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## County reduces local tax receipts

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The Baker County Commission held the county's property tax rate unchanged the evening of August 3 and resigned itself to using \$1.5 million from roughly \$8 million in reserves to balance the coming year's \$28.5 million proposed budget.

The spending plan for the 2010-11 fiscal year is about \$4.2 million less than this year's budget.

Revenues for the coming year are expected to be just under \$27 million, which is about \$5.7 million less than last year's estimate.

Two years ago, county commissioners dropped the property tax rate from 7.4397 mills to 7.1495 mills, or about \$7.14 per \$1000 of taxable property value, and left it level last year too.

It's expected to raise more than \$5.6 million in tax proceeds for the fiscal year beginning October 1, which is about \$176,500 less than this year.

At the current rate, a property valued at \$200,000 with the \$50,000 homestead exemption would pay about \$1072 in county taxes.

The City of Macclenny, hospital authority, school district and water management districts have separate millage rates that also appear on tax bills.

Tax bills are typically mailed out in November.

Holding the line on property taxes came with a caveat from Commissioner Gordon Crews, who expressed support previously for the slightly higher "rolled-back" rate of 7.3606 mills, which would keep tax proceeds at their current level.

He asked that the board consider establishing a new property assessment for emergency medical services [EMS].

Assessments appear on property tax bills, but they're not subject to property tax exemptions.

Commissioners agreed to take up the measure at their next meeting August 16.

The proposed 2010-11 budget is largely finalized, though commissioners have until late September to approve it and the final millage rate.

The rate voted on this week was the tentative millage rate to be reported to the state. Com-

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## Referendum set for fall ballot on \$200K in school taxes

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Remains of Fort White victim's vehicle were unrecognizable as a Pontiac. His body was wedged in the right front seat and is covered with sheet.

## Alcohol-fueled wrecks kill two Two-vehicle collisions occur within 48 hours

Baker County roads turned deadly the final week of July with two persons killed in back-to-back accidents that police say involved alcohol.

It's believed to be the first time that twin two-vehicle accidents occurred within 48 hours of each other with at-fault impaired or allegedly impaired drivers surviving with minor injuries.

The first accident occurred just before midnight on July 29 at a south Macclenny intersection darkened by a power outage.

A speeding 1991 Chevrolet pickup driven by Joseph C. Crews, 21, of Macclenny was northbound on South 6th St. when it slammed into a 1991 Chevrolet driven by Vickie Givens, 46, also of Macclenny. She died at the scene.

Ms. Givens had just stopped in the westbound lane of South Boulevard and was proceeding across 6th when the pickup struck her car's left side, the impact pushing it across the



Joseph Crews

pavement. The victim's body had to be pried from the wreckage.

Mr. Crews was treated at Fraser Hospital and released the next morning. He was arrested later that day for violating a one-year probation that began in May for underage drinking and disorderly intoxication.



Anthony Daniels

He is free on \$5000 bond. FHP Trooper J.S. Smatt said charges against Mr. Crews pend a toxicology report. Alcohol use was involved because the probation violation warrant notes he violated its terms by drinking.

Macclenny's fire chief Buddy Dugger said a city crew heard the accident at 11:50 when it was in the vicinity attempting to locate the source of a power outage that affected neighborhoods in both Macclenny and Glen St. Mary.

Firemen quickly extinguished a blaze that broke out in the Crews pickup after the collision.

Two nights later, a Fort White, FL man died instantly when his southbound 1998 Pontiac was demolished beyond recognition in a head-on collision on SR 121 just north of Mud Lake Rd.

