battle drug abuse Trends 'troubling' in schools and elsewhere

**JOEL ADDINGTON**  
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A new initiative is underway to prevent drug abuse in Baker County by forming a community coalition to mount a more holistic approach to the problem, and possibly, secure more funding in coming years.

Because so many factors can contribute to drug abuse — like unstable families, dropping out of high school, poor self-esteem, brushes with the law or all of the above — many in public health say a community-wide commitment is needed to reverse troubling trends in substance abuse.

For instance, prescription drug abuse among youths has become much too common, said Marcheta Crews, the school district's health services specialist. "It's in the school system big time," she said during the monthly meeting of Healthy Baker Inc.'s board of directors June 14. "I'm talking about a bunch of children, and it's leading to a lot of expulsions."

Healthy Baker is a nonprofit group dedicated to improving the health of residents through cooperation among local agencies.

Ms. Crews, one of Healthy Baker's board members, said students as young as the fifth grade have been found with illicit prescription pills, and that expelling them may not be the right reaction.

"In many cases, when you leave them out of school, you're just making the problem worse," she told the board.

Health Baker's members represent the health department, the NEFSH-affiliated Community Behavioral Healthcare Services [CBHS], Baker Community Counseling Services [BCCS], Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, the sheriff's of-

ice, school district and other organizations; making it an ideal home for a community coalition to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

Health department director Kerry Dunlavy, BCCS director Chris Thomas and CBHS director Tonya Branch are leading the effort to create the prevention coalition.

There are more than 50 such coalitions in the state and roughly a dozen with approval of Florida's Department of Children and Families [DCF].

"Mental health and substance abuse are huge issues in this community," Ms. Dunlavy said, adding that cooperation among health care agencies, businesses, schools, civic groups and government will be critical to the coalition's success.

During the meeting, the Healthy Baker board decided to serve as the fiscal agent for the new coalition, which means funds allocated by the state for substance abuse prevention would flow through the organization.

Today DCF provides about \$14,000 a year for drug abuse prevention in Baker County. The funds go to BCCS, the sole provider of drug counseling here.

Its director, Mr. Thomas, said that about \$11,000 of the sum pays for anti-drug and anti-violence programs in public schools.

DCF allocates about 34 percent of its substance abuse and mental health funding towards prevention, but that share is slowly growing.

The portion will rise to 35 percent next year and 36 percent the following year, said

"Mental health and substance abuse are huge issues in this community."

—Kerry Dunlavy  
Director of Baker County Health Department

Tina St. Clair is a program administrator in DCF's Substance Abuse and Mental Health division.

"It's a really good first step," she said of forming the coalition. "This is the direction the state is going in."

Both Ms. Dunlavy and Mr. Thomas agreed that establishing a coalition would position the county better to receive additional funding from other sources to combat drug abuse locally.

"The reason for the coalition is to go into those areas where competitive grant dollars are, both state and federal," Mr. Thomas said. "Wherever the money comes from, with a coalition, we'll be better off getting it."

Mr. Thomas volunteered to lead development of the coalition, a job that Ms. Crews believes is very important. She said a similar effort was started in years past, but fizzled out due to a lack of leadership.

Mr. Thomas will meet with a community coalition "coach" July 2 to begin the process of forming a coalition.

"The biggest deadline is to get it together by July of next year, when the state's next funding cycle starts," he said. "It's pretty much going to be free volunteer work by everybody up until that point."

Cindy Grant of the Center for Prevention Research at Florida State University explained the coalition development process that includes gathering local data on things like drug use, vehicle crashes involving alcohol, juvenile crime and teen pregnancy.

The information is then used to assess and prioritize problem areas at which to target evidenced-based strategies proven

to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

As those plans are implemented, the coalition would continue to collect and monitor local data so as to track the effectiveness of the strategies, Ms. Grant said.

"It was recognized that while a coalition might not be able to wipe out drugs in a single stroke, they could chip away at various issues or determinants that were contributing to the drug problem," reads a handout distributed by Ms. Grant last week titled *What is a Community Coalition?* "This insight brought the recognition that there was not a single answer to solving drug abuse, but rather a multitude of actions each of which may contribute in some way to blocking a vector of the drug epidemic."

Drug abuse prevention coalitions have been operating in Florida since the late 1980s when the first one formed in Miami.

They help demonstrate a community's commitment to reducing substance abuse and offer a means to measure the impacts of prevention strategies, two key factors in securing funding for abuse prevention, Mr. Thomas said.

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## Body found in forest

The medical examiner in Gainesville is expected to rule on the cause of death of a Jacksonville man found lying face down beside his pickup truck in the Osceola Forest north of Oulustee the afternoon of June 18.

Edward Koepka, 25, was likely dead two days before his body was discovered by a Jacksonville couple riding on Forest Road 235B about 5:00, according to Deputy Earl Lord. Bobby Craddock notified police after driving up on the 2002 Ford pickup parked in the roadway with the driver side door open.

Sheriff's investigator Steve Harvey spoke to Mr. Koepka's mother in Jacksonville, who said she last saw him about 10:30 the night of June 14.

## Injuries critical

A Glen St. Mary couple was critically injured in a motorcycle accident on Crews Rd. during the early morning hours of June 18.

Trooper K.M. Boatright of the Florida Highway Patrol said a 1999 Suzuki driven by Joseph A. Gray, 28, failed to negotiate a turn just south of Windy Hill Lane, left the roadway and struck a fence.

Both Mr. Gray and passenger Sandra L. Gray, 26, were ejected. They were later transported to Shands Jacksonville by Baker County rescue.

The accident occurred about 3:15 am. Trooper Boatright indicated that charges pend further investigation.

## STYLE events

Camp STYLE, a summer leadership program for students exiting 5th-8th grade, will have several events this summer to raise funds for the program.

June 26 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm they will be having a great t-shirt sale at Goodie 2 Shoes Store; July 1 from 5:30-9:00 pm there will be face painting and food booth at NEFSH; July 9 from 8:00 am-8:00 pm there will be a donation only lawn service in Baker County (must call to reserve); and July 24 from 8:00 am-8:00 pm they will be having a mobile car wash (must call to reserve).

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## Youths arrested for being in vacant house

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Deputy Jason Bryan went to the address about 5:30 after a neighbor reported suspicious activity, and found the boys — age 17 and from Lake City, and age 16 from Glen St. Mary — inside the structure.

The property is owned by Chuck Brannan, chief investigator for the sheriff's department.

The youths apparently entered the house through the attic and told the deputy they went inside to cool off from the heat. The older boy had a smoking pipe in his backpack and was charged also with possession of drug paraphernalia.

In other reports of property crimes:

- An outside air conditioning

unit and copper wiring were taken from a house on Glen Nursery Rd. overnight on June 14.

Owner Lin Taber estimated the damage and replacement cost of the 5-ton unit at \$5000.

• Mark Crews, 28, of Macclenny was arrested for criminal mischief about 12:45 am on June 17 after he smashed the front door glass at Mac's Liquors with his fist.

The incident took place after Mr. Crews was asked to leave following a disturbance involving his girlfriend.

## OSU graduate

Andrea L. Harrell of Macclenny graduated recently from Oregon State University in Corvallis with a bachelor of science degree in liberal studies.

She is a BCHS graduate and the daughter of Marilyn and Andrew Harrell.

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### Emma Arnett, 73, avid bowler

Emma Jean Arnett, 73, of Macclenny died Sunday, June 20, 2010 at her residence following a long illness. She was born in Baxter and for the past 37 years resided in Macclenny. She worked as a cashier in the grocery business and was a homemaker and avid bowler.



Emma Arnett

Mrs. Arnett attended Moniac Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by parents Wallace Hodges and Gertie Mae Burned Hodges; sons Donald Clyde Arnett III and David Lee Arnett.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Donald C. Arnett Jr. of Macclenny; sons Anthony (Laura) W. Arnett of Fernandina Beach and Johnny Louis Arnett of Macclenny; brother Earl "Bud" Hodges of Macclenny; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held June 24 at 11:00 am at her church with Rev. Ricky Dyal officiating. Interment will follow at Candy Cemetery in Moniac. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Vanilla Cason of Jacksonville, 88

Vanilla Cason, 88, of Jacksonville died Monday, June 21 at the Edgewood Nursing Center in Jacksonville following a long illness.



Vanilla Cason

She was born in Macclenny and had resided in Jacksonville for the past 60 years. She was an assemble person in the window department of Lanahan Lumber Company of Jacksonville for many years and a member of the Rhondo Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Cason was preceded in death by parents Joseph Marshall Crawford and Verdine Canaday Crawford, and her husband Warren F. Cason.

She is survived by her twin sister, Avella Crawford Cason of Jacksonville; nieces Joan Hobson of Jacksonville and Phyllis Ritter of Blackshear, GA; nephew John Bedard of Jacksonville; other nieces.

The family will receive friends from 3:00-5:00 pm on Sunday, June 27 at Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, June 28 at Edgewood Cemetery in Jacksonville.

