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## Launches effort to lift the total ban on Sunday booze

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Kate Svagdis wants the ability to order an alcoholic beverage at a family restaurant, on a Sunday, without leaving Baker County. And she's willing to mount a petition drive to make it happen.

The retired Macclenny resident and fervent anti-tax activist discounted support on religious grounds of the county's ban on Sunday alcohol sales, citing the use of wine in certain Christian rites and Jesus' miracle at the Cana wedding feast.

Her motivation in calling for the law's repeal, and the City of Macclenny's ban too, is the hope that sit-down chain restaurants like Chili's, Applebees or Longhorn Steakhouse will open new locations here.

"I'm not looking to go to hell, I'm trying to figure out how to increase our tax base," Ms. Svagdis said.

To that end, she appeared before the Baker County Commission July 6 to request the board approve a referendum so the county's 13,000 registered voters can decide whether to uphold the ban.

"We're spending money and this is one way to broaden our tax base," she told the board.

She also presented them with e-mail from Arcane Properties, the real estate company that seeks out suitable real estate for new Longhorn Steakhouse locations. The sender wrote that due to the number of residents in Macclenny and Baker County, as well as the bans on Sunday alcohol sales, the area didn't meet the criteria for a new restaurant.

Though commissioners didn't immediately make any decision, county attorney Terry Brown said the board could approve either a binding referendum, in which the will of voters would become law, or a non-binding one. In latter instance, the results could be used to gauge public opinion, but would not change the county's

ordinance unless the commission voted to do so.

"Overwhelmingly, the folks who have talked to me want it on a referendum, not wanting the commission to decide," said Commissioner Michael Crews. "And that's on both sides. Some say, on the theological side, let's finally put it to rest."

He and board chairman, Commissioner Alex Robinson, supported the referendum idea. Commissioners Mark Hartley and Mike Griffis said they were undecided. Commissioner Gordon Crews said he would support the referendum, but not until the 2012 election.

"It will probably be the most contentious issue the county has faced," Mr. Griffis said. "You won't have to worry about turnout either. You'll know what the people think."

Changing what people think may be the easy part. Harder will be getting the referendum on the 2010 ballot.

The deadline for the county commission to approve the referendum language and adopt an ordinance placing it on the ballot is August 17, County Manager Joe Cone said.

The county is in the midst of preparing next year's budget and the commission has only two regular meetings before

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## No to 'sweepstakes cafes' County wants to eliminate gambling aspect

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Baker County Commission chairman Alex Robinson directed the board's legal counsel last week to draft an ordinance that would, in effect, prohibit so-called Internet cafes that feature electronic sweepstakes games resembling those found in casinos.

"We're going to scrutinize Internet cafes," he said during the commission's July 6 workshop prior to its regular meeting. "They better be legit or they won't get in here."

About 18 months ago, county planning staff began receiving inquiries about plans to open what planning department secretary Patricia Bass called "electronic game rooms."

"I started checking the LDRs [land development regulations] and we had nothing on computer game rooms," she said.

The establishments do not accept cash or serve alcohol like most gambling venues, but they can be just as problematic, Ms. Bass said.

Internet cafes like those on Blanding Boulevard and other Jacksonville locations take electronic credit or debit card payments from customers, who receive a Internet time card with pre-programmed sweepstakes results.

Patrons insert the cards into computer terminals that reveal the sweepstakes results on the screen that graphically resemble slot

machines or other casino games.

But the computers also allow users to browse the Internet,

bling nonetheless," he told the commission.

Mr. Kongsvik said it's the convenience of Internet sweepstakes cafes that make them so dangerous.

"It attracts people who probably wouldn't travel to a casino or other gambling location," he said, adding that typical patrons are low-income, elderly — usually women and sometimes disabled.

Last year the compulsive gambling hotline received about 60 calls from people who had frequented the cafes. Mr. Kongsvik said 54 percent of the callers were women, 35 percent black, 25 percent unemployed, and 75 percent described themselves as in financial trouble.

"They're spending hundreds of dollars a day ... We know this," he said.

County attorney Terry Brown also represents the Bradford County Commission, which recently approved an ordinance prohibiting new Internet sweepstakes cafes. The new law, he said, grandfathered in two existing cafes.

Mr. Brown advised the board that if it wanted to prohibit the cafes, an ordinance should be drafted.

"Otherwise you're liable to have one and I'm not sure you could shut it down," he said.

During the commission's regular meeting, Jack Johnson, an outreach coordina-

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check e-mail and the like, said Brian Kongsvik, director of the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling in Orlando, which has operated a support hotline for gambling addicts for 20 years.

"It's a grey area of gambling, but it's gam-



## Early Sunday head-on kills 15-year-old

A head-on collision on US 90 between Sanderson and Olustee early on July 11 took the life of the 15-year-old driver of this 2000 Chevrolet and seriously injured the vehicle's four other occupants. Trooper M.D. Childress of the Florida Highway Patrol said Travis Suggs of Lake City was at the wheel when the westbound car was struck head-on by a 2000 Chevrolet pickup driven by William C. Hardin, 22, of Live Oak. He also was seriously injured. The teen, Baker County's fifth traffic fatality of 2010, was pronounced dead at the scene shortly after the 3:20 am accident 1.5 miles east of CR 250A. Also injured in the car were Lydia Little, 18, of Macclenny, Todd Gainer, 18, Dustin Bailey, 16, and Elizabeth Stolling, 14. FHP did not have the hometowns of the latter three occupants, though one of them was also believed to be from Columbia County. There was no indication as to why the eastbound pickup crossed the center line, and lab tests will determine if alcohol was a factor. Neither driver was wearing a seat belt, and the fatality did not have a driver's license.

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## Six years for rape of Margaretta woman

A Sanderson man entered a plea on July 12 before his trial was scheduled to begin and was sentenced to six years in prison for the rape of a Margaretta woman in December, 2009.

Hosea K. (Porkchop) Belford, 55, who has a lengthy criminal record and has been in prison before, pleaded no contest to sexual battery by use of force not likely to cause serious injury, a second-degree felony. Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier adjudicated him guilty and allowed credit for the 204 days he has been in county jail since his arrest.

Court records show that Mr. Belford overpowered the woman on a dirt road not far from her residence early that morning while giving her a ride home from Brenda's Place in

Sanderson. He had the previous evening driven her to the bar where she believed her fiancé had gone.

The 30-year-old victim, who called police after running to her residence, said she physically resisted Mr. Belford's advances after he stopped his Ford pickup on the road and dimmed the headlights. During her struggle to get out from under him, they both fell out the passenger side door and onto the ground, where he then raped her.

The victim was examined that morning at the Rape Crisis Center in Jacksonville while police searched for Mr. Belford.

Assistant State Attorney Greg Edwards said the defendant will not be allowed gain time while

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Hosea Belford

## Macclenny commission leans toward same 3.6 tax millage

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# No to 'sweepstakes cafes'

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for the state's low or no-cost child health insurance program Florida KidCare, asked that commissioners and others at the meeting encourage families with uninsured children to apply for the program.

As KidCare's sole full-time outreach worker for all of Northeast Florida, he said getting information about the program to the region's outlying areas can be difficult without help from people living in those communities.

Though it began in the late 1990s, problems in recent years with the company contracted by the state to manage and administer enrollment in the program Ñ CMS ... Ñ has hurt enrollment, and put KidCare's funding in jeopardy.

Mr. Johnson said the company lost information on roughly 10,000 children statewide and mistakenly cancelled their insurance.

Families kicked off the program could reapply, but many may have purchased more expensive private insurance and not realized they could return to KidCare, he said.

The once rather burdensome application process for the program has also been simplified in recent years.

"I've done applications at Walmart, the health department, at the Burger King and even on the side of the road," he said. "If they call me, I can meet them anywhere and do an application with my laptop."

The program is funded jointly by the federal government and the state, though 79 percent comes from Congress through the State Children's Health Insurance Program, or SCHIP.

"Do we eat or continue to pay for health insurance? That's the decision people are having to make," said Mr. Johnson.

With the number of uninsured children in Florida growing and SCHIP funding allocated through 2014, it's important for the public to know about the program, Mr. Johnson said. He fears that if more children aren't enrolled in KidCare, the state may lose the money to another part of the country.

He estimated there's about 600 uninsured children in Baker County that could benefit from the program.

"That's still too high. We need to reach these kids," he said.

KidCare insurance is designed for families who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to afford private insurance.

Mr. Johnson said coverage is comparable to private insurance and includes dental and vision coverage, but can cost as little as \$20 per month per family.

"Some families will pay nothing," he said.

In other business • County Manager Joe Cone announced the results of a week-long traffic study at the Baker County Sheriff's Complex. It showed 735 trips on average per day.

The Baker Correctional Development Corporation owns the 500-plus bed jail and administration space used by the sheriff's

department, dispatch and emergency management; and is responsible for paying the county's transportation impact fee. Using the results from the study, the county placed the impact fee at \$15,322.

County staff was hesitant to bill BCDC for the fee until the facility began functioning at full capacity. The fee is supposed to offset increases in the county's road maintenance costs caused by traffic from new development.

About 150 cells at the facility remain empty, however.

• The board awarded bids for the resurfacing and widening of CR 23A (Woodlawn Road) and CR 130 (Mud Lake Road) to APAC Southeast, the low bidder on both projects. They're being funded through grants from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The Woodlawn Road bid totaled less than the \$3-plus-million grant at \$2,363,303. But the grant for Mud Lake Road fell short of APAC's \$2,097,906 bid.

The scope of the project was revised to lower costs, but commissioners insisted on restoring about \$124,000 of culvert work.

"If we don't get to them all, I'm sorry, but we'll get as many

as we can," Mr. Robinson said.

"As much as APAC is getting from Baker County, they can make it work," added Commissioner Michael Crews.

• Also approved was a timber sales contract with Callahan Timber Co. for the harvesting of pine trees at St. Mary's Shoals Park.

The county received a \$50,000 advance payment from the company, which agreed to pay between \$15.50-\$31.08 per ton for timber with diameter breast heights [DBH] of 4.5 inches to 11.6 inches or greater. DBH is the diameter of the tree at 4.5 feet from the ground.

• Commissioners scheduled their first workshop on the 2010-11 budget for July 19 at noon.

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# Seeks to lift booze ban

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The charter for the City of Macclenny — the only part of the county with water and sewer utilities likely to be desired by sit-down chain restaurants — doesn't allow voter referendums.

That means, to remove the ban on Sunday sales within city limits, at least three city commissioners would have agree to

repeal the ordinance. The commission voted to uphold the ban in late 2007.

Ms. Svagdis said she doesn't advocate a complete repeal of the ban, but altering it to permit Sunday sales in sit-down chain restaurants.

"I don't want it at bars or strip clubs and that sort of thing," she said. "Just family-style restaurants."

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# Six years for rape...

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in prison. Had he been convicted, he could have been sentenced from between 15-30 years. A rape with bodily harm or use of a weapon carries a life sentence.

Mr. Belford was represented at public expense by Ray Cauthon of Gainesville.

The jury had not been chosen Monday morning when the plea was entered, though prospective jurors were assembled. The state proceeded afterward to select a new grand jury from the venire.

Mr. Belford was released from prison in January, 2008 after serving a two-year sentence for sale and delivery of cocaine. His arrest record also includes battery, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal mischief and driving on a suspended license.

He will be required to register as a sex offender upon release.

# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Ahhh, Italian gelato...

## THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

This week's newspaper features an article about homemade ice cream that was available at the local farmer's market last Saturday.

Since I had not had any for a long time it was a treat to get to try the different flavors. And it got me to thinking.

Remembering actually, a long-ago trip to Rome, Italy to spend a week with my boyfriend Roberto and his parents at their home.

Roberto was between jobs at the time and we had the leisure to do whatever we wanted during the day. Each morning started with a short drive to the Appian Way, an ancient Roman highway along the aqueduct still in use, mostly by pedestrians. It's a favorite spot for joggers.

After some exercise we would stop at a small cafe for a cappuccino and watch the people getting off and catching the bus — people from all over Europe.

Our days were filled with such activities and no pressing schedule, which is the best way to spend a holiday in Italy.

We drove one evening to one of the oldest ice cream parlors in Rome. The proper name of the place is Palazzo Del Freddo



Kelley at Fassi in Rome, Italy.

Giovanni Fassi. Its fame is widespread and to locals and tourists its simply known as Fassi.

Italian ice cream is called *gelato* and it's different from the stuff in our American grocery stores. It has a lower butterfat content, actually contains less sugar and is soft frozen. Only the highest quality ingredients are used, which include lots of fresh fruit.

It's typically made continuously on the premises because it doesn't keep more than a few days. Freshness is a hallmark and the flavor is more rich and intense than ice cream in America.

It's served on cones, usually at least two flavors, and on plates, often in the shape of a square.

Italians love to top off their gelato with a generous dollop of real whipped cream.

If you're on a diet and walk into a gelateria, you're in the wrong place.

Fassi was established in the late 1800s. Before it became famous for gelato it was a place to have a beer. Ultimately it changed locations a couple times and has been in its current locale, about 3.5 miles from the Vatican (as the crow flies) for over 60 years. The late Pope John Paul was a regular customer.

Fassi is in a large open space with high ceilings and tall arched windows in the back. It's filled with lots of small marble topped tables and if you sit at one you're surrounded by people from many different countries. It seems that no matter where you are from, everyone loves gelato.

The selection is dizzying - every flavor you can think of and as beautiful to look at as it is good to eat. Italians take their gelato seriously and expect a lot from it. It isn't just something good to consume, gelato is an entire experience.

Roberto took this picture of me at Fassi sitting at one of the famed marble tables, about to dig in to my third flavor of gelato. Like I said, you don't go to Fassi if you're on a diet. Actually, you don't go to Rome, period, if you're on a diet.

I think I must be Italian at heart. When it comes to food, my stomach certainly is!



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Thanks for kindness

Dear Editor:

Most stories we read today are about the ugly or sick things people do to others.

We at W. Frank Wells Nursing Home have a different story to tell and three people we'd like to thank for their kindness to both our residents and staff.

First on our list is Barbara of Elegance in Bloom, who gave us many buckets full of beautiful sunflowers — enough that each resident got a vase full to brighten their rooms. The common areas looked like gardens!

Second, Amy at A Bushel and a Peck, who so graciously helped me at the last minute with a great gift from our staff that greatly pleased the recipient.

And last, thanks to the Happy Days Club, whoever you are, for the many smiles you brought to our staff with gifts, cards and candies.

God bless all these sweet people.

Phyllis G. Rhoden,  
Director of Nursing  
W. Frank Wells Nursing Home

# Cleaning his office akin to an archaeological 'dig'

## MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

I am spending the weekend on an archaeological dig.

No, I'm not digging up dinosaur bones or discovering the burial place of some ancient pre-Columbian civilization. It's much more exotic than that.

I am cleaning out my office.