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## Higher city water rates, less use

### 30 million gallons off 2009 level

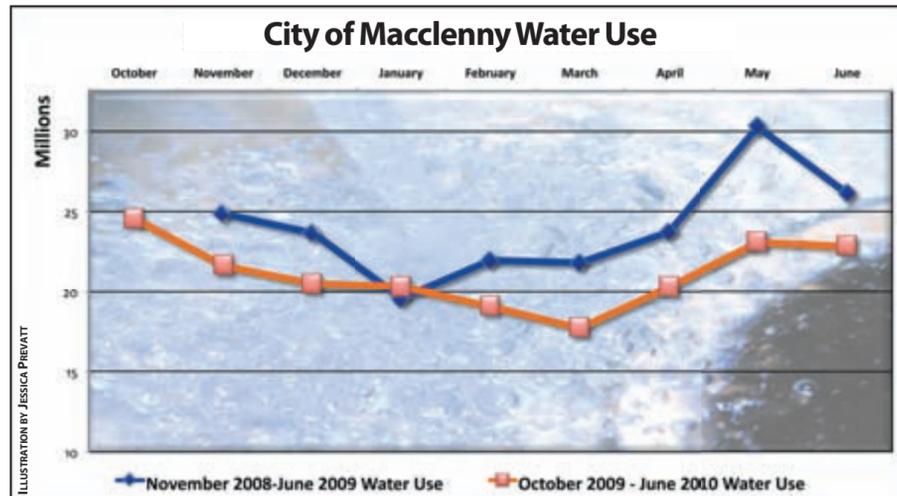
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The City of Macclenny's tiered water rates have sharply curbed consumption, saving more than 30 million gallons so far, according to water use data recently released to *The Press*.

The tiered rates price the first 5000 gallons used in a month cheaper than the next 5000 gallons. Any use above 10,000 gallons is the most expensive.

From November 2009 to June 2010, the period after tiered rates became effective, customers consumed about 165 million gallons compared to about 195 million gallons during the same period the previous year.

"It appears that previous to the tiered rating, consumption was 15 to 20 percent more," City Manager Gerald Dopson said



this week. "Overall, the rates have been fairly effective at promoting water conservation."

He also called the new rates comparable to those at other public utilities.

A review of 2008 consumption by high-volume water users, which was highlighted by *The Press* in September 2009, showed that almost all had decreased their usage since the new rates were put in place last October.

Mary and Danny Bussell's single-family home on Live Oak Lane in southeast Macclenny used more water than any other residential connection in 2008, some 640,440 gallons.

During the first four months of 2010, they've consumed about 46,000 gallons. At that pace, the Bussells should use less than 140,000 this year, or about 78 percent less than in 2008.

After the first two months of

the tiered billing, the family cut its consumption by more than half, from 32,940 gallons in November 2009 to 14,530 gallons in December and to 8000 gallons in January 2010.

Two of the three highest-volume commercial users in 2008 — the Walmart Distribution Center and Baker County High School — dropped their consumption as well, utility records

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## Most are funding races by own \$\$\$

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Candidates vying for local office this year have amassed more than \$38,500 in combined campaign funds so far, according to financial reports recently submitted to Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford.

Funding leaders after the initial reporting period ending July 16 are Donnie Starling with \$8400, Adam Giddens with \$7750 and Jesse Davis with \$6250.

All of the candidates have put up their own money to seek election, though some less than others.

Mr. Davis, who is running against Tina Mobley for the District 3 school board seat, raised 92 percent of his reported revenue from donors located in Baker County, Jacksonville, Orlando and other places.

One notable donation to Mr. Davis' campaign came from the Baker County Republican Executive Committee in the maximum amount allowed of \$500.

School board races are non-partisan, but no other local candidate's financial report reflected donations from the Republican or Democratic committees.

The primary election August 24 will decide the school board race between Mr. Davis and Ms. Mobley, who supplied \$2550 as the sole contributor to her campaign.

Most of the other primary candidates, like Ms. Mobley, are largely self-funding their election bids.

Mr. Starling, who is running in the three-way Democratic primary for District 4 county commissioner against Michael Conner and Chris Rhoden, opened his campaign account with \$5000 from himself and added \$3000 about a month later.

Mr. Conner donated 65 percent of the cash in his campaign account and Chris Rhoden 100 percent, the campaign finance reports show.