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### 'Sam' Frasier, 44, of Walterboro dies

Samantha "Sam" Marie Frasier, 44, of Walterboro, SC died Monday, June 14, 2010 at the Colleton Medical Center in Walterboro. Ms. Frasier was born September 4, 1965 in Macclenny to Robert Sweat and Bily Dean Varnadoe. She was employed for many years by H and D Supermarket in Walterboro.

Survivors include mother Billie Dean Varnadoe of Walterboro; father Robert Sweat and his wife Konnie of Macclenny; brothers Robert (Samantha) Sweat Jr. and Billy (Tiffany) Clarkson, both of Macclenny; sisters Anita (Toby) Covington of Ruffin, Brenda Crosby of Walterboro, Holly (Keith) Higginbotham of Callahan and Heather Glasgow (Emmett) of Jacksonville.

The graveside service was held June 17 at 11:00 am at Glendale Memorial Cemetery in Walterboro. Brice W. Hernon and Sons Funeral Home of Walterboro was in charge of arrangements.

### Mary Harrell, 84, of Lawtey

Mary Lee Harrell, 84, of Lawtey died Thursday, June 17, 2010 at the Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center following an extended illness. She was born in Taylor and resided in Wilton Manors, Florida for over three years before moving to Lawtey three years ago.



Mary Harrell

Mrs. Harrell was the daughter of Virgil Aaron Richardson and Martha Crews Richardson. She was a homemaker who enjoyed her family genealogy and loved her family very much. She loved painting, walking in the woods and on the beach and was involved in the Stephen Ministries of the Methodist Church. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ft. Lauderdale.

Survivors include daughter Cindy (Barry) Watts of Lawtey; sisters Lil Hanselman of Hollywood, Florida and Martha Teague of Fair Oaks, California; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her step-children and several step-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 2:00 pm on June 21 at the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. Tom Pope officiating. Interment followed at Taylor Cemetery. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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### Virgil Hodges, 60, dies June 20

Virgil Earl Hodges, 60, of Macclenny died June 20, 2010. Born in Jacksonville on August 10, 1949, he was a plant manager for Cargill for many years and an Army veteran. He was preceded in death by father Earl Hodges.

Survivors include mother Lorine Bullard Hodges; wife Mary Hodges; sons Virgil (Danielle) Hodges Jr. and Joey Hodges; brothers Billy (Becky), Jimmy and Kenny Hodges; sisters Doris (Robert) Brown, Sarah (Stanley) Holland and Patricia (Ray) Wester; one granddaughter and many extended family members.

The graveside funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, June 24 at Oak Grove Cemetery with Rev. Todd Annis officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service time. Giddens-Reed Funeral Home of Baldwin was in charge of arrangements.

### Billy Rhoden, 80, enjoyed golf

Billy Lee Rhoden, 80, of Macclenny died June 20, 2010. He was born in Jacksonville to Russell Rhoden and Beatrice Williams Rhoden on August 2, 1929. Billy was a resident of Macclenny since 1973 after moving from Jacksonville and he attended Macclenny Primitive Baptist Church. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, gardening and drawing. He was predeceased by wife Judy Ann Rhoden.



Billy Rhoden

Survivors include children William Charles "Chuck" (Martha) Rhoden of Macclenny, David Lee (Darlene) Rhoden of Lebanon, TN and Cathy L. (Donnie) Orman of Starke; the mother of Billy's children Betty J. Howard; brother Garland "Peewee" Rhoden of Jacksonville; sister Gloria Kicklighter of Jacksonville; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held June 23 at 1:00 pm at his church with Elder David Crawford officiating. Interment followed at Taylor Cemetery. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

### Guest speaker

First Community Church of Sanderson will be having Sunday night fire service on June 27 at 6:30 pm at Faith Temple COGIC on 5 Churches Road. Pastor Ronald Walters of Lake City is the guest speaker.

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### Christine Smith, 78, dies June 21st

Christine Jefferson Smith, 78, of Sanderson died June 21, 2010. Mrs. Smith was born Nov. 29, 1931 in Sanderson to Eugene and Viola (Nunk) Givens Jefferson. She was educated in the public schools of Baker County and was employed for over 20 years of dedicated service by the Baker County Council on Aging Inc.



Christine Smith

Mrs. Smith was a dedicated and faithful member of Johnson Chapel Church of God By Faith in Sanderson. She served on the home mission board, usher board and sang in the senior choir. Mrs. Smith was united in holy matrimony to the late Willie Smith and they had five children.

Survivors include daughters Barbara Jackson, Denise (Gerard) Church and June (Emory) Pace, all of Sanderson; sons Lee (Emma) Ward and Mike Smith, both of Tallahassee; sisters-in-law Mozell Jefferson of Sanderson and Mamie Thomas of Tallahassee; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Visitation for family and friends will be June 25 at her church from 6:00-8:00 pm and the funeral service will be June 26 at 11:00 am at her church with Pastor Vic Givens officiating. Combs Funeral Home of Lake City is in charge of arrangements.

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## Randy Wallace, 56, of St. George

Randy Wallace, 56, of St. George, GA died Sunday, June 20, 2010 following a sudden illness. He was born on September 18, 1954 in Valdosta to the late Nelson Wallace and Elizabeth Cone. He was a veteran of the Army and a member of the New Life Baptist Church in St. George. He was preceded in death by sister Robin Wallace.

Survivors include son Randy (Jackie) Wallace of Sanderson; mother Elizabeth Cone Wallace; brothers Robert (Debbie) Wallace and Rickey (Teresa) Wallace, both of Jacksonville, Ronald Wallace and Rodney Wallace, both of Ray City, GA; three grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am June 25 at the Ray City Methodist Church. Interment will follow at the New Ramah Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Carson McLane Funeral Home in Valdosta.



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The death tore the pages all away  
God knows how I miss you  
All the hell that I've been through  
Just knowing no one could take your place  
Sometimes I wonder who you'd be today  
Would you see the world?  
Would you chase your dreams?  
Settle down with a family?  
I wonder, what would you name your babies?  
Some days the sky's so blue  
I feel like I can talk to you  
And I know it might sound crazy  
Sunny days seem to hurt the most  
I wear the pain like a heavy coat*

*The only thing that gives me hope  
Is I know I'll see you again someday  
Someday, someday  
I still cry for you everyday, see you someday*

LOVE, MAMA FROM JAGGER, JAKE, PATRICK AND MISS LILY, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## In Loving Memory of Danny Johns

06/21/1967 - 12/17/2008

### Happy Birthday!

*A gift for such a little while,  
your loss just seems so wrong.  
You should not have left before us.  
It's with loved ones you belong.  
I will always remember how you smiled and laughed.  
And I will never forget you.  
Your memories will always be in my heart.  
Happy Birthday to my brother.*

I LOVE YOU ALWAYS, YOUR SISTER DONNA CONNER

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Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Evening Prayer Serv. 7:30 pm

Pastor: Oral E. Lyons

## Many thanks

The family of Earl "Woody" Woodmansee would like to thank all of you who stood by us during our time of sorrow and gladness when Woody went to Heaven and is now walking. Thanks to the Baker County EMS crew of Jason and Chris for your quick response and gentle care enroute to Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital where Dr. Einoehazy took over with such compassion and his staff Heather RN, Sara LPN, Tammy RN, Jessica C., RN, Janet RPM, who did all that could be done for our precious Woody, but God called him home.

Thanks to my family, friends, Taylor Church, Brother Jim Cox, Guerry Funeral Home, Ann Tharpe, Faye Turner, Retha Tatum, Cornerstone Methodist Church, Baker County Council on Aging, Tina Lauramore, Mary Baxla, Ron Tyson, Jennifer Weeks, Serita Thorpe, Crystal Gregory, David and Tonya Godwin, Sherrie Davis, Country Federal Credit Union and all your prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and love sent to us. God bless each one of you.

**Bridget Woodmansee, Devin and Reina Thompson and family, Levi and Jackie Rewis and family, Michael and Jule (Paul) Woodmansee, Jay (Mary) Woodmansee**

## Sincere thanks

A special thank you goes to the family and friends of Gerty Simmons for the prayers and words of encouragement during our mother's illness and after our loss. The food, flowers and cards only showed us how special you really are. We will never forget you and your kindness.

Thanks to Brian at Guerry Funeral Home — you were very supportive and helpful to us. You made the comment that you would treat our mama as though she was your mama and you kept your word. Also, thanks to David and Timmy Thomas for the heartfelt and special words for Mama. Again, thank you to each of you.

The family of Gerty Simmons

## In Loving Memory of Henry Sweat

6/25/1947 - 2/07/2009

**Happy Birthday to my darling husband above**  
*Even though you are not here on your birthday you are not forgotten. Every night I come home from work and still expect to walk in and see you sitting in your recliner watching TV, waiting for me. Now I come home and sit in your recliner and wish you were here. No matter how long we are apart down here on earth, I still feel you beside me. I know you are watching over me from above and that one day we will be together again.  
So Happy Birthday until we can continue our lives together again up above.*

LOVE ALWAYS, YOUR WIFE FOREVER, KATHY

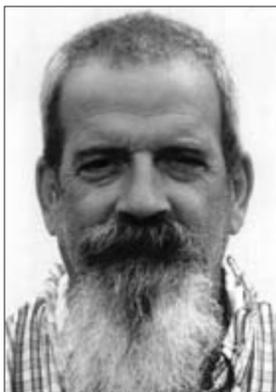
## Family grateful

The family of Rev. John W. Yarbrough would like to thank everyone for your calls, visits, cards, food, flowers, prayers and love during the loss of our father/grandfather. We sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of our friends, family and community at this difficult time. Special thanks to V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Service, Taylor Church, Macclenny Primitive Baptist Church, Rev. Gary Griffis, Rev. Randall Griffis, Rev. Jimmy Scott, Elder David Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Griffis, Johnny Pierce and the Baker County Sheriff's Office. May God richly bless you for the comfort you provided us during our time of need.