I'd venture to say that in every home there is a "junk room" where stuff goes that no one really wants anyplace else. I'd bet that even in those Architectural Digest homes that there's someplace that the photographers aren't allowed, and if you opened the door an avalanche might occur.

That's my office.

My office used to be my sons' bedroom until they outgrew the superheroes I painted on the walls and wanted separate rooms. Dylan got the old bedroom but wanted a new look. I shrugged and said I'd repaint the room whatever color he wanted. "Green," he said.

"Okay," I replied.

"No!!" That was wife Kelley

who was almost in tears at the thought of repainting the "superhero room." So we compromised and I moved my office in here.

That was seven years ago and it hasn't really had a good thorough excavation since.

The problem with this kind of archaeological dig is that even though you're "cleaning" there are some things that still have no home. I found a plastic tub full of cords. Computer cords, audio cables, extension cords and power cords all piled together. Most of them I could identify and either keep or throw out.

Not power cords. I have about six power sources for ... something. It might be a printer or a camera or an electric drill. I just don't know and will never know until I need that item and it is dead as a dinosaur. But then, I figure if I haven't needed it in seven years I probably never will. Into the trash with the power cords.

Then there are pictures. Of course, I can't trash those but still I have no idea what to do with them.

We take a lot of pictures. We have a lot of frames and photo albums those pictures are supposed to go into.

Ah... the great "supposed to." "Supposed to" means that unless someone in our family breaks a leg and is in traction and rendered unable to move at the same time that lightning strikes the television so that there is absolutely nothing to do but put pictures in frames and photo albums, then it isn't going to get done. Ever. And we are left with box upon box and tub upon tub of priceless photos that have nowhere to go.

Those items get shuffled from room to room.

Right now my office is "clean," but daughter Sara Beth's room is filled with photos. When it gets cleaned those photos will go somewhere else like Balkan refugees.

I found a lot of cool stuff. When you find cool stuff you haven't seen in years you are faced with a dilemma. What do I do with this big metal vase that my wife hates but I think is really sharp.

"Throw that thing out," is Kelley's suggestion. "It's ugly."

I can't bear to do that so I have come up with a creative solution.

"It looks like a prop to me." Since I do plays, stuff I can't think of where to put but can't bear to throw out gets donated to the prop closet at the school. There are two boxes of those items sitting by the door.

The soccer gear, footballs and toys find a new home. Some of the toys — those that I had as a kid and couldn't bear to throw out, stay on shelves and bookcases for me to look at from time to time.

Lots of books litter the floor, chairs and furniture. Some go to the high school library and some stay.

Like a good archaeologist I find a petrified forest. Under the desk is an old French fry box one of my children left in here from bygone times. They appear fresh. Ah, but appearances can be deceiving. I take one out and tap it against the desk.

The French fries are as hard as a pencil. That leads me to wonder what kind of preservatives are in them that they maintain their shape and color for who knows how long. What are we putting in our bodies? After we die will we too petrify from all the preservatives we've ingested?

Finally the job is done. The furniture is polished, the windows clean and the floor vacu-

umed to a fare thee well.

"It looks like real people could live in here," Kelley proclaims.

If I knew any.

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## Facebook fans

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

We asked our Facebook fans July 9, "Do you support a referendum on the ballot to allow restaurants to serve alcohol on Sundays, to try and entice more (restaurants) to the county?" Here's what you had to say ...

Angela Callahan:

"Yes - people are going to buy it if they want it regardless. They will just drive a few miles to the next county and spend their money there. By being a 'dry Sunday' county we are only hurting ourselves."

Jay Cannaday:

"YES!! It is not 1958 any longer."

Katie Rhoden:

"Yes, people do not have to purchase it if they do not want to drink. Why not bring in extra revenue to our county rather than people driving out of town and giving it to other cities? People should be able to make their own decisions if they want to spend money on alcohol or not, instead of others doing it for them."

Ralph Nelson:

"It's time for Baker County to wake up and smell the roses. It is not the Dark Ages anymore. Good luck on getting that passed."

Don Yonn:

"Yes but it has been that way so long some may not want to let it happen but this county needs the income and the local merchants would also benefit, as yes, it's not 1958 any longer."

Mike Davis:

"I think that this county needs to catch up with father time and come into 2010 not 1970!"

Susie Stirling:

"Why not? All the other counties are reaping the benefits of restaurants serving alcohol to Baker Countians. Also, if they drive a long distance to drink, isn't that hazardous? It's not like the question was allowing liquor stores to open, only restaurants. Baker County used to sell alcohol on Sundays and I think they should do it again. If the churches are worried about their flocks, they need to worry about them Monday thru Saturday too."

David Harrell:

"They need to go ahead and make it legal. Everyone in Baker County knows where to go, put your alcohol in a bag and carry it to the counter. If you're not going to enforce the law then why not make it legal."

Michael Buchanan:

"Yes Katie and Angela are right. The world is about \$\$\$ and you can't change that, so let it grow and make jobs for the population here and not drive 30 miles for jobs."

Christa Figgins:

"YES. It would be nice to not have to spend an hour and a half in the car round trip to go out to eat."

Lisa Krauss:

"Don't you think it's time to keep our money in our town?? Couldn't we use the extra revenue to maybe say repave Hwy. 90? People are going to drink on Sunday...it's time to get over it."

Adam Tomlin:

"Yes. It's well past time to start letting people do what they want instead of trying to control the county in the way the Bible thumpers think you should. Let the majority speak."

Carol Barrington:

"Yes, I agree, we need to keep the \$\$ in our county. Also, I don't like to drive a long way to eat at a decent restaurant."

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## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

July 15 - July 21



## Tides

Cedar Key	Jul. 15	Jul. 16	Jul. 17	Jul. 18	Jul. 19	Jul. 20	Jul. 21
First high	5:22 a.m.	5:56 a.m.	6:34 a.m.	7:17 a.m.	8:08 a.m.	9:09 a.m.	10:16 a.m.
First low	11:18 a.m.	12:12 p.m.	12:26 a.m.	1:07 a.m.	1:55 a.m.	2:56 a.m.	4:10 a.m.
Second high	5:10 p.m.	6:09 p.m.	7:17 p.m.	8:40 p.m.	10:19 p.m.	11:57 p.m.	---
Second low	11:47 p.m.	---	1:12 p.m.	2:22 p.m.	3:43 p.m.	5:06 p.m.	6:15 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Jul. 15	Jul. 16	Jul. 17	Jul. 18	Jul. 19	Jul. 20	Jul. 21
First high	11:45 a.m.	12:04 a.m.	12:55 a.m.	1:48 a.m.	2:44 a.m.	3:42 a.m.	4:42 a.m.
First low	5:32 a.m.	6:24 a.m.	7:18 a.m.	8:14 a.m.	9:11 a.m.	10:07 a.m.	11:02 a.m.
Second high	---	12:40 p.m.	1:36 p.m.	2:34 p.m.	3:34 p.m.	4:34 p.m.	5:32 p.m.
Second low	5:55 p.m.	6:55 p.m.	7:58 p.m.	9:01 p.m.	10:03 p.m.	11:01 p.m.	11:57 p.m.

Mayport	Jul. 15	Jul. 16	Jul. 17	Jul. 18	Jul. 19	Jul. 20	Jul. 21
First high	12:22 p.m.	12:39 a.m.	1:32 a.m.	2:28 a.m.	3:28 a.m.	4:32 a.m.	5:34 a.m.
First low	5:40 a.m.	6:34 a.m.	7:31 a.m.	8:28 a.m.	9:25 a.m.	10:22 a.m.	11:17 a.m.
Second high	---	1:18 p.m.	2:16 p.m.	3:17 p.m.	4:21 p.m.	5:23 p.m.	6:21 p.m.
Second low	6:04 p.m.	7:09 p.m.	8:15 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	10:21 p.m.	11:20 p.m.	---

St. Augustine	Jul. 15	Jul. 16	Jul. 17	Jul. 18	Jul. 19	Jul. 20	Jul. 21
First high	11:51 a.m.	12:10 a.m.	1:01 a.m.	1:54 a.m.	2:50 a.m.	3:48 a.m.	4:48 a.m.
First low	5:34 a.m.	6:26 a.m.	7:20 a.m.	8:16 a.m.	9:13 a.m.	10:09 a.m.	11:04 a.m.
Second high	---	12:46 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	3:40 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	5:38 p.m.
Second low	5:57 p.m.	6:57 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	9:03 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	11:03 p.m.	11:59 p.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday ..... 6:37 a.m.  
 Sunset Thursday ..... 8:32 p.m.  
 Moonrise Thursday ..... 10:54 a.m.  
 Moonset Thursday ..... 11:16 p.m.

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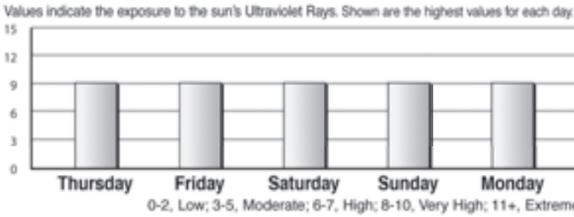
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Jacksonville week ending Monday, Jul. 12.

**Temperature**  
 High/Low for the week ..... 100°/66°  
 Normal high/low ..... 91°/72°  
 Average temperature ..... 82.8°  
 Normal average temperature ..... 81.1°

**Precipitation**  
 Total for the week ..... 1.73"  
 Total for the month ..... 1.90"  
 Total for the year ..... 16.84"  
 Normal for the month ..... 2.28"  
 Normal for the year ..... 25.04"

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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
Jul 15	2:30 a.m.	8:43 a.m.	2:56 p.m.	9:09 p.m.
Jul 16	3:29 a.m.	9:42 a.m.	3:54 p.m.	10:07 p.m.
Jul 17	4:26 a.m.	10:38 a.m.	4:50 p.m.	11:03 p.m.
Jul 18	5:20 a.m.	11:32 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	11:57 p.m.
Jul 19	6:11 a.m.	12:24 p.m.	6:37 p.m.	---
Jul 20	7:02 a.m.	12:49 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
Jul 21	7:51 a.m.	1:38 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	2:04 p.m.

## River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	---	11.69	+0.96
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	6.75	-0.03
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	4.52	+0.78
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.66	+0.02
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	52.62	-0.07



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## CITY OF MACCLENNY COMMISSION

# Favors same 3.6 millage Holding the line on taxes, spending

The Macclenny City Commission gave every indication this week it is resolved to stay next fiscal year with the 3.6 mill local tax rate it has had for more than two decades.

Like other local entities that base taxes on assessed value of property, Macclenny will witness a drop in the tax roll next budget year because of declining real estate prices.

The gross value of taxable property in Macclenny on which ad valorem revenues are raised is \$224,580,610. Last year it was \$227,388,054.

City Manager Gerald Dopson told the board during its regular meeting the evening of July 13 keeping millage the same will drop revenues from \$777,667 to \$768,066, a modest 1.2 percent, based on the projected tax roll.

Board members appeared to believe that number is small enough to warrant safely retaining the mill rate as is. Manager Dopson indicated the fiscal 2010-11 budget is being assembled this month, and barring an emergency Macclenny should be able to stay within the present spending level.

This fiscal year the total city budget was \$6.2 million, and that was a modest \$18,000 higher than the year before.

"In fact, the budget [actual spending] this year may come in below what we projected. You never know," commented the manager.

Board secretary Melissa Thompson prepared a millage-to-revenue graph indicating that Macclenny could raise millage .045 percent to get the same revenue as this year.

If the board decided to adopt the rollback rate at 3.6994, resulting revenues would come in at \$789,273.

Next year's budget still awaits estimates on some big ticket items like health insurance, said Mr. Dopson, who agreed it was likely safe for Macclenny to stay with the current tax rate.

In other business during the July meeting:

- The commission passed on first reading an ordinance requir-

ing a special zoning exception to place outdoor patios at eating and drinking establishments.

The measure arose from complaints about noise emanating from a patio outside Mac's Liquors, the lounge on US 90 at West Boulevard.

Frank Maloney, the city's attorney, said he would have an opinion next month whether existing patios are grandfathered. He also does not believe such zoning conflicts with the city's open container law governing alcohol.

- Approved an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the city's "enterprise corridor" design on SR 228 from Lowder to Interstate 10.

The corridor plan, encapsulated in a PUD [planned urban development] zone, calls for off-street parking strips, landscaping

and other amenities. SR 228 is a state road.

- The board authorized consultant Dick Edwards to make application for a CDBG grant of \$700,000 for improvements to the city's aging central sewer network.

Mr. Edwards told the commission that Macclenny's chances of landing the grant this fall are slim, barring strategies that boost its point score. Among them would be a \$125,000 commitment from Macclenny.

- Approved a \$250 donation to Camp STYLE this summer. Eighteen local students will attend the week-long session in Melrose in August. The camp stresses personal responsibility and positive lifestyles.

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

# Move excess home

The Baker County Code Enforcement Board on July 12 advised a north county man to remove an excess mobile home from his property before approaching the county commission on a fine reduction or abatement.

Phillip Lane of Taylor testified during a re-hearing of his case that he never signed for a certified letter informing him of the June 12 meeting during which the board found him in violation and set penalties for non-compliance.

A roommate he identified as Russell Smith and his girlfriend were living at his residence on Jack Dowling Circle at the time, and Mr. Lane speculated one of them might have signed for the letter.

At the June meeting, the CEB decided Mr. Lane was in violation for the second mobile home on his 6.5 acres. Its zoning designation allows for only one unit per 7.5 acres.

The defendant was also cited for failure to obtain a permit when the unit was moved onto the property.

The property owner also testified that Mr. Smith moved the second trailer onto the rear of the property several years ago, and he has been unsuccessful getting him to move it off since last month's meeting.

As of the meeting date, he owes \$455 in fines including \$85 in administrative costs to bring the case to the board, plus \$75 for the 11th day in non-compliance and \$15 daily to the present.

The CEB does not have the authority to alter enforcement orders still in effect, but petitioners can approach the county commission to plead special circumstances. The code board can reduce fine levies, however.

CEB members advised Mr. Lane to correct the violation before seeking a hearing before the county board.



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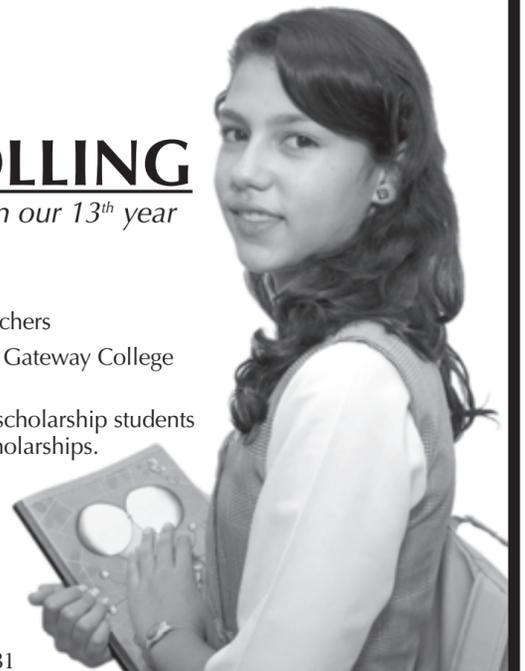
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CIRCUIT COURT

# Probation for child neglect Woman pulled out feeding tubes

A Georgia woman arrested last March after her infant twins were found malnourished at a Glen St. Mary residence was placed on probation five years after pleading no contest July 6 to one count of child neglect.