In the Republican primary for District 4 County Commissioner, Adam Giddens loaned his campaign 91 percent of its revenue and Jeana Duval chipped in about \$2440 of the \$4200 she raised through July 16.

Charlie "Artie" Burnett allocated \$600 for his bid to replace incumbent District 4 School Board member Paul Raulerson in the August 24 primary.

Mr. Raulerson, the father of School Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson, reported no campaign revenue or expenditures for the initial period.

Republican Oliver "Jimmy" Anderson will meet incumbent

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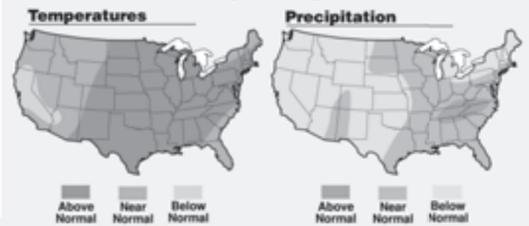
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## 7-Day Forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Some sun with a t-storm in the afternoon	Chance for an afternoon thunderstorm	A thunderstorm possible in the afternoon	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm possible	Variable clouds, a t-storm possible; humid	Watch for strong thunderstorms	Partly sunny and humid; a p.m. t-storm
High: 93° Low: 74°	High: 93° Low: 74°	High: 93° Low: 75°	High: 94° Low: 77°	High: 90° Low: 79°	High: 94° Low: 79°	High: 94° Low: 77°

## Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

August 5 - August 11



## Tides

Cedar Key	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 7	Aug. 8	Aug. 9	Aug. 10	Aug. 11
First high	9:26 a.m.	12:21 a.m.	1:17 a.m.	1:58 a.m.	2:33 a.m.	3:05 a.m.	3:36 a.m.
First low	3:18 a.m.	4:47 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	6:59 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	8:38 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
Second high	—	10:42 a.m.	11:48 a.m.	12:47 p.m.	1:41 p.m.	2:33 p.m.	3:23 p.m.
Second low	5:25 p.m.	6:28 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	8:06 p.m.	8:48 p.m.	9:27 p.m.	10:04 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 7	Aug. 8	Aug. 9	Aug. 10	Aug. 11
First high	3:44 a.m.	4:48 a.m.	5:50 a.m.	6:49 a.m.	7:46 a.m.	8:42 a.m.	9:37 a.m.
First low	10:12 a.m.	11:11 a.m.	12:05 a.m.	1:00 a.m.	1:53 a.m.	2:43 a.m.	3:32 a.m.
Second high	4:31 p.m.	5:33 p.m.	6:31 p.m.	7:26 p.m.	8:19 p.m.	9:10 p.m.	10:02 p.m.
Second low	11:06 p.m.	—	12:10 p.m.	1:07 p.m.	2:04 p.m.	2:58 p.m.	3:51 p.m.

Mayport	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 7	Aug. 8	Aug. 9	Aug. 10	Aug. 11
First high	4:17 a.m.	5:23 a.m.	6:27 a.m.	7:27 a.m.	8:24 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	10:14 a.m.
First low	10:09 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	12:12 a.m.	1:08 a.m.	2:00 a.m.	2:49 a.m.	3:37 a.m.
Second high	5:05 p.m.	6:08 p.m.	7:06 p.m.	8:01 p.m.	8:54 p.m.	9:45 p.m.	10:36 p.m.
Second low	11:13 p.m.	—	12:11 p.m.	1:11 p.m.	2:08 p.m.	3:03 p.m.	3:56 p.m.

St. Augustine	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 7	Aug. 8	Aug. 9	Aug. 10	Aug. 11
First high	3:50 a.m.	4:54 a.m.	5:56 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	7:52 a.m.	8:48 a.m.	9:43 a.m.
First low	10:14 a.m.	11:13 a.m.	12:07 a.m.	1:02 a.m.	1:55 a.m.	2:45 a.m.	3:34 a.m.
Second high	4:37 p.m.	5:39 p.m.	6:37 p.m.	7:32 p.m.	8:25 p.m.	9:16 p.m.	10:08 p.m.
Second low	11:10 p.m.	—	12:12 p.m.	1:09 p.m.	2:06 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	3:53 p.m.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday ..... 6:49 a.m.  
 Sunset Thursday ..... 8:19 p.m.  
 Moonrise Thursday ..... 1:51 a.m.  
 Moonset Thursday ..... 4:28 p.m.