Sincerely,  
**Regina Y. Monds, Tara Holman (Jim), Enid Yarbrough, Rocky Smith, Kyle Kennedy, Kyrrie Holman**

## Gospel sing

Road to Calvary Church on the corner of Madison and Stoddard in Glen St. Mary is having an old fashioned gospel sing June 25 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.



## In Loving Memory of Mark William Crossman

03/19/1959 - 6/29/2009

*Well, my darling it's hard to believe that it's been a year since you left this earth for a much better place with streets of gold and without any sickness. I know you are watching over us each and every day. You would be so proud of your children. I know I am. Your son has followed in your footsteps as a truck driver and Daddy's little girl has become her momma's rock. The grandkids think about you every day and I tell them that you will always be with them. I love and miss you. So continue to be our guardian angel until we meet again.*

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Marcus Joyner

## Begins basic

Marcus Joyner of Macclenny left on June 14 for Paris Island, SC for 13 weeks of basic Marine Corps training.

Marcus graduated from Baker County High School on May 28. He is the son of Sharon and Billy Summey of Macclenny.

## Summer musical on FGC campus

"Who Gets The Roles" is a delightful review of the past 12 years of musicals at Lake City Community College and will be presented June 25 and 26 at 8:00 pm in the Levy Auditorium.

The summer musical is a fictional look at how auditions are held. "Who Gets The Roles" will also have several cast members from Baker County. It is being directed by Pat Carrico. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$10.

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# Men find free health screenings Fair targets hospital weary males, uninsured

The Baker County Health Department hosted a men's health fair the morning of June 18 offering free hearing, vision, cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure screenings.

Organized in conjunction with Florida's Men's Health Month in June and the national Father's Day, the four-hour event drew 11 men of ages 42 to 60.

"Men aren't the best at getting their screens done," said Jonathan Gaskins, a health educator with the department. "Even those who would, but may not have access to health care, can come get these minor screens done and that could push them to go see a doctor."

The fair was funded through \$65,000 three-year men's health grant from the state, which has also paid for other activities promoting healthy behaviors among youth, like abstinence, physical activity and avoiding drugs.

The second year of the grant begins July 1.

"We kind of got our feet wet this time around," Mr. Gaskins said. "For the next year, we're looking forward to seeing what more we can do for the community."

The fair also included a raffle for a free month of membership at Anytime Fitness, resources to help smokers kick the habit from Florida AHEC [Area Health Education Centers] and a representative from the Jacksonville Children's Commission with information



Pictured above is Ken Ballard of Macclenny, a cashier at the Walmart Supercenter, getting his blood tested by Siegi Campbell, a registered nurse with the health department.

about the importance of a nutritious diet.

Mr. Gaskins said another event scheduled for June 26 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Jonesville Park in Sanderson will feature kid-friendly literature to promote childhood

reading. Child car seats will also be available for \$30 along with information about safely installing and using them.

For more information, call Mr. Gaskins at 259-6291, extension 2248.

# Ag Center's summer events include worm composting, camp

**ALICIA LAMBORN**  
HORTICULTURE AGENT  
Baker County Extension Service

The Baker County Extension Service is offering the following programs and events in July and August. To register or for more information, call (904) 259-3520 or visit our website at <http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu>. All programs will be held at the Baker County Agricultural Center.

**Rain Barrel Workshop** July 2 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Install a rain barrel that will save the rain for your plants and save you money. Learn how to build, install, and maintain a functional rain barrel for immediate use. All materials are provided for this "make and take" rain barrel workshop and we help you build. Already have your own barrel? Just call to register and join the class for free!

Cost: \$35 per barrel. Register by Friday, June 25th.

**Indoor Composting (with Worms)** July 9 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. A worm bin can be used inside the home to reduce food waste while creating worm castings (worm manure), which can then be used as an excellent, nutrient-rich organic fertil-

izer and soil conditioner for your house or landscape plants.

Worms can also be used as fish bait. Bring your own container and get free worms to get started. There is no charge; register by Wednesday, July 7.

**Identifying Nutrient Deficiencies in Plants** on July 26 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Have you ever had a yellowing plant that your fertilizer couldn't fix? Knowing exactly what nutrient the plant needs is the first step to correcting the problem. Learn how to diagnose a nutrient deficiency and fertilize appropriately to correct the problem.

There is no charge; register by Thursday, July 22.

**Jr. Master Gardener Summer Camp** from August 9-13 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Youths ages 8 to 14 are invited to join us for a week-long gardening day camp. Learn about plants and gardening through hands-on educational activities, experiments and games. Daily snacks are provided and many activities will be indoors due to the summer heat. Call Alicia at 259-3520 for more information.

There is a \$50 cost; register by Monday, July 26th.



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# Knitters hold WWKiP Day June 19

Baker County knitting enthusiasts gathered last Saturday for a morning of knitting in front of The Local Needle on Macclenny Boulevard to observe World Wide Knit in Public Day. Started in 2005, WWKiP Day takes place on the second Saturday in June and began as a way for knitters to share their craft, enjoy each others company and show that knitting isn't just for grannies. After the event, knitters shared lunch together at Calendars Restaurant. According to Ms. Heinze, about a dozen local knitters also participate in knit-ins about twice a month at different local Macclenny restaurants. The knit-ins are open to everyone. Clockwise from bottom left: Rae O'Donal, Kasey Heinze, April Teel, Jo-Anne Adkinson and Marilyn Sorensen.

# Independence Day celebration July 1

Mark your calendars for July 1, the date of this year's annual Independence Day Celebration on the campus of Northeast Florida State Hospital.

The event runs from 5:30-9:30 that evening, culminating in the annual fireworks display. Admission is free with lots of food and entertainment by local artists.

The celebration is organized by both the hospital and City of Macclenny and sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

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# Enjoys new mexican menu Ambiance, apple burrito falter at 'Pancho'

**BOB GERARD  
PRESS STAFF**

I don't normally review restaurants in Baker County. In fact I've only done it a couple times in the 20 years I've worked for *The Press*. I'm reviewing the Pancho Rancho Mexican restaurant on South 6th in Macclenny for two reasons. One, it is very good, and two, because I only think a handful of people know that it even exists.

Baker County is fortunate with both our Mexican restaurants. Pancho Rancho's fare is much lighter than its older competitor San Jose. Both restaurant are good choices if you're in the mood for Mexican food.

I discovered Pancho Rancho

by chance. A friend of mine who is a member of Anytime Fitness recommended it and I didn't even know it was there. They have no sign by the road or even on a sign on the restaurant to announce its existence.

I don't eat a lot of Mexican food, but I when I have the craving little else satisfies. My wife and I decided that we would give it a try during post-planning after school let out.

It's a little store front restaurant that looks a lot like many other Mexican restaurants. It's not much for atmosphere, just a few booths and tables. There's Mexican music running in the background and some pictures on the wall. But it's bright, clean and the staff is friendly.

Of course, the proof of a good restaurant is in the menu and I have been impressed with Pancho Rancho the couple of times I've gone. Both menu items I tried have been very good.

I started with a chicken enchilada and it was very good. The sauce was lighter than most Mexican eateries. Often the red sauce overpowers the chicken and cheese but this was not the case here.

I did not care for the apple burrito that I had for dessert, however. It was basically stewed apples wrapped in a tortilla and wasn't really my thing.

The second time I ate at Pancho Rancho I really had a treat. I ordered the fajita quesadilla and it was delicious. It fact it quickly

became my favorite Mexican dish.

I love fajitas anyway and putting the grilled meat and vegetables inside a quesadilla was a great idea. It's served with a guacamole salad and topped with queso cheese. You can get either steak or chicken and I chose the grilled chicken. It was a good choice.

Again the sauce was light and the vegetables grilled just right. I was very pleased and will order this entrée again and again.

So if you're in the mood for good Mexican fare, search out the Pancho Rancho next door to Anytime Fitness for an excellent meal deal.

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Rosie Nickles

## Making sense of your cents

Did you know that you, as a consumer, have a whole slew of rights on your side when it comes to dealing with collectors? A collector attempting to get payment of an old debt from you can be the original creditor or a debt collection company.

You need to know your rights as a consumer and learn how to deal with these folks. Let's get something straight first: if you owe the money, you should pay.

Many collectors use tactics that rile you up emotionally. They scare the bejeezus out of you until you pay up — that's their grand plan. It's simple, and it usually works! But did you know that threats, verbal abuse and other similar tactics used by collectors are against federal law? The Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act of 1978 established boundaries for debt collectors as well as your rights as a consumer.