The state dropped a companion charge against Tonya Mixon, 22, as part of the plea agreement, and Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier attached a number of conditions to the probation order.

The defendant is allowed contact with her children only under supervision of the Department of Children and Family Services, she must undergo a mental health evaluation, submit to substance abuse counseling, complete parenting classes and get a GED high school degree.

Ms. Mixon was charged last spring after the twins, six months old at the time, were admitted in critical condition to Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville. A DCF worker described them as "skin and bones" when she went to the Baker County residence where they were living with the mother and an older brother and sister, ages 3 and 4.

Social workers said they had some difficulty locating Ms. Mixon because she moved several times after relocating here several weeks earlier from Cook County, GA, where her husband was jailed for spouse abuse.

The DCF report said feeding tubes that had been inserted into the twins, a boy and girl, because of complications resulting from premature birth, appeared to be unsanitary during one visit. At the time the children were taken from the home and examined by the Child Protection Team in Jacksonville, the mother said she had removed the tubes because she did not think they were needed anymore.

Once hospitalized, the children were soon out of critical care and stabilized.

In other sentencing from that session of court and one on June 28:

- Eddie Lee Fields received a 24-month drug offender probation after pleading no contest to twin counts of sale and possession of a controlled substance. The state as part of the plea pact dropped a more serious category of felony for selling near a school.

Mr. Fields also owes the court \$240 in investigative costs.

- Judge Rosier ordered Angie Burroughs onto a five-year probation after she pleaded no contest to aggravated battery and resisting arrest without violence.

Mr. Burroughs also was ordered to avoid contact with the victim and complete an anger management course.

- Bradley Flick will be on probation three years for aggravated battery and was also ordered to stay away from the victim in the case. He must enroll in money management and parenting classes, and undergo evaluation for substance abuse.

- Jimmie Collier pleaded guilty to grand theft and will be on probation three years. He is to avoid contact with his victim and owes \$375 restitution.

- Judge Rosier withheld adjudication of guilt.

- The state agreed to reduce the charge from grand theft auto to petty theft in the case of Gerald Starling, who then was placed on probation one year. He also owes \$2500 restitution and must avoid contact with the victim.

- Barbara Jeffries pleaded guilty to credit card theft and two counts of fraudulent use of it, and will be on probation two years.

- The judge withheld adjudication of guilt after accepting a plea from Cameron Herring to aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony. A four-year probation term was ordered.

- Brandon Staley drew a six-month county jail term minus 68 days already served in return for a no contest plea to grand theft.

- Douglas Rutherford got a similar sentence after pleading no contest to a reduced charge of misdemeanor petty theft. He had been charged with felony grand theft.

- Tommy Lee Bryant will spend an additional nine months in county jail after pleading no contest to introduction of contraband into the facility.

- Timonty Hakes admitted to violating an earlier probation when he was arrested in May for possession of stolen property. Judge Rosier terminated the probation for burglary and theft, and sent him to county jail for a year.

- Antonio Shapiro violated probation on multiple theft counts in 2009 and will be in county jail nine months less 81 days already served since his arrest in April for burglary. He also left Duval County without permission from a probation officer.

Capias warrants were ordered for the arrest of several defendants who failed to appear: Lorne Woodward for having a concealed firearm, possession of controlled substance and disorderly conduct; Timothy Martin for having prescription drugs; Terry Lee Smith, who is in jail in Jacksonville, for burglary, grand theft and felony vandalism.

# Arrest for burglary, vandalism at YMCA Jonesville building

A 17-year-old male was arrested the evening of July 5 and charged with breaking into the portable building at the Jonesville Park off CR 127 in north Sanderson and stealing property valued at \$950.

Police say the youth, and possibly a young relative from the Lake City area, also ransacked the building that served as the YMCA center sometime after June 26 and put several holes in the walls.

Deputy Rodney Driggers was called to the scene by Edith Paige, who cleans the building and found evidence of the burglary earlier the same day.

Initially another boy, age 14, was questioned as a suspect and he implicated the older youth, who he said was carrying a flat screen TV stolen from the building out of the woods near his residence several days later.

The suspect allegedly told the witness he intended to sell the television and a Wii game. Also taken were a small refrigerator and a computer. The report did not indicate that any of the stolen property was recovered.

Investigator Tracie Benton interviewed the suspect at county jail and he denied knowledge of the burglary. He also admitted to being in the company of the second youth said to be his cousin.

The youth was also charged with misdemeanor possession of three small bags of marijuana found in his pants pocket when he was picked up by Deputy Driggers for questioning.

He acknowledged the boy's first name was Faye, as indicated by the earlier witness, but said he did not know his last name.

Evidence at the scene and a witness account indicated entry into the building was via a pried

front door.

In other burglaries reported to the sheriff's department recently:

- Scott Johnson, 19, of Macclenny was named as the person who took a PS3 game valued at \$400 from the residence of David Edkin on Jimmy Lane the afternoon of July 6.

The victim told police Mr. Johnson, who he described as homeless, had been playing the game earlier that day and left via a rear door through nearby woods.

- Jonathan Harris said gold earrings worth \$250 and a \$60 cooler were taken from his residence off CR 122 between July 6-8.

A rear door was pried to gain entry, and Mr. Harris told Deputy Brandon Kiser his house has been entered several times in the past two months.

- DVDs valued at \$300, a PlayStation console, games and \$20 were removed from the residence of Christopher Touchton on Hid Dugger Rd. north of Sanderson while he was away between July 2-5.

He told Deputy Shawn Bishara other entries have occurred there recently but nothing was missing. Property loss was placed at \$484, including the cash taken from a bedroom safe.

- It appears someone made an attempt to hoist a television set through a window in Building 20 on the grounds of Baker County Middle School the weekend before last.

One window in Room 201 was found lying on the ground the morning of July 5, and another had been opened in the same room from the inside, with signs that the TV had been pushed up to it.

# Slams husband with metal bowl

An east Macclenny woman was charged early July 7 with domestic battery on her husband during an argument over money that had been used to bond him out of jail.

Karen Barron, 41, allegedly struck husband Kenneth, 49 in the face with a metal fruit dish during the fracas at their residence on Deerwood Circle about midnight.

Deputy Shawn Bishara said when he arrived at the address, the husband and his son Kenneth Barron III, 20, were on a front porch and the victim had bruised and lacerated skin above his right eye. They advised Mrs. Barron was in a bedroom armed with a baseball bat.

The wife admitted to striking her husband with the dish, but said it was in self-defense because he had struck her while the son held her down. Deputy Bishara noted the wife bore no physical marks that backed up her version.

The Barrons were both arrested June 26 for harboring an escaped state prisoner at their residence.

In other battery cases recently:

- Andrew Hahn, 24, was arrested the afternoon of July 11 for battery on his live-in girlfriend Jennifer Thomas, 28, at their residence on South 2nd St. in Macclenny.

Ms. Thomas told Deputy Ben Anderson the boyfriend choked her, threw her to the ground and spit on her during an argument about 1:30. Mr. Hahn is on pre-

trial release for a similar offense several weeks ago.

- Two daughters were arrested the morning of July 5 for attacking their mother during a physical altercation that resulted from an argument over one of them cutting the hair of her 17-month-old son.

Christine Grimes, 36, told Deputy Kevin Jenkins she was slapped by daughter Daniyville, 18, and a second daughter, age 18, bit her during the struggle at their residence off Dollie Lane north of Glen St. Mary.

- A criminal complaint filed July 8 alleges that Timothy Grantham, 46, attacked his half-brother Paul Grainger, 30, at a residence off Sweet Gum Rd. near Glen.

The victim told Deputy William Hilliard the assailant had been drinking heavily and also threatened to stab him. Mr. Grainger was gone when the officer arrived.

- A similar complaint alleges that Delaney Crawford, 39, attacked ex-roommate Sandra Mobley, 30, on July 7 when she returned to a residence off CR 127 north of Sanderson.

- Complaints were filed against Phillip Jackson, 22, and Chazatee Moore, 21, both of Macclenny, for fighting near MLK and South Boulevard the evening of July 8.

- A battery complaint resulted from alleged attacks by a 55-year-old female patient at Northeast Florida State Hospital on another female, age 58.

The incidents took place on July 8 when the alleged assailant

became angry after asking for money.

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# Drug charges against two Passengers in speeding taxi cab

Two occupants of a taxi cab stopped for speeding on Interstate 10 near Glen St. Mary the morning of July 7 ended up jailed for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Deputy Patrick McGauley said he clocked the eastbound 1998 Ford with a North Carolina license plate at 92 mph just before 7:00 am.

While questioning the driver, Lamonte Whitaker, 30, of Hope Mills, N.C., the officer noted the vehicle's three passengers were behaving suspiciously — avoiding eye contact and fidgeting with their hands.

They told him they were thrown off a Greyhound bus in North Carolina after a dispute with the driver, and had paid Mr. Whitaker in advance to drive them to Miami.

They consented to a search of their luggage, and Deputy McGauley said a bag claimed by Michael Gipe, 20, of Marysville, PA contained a tobacco grinder with marijuana residue. He also had a small amount of pot in a container in his pants pocket.

A bag belonging to Gilberto Merced, 21, of Harrisburg, PA contained a gas mask that had been rigged with two smoking pipes, which also had residue in them.

A third passenger, also a male from Pennsylvania, was not charged. The cab driver was ticketed for speeding.

In another arrest on the same stretch of interstate, this one in the late morning of July 11, Deputy Kevin Jenkins arrested a truck driver for having a suspended California driver's license.

The officer said he stopped an eastbound semi-

truck driven by Lawrence Weldon, 39, of Bakersfield, CA for going 81 mph and weaving between lanes. A computer check revealed the license status and the fact that Mr. Weldon was also wanted in New Mexico for an unspecified offense.

Deputy Jenkins' report also noted the driver's log book was not in order. The truck was transporting strawberries from Louisiana.

In other license-related arrests:  
• The driver another speeding vehicle on I-10 near Glen, Thomas Akridge, 21, of Wellborn, FL, was taken to jail when a computer check revealed his license had been suspended as an habitual offender.

Deputy Jenkins stopped Mr. Akridge driving a Ford pickup going 85 mph the afternoon of July 10. He also had the wrong license tag on the vehicle.

• Robert Porterfield, 32, of Glen St. Mary was arrested about 1:30 am on July 11 for driving on a license with three prior suspensions.

Deputy Daryl Mobley said he saw the suspect's 1998 Oldsmobile leave Mac's Liquors in downtown Macclenny and roll past a stop sign before heading west on US 90. Mr. Porterfield was also ticketed for the traffic violation.

• A criminal complaint names Lee Battles, 20, of Macclenny as the driver who fled on foot from Deputy Chris Walker the evening of July 8.

The officer said he saw Mr. Battles speeding in a 2004 Jeep on MLK Dr. near South Boulevard about 6:00 and was aware that his license had three prior suspensions.

Mr. Battles will also be charged with resisting arrest.

# Re-pave of US 90 to begin this week

Work began this week on what is expected to be an eight-month project repaving and making improvements to US 90 from Sanderson east to the Baker-Nassau county line.

The two-ply resurfacing includes the four-lane section between Macclenny and Glen St. Mary that has deteriorated significantly in the past five years.

The Florida Department of Transportation said last week the work will commence in Sanderson and move eastward 13 miles before it is completed in the early spring of next year. APAC Southeast of Gainesville won the \$5.5 million bid.

In addition to milling [removing] the top three inches of asphalt, FDOT says eight curves along the stretch will have additional asphalt applied to improve traction.

Other improvement include:

- Adding three feet of pavement on each side to make five-foot paved shoulders.
- Replacing the railing at the CSX overpass east of Sanderson with a solid concrete barrier.
- Repair of broken sidewalks and adding handicap-accessible ramps at intersections in Macclenny.
- Relocating the traffic signal pole at the southeast corner of US 90 and SR 121 in Macclenny to move it clear of turning trucks.
- Some modification and replacement of draining pipes, including three along driveways or cross roads, and two sections of pipe that run underneath US 90.

The contract calls for the bulk of the work during daytime hours on weekdays and no lane closures between 6:00-8:30 am.

Repaving through Macclenny from Lowder east to East Boulevard will take place at night to minimize congestion.

# Beaten after chase

A Macclenny man told police he was beaten at an intersection two blocks from his residence on Wheeler Dr. after he chased a white male suspect who attempted to steal a stereo speaker from the cab of his 1992 Chevrolet pickup.

Timothy Lumpkin told Sgt. Phil Duval he saw the suspect flee from the residence after he went outside to investigate suspicious noise about midnight on July 9.

He said he followed the man east to the intersection of Blair and Ohio, where he was jumped by three males who kicked and beat him to the ground before they fled on foot.

He said two of them were white, one black.

In other incidents involving vehicles:

• John Jones of Glen St. Mary called police early on July 4 after a road rage incident at the corner of US 90 and SR 121.

He said Dustin Heppner, 22, of Macclenny chased him north to the intersection about 2:45 am and attempted to get him into a physical confrontation. When Mr. Jones refused, he said the alleged assailant struck the tailgate of his 2009 Chevrolet pickup, re-

sulting in minor damage.

Deputy Daryl Mobley later questioned Mr. Heppner, who denied involvement. A complaint for criminal mischief was forwarded to the state attorney.

• Mitchell Conner called police when he found his 2000 Chevrolet pickup had been ransacked during the night July 11. It was parked off Anne Rd. near Glen St. Mary.

He reported nothing taken from the vehicle.

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# Multiple theft charges

Police think they may have caught the person responsible for more than two dozen burglaries in neighborhoods off Woodlawn Rd. the past several months.

For the time being, Elick Griffis, 23, of Macclenny is charged with burglary of four vehicles the evening of July 9 and shortly after midnight the following morning, plus five others since last October. Mr. Griffis lives on Ben Rowe Circle in the same vicinity and also the location of many of the crimes dating back several months.

Deputy Shawn Bishara said the suspect was first identified in a photo lineup by a witness who saw him run from the Fastway Food Store on Woodlawn about 9:40 pm Friday.

The witness moments before heard a noise on the west side of the store and saw the man he believed to be Mr. Griffis standing next to a 1992 Ford belonging to Rubina Ali, the store owner.

The vehicle's driver side window had been smashed with an object.

An acquaintance of the suspect, identified as Mason Bryant, 21, of Macclenny, was inside the store at the time and appeared to be extremely intoxicated. He then ran outside and cursed at Mr. Griffis as he fled, then picked the suspect up in a pickup that sped away east on Woodlawn.