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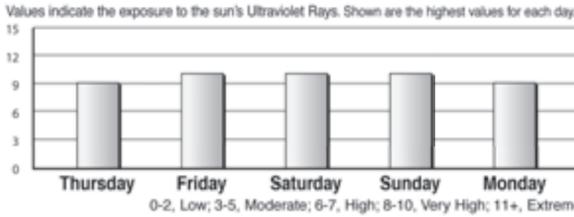
## Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Aug. 2.

**Temperature**  
 High/Low for the week ..... 102°/73°  
 Normal high/low ..... 91°/73°  
 Average temperature ..... 86.2°  
 Normal average temperature ..... 81.9°

**Precipitation**  
 Total for the week ..... 1.10"  
 Total for the month ..... 0.03"  
 Total for the year ..... 18.95"  
 Normal for the month ..... 0.40"  
 Normal for the year ..... 29.13"

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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
Aug 5	7:08 a.m.	12:55 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	1:22 p.m.
Aug 6	8:00 a.m.	1:45 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	2:14 p.m.
Aug 7	8:52 a.m.	2:37 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	3:07 p.m.
Aug 8	9:46 a.m.	3:31 a.m.	10:17 p.m.	4:01 p.m.
Aug 9	10:41 a.m.	4:26 a.m.	11:11 p.m.	4:56 p.m.
Aug 10	11:36 a.m.	5:22 a.m.	—	5:51 p.m.
Aug 11	12:05 a.m.	6:18 a.m.	12:59 p.m.	6:46 p.m.

## River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	—	10.66	-0.72
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	7.00	+0.25
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	6.15	-0.14
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.85	none
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	52.25	+0.32



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# Most candidate war chests self-funded so far...

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Democrat Alex Robinson on the November 2 general election ballot for District 2 County Commissioner.

Mr. Anderson donated 90 percent of his campaign funds while Mr. Robinson's campaign funds came wholly from others.

### Where the money came from and where it's going

Here are listings of each candidate's campaign-related income and spending as of July 16.

#### • Jimmy Anderson

Revenue included \$2000 from the candidate, \$100 from Southern Fumigation & Pest Control of Macclenny and \$100 from Southern Accounting and Tax Bureau of Macclenny. The only expenditure listed was the \$1766 qualifying fee.

#### • Alex Robinson

Revenue included \$250 from Betty Robinson, \$100 from Phil Rhoden and \$300 Mark Broughton, all of Macclenny. The only spending listed was \$200 for an advertisement in *The Press*.

#### • Michael Conner

Revenue included \$500 from Leon Conner of Macclenny, \$500 from Pro Pave Contractors of Jacksonville and \$1904 from the candidate. The campaign spent \$1766 for the qualifying fee, \$247 for ads in *The Press* and \$840 for signs from Capitol Promotions Inc. of Pennsylvania.

#### • Donnie Starling

Revenue included \$8000 from the candidate, \$100 from Robert Davis of Macclenny, \$100 from Greg Harden of Macclenny, \$100 from Josie Davis of Glen and \$100 from David Mette of Glen.

Expenditures included the \$1766 qualifying fee, \$10 for a list of registered voters, \$117 for website set-up, \$3607 for signs from Bob's Sign of Macclenny, \$250 for a political sign permit from the City of Macclenny, \$439 for print advertising in *The Press* and another publication; \$340 for food from Williams Grocery and \$1604 for apparel from Sports Shak of Macclenny.