The following are some of the main facts of the FDCPA.

~Collectors cannot contact you at any unusual time or place known to be inconvenient. Let them know when and where they can call you.

~If a collector speaks to any person other than whose name is on the debt, they are not allowed to reveal that they are a collector or the purpose of the call.

~Collectors may not use inappropriate language, make threats, or trick you into paying on the old debt.

~Collectors may not ask for, or accept, post-dated checks unless the consumer is notified in writing.

You, as a consumer, must always:

~Keep a record of phone calls and any e-mail or mail communication with collectors. Include names of people that you spoke with.

~Get any settlement or agreement in writing.

~Be proactive. Don't avoid collectors.

Don't let a collector get you upset. Take control of the situation. Tell them that you'll only talk to them every two weeks or so. Tell them exactly where they fit in to your budget, and how you plan to pay them. And let them know that you are familiar with the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act of 1979 and that you expect them to abide by its provisions.

If a collector is clearly overstepping the boundaries and breaking any of the above laws, hang up and report them to the Federal Trade Commission and your state's attorney general.

Don't get me wrong, there is a place in the market for debt collectors who run a clean, law-abiding business. But somewhere along the way you're going to run across one that runs its business on the other end of the spectrum. And you need to be educated and ready to rumble.

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

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Above left is the 9-year-old and under squad (pictured front row from left) Landon Parrish, Hunter Noblitt, Blaine Roberts, Clayt Smith IV, Karson Boyd, (back row from left) coach Doodle Noblitt, Dillon Blair, Preston Sutton, manager Johnny Tyson, Dillon Kelly, Kyle Sealy, coach Clayt Smith and Blake Howard. Above right is the 12-year-old and under team (picture front row from left) Spanky Robison, Landon Boyette, Colton Yeager, Logan Kish, (back row from left) Conner Edmondson, coach Jerry Carter, Justin Waddell, Blake Roberts, coach Robbie Robison, Jacob Carter, Andrew Dehart, Crews Orender and coach Andy Yeager.

## Teams host, win tourney

All three of the Baker Boyz youth baseball teams competing in a tournament last weekend in Baker County won the championship games in their respective divisions.

The 2010 Baker Boyz Invitational Youth Baseball Tournament included 21 teams in all from across Northeast Florida with players ranging in age from

9 to 13.

The Baker Boyz 13-year-old and under team competed against two other teams in three games June 19, defeating the North Florida Hurricanes 11-3 in the championship.

The 12-year-old and under squad finished the tournament the following day with wins over the Ancient City Bombers 9-5

and the San Souci Sluggers 9-5, to take the four-team division's championship.

The final Baker Boyz team in the 9-year-old under division, topped four other teams, including Ponte Vedra 7-1 and the North Florida Hurricanes 5-4 for the championship, on June 20.

## Bad call mars US cup chase

### FAT LADY ROBERT GERARD

"We wuz robbed!"

So read the headline after the USA's 2-2 draw with Slovenia in the World Cup. The US team needed a win over the Balkan country to ensure it would progress to the knockout stage of the Cup.

With five minutes to go in the game, it looked like they had just that as Maurice Edu slipped his defender and blasted home a goal on a free kick. But inexplicably, referee Koman Coulibaly of Mali called a foul on the USA.

It was anything but a foul. In fact, the Slovenians could have been called for a couple of penalty kicks on the play. Clint Dempsey was horse-collared by his Slovenian marker or if Coulibaly chose he could have called another against Michael Bradley's defender who had him wrapped up.

The commentators looked at the play from every angle pos-

sible, but it was clear there was no penalty.

But like bad calls everywhere, there is no recourse to overturn it and give the US the much-needed win. In fact, the referee now refuses to even comment on why he called a foul in the first place.

It was a tale of two halves. The US was pitiful in the first half and went behind 2-0, but came roaring back in the second half, with goals from Landon Donovan and Bradley. The winning goal could have assured them of advancing out of the group stage.

It puts the US in a sticky position. A win over Algeria on Wednesday and they are through to the quarterfinals. But Algeria held the powerful England squad to a 0-0 draw so it might be a tough proposition.

• Kobe Bryant got his fifth

NBA title on Saturday and an MVP trophy to go with it as the Lakers beat Boston in the seventh game of the NBA Finals. Bryant had an off-night shooting in the game but was outstanding on the boards as they held off the determined Celtics.

The commentators were talking about the possibility of Bryant passing Michael Jordan's six titles. Actually he stands a pretty good chance with the current makeup of the team.

They also talked about the possibility of the 31-year-old matching Bill Russell's total of 11 titles. I wouldn't look for that happening though. He'd pretty much have to win for six straight years and the chances of that are slim to none.

## Dove hunt permits available

Six dove fields — including one at Combs Farm public small game hunting area in Baker County — will be open to the public this season through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's special-opportunity Dove Club Program.

Beginning at 10:00 on July 1, sportsmen can apply for Dove Club permits online at [www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com](http://www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com) or by submitting a completed special-opportunity dove club permit worksheet at the county tax collector's office or authorized license agent. There is no cost to apply. Worksheets are available at [MyFWC.com/Hunting](http://MyFWC.com/Hunting) under "Limited Entry Hunts."

Dove Club permits will be issued by random drawing from applications submitted by 11:59 pm on July 19.

The permit allows one adult and one youth (under age 16) to participate in all scheduled hunts

(up to eight days) for a designated field. These Saturday, half-day hunts cost \$150 and enable both the permit holder and youth to each take a daily bag limit of birds.

Successful applicants must purchase their permits by August 9. Any permits left unsold after the deadline will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-

served basis beginning at 10:00 a.m. August 12. The deadline to purchase leftover Dove Club permits is August 23.

Applications for daily dove permits will be accepted August 24 through September 7. For more information on these great public land dove hunting opportunities, click on [MyFWC.com/Dove](http://MyFWC.com/Dove).



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## Yankees take title

The Baker County Little League's minor league title went to the Yankees after the team of 8- and 9-year-olds won the division's championship game June 8. Pictured front row from left are Connor Moore, Logan Muse, Dalton Ray, Davon Wolff, (second row from left) Dominic Crews, Devon Cole, Alex Himmelhaver, Noah Carter, Antonio Esterling, (back row from left) Dillon Ray, Trace Kemp, Miles Morrisson, Blane Griffis, and coaches Billy Carter, Keith Muse and Tommy Moore. Not pictured is coach Mickey Peyton.



Quincy Griffis

### Receives degree

Quincy Anne Griffis of Macclenny received a degree in medicine from the University of Florida, College of Medicine May 22, 2010. She was a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, Chapman Chapter, Academy of American Family Physicians and was the recipient of the Caroline Cody Memorial Scholarship Award.

For the next three years she will be a resident at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville as a family practice physician.

She is the daughter of Dean and Gail Griffis of Macclenny.

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**SIGN-UPS**

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**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

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All parents of Baker County Middle School students who purchased a yearbook, please ask for the yearbook insert when you come to the front office to pick up your child's report card.

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# Legal Notices

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 02-2010-CA-0085

PATRICIA L. FISH, as Trustee of the BENJAMIN F. FISH REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, And PATRICIA L. FISH, as Trustee of the PATRICIA L. FISH REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, Plaintiffs,

vs.

ROY W. CLARK and ANDREA M. CLARK, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida, described as follows:

Parcel ID# 25-2S-21-0115-0000-0280

Part of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 25, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said NE ¼ of the SW ¼; thence North 87°13'48" East, on the North line thereof a distance of 588.30 feet; thence South 2°46'12" East a distance of 226.67; thence North 87°13'48" East parallel to said North line a distance of 245.5 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 87°13'48" East parallel to said North line a distance of 74.54 feet; thence North 0°47'07" West a distance of 10.81 feet; thence North 87°13'48" East a distance of 56.0 feet; thence South 6°10'00" West a distance of 207.53 feet; said point lying on a curve concave Southerly, and having a radius of 325 feet, and a central angle of 16°48'29"; thence Westerly around said curve an arc distance of 95.34 feet; said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 84°21'58" West 95.0 feet; thence South 87°13'48" West a distance of 45.5 feet; thence North 2°46'12" West a distance of 180.33 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.51 acres more or less. TOGETHER WITH a 1988, West, SWMH ID# GAFLH75A02776WE.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on July 12, 2010.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 14 day of June, 2010.

T.A. "AL" FRASER  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

Frank E. Maloney, Jr., P.A.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
445 East Macclenny Avenue  
Macclenny, FL 32063  
6/17-6/24

### CDBG PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 1st Public Hearing Notice

The Baker County Board of Commissioners is considering applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a FFY 2009 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to \$750,000. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. To benefit low and moderate income persons;
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

In developing an application for submission to DCA, the Baker County Board of Commissioners must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the Baker County Board of Commissioners is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063 on Friday, June 25, 2010 at 10:00 am. For information concerning the public hearing contact Ann Yarborough, Secretary to the Board, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063. Telephone (904) 259-3613. E-mail: anny@bakercountyfl.org.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Ann Yarborough, at least two (2) calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Yarborough at least two (2) calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Ms. Yarborough at least two (2) calendar days prior to the meeting.