Police about 6:00 that eve-

ning were called to the scene of another vehicle burglary, this one involving a 2007 Chevrolet belonging to Edna Wallace. It was parked outside her residence on Adams Rd. and the contents of its center console and glove box were scattered about the interior.

Neither Ms. Wallace nor Ms. Ali reported any property missing.

Mr. Griffis was the object of a manhunt early the next morning when Deputy Bishara saw a red pickup that appeared to be chasing a man near Grant and Woodlawn.

The man, who was running with a backpack, stopped and abruptly got into the pickup as officers surrounded it and arrested Mr. Griffis, who surrendered without incident. He apparently jumped into the vehicle driven by Kendra Russell, who told police she was chasing him because he shortly before had broken into a 1997 Ford Explorer belonging to her mother.

Ms. Russell told Cpl. Randy Davis she and several others were at their Grant Ave. address when they heard noise outside and saw the suspect running away. She jumped into the pickup and gave chase, and soon ran up on Deputy Bishara nearby.

Mr. Griffis is also charged with entering a 1997 Chevrolet belong-

ing to James Turner and parked at the address.

The suspect told police he ingested ten Xanax pills that evening, and he was medically checked at the scene by a rescue team. He also had to be restrained when seated in the rear of a patrol car because he several times struck his head on a partition screen.

Mr. Griffis appeared to be disoriented, and told Deputy Bishara on the way to jail he broke into a black pickup truck that night as well and stole cigarettes though he said he does not smoke.

At the time of his arrest, his pockets and backpack contained cigarettes, a knife, three pairs of sunglasses and women's underwear.

Chief sheriff's investigator Chuck Brannan said Mr. Griffis likely was responsible for 25 burglaries since last fall. Other items recovered from the bedroom at his residence this week include a GPS system and more sunglasses.

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# Homemade ice cream at market

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Summer is definitely the best time for a frosty cold dish of homemade ice cream and the Baker County Farmer's Market was the place on July 10 to find some excellent examples of this cold treat.

An ice cream churn-off was planned for that day as a benefit for The Samaritan House, a local food bank that helps people supplement their food supplies in time of need. For a donation of a canned good or other non-perishable food item, supporters were able to sample the ice cream churned by participants.

Churn-off participants signed up for the event ahead of time, but a fluke of fate caused each one to cancel at the last moment.

"We'd already announced it in the paper, so we knew people would come expecting to taste samples of all the ice cream," said Helene Guest, who oversees the market.

Not wanting to disappoint anyone, the enterprising Ms. Guest went shopping for ingredients and spent the Friday evening before the market making up batches of homemade ice cream.

Folks were able to get their sweet fix and the BCFM saved face. The churn-off competition will be rescheduled for a future date.

Even though the churn-off was canceled, Ms. Guest's homemade ice cream was received enthusiastically. After stocking up on wonderful produce and fun craft items from the market, shoppers dropped by the ice cream tent,

waiting with anticipation for a bowl of peach, strawberry or chocolate ice cream.

Alice and Ed Malin of Macclenny enjoyed the home-churned treat so much they were eating from each other's bowls.

"Ed, you have to taste this chocolate, it is so good," said Ms. Malin.

He took a large mouthful, savoring the texture and sweetness. Then it was on to another selection.

"The peach is definitely my favorite," Ed told her, after sampling all three flavors.

"Ice cream is such a happy food," said Ms. Malin. "Just the mention of it makes you think of parties and kids and fun."

Ms. Guest generously shared recipes with those who were interested in making the frozen fare for themselves at home.

"It's become the exception for people to make ice cream from scratch," said Ms. Guest, "which is why I think people are enjoying this so much today."

Churning homemade ice cream carries a strong nostalgic yearning for a bygone era. It was an activity that brought families and neighborhoods together. No



Alice and Ed Malin sampling ice cream.

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church picnic or summer holiday celebration was complete without a bucket of hand-churned ice cream. Making it at home was still very popular even after the introduction of electric churns. Eventually, however, the practice fell off.

Ms. Malin, a preschool teacher in Duval County, still makes ice cream as an end-of-year school project for her students.

"The kids love it and are fas-

cinated by the process because most of them have only seen ice cream come out of a box from the grocery store."

Ms. Malin has ice cream making cans that are rolled across the floor. The action causes the ice and salt in the outer can to move around and freeze the cream in the inner can.

She sits her kids in small circles and they roll the can back and forth to each other.

"We sometimes have six cans rolling around at once," she said.

Vanilla is the flavor because all children like it. Even the occasional child with lactose intolerance still likes to participate in the project.

"I always have a treat for them, too, like a popsicle," said Ms. Malin.

## 'Night Out' observance on August 3

Baker County will join communities in all 50 states the evening of Tuesday, August 3 for National Night Out to heighten crime prevention awareness.

The sheriff's department and both Macclenny and county fire departments are putting the program together. It will be held at the Macclenny Park from 5:00-9:00 pm.

"National Night Out is designed to generate support for local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships," said Lt. Adam Faircloth of the sheriff's department.

This is the first time Baker County has been involved in the event, he added. Police and fire equipment and personnel will be at the part to interact with the public, and free refreshments including hot dogs and drinks will be served.

For more details, contact Lt. Faircloth at 259-6111.

## Thanks to all

The Baker County Historical Society thanks all who celebrated the Independence Day/Centennial Celebration of the Old Historic Jail on July 3 with us.

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# Shoplifters were wanted

Two persons questioned by police for shoplifting and suspicion of shoplifting turned up wanted on warrants, one of them from New Jersey.

A manager at the Macclenny Walgreens on South 6th called police the morning of July 9 when she became wary of two customers roaming the aisles placing items in a cart and sipping on soft drinks that had not been paid for.

Deputy Matt Sigers questioned Daniel Booth, 26, and Kaylyn Adams, 24, of the same Glen St. Mary address and they told him they did not intend to purchase the items and forgot to pay for the drinks.

The officer soon learned Mr. Booth was sought in Columbia County for passing a worthless check and he was arrested.

Deputy Sigers also noted the suspect had in his possession several prescription bottles, two of them for the same medication. He turned the pills over to an investigator on the suspicion that Mr. Booth was "doctor shopping"—acquiring the same drugs from several physicians.

In another case, a woman arrested at the Walmart in Macclenny about noon on July 10 was found to be wanted in Atlantic County, N.J. for failing to appear in court.

Deputy Brandon Kiser questioned Jennifer Bailey, 30, of Castleberry, FL after she attempted to leave the store with four knives and a bottle of dog wormer. The merchandise was valued at \$84, and she told the officer she stole the knives to get money for gas.

In other arrests:

• Two juvenile males were charged after one of them was caught on surveillance tape stealing candy and an alcohol drink from the BP station in downtown Macclenny the afternoon of July 6.

Store owner Amir Ali gave police a description of the black Chevrolet Tahoe driven from the scene after the older youth, age 16 and from Jacksonville, resisted him and drove off.

Mr. Ali said the youth when confronted several times threatened to return to the store and kill him.

The vehicle was located by Sgt. James Marker on W. Minnesota shortly after, and the mother of the other suspect, age 12, brought both of them back to the store where they were identified.

The older boy was arrested for retail theft, and his accomplice

for disorderly conduct when he cursed and pushed Deputy Matt Sigers during questioning.

• Aaron Yox, 38, of Hoboken, GA was arrested early on July 7 when Deputy Daryl Mobley learned he was wanted for violation of probation in Volusia County.

The officer stopped Mr. Yox about 3:00 am near Ohio and North 6th in Macclenny for a faulty tail light.

• Melissa Green, 40, was arrested at her W. Minnesota Ave. address the morning of July 9 on a warrant from Charlton County, GA for felony theft.

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# WHO'S RUNNING AND WHY—

The Baker County Press recently solicited information from the 11 men and women vying to represent you on the Baker County Commission and Baker County School Board.

Candidates were asked about their experience, qualifications and views on the most pressing issues facing the county today. What follows are their responses, brief profiles of each candidate and information about the offices they hope to hold.

The Press is also organizing a candidate forum at the fair grounds August 16. The 6:00 pm event will be an opportunity for candidates to meet with voters and answer questions from the public. E-mail your questions to reporter@bakercountypress.com, fax them to 259-6502 or snail mail to P.O. Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063.

Each candidate will be asked three anonymous questions, two from readers and a third from the newspaper staff. The candidates will have no prior knowledge of the questions.

## County Commissioner Dist. 4

The August 24 primary election will decide which two candidates will face off to replace sitting Commissioner Mike Griffin in the general election. Democrats Chris Rhoden, Donnie Starling and Michael Conner will meet on the primary ballot along with Republicans Jeana Duval and Adam Giddens.

### Jeana Walker Duval (R)

- Age 49
- Married, one child
- School teacher
- Lives in Macclenny and attends First Baptist of Glen St. Mary.



Jeana Duval

Leadership roles include(d): Awana Leader, past teachers union treasurer, Wildcat Football Booster Club member, BCHS Wildcat Baseball Dugout treasurer.

**Why should voters elect you to the county commission?** "As a public educator, small business owner and lifelong resident of Baker County I have a vested interest in the growth and development of this county."

**What are three changes you hope to make once in office?** "Encourage community involvement and keep citizens well informed. Work on keeping our county affordable. Research to find ways to bring more industries into the county."

**What's the most important issue/problem/challenge you see facing Baker County today?** "The growth in the county."

**How would you go about addressing that issue/problem/challenge?** "By working closely with the resources we have available in this county."

**In closing:** "I am a candidate who is a lifelong resident and willing to serve and listen to the citizens. I feel as a woman I see things in a different perspective, and will use my education and work experience to bring new and innovative ideas to the county."

### Adam Giddens (R)

- Age 26
- Engaged, no children
- Director of Business Development and Chief Financial Officer of Giddens Security Corporation of Jacksonville.



Adam Giddens

- Lives in Macclenny and attends Macclenny First Assembly.

Leadership roles include(d): involvement in extracurricular activities while in college, managing over 250 employees for a Jacksonville business.

"In this role I am responsible for the fiscal management of [Giddens Security], business development and strategy, employee relations and issues, as well as client relations. I have extensive experience with county government contracts, the bidding process and purchasing departments throughout the state."

**Why should voters elect you to the county commission?** "As voters assess the candidates, they should consider who is the most qualified to deal with the serious fiscal issues facing our community. I am equipped to deal with those issues. I bring to the forefront a substantial educational background, including a master's degree in taxation, as well as being a certified public accountant. Also, I have senior level management experience in a large company with a record of building critical business and personal relationships to achieve success."

**What are three changes you hope to make once in office?** "Key changes that must be made are about fiscal management and how we allocate funding. I would first push for a defined priority-item system for allocating monies. Secondly, I would like to develop stronger relationships with state and federal entities to acquire funding. Thirdly, I would work with the Chamber of Commerce and others to attract business to our community in order to acquire jobs and strengthen our tax base."

**What's the most important issue/problem/challenge you see facing Baker County today?** "Fiscal Management. We do not have enough tax revenue, both public and private, to support the future needs of the county. We do not have enough growth from a business perspective to support the needs of the community. Therefore, we have a serious fiscal problem facing us."

**How would you go about addressing that issue/problem/challenge?** "Growth of business. Growth leads to sources of revenue for the county's spending. We have to figure out how to bring more businesses to our community. I want to work with the Chamber of Commerce, public officials and

local business leaders to help business development in this county. I want growth in the private sector, but we need both private and public sector sources of revenue for the county. I also want to work with our current county commissioners to secure appropriate funding at the state and federal level."

**In closing:** "I am proud to be from Baker County and I am deeply rooted in this community. I am vying for county commissioner because I want to make Baker County an even better place to live for us all. I want our government to be effective, efficient, and proactive. I want to make a difference for the future of Baker County."

### Chris Rhoden, (D)

- Age 39
- Married with two children
- Self employed with the land clearing and fill dirt company Chris Rhoden Enterprises, Inc.
- Lives in Glen St. Mary and attends Raiford Road Church.



Chris Rhoden

Leadership role include(d): Raiford Road Church Council.

**Why should voters elect you to the county commission?** "I am an independent thinker. I am not obligated to any party, person or group of people. I own a small business and understand the difficulty of balancing a budget, high taxes, property rights and the free market system. If elected I will not be afraid to make tough decisions, based on facts, required to run a county government. I am a hard worker and will continue my work ethic for the people of Baker County."

**What are three changes you hope to make once in office?** "Make the budget and public finances more citizen friendly, make our local government more transparent and invite citizen participation through panels and advisory groups. I will solicit ideas from the public on job creation and how to address budget shortfalls. We can achieve more working together."

**What is the most important issue/problem/challenge you see facing Baker County today?** "Bringing and keeping quality employment to the citizens of Baker County."

**How would you go about addressing that issue/problem/challenge?** "By creating an environment that will attract businesses to Baker County to support the needs of the people who live here. We must have leaders who have and convey the virtues of hope, entrepreneurship and self reliance. We need leaders in government who look outside of government for solutions to the problems we face."

**In closing:** "Voter of Baker County, I would appreciate your support and in good faith I will work hard to meet the challenges that face us. Working together as neighbors, there is no problem we cannot face."

### Michael Conner (D)

- Age 53
- Married for 32 years
- Maintenance supervisor of First Baptist Church of Glen
- Lives in Cuyler and attends First Baptist Church of Glen



Michael Conner

Leadership roles include Baker County volunteer fireman, serving as captain of Station 30, coach and umpire for Baker County Little League and past member of Westside Elementary advisory board.

**Why should voters elect you to the county commission?** "I believe that I have the experience, knowledge and maturity to lead Baker County into the future. I know that I have a strong desire for Baker County to be one of the best in the state for now and the future. My promise to each person of this county is that I will give 100 percent to make this happen."

**What are the most important issue/challenge/problem facing Baker County today, and how would you address it?** "The two biggest issues that I see now for Baker County are taxes and jobs. My promise is that I will see that for each dollar that Baker County spends, we get the best possible return for that dollar and use all funds wisely. I will aggressively pursue, with the help of all local and state agencies, to see that Baker County is always in position to compete for any that are available."

**In closing:** "My position on any issue to come before the county commission would be from a strong conservative Christian background, a strong desire to hear all the voices of Baker County and a strong desire to always do what is best for Baker County. A vote for Michael Conner is a vote for the future."

### Donnie Starling (D)

- Age 55
- Married with four children
- Owner and operator of Donnie's Nursery, Inc.
- Lives in Cuyler and attends Mt. Zion Church
- Leadership roles include(d): Local #13 apprenticeship member
- Church affiliation: Mt. Zion Church

**Why should voters elect you to the county commission?** "I am a proven leader and a successful business man and family oriented."

**What are three changes you hope to make once in office?** "Improve youth programs, improve services to senior citizens and make

Baker County a better place to live."

**What's the most important issue/problem/challenge you see facing Baker County today?** "The strain the economy is placing on the people of Baker County."