#### • Chris Rhoden

Income included \$3000 from the candidate. Spending included \$1028 for signs from Bob's Sign, \$200 to rent the Women's Club, \$250 for a political sign permit from the city, \$113 to Hagan Ace



for sign materials and \$225 for ads in *The Press*.

#### • Jeana Duval

Revenue included \$100 from Don and Samatha Spivey of Glen, \$500 from Brannen Grover of Glen, \$100 from Emily Walk, Mary Kay and a third individual whose name was illegible, all of Jacksonville; \$500 from Phil Duval of Macclenny and \$100 from Ben Walker of Macclenny.

Spending included the \$1766 fee, \$311 for signs from GrimCo of Jacksonville, \$199 for sign materials from Builders First Source of Lake City, \$10 for a registered voter list, \$76 for shirts from Sport Shak, \$44 for stamps and \$229 for ads in *The Press*.

#### • Adam Giddens

Income was listed as \$6850 in loans from the candidate, \$500 from Giddens Security of Jacksonville and \$200 from Larry Payne Sr. Expenditures included the qualifying fee, \$10 for a list of registered voters, \$2852 to Mike & Bob's House of Ink in Macclenny for promotions materials, \$300 rent to Baker County Properties Inc. for campaign headquarters space, \$202 to the city for utilities and trash pick up, \$100 to Reflections Photography of Macclenny, \$139 to Dollar General for decorations, \$80 to

Hagan Ace for sign materials and \$1342 for ads in *The Press* and another publication.

#### • Jesse Davis

Revenue included \$500 from the candidate, \$100 from Beulah Precourt of Orlando, \$250 from Craig Thompson of Macclenny, \$500 from Teresa Watkins of New Smyrna Beach, FL; \$500 from Ann Johns of Glen, \$500 from Butch Johns of Glen, \$250 from Leigh Mills of Jacksonville, \$100 from Jenny Evans of Macclenny, \$100 from Rochelle Harmon of St. Johns, FL; \$100 from Patricia Chiapinni of Melrose, FL; \$100 from Elizabeth Fell of Jacksonville, \$500 from Wayne Watkins of New Smyrna Beach, \$250 from Michael Gallo-way of Winter Springs, FL; \$500 from Dicky Ferry of Macclenny, \$250 from Michael McCollum of Macclenny, \$100 from Richard Watkins of Orlando, \$500 from Steve Precourt of Orlando, \$50 from Robin Stillings of Orlando, \$100 from Richard Greenburg of Chicago, IL; \$100 from Dr. Richard Bagley of Orlando, \$75 from Ben Drive of Mount Dora, FL; \$25 from William Pezzutti of Jacksonville, \$50 from Fred Fowler of Orlando, \$500 from Baker County Republican Executive Committee of Macclenny

and \$250 from Hoe Brown of the Tampa area.

Expenditures included the \$1009 school board qualifying fee, \$205 to Bob's Sign, \$393 for T-shirts from CustomInk.com of Pennsylvania, \$483 for signs from Fastlane Graphics of Macclenny, \$772 for cards and brochures from Vista Print of Massachusetts, \$727 for signs from Sign Rocket of Minnesota, \$776 for stamps from USPS, \$166 for stamps from Walmart, \$300 for rental of Heritage Park and \$628 for ads in *The Press*.

#### • Tina Mobley

Revenue included \$2550 from the candidate. Spending included \$139 for sign supplies at Lake City's Home Depot, \$909 for cards at Hunter Printing of Lake City, \$132 for stamps from USPS, \$250 for a city sign permit, \$587 for signs from Jaguar Signs of

Jacksonville and \$253 for ads in *The Press*.

#### • Charlie Burnett

Revenue included \$600 from the candidate. Expenditures included \$10 for a list of registered voters, \$146 for lumber from Home Depot in Jacksonville, \$53 for copies at The Office Mart in Macclenny, \$36 for paint from Walmart and \$88 for USPS postage.