6/17-6/24

A, R&R, INC  
10525 DUVAL LANE  
MACCLENNY, FL 32063  
Phone (904) 259-4774

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction July 09, 2010 at 8:00 am at A, R&R INC, 10525 Duval Lane, Macclenny, FL 32063.

2000 GMC Jimmy  
VIN # 1GKDT13WY2227444  
6/24

### Registration of Fictitious Names

I the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of **Dixie Blade Runners Lawn Service** whose principle place of business is: **5137 S. CR 229, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040** and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

NAME	EXTENT OF INTEREST
James Shrull	100%
James Shrull	Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF BAKER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of June, 2010.

Al Fraser  
Clerk of Court  
Baker County, Florida  
By: T.A. Lovingsood  
As Deputy Clerk

6/24

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The following vehicle will be sold at public auction July 9, 2010 at 10:00 am, at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery, 7611 West Mt. Vernon, Glen St. Mary, FL. 32040.

1997 Nissan Altima  
VIN #1N4BU31D7VC184106  
6/24

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MACCLENNY, FLORIDA 32063  
904-259-3565

The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction at 9:00 am June 26, 2010 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:

Name	Unit #
Gloria Farmer	5
Andrea Mann	32

6/17-6/24

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 02-2010-CA-0084

PATRICIA L. FISH, as Trustee of the BENJAMIN F. FISH REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, And PATRICIA L. FISH, as Trustee of the PATRICIA L. FISH REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, Plaintiffs,

vs.

ROY W. CLARK and ANDREA M. CLARK, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida, described as follows:

Parcel ID# 12-3S-20-0050-0009-0030

A part of Block 9, and a part of Church Street (a 50 foot right of way, not open on the ground), Town of Sanderson, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, page 38 of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: A part of Lots 2 and 4 and all of Lot 3 of Block 9, Town of Sanderson, according to Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, page 38 of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the NW corner of said Block 9, thence run South 20°46'54" E along the Easterly right of way line of County Road No. 229 (a 100 foot right of way) a distance of 157.19 feet to the Southerly line of a 25 foot ditch easement per State Road Department Map, Road No. S-229, Section No. 2759-150; thence run N 69°24'06" E along said Southerly line of ditch easement a distance of 139.00 feet; thence run N 20°46'54" West a distance of 157.44 feet to the Northerly line of said Block 9; thence run S 69°18'00" W, along said Northerly line of Block 9 a distance of 139.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.50 acres more or less.

### AND

A part of Lots 2, 5 and 6 and all of Lot 1, Block 9, Town of Sanderson according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, page 38 of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the NE corner of said Block 9, thence run South 69°18'00" W along the Northerly line of said Block 9 a distance of 147.30 feet; thence run South 20°46'54" E a distance of 157.44 feet to the Southerly line of a 25 foot ditch easement per State Road Department Map, Road No. S-229, Section No. 2759-150; thence run North 69°24'06" East along said Southerly line of ditch easement a distance of 146.01 feet to the Westerly right of way line of County Road No. 127 (a 100 foot right of way); thence N 20°18'42" W along said Westerly right of way line a distance of 157.70 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.53 acres more or less.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on July 12, 2010.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 14 day of June, 2010.

T.A. "AL" FRASER  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

Frank E. Maloney, Jr., P.A.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
445 East Macclenny Avenue  
Macclenny, FL 32063  
6/17-6/24

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

CASE NO.: 100001520R

CHRISTOPHER BRIAN BARRETT,

Petitioner,

and

JENNIFER LYNN BARRETT,

Respondent,

### NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: JENNIFER LYNN BARRETT  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:  
125 E. ORANGE STREET  
BALDWIN, FL 32234

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Christopher Brian Barrett whose address is 125 E. Orange Street, Baldwin, Florida 32234 on or before June 28, 2010 and file the original with the clerk of this court at 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny FL 32063 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: April 23, 2010.

Clerk of the Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

6/3-6/24

## PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 324 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), the following information is available to the public upon request during normal working hours by the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216:

- Chemical Inventory (Tier Two) Reporting Forms
- How-to-Comply Information for Hazardous Materials facilities
- Emergency Release Follow-up Reports
- Hazards Analyses for Section 302 facilities
- Shelter In Place Training Assistance
- LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Training for First Responders

The Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (Florida LEPC District 4) serves Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties. To obtain information on the above items, please contact Jason Taylor at (904) 279-0885 x136, or by email at jtaylor@nefrc.org

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000184 DIVISION

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN LAURAMORE, et al,  
Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 09, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000184 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, is the Plaintiff and JOHN LAURAMORE; JESSICA LAURAMORE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1 NIKIA CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON 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 13th day of July, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 1, BLOCK 7 OF E.R. RHODEN'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MACCLENNY, FLORIDA, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 4 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AND BEGIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF LINDA STREET, A 50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY, WITH THE WEST LINE OF JOHN STREET, A 50 FOOT UNIMPROVED RIGHT OF WAY AND THENCE RUN NORTH 3 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 99.78 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, NOW DEPARTING FROM THE SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 97.57 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 3 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 99.36 FEET TO THE SAID NORTH LINE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 108.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 425 LINDA STREET, MACCLENNY, FL 32063

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 15, 2010.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Jan Phillips Human Resources Manager Alachua County Family/Civil Courthouse 201 E. University Avenue, Room 410 Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone: 352-337-6237 Fax: 352-374-5378 6/24-7/3

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 02-2010-CP-0027

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: IRIS MAE WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Iris Mae Williams, Deceased, whose date of death was July 26, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 02-2010-CP-0027, the address of which is 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063. The names and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditor's of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS JUNE 24, 2010.

HUGH D. FISH, JR. Liana Jean Thomas  
FLORIDA BAR NO.: 0242861  
POST OFFICE BOX 531  
MACCLENNY, FLORIDA 32063  
(904) 259-6606 OR 6705  
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
6/24-7/3

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Baldwin will be accepting applications for a Town Foreman through Friday, July 2, 2010. Job description and other requirements along with application are available at Baldwin Town Hall, 10 U.S. 90 West, Baldwin, Florida 32234 or on the Town's web site www.baldwinfl.govoffice2.com. Background check and drug screen will be required. Salary negotiable. For more information, call 904-266-5030. An Equal Opportunity Employer.  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA Case #02-2010-CA-0105

MICHAEL A. CRAWFORD and SHELLEY D. CRAWFORD, Plaintiffs,

v

ERIC S. FAULK; HEATHER DAVIS-FAULK, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS 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, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Eric S. Faulk sometimes known as Eric Shane Faulk, and Heather Davis-Faulk, sometimes known as Heather Danielle Davis.

All parties claiming interests by, through, under or against Eric S. Faulk sometimes known as Eric Shane Faulk, and Heather Davis-Faulk, sometimes known as Heather Danielle Davis.

All parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

A mortgage foreclosure action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, entitled Michael A. Crawford and Shelley D. Crawford versus Eric S. Faulk, Heather Davis-Faulk, and unknown parties claiming an interest in the property.

You are required to file written defenses with the clerk of the court and to serve a copy within 30 days after the first publication of this notice on plaintiffs or their attorney whose name and address is annexed to this notice.

The property being foreclosed upon is

Part of Lots 29 and 30 of Alan Lands, a subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 58 and 58A of the public records of Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Lot 30 and run thence South 00° 56' 48" West, along the West line of said Lot 30, a distance of 196.18 feet to a 5/8" iron rod, LS 4708, and the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00° 56' 48" West, 26.08 feet to a concrete monument marking the Northwest corner of the aforementioned Lot 29; thence South 00° 52' 22" West, along the West line of said Lot 29, a distance of 220.02 feet to a concrete monument marking the Southwest corner of said Lot 29; thence North of 89° 29' 45" East, along the South line of said Lot 29, a distance of 167.13 feet to a 5/8" iron rod, LS 4708; thence North 06° 00' 57" East, a distance of 221.48 feet to a 5/8" iron rod, LS 4708, set on the South line of said Lot 30; thence North 89° 28' 07" East, along said South line, a distance of 187.92 feet to a concrete monument on the West Right-of-Way line of Anne Road (a 50 foot public road); thence North 00° 50' 11" East, a distance of 6.82 feet to a 5/8" iron rod, LS 4708, marking a non-tangent point on a cul-de-sac defined by curve concave to the Northeast and having a radius of 50.00 feet and a central angle of 30° 15' 33" and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of North 43° 32' 17" West and a chord length of 26.10 feet; thence Northerly along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 26.41 feet to a 5/8" iron rod, LS 4708; thence South 89° 29' 45" West, a distance of 356.60 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with That 1974 CAPE Single-wide Mobile Home VIN 15360, Title #13515096.

Dated on: June 8, 2010

AL FRASER  
AS CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: Jamie Crews  
As Deputy Clerk

MANNIKKO & BARIS  
Joseph L. Mannikko 383120  
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joe@greatlaw.net  
6/24-7/3

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

File No. 02-2010-CP-0022

Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of William H. Williams, deceased, whose date of death was February 16, 2010, file number 02-2010-CP-0022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 24, 2010.