**How would you go about addressing that issue/problem/challenge?** "Work with the Chamber of Commerce to attract new businesses and try to get more grant money."

**In closing:** "I am a man who started his own business and made it a success. This was done by hard work and monitoring how every penny was spent. If elected, I intend to do the same thing for the county."

## County Commissioner Dist. 2

District 2 county commissioner candidates will meet on the general election ballot November 2.

### Alex Robinson, (D)

- Age 63
- Married with three children and three grandchildren
- Owner of P&R Electric
- Lives in Macclenny and attends First Baptist Church of Glen.



Alex Robinson

Leadership roles include(d): Vietnam War veteran serving in United States Army and Gideons member.

**Describe any previous experience in elected office?** "I'm currently serving as your commissioner in District 2, elected in 1992. To better serve you I completed a certified commissioner course as well as advanced commissioners certification. I served as chairman of the Small County Coalition for three years and have also served as chairman of the county commission."

**Why should voters elect you to the county commission?** "The experience I bring to the board and the strong desire to continue to serve our community with enthusiasm and excitement for our future."

**What are three changes you hope to make once in office?** "Serving as your commissioner these past years, this to me is a tough question to put into perspective. Since I've been on the board we have continued to lower the millage rate from 9.44 to 7.14. I have been instrumental in helping bring in over \$33 million to our community for roads, EMS, fire, library renovations, recreation and parks, and courthouse renovations. We are currently working with a group to develop the Woodstock Industrial Park at I-10

and US 90 West at Sanderson, and at East Macclenny across from the Walmart Distribution Center we are working with a group to develop the Jackson-Shaw industrial park project. These two facilities would include approximately 12.5 million square feet of industrial space that will bring jobs to our community and help keep our workers within our county.

"Also, we have been successful in negotiating with FDOT for a traffic variance on I-10 at no cost to the citizens of Baker County. This will allow more trips-per-day (from approximately 35,000 to 48,000 trips) that will allow for future growth and the interstate will be able to accept this new traffic.

"One of the fiercest battles I've been involved with was with the 2008-09 state legislators and GEO on the privatization of the Northeast Florida State Hospital. We formed a coalition of county commissioners, city commissioners, the Town of Glen, members of NEFSH, the school board, our lobbyist Chris Doolin, and others. At times, saving our hospital from privatization looked rather bleak. After all, we're talking some 1300 jobs for our local community and surrounding counties. We 'loaded the bus' on many occasions and the legislators were overwhelmed by the following and support for the hospital. In the end, the hard work of our coalition prevailed and we saved the NEFSH from privatization. Looking back I am very pleased with the direction and accomplishments that have improved the quality of life for all of Baker County. I will continue with my commitment to the very best for Baker county."

**What's the most important issue/problem/challenge you see facing Baker County today?** "In these times of economic distress, growth is stymied. But the future of Baker County is dependent on how we plan for the growth we anticipate. In negotiations with FDOT for the variance on I-10, we were to provide corridor roads. That plan is in place, in part, with the bypass corridor (that incidentally we received recognition for from the Regional Planning Council). To put growth in place along this corridor we have planned a water plant to furnish the needs in these sections and have been working with engineers and our US Congressmen to assist us with these projects."

**How would go about addressing that issue/problem/challenge?** "As one of your leaders, I'm going to see that we tighten our belts, work with our department heads, and keep the relationship with our state and federal legislators."

**In closing:** "Vote for and support the commissioner dedicated to serving Baker County to make it a better place to live. Thank You and may God Bless!"

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# -THE CANDIDATES OF 2010

## Jimmy Anderson, (R)

- Age 46
- Married with six children and four grandchildren.
- Roofing and building contractor for more than 15 years.
- Lives in Macclenny and attends Christian Fellowship Temple.



Jimmy Anderson

Leadership roles include(d): member of the Baker County Tourism Development Council and Baker County Construction Trades & Qualifying Board.

**Why should voters elect you to the county commission?** "I feel it is time we change the direction that our county is heading."

**What are three changes you hope to make once in office?** "Maintain and eventually lower taxes, make BCDC profitable and bring new business to Baker County."

**What's the most important issue/problem/challenge you see facing Baker County today?** "The general economy of Baker County has become stagnant."

**How would you go about addressing that issue/problem/challenge?** "Create jobs by bringing in new business and supporting our current businesses. Reduce county spending by applying better bid practices and employee involvement."

**In closing:** "My promise to you is I'll work hard for the citizens of Baker County. I love our county and would love to leave it to our children strong and vibrant. Together, we can make a difference."

## School board member Dist. 4

School board seats for both District 3 and 4 will be decided during the primary election August 24.

## Charlie "Artie" Burnett

- Age 52
- Married with two children
- Corrections officer at New River Correction Institute
- Lives in Glen St. Mary and attends Taylor Church



Artie Burnett

Leadership roles include(d): member of the Baker County High School FFA Alumni organization and on the Baker County Fair Livestock Committee. "I have previously been a member of the Baker County Little League Association and helped coach my son's teams. At Lake City Community College I was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Fraternity. In high school I was a captain on the varsity football team, president of the High School Key Club, Vice-president of the Honor Society, and sports columnist on the high school newspaper."

**Why should voters elect you to the school board?** "I have been with the Florida Department of Corrections for over 28 years; having worked as a correctional officer, classification officer, probation officer and accountant. My education: associate degree from Lake City Community College where I graduated *magna cum laude* with a 4.0 GPA, bachelor's degree from Flori-

da State University with a major in finance and banking and minor in public administration and accounting. I have had a desire to directly serve the people of Baker County, especially the children. I feel being a member of the Baker County School Board would allow me to use my education, experience and fiscally conservative values to positively and effectively serve my community. If elected by the people of Baker County, they can be assured I will do my very best. I believe it is time for some new blood and fresh ideas on the board to face the challenges we face today."

**What are three changes you hope to make once in office?** "I am proud that we have an "A" school at the middle school and I would like to help in any way I could as a school board member to bring the other schools up to this level. As a school board member I would like to take an active role in the long range planning for our school district for five and 10 years down the road by taking a proactive rather than reactive approach. I believe we have a good school district with some very dedicated staff members who give greatly of themselves to serve our children in their quest for an education. As a school board member I would do everything I could to give them the tools they need to do their job effectively and efficiently."

**What's the most important issue/problem/challenge you see facing Baker County today?** "Currently I see the tough fiscal decisions that have to be made in these dismal economic times as one of the greatest challenges facing the school board and school administrators today. I would like to be a part of the board and administrators working together to review our policies and practices to see where there may be areas we can get a bigger bang for our limited bucks."

"Secondly, we still have to plan for growth. Even with the bad economic times and bursting of the housing boom, the enrollments at Baker County schools have grown and new portable classrooms are being ordered. I still believe in America and expect the economy to recover in spite of the greed displayed by members of the financial community and banking industry that put us in our current tail spin. Thus, we have to plan for our school district's future, so we can continue to provide a quality education to our children and grandchildren by having a long range five and 10-year plan that anticipates our needs in the future."

**In closing:** "I would like the people and voters of Baker County to know I am very passionate about the growth, development and education of our children and their children. I do not profess to be the smartest. I am not the richest, nor am I the best looking. But if elected by the people of Baker County, I believe I have positive ideas to offer this community and will do my best to be one of most dedicated public servants you have. I thank you for consideration and any support you can give me."

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## Paul Raulerson

- Age 71
- Married with four children, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.
- Retired from Florida Power & Light
- Lives in Glen St. Mary and attends First Baptist of Glen



Paul Raulerson

Leadership roles include(d) Lions Club member, Farm Bureau Association member, and many years as president of the Band Parents Association PTA.

**Describe any experience in elected office?** I was elected to the school board in 1996. While in office I have provided leadership while working through difficult financial times, I have helped in the planning process of building and opening two new schools, and I have served as a liaison at the state level representing the Baker County School Board on important issues facing schools districts across Florida. Also, as a result of strong leadership and good financial decisions, our district has been able to prevent any layoffs or negative impacts on teaching and learning in the classroom.

**Why should voters elect you to the school board?** "I have 14 years of experience on the board and have gone through extensive training to become a state certified school board member and state master board member. This experience is vital at this time with the challenges school districts are faced with. I will use this training and my expertise to guide and make decisions to help move our schools forward."

**What are three changes you hope to make once in office?** "I will continue to provide leadership that ensures a safe environment for all students and the best education possible. I will also continue to monitor school improvement plans that provide the framework for the vision and goals of each school site. I will also continue to analyze policies and procedures that govern the operation of our school district."

**What's the most important issue/problem/challenge you see facing Baker County today and how would you go about addressing that issue?** "The budget is a very critical issue. We are in the most difficult financial times we have been in for many years. It is very important to continue monitoring and making decisions that will keep our district financially solvent, but also provide a quality education for our children."

"The Class Size Amendment is another challenge. Each district needs to have the flexibility to work with each school providing adequate class sizes, while keeping the cost of the amendment under control and manageable for our district. I will continue to serve at the state level to communicate the needs of our district as it is impacted by decisions made by the state."

**In closing:** "Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me as I have served as your school board member. It is an honor and privilege to serve you and the children of Baker County. Please allow me to continue to use my training and expertise to continue serving our children for the next four years."

## School board member Dist. 3

- Age 42
- Married with two children
- Assists in managing husband's sporting goods store and property management and bookkeeping for parents' investments.
- Lives in Macclenny and attends Taylor Church



Tina Mobley

Leadership roles include(d): the youth ministry at Taylor Church.

**Why should voters elect you to the school board?** "I believe that the voters should elect me to the school board because I have been actively involved as a parent of school age children as being a graduate of this school system. While I would be new to the position, I would bring a fresh and new perspective as a board member to look at the programs in place for possible opportunities."

**What are three changes you hope to make once in office?** "Once in office I would hope to work cooperatively with the superintendent, school board members, educational leaders and staff in identifying and meeting the educational needs of all children; participate in development programs in order to become a certified school board member and remain open-minded about issues that could increase academic focus of our children at all grade levels."

**What's the most important issue/problem/challenge you see facing Baker County today?** "The most important issue that I see facing our county, as in all households, is financial stability. Our school system is no exception with the financial challenges that are evident today. Funding is the biggest challenge to advancing our education for the benefit of our children."

**How would you go about addressing that issue/problem/challenge?** "I would work closely with the superintendent and other board members to ensure that we look for every opportunity to save money and focus on getting the most out of every dollar invested toward our children and employees."

**In closing:** "It would be an honor and privilege for me serve as a school board member of our county. As in all areas of this country, I feel that we are no exception to challenges but we do not need to lose focus on how blessed we are to live in Baker County."

- Age 34
- Married with three children
- Insurance wholesaler
- Lives in Macclenny and attends Ralford Road Church



Jesse Davis

Leadership roles include(d): "After graduating from the University of Central Florida, I worked my way up the career ladder in the insurance industry, working for a Fortune 100 insurance company and serving as

the overall state sales manager for two other insurance companies with assets well over \$500 million. Outside of my management positions in the insurance world I have been an active member of the community, involved in many aspects of leadership including being an appointed member of the Baker County Local Planning Agency, chairman of the Baker County Pre-K/Kindergarten School Advisory Committee for the 2009-10 school year, volunteer soccer coach for the Baker County YMCA, board member for the Jacksonville Society of Human Resource Management, founder of MyPurpose Ministries and was recently nominated to serve on the board for the Baker County Council on Aging.

"Prior to moving to Baker County I was involved in many groups with varied roles including the National Association of Health Underwriters, Florida Association of Health Underwriters, Central Florida Step-Family Association of America, Christian Chamber of Commerce, Orlando Chamber of Commerce, Orlando Chamber of Commerce Small Business board member, Leadership Orlando, MyRegion.org, BusinessForce, Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Central Florida Human Resource Association, Breakfast Club America advisory board member, UCF Alumni Association, Heart of Florida United Way and founder of the Central Florida Executive Seminar Series, which brings education and business opportunities to the small and mid-size business community in Central Florida. Co-Founder of the Central Florida Economic Cooperative (www.economiccooperative.com) designed to bring business development, external and internal business education and community involvement to small and mid-size companies in the Central Florida business community.

"In 2007 and 2008 I was nominated as one of the top 40 "Most Influential Men" by the Orlando Business Journal and was a finalist for the Beacon Award recognizing business leaders who champion diversity in the workplace."

**Why should voters elect you to the school board?** "Because I am the best and most qualified candidate for the District 3 school board seat. My experience in decision making and serving on boards will allow me to focus on researching issues and making the right decisions for the children of Baker County. Keep in mind that the Baker

County school district has a budget of almost \$40 million. If you had to choose one person to help make safe decisions for your \$40 million — who would you choose?"

**What's the most important issue/problem/challenge you see facing Baker County today?** "Baker County finds itself at an interesting crossroads where the harmony and comfort of yesterday are beginning to meet up with the uncertainty and transition of tomorrow. Baker County needs representatives with experience to meet the challenges of tomorrow and this is especially important at the school board. The children of Baker County deserve the same opportunity as anyone else to be successful in their education and in the development of the men and women they will grow up to be. I certainly feel that I am more than qualified to help our school board do this."

**In closing:** "Change is inevitable but often determinable. Which means although our county is changing we can also decide as a community how we want that change to look. However, we have to be careful not to discriminate against those who hope to bring positive transformation to our area. In addition we must be careful not to exclude those who have made the decision to relocate to our county and wish to contribute. We must not send the message to new taxpayers and businesses that seek to come to Baker County that we thank them for their tax dollars and jobs, but that there is no place for their voice here."

Baker County stands at the edge of drastic change and we need to welcome qualified and experienced leaders in our county who know how to navigate the sea of growth that is coming our way. It is time to stand up as a people and have our voice heard. On August 24 make your voice heard by voting for Jesse Davis for school board."

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Thank You,  
**Nita D. Crawford**  
Supervisor of Elections

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Baker County Sheriff's Office has received a JAG Discretionary Grant in the amount of \$11,815.00. These funds will be used to purchase surveillance equipment for covert operations and laptop computers for our patrol vehicles. A hearing will be held at the Baker County Sheriff's Office new location of 1 Sheriff's Office Dr. in Macclenny to allow input from interested local citizens.

**Date: July 22, 2010**  
**Time: 3:00 PM**

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# Ruth Gregg: lesson in turning adversity into one's advantage

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After a serious accident in 2007 left her unable to work, Ruth Gregg, who has lived in Baker County for twenty years, decided it was finally time to follow her lifelong dream of studying criminal justice.

In January 2008, she enrolled in Everest College in Jacksonville and two years later on July 1, 2010, she earned an associate degree in criminal justice.

"I always wanted to be a cop when I was little," she said. "I couldn't stand playing house or dolls. I always played cops and robbers with the boys and I was always the good guy — a cop or a judge."

Graduation was a proud moment for the 57-year-old grandmother, who as a teenager was told by a school counselor that she was "too dumb" to be a cop.