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
John R. Crawford  
Florida Bar No. 210358  
Marks Gray, PA  
1200 Riverplace Boulevard, Suite 800  
Jacksonville, Florida 32207  
Telephone: (904) 398-0900  
Facsimile: (904) 399-8440

Personal Representative:  
Delores T. Williams  
14632 State Road 121 North  
Macclenny, Florida 32063  
6/24-7/3

Registration of Fictitious Names

I the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of **All Occasions Rental and Design** whose principle place of business is: **7380 Shephard Lane, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040** and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

NAME	EXTENT OF INTEREST
Michele Hodges	100%
Michele Hodges	Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF BAKER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of June, 2010.

Al Fraser  
Clerk of Court  
Baker County, Florida  
By: T.A. Lovingsood  
As Deputy Clerk

## Advertising Info.

Classified ads and notices must be paid in advance, and be in our office no later than 4:00 pm the Monday preceding publication, unless otherwise arranged in advance. Ads can be mailed provided they are accompanied by payment and instructions. They should be mailed to: Classified Ads, The Baker County Press, P.O. Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063. We cannot assume responsibility for accuracy of ads or notices given over the telephone. Liability for errors in all advertising will be limited to the first publication only. If after that time, the ad continues to run without notification of error by the person or agency for whom it was published, then that party assumes full payment responsibility. The Baker County Press reserves the right to refuse advertising or any other material which in the opinion of the publisher does not meet standards of publication.

## For Sale

**1986 Travel master**, \$3500. As is. 289-7004. 6/24p

**1 gallon blueberry plants** \$2 up. Muscadine grapes \$1.50 up. Pomegranates, fruit trees - apple, pear, plum, pecan, fig. Thornless black berries at low prices. Del available 904-845-2686 Hilliard. 5/20-7/29p

**Sho-Bud steel guitar**, single neck, 10 strings, two knee levers, three pedals. Asking \$725 OBO. Call 259-6988 after 5:00 pm. 6/24p

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

**Collection of Franklin Mint** and Danbury Mint autos and trucks. Call 259-6988 for details. 6/24p

**Bankruptcies, divorce, wills** and any other court documents prepared, notary service. Call John Swanson at 257-9033. 6/17tfc

**Fleetwood 5th wheel camper**, 2004 Regal Prowler model 285RSL, 30', super clean with upgrades and accessories, one pull-out, \$12,500. 259-8589. 6/24p

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

**2003 Sea Fox 16' center console**, 75 Mercury, one owner, garage kept, low hours, no Walt water, mint condition, \$11,000. 904-259-1341. 6/24-7/3p

**Golf cart**, club car carry all II, 48 volt, new batteries, dumped, lift kit, new tires, \$2600. 591-2640. 5/20tfc

**1988 Fleetwood 24' 5th wheel camper**, like new, sliding hitch and brake controller, heat, air, microwave, fridge, sleeps six, \$3200 or trade for pick-up, car or boat of equal value. Call 397-0092. 6/24p

**Taking orders**, fresh vegetables, peas, corn, okra. Sands Farm 259-6891, 303-1501. 6/10-7/15p

**Sealy queen size memory foam mattress**, 10" thick never used, still in factory package. Cost \$2000, must sell \$400 cash. 904-314-3983. 6/24-7/3p

**French doors**, two nice wooden frame doors, each 6' wide \$100 each or make offer. 259-8589. 6/24p

**Package unit A/C** and heat pump \$600. 904-591-2640. 6/24-7/3p

**2004 Chevy Silverado LS** stock rims \$250 firm. 271-1057. 6/24p

**1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass Sierra**, cold AC, \$600. GE portable dishwasher like new \$150. Wedding gown \$70. Microwave \$30. 904-259-3858. 6/24p

**Teacher and homeschool** items and supplies left over from closed Macclenny store. Call for appointment. 318-4993. 6/24p

## Automobiles

**2008 Jeep Wrangler 4x4** low miles, Off-road tires w/alloy wheels, lifted, radio of a kind, PW, PL, cruise, Sirius radio \$21,150 (904) 422-3633. 6/24c

**2010 Chevrolet Camaro 1LT** low miles, yellow/black rally stripes, loaded, sunroof, only 1 at this price, \$24,990 (904) 422-3633. 6/24c

**2009 Chevrolet Impala LT** PW/PL/PS, AC, AM/FM CD, keyless remote start, reduced for a quick sale. \$14,895! (904) 422-3633. 6/24c

**2009 Chevrolet Cobalt 2LT** auto, power windows/locks, AM/FM CD, tilt, cruise, keyless remote, alloy wheels, 2 to choose from! As low as \$10,990 (904) 422-3633. 6/24c

**2006 Chevrolet Malibu LS** 38k miles, PW/PL, Keyless, only \$10,554 (904) 422-3633. 6/24c

**2009 Chevrolet Avalanche LTZ** 4x4 Low miles, loaded, full power, navigation, DVD, sunroof, pwr running boards, alloy wheels, Save fifteen thousand dollars. (904) 422-3633. 6/24c

**2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo** Nice, PW/PL, CD, Cold AC, PS, keyless remote, tow pkg \$9,995 (904) 422-3633. 6/24c

**2007 Cadillac CTS Sedan** Low miles, only 7k miles, one owner, PW/PL/PS, sunroof, CD, XM sat radio, keyless entry, On-Star now only \$19,954 (904) 422-3633. 6/24c

**2004 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer** fully loaded with leather power seats, AC, CD, PW/PL and much, much more only \$10,954 (904) 422-3633. 6/24c

**2006 Buick Lucerne CXL** extra clean with low miles only \$15,954 (904) 422-3633. 6/24c

**1996 Ford F150 Pickup**, x-cab, automatic, AC, runs good, looks good \$3,700 cash. 259-8516. 6/24p

## Miscellaneous

**Do you not have** enough time to run all your errands? Call us at 904-338-4224. 6/24-7/3p

**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. 6/17-7/8p

**Babysitting in my home**, any hours, all ages, references available. Also, David's Bridal wedding dress size 14. 904-838-2287. 6/10-6/24p

**Enjoy working outdoors?** Like to earn a good income? Consider welding at Lake City Community College. Enroll now for day, night or Saturday classes. Financial aid available. No high school diploma or GED required. Call 386-754-4214 for details. 6/3-6/24c

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## Animals

**Two registered Brangus bulls**, 5-6 months old, weined and on feed, \$500-\$600 respectively. Tommy Staier 904-864-3676 or Sonny Staier 904-728-2066. 6/24-7/3c

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

## Lost

**Lost or taken**, daughter's blue Ipod Nano on last week of school June 7 at BCMS, possibly in cafeteria. Under "about" in the settings, on Ipod her name would be listed as Hunter's Ipod. If found, please contact Susan at 259-4580. 6/24p

## Hunt Clubs

**Fairview Hunting Club** is now accepting new members. Established in 1967, we have 16,500 plus acres surrounded by management area and it is landlocked by Fairview Hunting Club. RV camping is available as well as a hunting camp for your use. It is a still-hunting and a dog-hunting club. This is a family oriented hunting club where wives and children are more than welcome. \$1800, \$200 camping fee. Contact Roger Yarborough, 904-304-1317. 6/24-7/3p

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**Chuck Satterwhite** State Farm Insurance seeking insurance customer service representative and sales. Experience preferred, but not required. Salary plus commission. Please provide resume 904-259-6271. 521 S. 6th Street, Macclenny. 6/24-7/15p

**Second shift storeroom clerk**. Must have computer knowledge. We are an EEOC, drug free workplace. We offer 401K, health insurance, paid holidays and vacation. Apply at Gilman Building Products, GR 218 Maxville, FL or fax resume to 904-289-7736. 6/17-7/8c

**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

**Handyman**, with own tools, small jobs, experience and referrals. 259-5011.

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## Real Estate

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**FOR SALE: 4 BR, 2 BA** large home on corner of Martin Luther King Dr. & South Blvd. Owner no longer wants to rent. \$68,500  
**904-251-5655 or 259-7968**

which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll free telephone number for the impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

**FSBO**, \$198,000, house on five acres with rental and pole barn one mile from I-10 in Macclenny. No realtor, priced to move, 3 BR, 2 BA fireplace and all walk-in closets, 1661 SF, stone front built in 1995, horse friendly, loaded with pecan and oak trees, second dwelling on front side of property, property can be split once if desired, See pictures at <http://jacksonvillecraigslist.org/reo/1748844178>. Call 863-602-1264 or 863-602-1219. 6/24p

**81 acres**, home, pasture, creeks, stocked pond, planted pines, heated and cooled barn. Reduced for quick sale, \$699,000 owner finance. Prastine Properties International. Call 904-631-3594. 6/17-6/24p

**3 BR, 2 BA** brick house, approximately 2286 SF on 3+ acres, hardwood cabinets, mature fruit trees, workshop with electricity. Seller motivated, call for price. Connie Hankey Vanguard Realty. 904-708-5204. 6/3-6/24p

## FOR SALE:

**In the country but only 6 miles from the city limits.**  
**1 BR, 1 BA home on 2.75 acres. Lots of trees, paved road, fenced. Nice property, home old but nice inside.**  
**904-259-7968**  
**904-251-5655**



## YARD SALES

**Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am-?**, 4483 Douglas Street, off Barber Road. Two family yard sale with everything from A-Z, baby items, clothes and other misc. items.