"Can you believe a counselor would say such a thing to a teenager?" asked Ms. Gregg. "She knew my family and told me I'd be just like my mother, with a slew of kids and on welfare."

That was in the late 1970s. The hurtful words caused Ms. Gregg to walk around "with my head down," even after she managed to get into college, do well and become a nurse.

That experience, in part, is now motivating her to move toward her ultimate goal of working in the school system as a counselor. She wants to focus on the kids with behavioral problems and unstable family situations — the ones who are likely to head for a life of crime and time in jail.

"All that will come after I get my bachelors in criminal justice," she said.

At the moment Ms. Gregg cannot work full time and has been undergoing surgery to help correct damage she suffered as the result of a fall on 2007. A few more procedures remain.

But the feisty, active grandmother who has a black belt in martial arts isn't deterred for a moment. She knows the day will soon come when she will be physically ready.

"I fractured my skull and broke some vertebrae in my neck in an accident," she said. "Recovery has been very tough, but I have never been the kind of person to just go lie on the sofa and whine. You work through things and you keep going forward."

Ms. Gregg has used the recovery time since the accident to earn the criminal justice degree and continues to prepare for the day she will re-enter the work force in the field she has dreamed about her entire life.

She has loved being in the classroom for the criminology courses and Spanish that's becoming necessary for criminal justice associates.

"Being a former psych nurse, I



Ruth Gregg

was just fascinated with the workings of the criminal mind, which is pretty different from regular folks," observed Ms. Gregg. "In the prisons today there are a lot of Spanish speaking inmates.

"Law enforcement people now have to be able to read people they arrest their Miranda rights in Spanish if necessary."

Although she has known great adversity, especially early in life, she claims she has never been bitter toward God about it, or about the tragic accident that nearly rendered her helpless.

"My birth family came from the wrong side of the tracks, but I have come to believe God doesn't put anything on you that you can't learn from," she said. "I actually believe my accident was God saying, 'Okay, you've walked the nursing path long enough - now it's time you follow your dream.'"

Ms. Gregg came to Macclenny 20 years ago to work at Northeast State Hospital where she remained for 12 years. She then went to the Department of Corrections, working at Florida State Prison, Union Correctional Institution and the Pretrial Detention Facility in Jacksonville. She has also cared for children in hospice centers.

In the prison system, she has seen as many as three generations of the same family end up incarcerated.

It made her understand the importance of some type of early intervention with kids likely to go down that path. The most important thing in her new career will be to mentor young folks in choosing a path different from a life of crime.

"I grew up in an abusive family atmosphere that easily could have led me down the criminal path, but somehow, even at 17, I saw the folly of that," she said. "It made me determined to go the other way.

"Education is what can pull you out of the mud and help you make something of your life. If I can keep even a couple kids from making a mistake it will be worth it."

## CDBG PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 2nd Public Hearing (Rescheduled) Notice

The Baker County Board of Commissioners is applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a grant under the Housing category in the amount of \$750,000 under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons. The activities, dollar amounts, estimated percentage benefit to low and moderate income persons and location(s) for which Baker County Board of Commissioners is applying are:

- Housing rehab/demolition/replacement: \$622,500;
- Temporary relocation \$15,000;
- CDBG administrative funds \$112,500;
- Estimated 100% benefit to low and moderate income persons;
- Location of beneficiaries: multiple locations in unincorporated Baker County.

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 does not apply to displacement under Baker County Housing Assistance Program, since Baker County does not acquire the vacated (demolished or rehabilitated) property and residents participate voluntarily. Therefore, relocation services will be provided as described in the Baker County Anti-Displacement and Relocation Policy that covers situations in great detail. The Baker County Anti-Displacement and Relocation Policy may be obtained by contacting Arlene Griffis, Baker County Housing Assistance Program, 55 N. Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063, (904) 259-6463.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at the Baker County Administration Office on Friday, July 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. A draft copy of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the Baker County Grants Department, 360 E. Shuey Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063 on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am – 5:00 pm after the public hearing on July 16, 2010. The application will be submitted to DCA on or before July 21, 2010. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Maurice Postal, Baker County Grants Department, 320 E. Shuey Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063, (904) 259-9825.

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, Secretary to the Board, 55 N. Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063, (904) 259-3613, 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 special accommodation at this meeting should contact Ms. Yarborough at least two (2) calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DCA with the application. The disclosures will be made available by the Baker County Board of Commissioners and DCA for public inspection upon request. These disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of five years.

1. Other government (federal, state and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect benefit by source and amount;
2. The identities and pecuniary interests of all developers, contractors, or consultants involved in the application for assistance or in the planning or development of the project or activity;
3. The identities and pecuniary interests of any other persons with a pecuniary interest in the project that can reasonably be expected to exceed \$50,000 or 10% of the grant request (whichever is lower);
4. For those developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, or others listed in two (2) or three (3) above which are corporations, or other entities, the identification and pecuniary interests by corporation or entity of each officer, director, principal stockholder, or other official of the entity;
5. The expected sources of all funds to be provided to the project by each of the providers of those funds and the amount provided; and
6. The expected uses of all funds by activity and amount.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Baker County District School Board will hold the following **PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, August 2, 2010, in the Baker County School Board Meeting Room located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Approval of the following New and Revised School Board Policies

- 2.050 Board Meeting (revised)
- 3.401 Animals on Campus (new)
- 6.780 Social Security Numbers (revised)

## THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

The documents will be available for preview at the Baker County School Board Office located at 392 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida beginning Wednesday, June 30, 2010 (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.).

**Sherrie Raulerson**  
Superintendent of Schools  
7/1-7/29

Notice is hereby given:  
  
Traci L. Crabtree  
Last known address of:  
433 Azalea Dr.  
Macclenny, FL 32063

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Nita D. Crawford  
Baker County Supervisor of Elections  
P.O. BOX 505  
Macclenny, Florida, 32063

Notice is hereby given:  
  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

FILE NO. 2010 CP 028  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
BARBARA ANN MANSMANN,  
Deceased.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BARBARA ANN MANSMANN, deceased, whose date of death was May 3, 2010; File Number 2010 CP 028, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Circuit Court, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 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 PERIOD 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: July 1, 2010.

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Attorney for Personal Representative  
Florida Bar No. 217506  
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DONALD J. MANSMANN  
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1863 Union Place  
The Villages, FL 32162  
7/8-7/15

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

Case No. 02-2009-CA 000126

Division

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA  
Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL R. COCHRAN, et al,  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MICHAEL R. COCHRAN  
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
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You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Baker County, Florida:

**THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BAKER, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO WIT: PARCEL 1:**

**COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT NO. 1, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN THENCE S 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 23 SECONDS E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT NO. 1, 581.99 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF A 30 FOOT ROAD EASEMENT AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE S 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 23 SECOND E ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 540.40 FEET THENCE N 88 DEGREE 58 MINUTES 37 SECONDS E, 302.31 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF A 30 FEET ROAD EASEMENT, THENCE N 14 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 53 SECONDS W ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE, 245.75 FEET, THENCE N 37 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 23 SECONDS W, STILL ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE, 299.77 FEET, THENCE N 49 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 38 SECONDS W, STILL ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE, 90.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.41 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PARCEL 2:**  
**COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, THENCE RUN S 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 23 SECONDS E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 1, 577.05 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EASEMENT 'A' AS DESCRIBED IN O/R BOOK 101 PAGE 194 PUBLIC RECORDS BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN S 49 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 38 SECONDS E, 104.91 FEET; THENCE S 37 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 23 SECONDS E, 304.38 FEET; THENCE AS 14 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 53 SECONDS E, 252.23 FEET; THENCE RUN S 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 08 SECONDS W, 4.90 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO LANDS DESCRIBED IN O/R BOOK 101 PAGE 194 SAID PUBLIC RECORDS, THENCE N 14 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 53 SECONDS W, 245.55 FEET; THENCE N 37 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 23 SECONDS W, 299.78 FEET, THENCE N 49 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 38 SECONDS W, 80.05 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 1 SAID POINT BEING 581.99 FEET FROM SAID NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1 THENCE RUN N 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 23 SECONDS W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 4.90 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THE ABOVE DESCRIBED IS LANDS THAT LIES BETWEEN CAPTION PROPERTY AND EASEMENT 'A' AS DESCRIBED IN O/R BOOK 101, PAGE 194 PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

commonly known as 3400 BOBBIE RHODEN RD, SANDERSON, FL 32087 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ashley L. Simon of Kass, Shuler, Solomon, Spector, Foyle & Singer, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900, on or before August 9, 2010, (or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: July 7, 2010.

CLERK OF THE COURT  
339 E. MacClenny Avenue  
MacClenny, Florida 32063  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

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 Jan Phillips at (352) 374 374 3648 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1 800 955 8771. 7/15-7/22

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

Case No. 02-2009-CA-000086  
Division

MIDFIRST BANK  
Plaintiff,

vs.

TAMMY STARLING aka TAMMY L STARLING, CHRISTOPHER E STARLING; CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC; CACH, LLC, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

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

**LOT 5, RIDGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 14, OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2003 FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISES MOBILE HOME BEARING VIN NUMBER GAFL275A73937BP21 AND TITLE NUMBER 86096451 AND VIN NUMBER GAFL275B73937BP21 AND TITLE NUMBER 86096712.**

**TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2003 FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISES MOBILE HOME BEARING VIN NUMBER GAFL275A73937BP21, TITLE NUMBER 86096451, RP NUMBER 12332326 AND VIN NUMBER GAFL275B73937BP21, TITLE NUMBER 86096712, RP NUMBER 12332327 Mobile VIN and commonly known as: 7914 W RIDGE ESTATES DRIVE, GLEN SAINT MARY, FL 32040-5258; including the building,**

appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, on August 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Dated this 8th day of July, 2010.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

Edward B. Pritchard  
(813) 229-0900 x1309  
Kass, Shuler, Solomon, Spector, Foyle & Singer, P.A.  
P.O. Box 800  
Tampa, FL 33601-0800  
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## The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) gives notice of receipt of the following permit application(s):

Standard General and Standard CUP Permit Applications E. I. DuPont De Nemours & Co., Inc., P. O. Box 753, Starke, FL 32091, application #50079-5. The applicant proposes to add an additional well on newly acquired acreage for commercial/industrial and domestic use. There is no overall requested change in existing allocation or permit duration. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of groundwater from the Intermediate and Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifers via 1 proposed well and 3 active wells; in Bradford, Baker, Clay, Duval Counties, located in Sections: 31, 32, 6 and 7, Township: 3 South, Range: 23 East; Sections: 1, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 and 36, Township: 4 South, Range: 22 East; Sections: 17, 18, 19, 30, 31, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Township: 4 South, Range: 23 East; Sections: 35 and 36, Township: 2 South, Range: 22 East; Sections: 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 2, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 36, Township: 3 South, Range: 22 East, known as Florida Plant, Maxville Mine.

The file(s) containing the permit application(s) are available for inspection Monday through Friday, except for District holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the District's Headquarters, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, Florida, 32177-2529. You may also view files at one of the District's Service Centers, but you should call Service Center staff in advance to make sure that the files are at a specific Service Center. Service Center contact information is available online at <https://permitting.sjrwmd.com/permitting/jsp/contact.jsp>. Additionally, most permit application file documents can be viewed online at <http://floridawater.com/permitting/index.html>. To obtain information on how to find and view permit application file documents, go to the HELP tab in E-Permitting and click on Support and FAQs and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents."

The decision on Standard General and Standard permit applications will be made at the District's Service Center where the application is processed, unless the application is upgraded to an Individual permit as explained below. A substantial objection to a Standard General or Standard permit application must be made in writing and filed with (received by) the Director of Regulatory Information Management, PO Box 1429, Palatka, Florida, 32178-1429, or by e-mail at [applicationsupport@sjrwmd.com](mailto:applicationsupport@sjrwmd.com), within 14 days of notification of the application. Please include either the Permit Application number or the Project Name in the objection. Notification of the application is either the fifth day after the date on which the written notice is deposited in the U.S. mail (for those persons who receive actual notice by U.S. mail), the day the notice is emailed (for those persons who receive actual notice by email), or the date the notice is published in the newspaper (if actual notice is not provided by U.S. mail or email). A "substantial objection" means a written statement directed to the District that identifies the objector, concerns hydrologic or environmental impacts of the proposed consumptive use, and relates to applicable rule criteria. A timely substantial objection will cause the Standard General or Standard permit application to be considered an application for an Individual permit. If the District receives a timely substantial objection from you, then you will receive written notice of the District's intended decision on the permit application.

Please note that decisions on Individual permit applications will be made either by the District's Executive Director or designee (for those applications which are recommended for approval) or by the District's Governing Board (for those applications which are recommended for denial). For Individual permit applications, you are advised to notify the District within 14 days of notification of the application(s) if you have questions, objections, comments, or information regarding the consumptive use proposed in the permit application. If you make a written request to the District for additional information regarding a specific permit application, you will be provided an opportunity to obtain the available information. Please note that filing a written objection does not entitle you to a Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, administrative hearing.

Notice of intended (proposed) District Decision will be provided to persons who have requested individual notice. A request for individual notice of intended (proposed) District Decision on the application must be received by the District's Director of the Division of Regulatory Information Management prior to the date the notice of intended (proposed) District Decision is generated.

Robert Presley, Director, Division of Regulatory Information Management  
St. Johns River Water Management District  
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**A, R&R, INC**  
10525 DUVAL LANE  
MACCLENNY, FL 32063  
Phone (904) 259-4774

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction July 30, 2010 at 8:00 am at A, R&R INC, 10525 Duval Lane, Macclenny, FL 32063.

2001 Chev Tahoe  
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1997 Volkswagon Jetta  
VIN#3VWSA81H3VM074099  
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VIN#JS16R7DA7X2100346  
1998 Ford F150  
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## ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GIVES NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRICT DECISION

The District gives notice of its intent to approve of application(s) for the following applicant(s) :

E I DuPont De Nemours & Co Inc, PO Box 753, Starke, FL 32091, application #50079. The District proposes to recommend the continued use of 159.7 million gallons per year of groundwater from the upper and lower Floridan aquifer for the mining and processing of heavy mineral sands and the use of 15 million gallons per year of groundwater from the upper and lower Floridan aquifer for back-up purposes only, for a quartz separation process through March 4, 2013. The District also authorizes the continued use of 0.4 million gallons per year of groundwater from the intermediate aquifer for the mining and processing of heavy mineral sands and 25,000 gpm of recycled surface water from one on-site dredge lake for commercial/industrial use through March 4, 2013. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of Ground Water from Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 proposed well and 1 active well; Ground Water from Intermediate Aquifer via 2 active wells in Baker, Clay, Duval, Bradford Counties, located in Sections: 31, 32, 6 and 7, Township: 3 South, Range: 23 East; Sections: 1, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 and 36, Township: 4 South, Range: 22 East; Sections: 17, 18, 19, 30, 31, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Township: 4 South, Range: 23 East; Sections: 35 and 36, Township: 2 South, Range: 22 East; Sections: 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 2, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 36, Township: 3 South, Range: 22 East, known as Florida Plant, Maxville Mine.

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

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P. O. Box 1429, Palatka Florida, 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at [clerk@sjrwmd.com](mailto:clerk@sjrwmd.com), within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing the notice of intended District decision in the mail (for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice), within twenty-one (21) days of the District emailing notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District emails actual notice), or within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b), 120.559(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., is not available.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular District business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at [floridawater.com](http://floridawater.com). These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28106.111, F.A.C.).

To determine any legal rights you may have, you can review the complete Notice of Rights at <http://floridawater.com/noticeofrights/> or submit your request to receive the Notice of Rights to the Director of Regulatory Information Management (RIM), 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida, 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4268.

Robert Presley, Director, Division of Regulatory Information Management  
St. Johns River Water Management District  
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**SOCIAL NOTICE SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

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

**CONTACT US**

By phone at 904.259.2400 or by fax at 904.259.6502. You can stop by our office located at 104 S. Fifth Street, Macclenny, FL or mail your submission to PO Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063. We are available online at [www.bakercountypress.com](http://www.bakercountypress.com)



Bentley Wray Davis

**A son to Davises**

Brandon and Candace Davis of Sanderson are pleased to announce the birth of son Bentley Wray Davis on June 5, 2010 at 4:20 am.

He weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21½ inches long.

Proud grandparents are Dwight and Cindy Davis of Sanderson, Billy Curran of Sanderson and Betty Clark of St. Augustine.



Shawn Murray

**Son born June 20**

Tabatha Lauramore and Dustin Murray of Taylor are proud to announce the arrival of son Shawn Wesley Murray at 12:28 am on June 20, 2010 at Orange Park Medical Center in Jacksonville. Shawn weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18½" long.

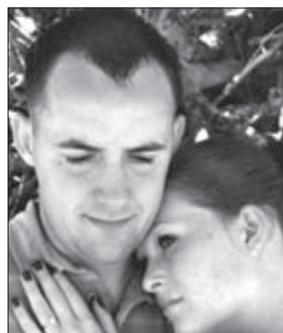
Grandparents are Ronnie and Dana Dugger of Glen St. Mary, Micheal Lauramore of Macclenny and Joe and Latrell Murray of Folkston. Great-grandfather is Fred Gross of Taylor. Great-grandmother is Myrtie Lee Crews of Folkston. Uncles include Kyle Lauramore of Glen St. Mary and Joshua Murray of Folkston.

**Wed July 12th**

Brandi Knight and Leroy Jay Combs, both of Taylor, were joined in marriage at 1:30 pm July 12, 2010 at the Baker County courthouse.

Brandi is the daughter of Bobby and Marcy Knight of Bryceville and Leroy is the son of Craig and Lovice Combs of Taylor.

**Advertising Deadline  
Monday  
5:00 pm  
NO EXCEPTIONS!**



Mr. McClellan and Ms. Prosch

**Engagement told**

David Lee Prosch and Jeanie Teel Prosch of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the engagement of daughter Katy Helaine of Jacksonville to Shane Everette McClellan of Ridgefield, Washington.

The prospective groom is the son of Sheri and Victor Bottrel of Ridgefield.

Mr. McClellan proposed to Ms. Prosch in front of the Disney World castle and presented her with a princess diamond.

The couple plans an October, 2011 wedding and following Mr. McClellan's deployment to Afghanistan and Ms. Prosch's deployment to Africa, they will reside in Jacksonville.

**Benefit yard sale**

The Baker County High School Air Force Junior ROTC and its Booster Club will be hosting a yard sale Saturday, July 17 from 6:30 am - 2:00 pm.

The yard sale will be at Southeast Propane on US 90 across from Mercantile Bank in Glen St. Mary. Please stop by and show your support.



**Welcomes daughter**

Shaelyn and Makenna are pleased to welcome sister Abigail Delaney Eft. Abigail was born March 2 in Colorado. She weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz. and was 16½ inches long.

Parents are Neil and Celeste Eft of Centennial, Co. Grandparents are Pat (Granny Pat) and Joe (PaPa Joe) Raulerson of Glen St. Mary.



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

With the help of a puppet, dental hygienist Whitney Taylor, left, helps three year old Jadon Alexander and mom Dawnuniqua learn the proper way to brush teeth.

## Head Start screenings Parents key to program's success

**KELLEY LANNIGAN  
FEATURES**  
[features@bakercountypress.com](mailto:features@bakercountypress.com)

Baker County Middle School was the site July 10 for annual Head Start screenings for eligible Baker County children 3-5 years of age.

Head Start provides comprehensive health, education and social services to income-eligible families with the goal of ensuring children enrolled are ready to start school.

Autumn Tomas is director of Head Start Comprehensive Services in the Jacksonville office. She was on hand to assist the Baker County Head Start staff working with the screenings.

"Parental support is an important factor in how much the programs can benefit the children," said Ms. Tomas. "Parents get education on things as basic as the importance of good nutrition and how it effects a child's ability to learn."

The screenings help access children based on national standards in a variety of areas such as dental, hearing, vision, speech and other areas of basic development. The screenings are a useful tool to identify areas in which a child needs improvement.

Representatives from Northeast Florida Community Action Council, Northeast Florida State Hospital and the Baker County Health Department were also present at the screenings.

NFCAA, NEFSH and the BCHD provided information on additional supplemental services to help educate parents and assist them in utilizing community resources. The availability of such services underscores the idea that helping the families at all levels naturally benefits the children.

An example of such services is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program administered through NFCAA.

The program helps make members of income eligible families aware of job development training, tuition assistance for vocational and post secondary education, childcare and transportation services, saving and investment opportunities and even advice on starting a business.

NEFSH employee Cindy Strickland works with the facilities outpatient Behavioral Healthcare Services Drop-In Center. The center provides professional mental health counseling on a sliding scale to make it accessible to everyone in the community, especially lower income families.

"It's hard to help your kids if you need some help yourself," she said. "The overall benefits to the entire family is very evident if parents can get counseling and therapy for mental health issues. I've seen people come in who were at rock bottom and turn their lives completely around because they can get the right kind of help."

Three-year-old Jadon Alexander of Macclenny was at the screening with mom Dawnuniqua.

During his visit, Young Jadon grew quite enamored of Frannie, the pink dinosaur puppet that Whitney Taylor, a hygienist with the BCHD, used to help him learn about the importance of dental care.

Ms. Taylor invited Jadon to help practice good dental hygiene by using a toothbrush to vigorously polish the dinosaur's teeth. He was rewarded with a booklet on dental care and his own new

toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste.

Frannie's message to Jadon was, "Brush twice a day, get your parents to help you and don't eat too many sugary snacks. Even fruit juice has too much sugar if you don't brush your teeth afterwards."

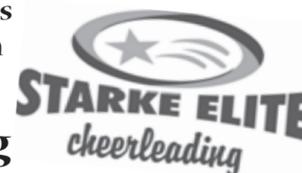


We like to thank Moody's Chevron and the community for supporting the Little League 10 year old boys with their fund raising car wash. The boy's are headed to Titusville July 17 for their regional tournament. Our boys took the district 11 undefeated around the region. The boys have two of the best coaches in Baker County Little League All-Star. Coach Jason Combs and Craig Johnson.

Team Players names, Regain, Trad, Dillon, Wade, Jared, Logan, Tyler.  
Boys not in picture Josh, Jordan, Austin, Caleb

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**Baker County Softball League  
Summer Ending League**

is now forming for more information call

Joel Burnett at 259-1525 or 571-2943

\$400 league fee for 2 tournaments and 12 regular games

First 6 game balls included.

Money must be in by Wednesday, July 28

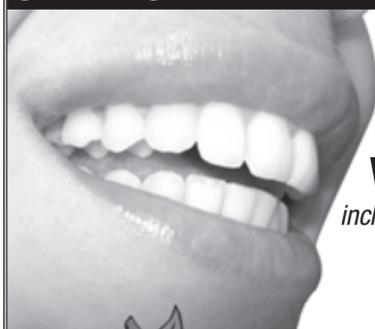
Opening tournament starts Saturday, July 31

**Also a Women's League has asked to be started-  
if we have enough teams enter we will start one Aug. 7**



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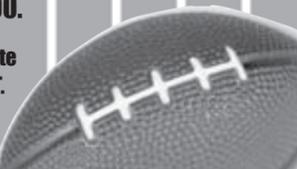
**Baker County Touchdown Club Youth  
FOOTBALL AND  
CHEERLEADER  
SIGN-UPS**

**SIGN-UPS**

**Every Saturday ~ July 3 - August 7  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

All sign-ups are at Memorial Field behind  
the BP station on Hwy. 90.

Fee \$60, copy of birth certificate  
and proof of insurance a MUST.  
Child must be present at  
sign-ups to be fitted for  
uniform.



# OBITUARIES

## CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION

Obituaries must be submitted in a timely fashion and have a local connection. Pictures are printed with obituaries free of charge. The newspaper reserves the right to publish photos based on quality. It is requested that all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

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### David Chambers, 59, loved outdoors

David Alan Chambers Sr., 59, of Glen St. Mary died July 8, 2010. He was born in Mansfield, Ohio to Arthur John Chambers Jr. and Sandra Eileen Mack on June 16, 1951. Mr. Chambers was a resident of Baker County for 29 years and a member of the First Christian Church of Macclenny.



David Chambers

David graduated from Englewood High School in Jacksonville in 1969. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, scalloping, lobstering, playing horseshoes and flying model airplanes. He was preceded in death by father Arthur John Chambers Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Pamela Chambers of Glen; mother Sandra Chambers Bergeron of Macclenny; children Alan (Jenny) Chambers of Glen and Heather (Wesley) Canaday of Baxter; sister Debbie Greene of Jacksonville; grandchildren Hunter, Brooklyn and Kelton Chambers and Clayton Canaday; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral service was held July 13 at 1:00 pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church with pastors Doug Allen and Michael B. Ramondetta officiating. Interment followed at Taylor Cemetery in Taylor. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

### Emily Click, 81, a native of Glen

Emily Thomas Click, 81, of Daytona Beach passed away on July 6th, 2010 in the company of her loving son after a lengthy illness.



Emily Click

Emily was born in Glen St. Mary on December 29, 1928, the 11th of 13 children born to Arthur and Pearl Thomas. She moved to Jacksonville as a child and graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1946. She married Harold Click and lived the life of a Navy wife traveling to many places during her husband's 22 years of service, including tours in Newfoundland and Spain.

She came to Daytona in 1963, worked for Publix and was a proud member of First Baptist Church. Her parents, 12 siblings, and her beloved husband Harold preceded her in death. She leaves behind to cherish her memory son Phillip "Scott" Click; granddaughter Nicole and her mother Beverly Mroz; sister Lorraine Harris; sisters-in-law Jocile Click Thwang and Eunice Thomas; many loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Mrs. Click was held Friday, July 9 at the Daytona Chapel of Lohman Funeral Home with Pastor Ronnie Barton officiating. Interment was at Daytona Memorial Park.

### Herbert Floyd Sr., 72, of Macclenny

Herbert Eugene Floyd Sr., 72, of Macclenny died July 6, 2010. He was born in Bonifay, FL on January 31, 1938. He honorably served in the Navy and was a member of the IUOE Local 25. Herbert was a resident of Baker County since 1990 after moving from Jacksonville and was a Baptist. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family.



Herbert Floyd

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Mrs. H.E. Floyd of Macclenny; children Herbert Eugene Floyd Jr. and Steven Dale (Wanda) Floyd, both of Glen St. Mary, Wayne Floyd of Bryceville, Davey Mark Floyd of Taylor and Allen Floyd of Macclenny; sister Shirley Cornejo of Miramar, FL; grandchildren Steven (Lara Leigh) Floyd, April (Billy) Herron, Matthew Floyd, Jessica Floyd and Jennifer Floyd; seven great-grandchildren; one cousin.

The funeral service was held July 10 at 11:00 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor John A. Raulerson officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Cemetery.

### Lewis Hicks, 76, of Bryceville dies

Lewis Eddie Hicks, 76, of Bryceville died at his residence following an extended illness. He was born in Bryceville to Eddie Lee Hicks and Hazel Jane Green Hicks. He retired from Terminal Bag Company and was preceded in death by wife Shirley Crews Hicks.

Survivors include his son Wade Hicks of Bryceville; daughters Audrey (Pete) Lauramore of Macclenny, Latrelle (Mose) Jewell of Sanderson and Denise (Buddy) Hill of Bryceville; brother Kelly (Geraldine) Hicks; sister Doris Evelyn (Douglas) Hodges; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The funeral service was held July 12 at 11:00 am at the St. George Church of God with Rev. Grady Albritton and Rev. James Conner officiating. Interment followed at Boone's Creek Cemetery. Pallbearers were Robbie Jewell, Jody Jewell, Michael Hicks, Travis Hill, Timmy Johns and David Chisholm. Shepard Funeral Home of Folkston, GA, was in charge of arrangements.

### THE LORD'S CHURCH

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Sunday school: 10:00 am  
Sunday service: 11:00 am  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Family style dinner ~ 1st Sunday of the month following service  
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### Marvin Sigers, 84, dies July 12

Marvin J. Sigers, 84, of Glen St. Mary died Monday, July 12, 2010. He was a native and lifelong resident of Baker County. He was the son of John and Serena Sigers and was preceded in death by brother Elzy Sigers.



Marvin Sigers

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Linda Gail Sigers of Glen St. Mary; brother Ralph Sigers of Macclenny; sister Nancy Braddock of Jacksonville; son Ronnie (Dixie) Sigers; daughters Deborah (Richard) Hodges, Carol (Jimmy) Taylor, Kim (Gary) Mercer; son-in-law Randy Acklin; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; many nieces and nephews.

The viewing will be held Thursday, July 15 from 6:00-8:00 pm. The funeral service will be July 16 at 11:00 am at Macclenny First Assembly of God where he attended, with Revs. Joshua Potts and Linda Adkins officiating. Interment will follow at South Prong Cemetery in Sanderson. Cedar Bay Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Infant daughter Jullian Williams

Jullian Beth Williams, infant daughter of Derrick and Sarah Williams of Folkston, GA, died July 5, 2010 at Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick. Jullian was born July 5.

Along with her parents she is survived by sister Eden Williams; grandparents Mary Inez Maxwell Dowling, Mary Beth Williams, and Lawrence Douglas Spencer; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

The funeral service was held at 7:30 pm on July 12 at Shepard Funeral Home in Folkston. Memorialization was by cremation.

### Welcome First Baptist Church of Sanderson

CR 229 S., Sanderson FL  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 am  
Sun. Morning Worship . 11:00 am  
Sun. Evening Worship . . 6:00 pm  
Wed. Eve. Bible Study . . 7:00 pm  
Pastor Bob Christmas  
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Sunday School: ..... 10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Service .... 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night ..... 7:30 pm

### John Metts Jr., 34, of Baldwin

John Darrell Metts Jr., 34, died Saturday, July 3, 2010. He was born November 24, 1975 in Alexandria, Louisiana. John was a lifelong resident of Baldwin, a Protestant and loved hunting and fishing.