**Thursday and Friday, 8:00 am til we take signs down.** 9187 Roger Lane off George Hodges Road, road next to Zaxby's. We are the 2nd group of mailboxes on right. In huge garage so rain will not matter. Household items, nice clothes, lamps, Circle K furniture, baby bed w/mattress and teacher/hm school supply store items at great prices including storage racks, shelves, etc. - items formally from Smarty PantZs. Too much to name. early birds will be kindly turned away. Three families.

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am - noon**, 6407 N. 40 Circle. Moving sale - everything must go. Oak TV stand, triple dresser, queen bed, white day bed, oak hutch, dining room table, computer desk with chair, teen clothes, push lawn mower, too many household items to list, items priced to sell.

**Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-2:00 pm**, 525 N. Boulevard. Name brand clothing and lots of good stuff. Three family moving/yard sale

**Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-2:00 pm**, 8214 Nesbitt Road. Old Nursery, follow signs to Plantation. Our trash may be your treasure.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-?**, 532 N. 5th Street. Five family  
**Saturday, 9:00 am-?**, 531 Fern Street. Wood working and power tools. Don't miss this.

**Saturday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm**, 125 Rhoden Drive. Behind McDonalds off Barber Road.

**Saturday, 9:00 am-noon**, 9199 S. SR 121.

**Saturday, 8:00 am - ?**, 330 Linda Street, Macclenny. Baby items, furniture and more. Multi family

**Saturday, 8:00 am-2:00 pm**, Dixie Mini Storage behind Chevron in Macclenny. Liquidation sale. Three complete kitchen displays, vanities, etc. Everything must go. 904-591-8049

## For Rent

**3 BR, 2 BA** new brick home on 1/2 acre, 7579 Madison, \$995/month, first last and security required. 954-263-7311. 6/24-7/15p

**Near Glen St. Mary**, 3 BR, 3 BA livingroom, dining room, fireplace, 2000 SF block home, carpet on one acre, fenced yard, five minutes from I-10 and shopping, \$1050/month, small security and light deposit. 904-327-7124, leave message. 6/24-7/15p

**2 BR, 2 BA** mobile home \$500/month, \$500 deposit. Call Brandon 233-7727. 6/24p

**3 BR, 2 BA** home near Baker County schools, fenced back yard, deposit and first months rent of \$900/month. Call 904-536-5682. 6/24p

**2 BR, 1 1/2 BA**, \$300 deposit, \$580/month 259-2787. 6/24-7/3p

**2 BR, 1 BA** apartment, 351 N. Lowder, \$700/month, \$600 deposit, 12 month lease, 351 N. Lowder. 259-9797. 6/17tfc

**3 BR, 1 BA** apartment, central H/A, washer/dryer hook-up, new carpet, great location, \$675/month plus deposit. Call 904-234-4637. 6/24p

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

**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

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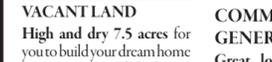
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**2007 4 BR, 2 BA 1778 SF** home in Macclenny II close to I-10 on 1 acre. Open living room, large master with separate shower and whirlpool tub, separate laundry with additional closet space, screened back porch. \$228,900



**Sccluded 10 acres** located minutes from I-10. The perfect location for your new home. Lots of wildlife and 12-15 yr old planted pines. Horses welcome. Owner financing available \$84,900



**Beautiful 7.33 acre lot** with mature oaks and nice pasture. Seller will divide. \$120,000

**VACANT LAND**  
High and dry 7.5 acres for you to build your dream home on or put a mobile home. Worth the ride! \$64,900

**COMMERCIAL GENERAL**  
Great location for retail business 1404 SF building currently used as a car lot. No sign on property. Zoned commercial general. \$250,000

**Updated old style house** with new wiring and panel box, tile with 5 rooms plus bath. Perfect for offices. Zoned commercial. \$119,900

**Excellent business location.** Four lots total 1.20 acres with approx. 320 Ft. Hwy. 121 frontage. \$419,000

**Great location for future development.** 5 acres zoned commercial general or PUD. \$235,000

**Excellent corner for business.** .92 acre located on US Hwy. 90 zoned commercial general. \$219,900

**2 BR, 1 BA** house, central H/A, washer/dryer hookup, ceiling fans, nice back yard, \$750 deposit, \$750/month, 41 W. Ohio Avenue. 259-6488. 6/24p

**3 BR, 2 BA** mobile home \$550/month plus deposit, sewer and water included. 904-234-4637. 6/24p

**2 BR, 1 BA apartment**, quiet neighborhood, \$550/month, no smoking, service animals only. 259-8444. 6/10tfc

**3 BR, 2 BA** on one acre \$650/month, \$300 security. 912-843-8139. 6/24p

**2 BR, 1 BA** home in Sanderson, \$600/month plus deposit. 904-838-0598. 6/24-7/3p

**2 BR, 1 BA** house with central H/A, fenced yard located in Georgia bend, \$550/month, \$300 deposit. Call Rick 904-259-6101. 6/24p

**Quiet and peaceful**, 3 BR, 2 BA double-wide mobile home on 2½ acres in Glen St. Mary, \$800/month, \$500 deposit. Call Bruce 38-3130. 6/24p

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

**3 BR, 2 BA**, mobile home with front porch on one acre lot in Macclenny, \$600/month plus deposit. 275-2650. 6/17-6/24p

**Mobile homes** for rent from \$475 to \$525, garbage, water, sewage and lawn care included. 904-219-2690, 912-843-8165. 1/14tfc

**2 BR, 2 BA** mobile home on St. Mary's River with dock, completely remodeled with all the extras, \$800/month plus deposit. 424-9589, 259-6528. 6/24p

## Vacation Rental

**Smoky Mountain cabin**, with trout stream near Cherokee, Maggie Valley, Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Dollywood, \$350/week. 386-752-0013. 5/13-7/1p

## Commercial Rental

**Commercial space available**, SR 121, \$900-\$1100. Call 259-9022. 6/24tfc

**Commercial space** for lease with office, lobby and outside display area at Country Federal Credit Union Glen Branch on US-90 in Glen St. Mary. Contact Brian Yarbrough at 759-5734 for details. 4/29tfc

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

**Commercial building**, three bay doors on ½ acre fenced in on US 90, Macclenny, \$700/month plus \$500 deposit. 904-226-3064, 904-259-5383. 6/24-7/3p

**Store in Sanderson** for rent, \$795/month. Good for any business. 318-9019. 6/24-7/3p

## Mobile Homes

**Limited time**, special government loan program for first time home buyers if you own land or have family land. 2 years job time. Call for immediate qualification. 772-8031. 6/10-7/8c

**Only one left**, 32 wide, \$96,900 delivered. 772-8031. 6/10-7/8c

**Used homes**, The all new 13th Street Homes, 2000 fleet 28x64, 4 BR, 2 BA \$29,995. Call 386-418-0424. Six miles south on 441, Alachua, FL. 6/3-6/24c

**Like new**, 2 BR singlewide mobile home, great shape, includes complete set-up, \$14,900. Call Jared. 904-259-4663. jm\_martin23@yahoo.com 6/3-6/24c

**Factory repo**, 32x80 4 BR, 2 BA \$5000 below invoice. Call John T. 386-344-5234. 6/3-6/24c

**2011 doublewide** delivered and set-up only \$29,995. The all new 13th Street Home Sales, Alachua, FL. Call 386-418-0424. 6/3-6/24c

**Must see**, 28x56 3 BR, 2 BA, living room and den for only \$15,900. Call John T. 386-344-5234. 6/3-6/24c

**Huge 32x80**, 4 BR, free set-up with brand new A/C, \$59,000. Call Jared at 904-259-4663 jm\_martin23@yahoo.com 6/3-6/24c

**2010 16x80 3 BR**, 2 BA \$35,900 delivered. Only two left in stock. 772-8031. 6/10-7/8c

**Limited time only**, we will pay off your land and get you a new home. 772-8031. 6/10-7/8c

**2008 used 28x80**, 4 BR, 2 BA, A/C, skirting included, delivered and set-up \$59,995. \$4,000 furniture package included. Call 386-418-0424. 6/3-6/24c

**No money down**, when you own your land. 3 BR at \$299/month, 4 BR at \$349/month. Call Jared at 904-259-4663. jm\_martin23@yahoo.com 6/3-6/24c

**Prestige Home Centers**, every model must go. Let's deal 866-605-7255. 9/10tfc

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**WELL MAINTAINED!** MLS#533379 3BR 2BA SWMH on .5 acre in quiet neighborhood. Front & back decks. New chain link fencing. Two storage sheds. \$64,900

**NOW IS THE TIME!** MLS#473281 Invest in river property. Gorgeous & well built Destiny mobile home. New septic, power & AC unit. All new upgrades and completely remodeled. New wooden decks. \$134,000

**EXCEPTIONAL HOME!** - MLS#539188 This 3BR 2BA hm is located in Sands Point Subdivision on cul-de-sac lot. 42" cabinets, cathedral ceilings, garden tub w/ separate shower, security system and much more! \$180,000

**REMARKABLE HOME!** - MLS#529356 This 3BR 2BA hm sits on 2 acres. Bright & open floor plan with many extras. Eat-in kitchen w breakfast bar. Lots of upgrades. Seller can close quickly! \$199,999

**GREAT PRICE!** MLS#531346 This 4BR 2BA 2,452 SF home sits on 1 acre. Located in Settlers Ridge. Formal living rm & dining rm. 1 Year home warranty. \$229,900

**A MUST SEE!** - MLS#514241 Beautiful corner lot, former Richmond model. 4BR 2.5 BA, tile flr, lg family rm w built-in bookcases. Crown molding, corain countertops, work desk off kitchen. Covered & screened back porch. \$232,000

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# Organic farm flourishing off SR 121

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and beefsteaks and we grow their black kims.”