Survivors include father and mother Darrell and Susan Metts; brother Justin Metts; sister Jessica Metts; a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held July 9 at noon at the First Baptist Church of Baldwin with Rev. Tim Rigdon officiating. Interment followed at Riverside Memorial Park in Jacksonville. Cedar Bay Funeral Home of Jacksonville was in charge of arrangements.

### Heartfelt thanks

The family of Mrs. Dorothy Burnsed would like to thank family and friends for all of the calls, cards, food and beautiful flowers. Also we would like to thank Pastor Gene Burnsed, Pastor Randy Williams and Pastor Perry Hayes, and First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary. A special thank you to Sheriff Joey Dobson and staff and Bill Guerry Funeral Home.

Most of all we want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers that were so deeply appreciated.

GARY AND KAREN BURNSED AND FAMILY

DINKINS NEW CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH  
CR 127 N. of Sanderson  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm  
Wed. Night Service 7:30 pm  
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Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford  
Youth Pastor Brian Poole

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Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Service 7:30 pm  
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 pm

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

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He picked you.  
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a hand,  
To pick us up when we could  
not stand.  
To guide, love and show us the  
way,  
We know you watch over us  
each and every day.  
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thing was not quite right,  
And you would always find  
a way to fix it before the day  
turned night.  
Thank you, Daddy, for always  
believing and having faith in us,  
We just can't believe that you  
had to leave.  
We know you are with us every  
day,  
We know we will make it, you  
will lead the way.  
So we'll try not to be sad,  
Daddy, for we know that you  
Are standing with the Lord, no  
goodbye.  
Until the day we are walking in  
Heaven together,  
That day, Daddy, will be re-  
membered forever.  
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One red rose for every year  
that you shared with me.  
As I placed them on your grave  
my tears fell silently  
for the man I truly loved  
who is now just a memory.  
I know that those roses  
will slowly whither away.  
But a memory so precious  
with me will always stay.  
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or the pain I've come to know  
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goes by,  
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oped 50-acre oasis located just  
minutes off the Arlington Ex-  
pressway in Jacksonville. Allow-  
ing for traffic, it's about a 50-min-  
ute drive from Baker County.

Tree Hill offers such amenities  
as a natural history museum with  
magnificent murals, picnic areas  
and hiking in a beautiful wood-  
land setting. Flowers are planted  
on the grounds to specifically  
attract butterflies and humming-  
birds.

Goats, owls, turtles and some  
pampered resident chickens  
are among the animals that find  
sanctuary at the center, which  
also hosts numerous educational  
programs and public events, like  
its annual butterfly festival, on a  
regular basis. Master naturalists  
are on staff for optional guided  
tours by appointment.

The glass and metal structure  
of the center's tall pyramid atrium,  
although visually impressive,  
at first seems oddly juxtaposed  
with the land and the trees. Yet, it  
is skillfully designed so the lower  
half of the structure blends subtly  
into the environment.

The building, like the lovingly  
tended grounds and hiking trails,  
underscores the message that is  
the heart of Tree Hill's philoso-  
phy. Technology must function  
in harmony with the natural  
environment and the preserva-  
tion of the past depends on the  
responsible stewardship of the  
future.

Walking though the museum  
is a journey along a time line  
starting with prehistoric Florida  
and moving to the present day.  
It's hard to imagine, but 10,000  
years ago woolly mammoths  
roamed around the state of Flor-



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Above, Tree Hill Nature  
Center.  
At right are the Tree  
Hill goats.



ida. Kids will love the  
massive model skull  
of a woolly mam-  
moth (the original is  
in storage) that do-  
minates the atrium just  
inside the museum  
entrance. Other fos-  
sils, including pre-  
historic giant shark  
teeth are on display  
also.

After touring the  
history museum, vi-  
sitors can hike at their  
leisure along the pre-  
serve's numerous walking trails  
that wind through thickly for-  
ested terrain and meander past  
swamps and over streams. Items  
of interest are marked along the

trails and wildlife sightings are  
common, especially birds.

Tree Hill is rich in a single  
commodity that is becoming in-  
creasingly rare in today's society  
— quiet.

The preserve's intimate prox-  
imity to a heavily populated  
urban area is hard to imagine

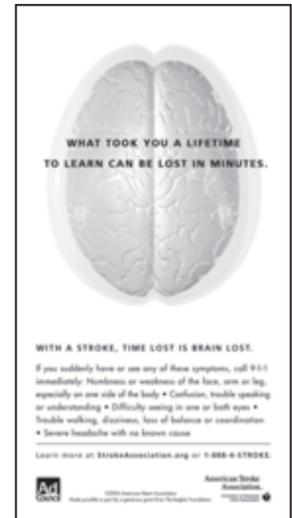
when you are immersed in its  
depths. It's easy to completely  
forget you are in the middle of  
a major metropolitan area filled  
with honking car horns, traffic  
and engine exhaust. Even as you  
walk away from the parking lot,  
the noise and traffic of city streets  
fall away, muffled by the thick  
stands of hardwood trees. By the  
time you pass the gopher tortoise  
habitat and the butterfly gardens  
adjacent to the nature center,  
the silence has totally enveloped  
you.

On the trails, among towering  
oak and pines, the rush of wind  
through the leaves is the back-  
ground music. It's the same on  
the boardwalks and dock; all you  
hear is the bubbling of the sandy-  
bottomed stream.

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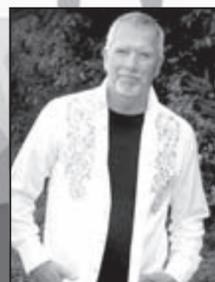
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# Cat coach, wife add a new 'team' member

After taking the July 4th week off, the Wildcats are back to the grindstone as they prepare for the upcoming football season. It was a break with plenty of excitement for the Sulkowski family.

Coach Ryan Sulkowski and his wife, Heather, welcomed Doxie Brynne Sulkowski to the team. The baby arrived right on time on July 2 just as the team took its mid-summer break.

"You could tell she's a coach's daughter," said Sulkowski.

The Wildcats are back in gear and Sulkowski is pleased with their progress. "I'm impressed by the way they come to work," said Sulkowski. "Some of them were telling me today that they're ready for the season to start. There's some excitement there."

Sulkowski and Scott McDonald got some much needed help as the head coach's brother Joey joined the staff as offensive coordinator. They also got a new defensive coordinator with the hiring of Bryce Cox.

Cox has worked at Trinity and Eagle's View high schools and was a member of the 1999 FSU Seminole team that won the national championship. Sulkowski is happy to have him with the program.

"He knows the area teams and how to prepare for them."

Cox is expected to add some new wrinkles to the already solid Wildcat defense. The Cats will also add former Wildcat running back Kelly Williams to the staff as running backs coach and JV offensive coordinator.

One of the new coaching staff's main goals is to try to eliminate single platoon football. "We want 11 guys on offense and 11 on defense. We really want to eliminate guys going both ways. We probably won't be able to completely eliminate it but we want to find some depth to give some people a rest during the game," said the newly hired head coach.

Sulkowski is also working closely with the Wildcat Boosters. "They've been very helpful. We're all working for the kids,

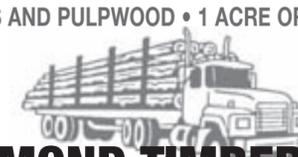
that's what it's all about."

The boosters are in the midst of a membership drive and anyone interested in joining the club and being a part of Wildcat football should contact Booster president Trek McCullough at 838-9116.

The Cats have also started a new website, www.bakercounty-football.com where you can keep up with the latest Wildcat news. Sulkowski has a training camp blog with photos and profiles of the coaches as well as a Wildcat Store. Purchase gear online similar to what the coaches and players wear.

With the Kickoff Classic against West Nassau just six weeks away there is still plenty of work in store for the Cats.

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## Bullets finish strong Likely 3rd place at Ponte Vedra

The YMCA's Baker Bullets swim team had a strong showing at the Winston Family YMCA in Ponte Vedra July 10. Due to a lack of response from the Winston Aquatics director, the Bullets aren't sure where they finished in the running, but Coach Andy Johnston seems confident that it was second.

The Bullets were outnumbered by the Winston Waves almost 3 to 1 but finished well. The Brooks Family Y of Jacksonville also participated in the three-way meet.

Cory Campbell finished first in the 100-yard IM and the 200-yard boys freestyle relay team consisting of Jonathan Mobley, Deryk Clark, Cory Campbell and Travis Oswald also finished on top. Braeden Knight continued his string on first places with a win in the freestyle and the backstroke. Daniel Boehm placed first in the 50-yard backstroke and Travis Oswald topped his group in the 100-yard backstroke. Hannah Johnston was the

sole girl to place first in a race. She finished first out of six in the 25-yard butterfly event.

Other top 8 results from Bullets swimmers by stroke:

**Individual Medley**

- Girls 10 and under - 6th Kyrie Holman, 8th Karlee Nelson.
- Boys 10 and under 100-yard - 3rd Ethan Knight, 8th Scotty Willis.
- Girls 11 and 12 100-yard - 5th Andrea Clark, 8th Ashton Ray.
- Girls 13 and 14 100-yard - 5th Mallory O'Donnell, 6th Kim Nelson, 7th Miranda Barker.
- Boys 13 and 14 100-yard - 2nd Jonathan Mobley, 4th Paul Home.
- Girls 100-yard - 3rd Alexis O'Donnell.
- Boys 100-yard - 1st Cory Campbell, 2nd Deryk Clark, 4th Tyler Tompkins.

**Freestyle relay**

- Girls 8 and under 100-yard - 6th Harper Archambault, Julia Archambault, Lily Stockton, and Brianna Thornton.
- Boys 8 and under 100-yard - 2nd Landon Prevatt, Trent Mobley, Landon Hickman, Braeden Knight.
- Girls 10 and under 200-yard - 4th Loriann Bliss, Kyrie Holman, Danielle Hardin, Elizabeth Reagan, 9th Emily Willis, Hannah Peterson, Jesse Standridge, Hannah Johnston.

- Boys 10 and under 200-yard - 2nd Scotty Willis, Dillon Ray, Ethan Knight, Joseph Boehm.
- Girls 200-yard - 4th Mallory O'Donnell, Andrea Clark, Alexis O'Donnell, Kim Nelson, 5th Lauren Steinmeyer, Karlee Nelson, Miranda Barker, Ashton Ray.
- Boys 200-yard - 1st Travis Oswald, Cory Campbell, Deryk Clark, Jonathan Mobley, 4th Tim Padgett, Tyler Tompkins, Daniel Boehm and Paul Home.

**Freestyle**

- Girls 6 and under 25-yard - 7th Hannah Johnston, 8th Lily Stockton.
- Boys 6 and under 25-yard - 4th Landon Hickman, 8th Daniel Westinghouse.
- Girls 8 and under 25-yard - 3rd Hannah Peterson.
- Boys 8 and under 25-yard - 1st Braeden Knight.
- Boys 10 and under 50-yard - 2nd Ethan Knight, 7th Joseph Boehm.
- Boys 11 and 12 50-yard - 2nd Daniel Boehm
- Girls 13 and 14 50-yard - 8th Mallory O'Donnell.
- Boys 13 and 14 50-yard - 5th Jonathan Mobley, 6th Paul Home, 8th Tim Padgett.
- Boys 50-yard - 3rd Travis Oswald, 4th Cory Campbell, 5th Deryk Clark, 8th Tyler Tompkins.

**Backstroke**

- Girls 6 and under 25-yard - 5th Lily Stockton.
- Boys 6 and under 25-yard - 2nd Daniel Westinghouse.
- Boys 8 and under 25-yard - 1st Braeden Knight.



Above from left to right Deryk Clark, Travis Oswald (white cap) and Corey Campbell dive off the blocks.

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- 7th Tyler Hardin, 8th Landon Prevatt.
- Girls 10 and under 50-yard - 4th Loriann Bliss, 8th Danielle Hardin
- Boys 10 and under 50-yard - 2nd Ethan Knight, 4th Scotty Willis, 6th Joseph Boehm.
- Girls 11 and 12 50-yard - 6th Lauren Steinmeyer.
- Girls 13 and 14 50-yard - 5th Mallory O'Donnell, 7th Kim Nelson.
- Boys 100-yard - 1st Travis Oswald, 4th Tyler Tompkins.

**Breaststroke**

- Girls 6 and under 25-yard - 2nd Hannah Johnston, 3rd Lily Stockton.

- Boys 6 and under 25-yard - 4th Daniel Westinghouse, 5th Landon Hickman.
- Boys 8 and under 25-yard - 3rd Trent Mobley, 6th Landon Prevatt.
- Girls 10 and under 50-yard - 4th Karlee Nelson.
- Boys 10 and under 50-yard - 5th Kent Bowles, 6th Joseph Boehm, 8th Scotty Willis.
- Girls 11 and 12 50-yard - 5th Lauren Steinmeyer, 6th Ashton Ray.
- Boys 11 and 12 50-yard - 3rd Daniel Boehm.
- Boys 13 and 14 50-yard - 2nd Paul Home, 3rd Jonathan Mobley, 5th Tim Padgett.
- Girls 100-yard - 4th Alexis O'Donnell.

- Boys 100-yard - 3rd Travis Oswald, 4th Cory Campbell, 5th Deryk Clark.

**Butterfly**

- Girls 6 and under 25-yard - 1st Hannah Johnston, 6th Harper Archambault.
- Boys 8 and under 25-yard - 2nd Braeden Knight, 6th Trent Mobley.
- Girls 10 and under 50-yard - 6th Karlee Nelson.
- Boys 10 and under 50-yard - 4th Dillon Ray
- Girls 11 and 12 50-yard - 2nd Andrea Clark.
- Boys 13 and 14 50-yard - 3rd Tim Padgett.
- Girls 50-yard - 3rd Alexis O'Donnell

## Softball teams clinch districts

The 9-10 year old and 12 and under all-star teams will compete in Debarry this Saturday in the sectional tournament. Pictured above are: (front, l-r) Mallory Godwin, Mason Filosi, Kelsey Strickland, Lake Lewis, Taylor Dyal, Tori Richardson, (middle) Madison Kennedy, Anna Bowen, Mallory Mobley, Allie Crummey, Macy Jackson, Madison Morrison, (back) coaches Robert Davis, David Crummey and Riley Strickland. Cheyenne Ball is not pictured. Major league all-stars pictured below are: (front) Angel Jackson, Kelly Lawler, Haleigh Crawford, Ashton Alford (middle) Melanie Sweat, Karly Richardson, Kaylon Golden, Kasey Weber, Delicia Washington, Corley Sweat, Summer McCray (back) Payton Parker, Coaches: Ashley Norman, Kylee Canaday, Tim Sweat



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