The trendy Bistro Aix Restaurant in San Marco is one of Mr. Francis' clients. Bistro Aix diners who order salads will likely be served black krim tomatoes.

About four acres of the farm's property are utilized for successional plantings of seasonal crops like egg plant, squash, potatoes, lettuce and peppers.

A specialty are the micro-lettuces, harvested while the leaves are very small and tender.

And then there are the chickens.

About 200 hens of several varieties produce eggs daily. They are white, brown, pale green and blue, depending on the variety of chicken.

Mr. Francis flipped up a door in the side of the chicken house, exposing rows of nesting boxes. Each one held a hen and there are dozens of boxes that line the building's interior. Mr. Francis plucked out an egg and looked at it.

“There's a live webcam in the chicken house and that way we keep an eye on all these girls and what's happening out here,” he said. “You can see it on our Web site as well.”

To see the live chicken cam go to [www.twinnbridges.com](http://www.twinnbridges.com) for a look at happy, healthy hens eating, socializing and laying their eggs in their clean, well-lighted chicken house.

## Green farming

Sustainable farming practices have been moving steadily to the forefront over the last decade. But Twinn Bridges Herb Farm was already working toward becoming a green enterprise before the movement took hold.

Although the farm is not 100 percent green, it comes very close.

The Francis view their approach as farm-friendly. Their growing and harvesting methods have basically replaced the need for chemical pesticides and fertilizers, Mr. Francis explained.

“Healthy plants typically fend



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Scott Francis at the hen house.

off bugs naturally, but when they reach the end of their food producing stage decline starts quickly, which is why successional planting is important.

“As soon as they go into decline, that's when the bugs move in and cause damage. Removing them in a timely manner and getting new crops re-established generally keeps the pest problem under control.”

For the occasions when successional planting methods aren't quite enough, they spray on a special biodegradable soap.

Some of their other green practices include composting, reclamation of unused produce and bio-diesel production.

The farm participates in a program to pick up used cooking oil from the restaurants and also bring back any unused produce that is no longer suitable to serve to customers.

The cooking oil is processed on site to produce bio-diesel fuel for a delivery van and the outdated

produce is fed to the chickens.

“There is a lot of cooperation in green practices that can be mutually beneficial,” said Mr. Francis. “For us, recycling the oil and produce provides us with fuel and supplements the chickens' diet, which helps make better quality egg yolks. In turn, the restaurant's costs for refuse removal are greatly reduced.”

A by-product of the bio-diesel production is pure glycerin, which is used to make homemade soaps.

It's not all work on the farm all the time. An endearing sight is a friendly black hen named Lucy who struts freely among the greenhouses throughout the day, monitoring the workers' activities and plucking up grasshoppers and other insects with great enthusiasm.

“Lucy is a family pet and the head of our bug control committee,” jokes Mr. Francis.

She's a source of entertainment, too.

Lucy looks forward to the workers' mid-morning break and waits expectantly as they pull up chairs in the shade. A worker presents the hen with a generous pile of crumbs from her morning snack.

“As you can see, she loves do-nuts,” he said.

Being able to work for themselves and doing something they're both passionate about has been a fulfilling experience for Scott and Denise.

“We do have an environmentally conscious operation here and a humane perspective towards the chickens,” said Mr. Francis. “Denise carefully tends the ones who get sick or injured. She's also a wonderful cook. We haven't eaten a tomato from the grocery store in 13 years.”

Since they also live at the farm and Sunday is their only free day, the couple usually makes the most of it by taking a day trip somewhere. The beach is a favorite destination.

“We stay more than busy with everything,” said Mr. Francis, “but at least this way, we get to pick our own 80 hours a week.”

## How it all started

Mr. Francis worked for 23 years as a *Florida Times-Union* computer technician. His wife was the head waitress at Chart House restaurant. He was about to retire and she wanted to start a career outside of the service industry.

“I had no experience growing anything, but Denise had a green thumb,” said Mr. Francis. “She grew up in South Carolina with folks who had ties to agriculture.”

They knew they needed land, so Mr. Francis sold his sailboat to raise the down payment. The couple had it in mind to grow and sell hydroponic tomatoes, an agricultural trend at the time. By

coincidence, they stumbled on property for sale with established greenhouses built originally for hydroponic crops off SR 121 just south of the Georgia state line.

The owner was happy to sell the farm, but advised them against growing tomatoes.

“He told us that hydroponic tomatoes had to be picked twice a day, every single day, for nine months straight,” said Mr. Francis. “It was just too much work and that was why he switched to herbs, which are picked only two or three times a week.”

The Francis decided on herbs.

They closed the deal on the property, moved in on a Friday night, picked herbs all weekend and made their first delivery to a wholesale vendor the following Monday.

“We've been running ever since,” said Mr. Francis.

Twinn Bridges Herb Farm has come a long way during its 13 years. The Francis recently applied to be part of a three-year program sponsored by Michelle Obama that helps small farmers connect with local markets.

The grant they received will fund the construction of a new greenhouse and the work should begin soon. Mr. Francis is pleased.

“I figured, hey, I pay my taxes, so why not get some benefit from it?” he said.

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# Go bonkers for bubbles Taber library hosts creative event

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There were bubbles, bubbles and more bubbles at the “Buckets of Bubbles” event held at Emily Taber Library June 17.

Nearly 75 children showed up for a morning of fun organized by Terri Brown, coordinator of children's programming for Duval and Baker County libraries.

Kids had a blast during a bucket race, bubble-wrap popping competition and a bubble gum blowing contest. Even if an activity did not directly involve bubbles, such as the painting table, cupcake walk and the hula hoop hop, all utilized props that were circular and resembled — you guessed it — bubbles.

During the bucket race, two kids at a time ran to a bucket filled with water where they dropped in sponge balls, scooped them out, then raced to another bucket.

The idea was to soak up as much water in the sponge balls as possible, then run and squeeze it into the empty bucket. The first one to fill the bucket won and was rewarded with a prize from a super-sized goodie box stuffed with colorful prizes. The winners got to choose from funny twisted plastic drinking straws, Hawaiian leis, strings of gold beads and assorted colored pencils.

What sounded like a frenzy of live firecrackers came from kids jumping up and down on sheets of bubble wrap. The prize for popping the most bubbles in a certain time frame was a plastic frisbee.

The frisbees came in very handy for another purpose at the cupcake walk. As with any outdoor activity involving food, a few pesky flies were present and volunteers kept them away by waving “frisbee fans.”

At the painting table covered in brown craft paper, the “bubbles” were round paper plates.



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Kids at the painting table.

Kids got to doodle to their heart's content with tempera paint, using the plates and even the craft paper table cloth for a canvas.

Ms. Brown used hula hoops to form a “ring of bubbles” on the pavement and wrote a number inside each ring with colored chalk. Kids walked in a circled around the ring to music.

When the music stopped, Ms. Brown, armed with a portable microphone, called out a number she drew from a purple beach bucket. Whoever was standing on the corresponding circle got to take a trip under the tent and pick out a cupcake — chocolate, vanilla or lemon.

“We didn't follow a specific program for this event,” said librarian April Teel. “Brown just thought all this up and it's been wonderful. So many kids were here when we arrived this morning we actually had to start the event early.”

Painting and running and bubble blowing and eating cupcakes

with gooey icing gets messy. The librarians placed a small inflatable pool filled with water on site so kids could easily clean up.

Russel and Valerie Russ of Macclenny were enjoying the event with their young children, Rebekah, Riley, Robert and Rocklund, who enthusiastically tried out all the activities.

Early morning temperatures soared quickly into the 90s and Mr. Russ finally sought out the bottled water. He then chilled for a while under the tent with the kids.

“Our family participated in the library's children's programs last summer and really enjoyed it. We always take them into the library after the programs so they can browse and check out books,” he said.

“My favorite was the bucket race,” said his daughter Rebekah. “It only took me about 10 trips back and forth before I filled the bucket, but it felt like ten thousand because it was so hot!”

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