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# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Always thankful for the rain

### THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

Last Saturday and Sunday, I got caught outside in a rainstorm complete with thunder and lightning. Because most of us dash immediately inside as the first drops of rain begin to splatter on the ground, we forget what it's like to be fully immersed in this spectacle put on by Mother Nature.

And what a show it was.

On Saturday I was afloat in a kayak on the Suwannee River with a dozen other paddlers. About seven miles into the trip, the storm hit. The rain brought blessed relief from the heat, but the lightning got intense. We pulled up on a sand bank and huddled together, waiting for the worst of it to pass.

Many of the kayakers rapidly filled with water and their owners produced some nifty pump devices to bail the water out. I was in an ocean "sit on top" kayak which has a series of holes that function as a self-bailing system.

It doesn't sink.

When there was a lull in the rain, we resumed paddling, but it wasn't long before the second wave of rain hit. This time, we just kept plowing forward, lightning and all. By the end of the trip, we were soaked to the bone, as the expression goes.

Trying to tug on dry clothes when you are soaked to the bone wet becomes a challenge of gargantuan proportions. I believe raising a sunken battleship must be an easier and less frustrating task. You rapidly develop a new and profound appreciation of the dynamics of friction, a subject whose properties bored you to sleep when you studied them in eighth grade science class.

But now, hunkered down behind an open car door trying to shield yourself with a towel and hike dry pants up over your damp knees and thighs at the same time — well, it ain't easy.

Not to mention the embarrassed cussing and swearing that ensues when an unexpected truck full of dudes bursts through the woods and goes rumbling by.

On Sunday, I visited Native American friends at the tribal grounds of the Cherokee of Georgia up in St. George.

I hadn't seen the wonderful boardwalk being built through the forest since the second stage was completed, and was anxious to walk its length.

We left a golf cart at the entrance of the walk and were soon engulfed by the forest. It was very quiet. The bay trees, which had bloomed earlier, still bore a single white flower here and there.

We talked and laughed and didn't pay attention to the darkening sky.

The rain began as we drew near the end of our walk, back at the entrance. These rain drops were huge and weighty; it was like being slapped over and over. We ran to the cart and took off across the field with rain pummeling our faces and splattering in our eyes.

I felt like someone was beating me, but it was funny at the same time. I couldn't stop laughing. We pulled up at the community kitchen and dove like Olympic high jump athletes over the tile counter top, finally reaching the protective shelter of the roof.

Hot coffee helped. We sat in the open air kitchen, drank coffee and watched it come down. I felt heavy. Who knew soaking wet jeans and a tee shirt could weigh so much?

After living through the drought and the Bugaboo fire several years ago, I swore I would never again complain about rain. So far, I've kept that promise.

## Taking a 'retro' road trip

### MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

*Fresh Sweet Georgia Peaches.*

That's what the sign said. Stop Now for Fresh Sweet Georgia Peaches and Vidalia Onions!

How can you turn that down? You can't if you're my wife. She and Carmean Johnson had been talking about peaches all the way up to Tennessee and half the way back.

"We're gonna have to stop and get some peaches on the way back, Kelley. Dick loves peaches."

"There's nothing better. Except maybe a pecan log."

"Those are too sweet for me. I love pecans and I love pecan pie but I don't like pecan logs. I don't like that stuff in the middle."

"You mean the divinity?" said Kelley.

"Yes. Now I like divinity, but it's just too sweet in pecan logs."

I drove along quietly, thinking that somewhere along the line I had passed through a time warp into 1962 when sweet Georgia peaches and pecan logs were a natural part of any trip on the blue highways through any Southern state. At any moment I expected them to want to see a giant twine ball or stop at a restaurant shaped like a soft serve ice cream cone.

We were on our way to Tennessee to see our daughter Sara Beth. She is an actress at the Cumberland Playhouse and one of her shows was closing on Saturday.

We were in Carmean's Toyota Prius and while they talked like they were in the 1960's I was driving in a vehicle that reminded me of something out of a science fiction story.

The Prius is a hybrid car that can get up to 58 mpg. Oddly enough, unlike a regular car, its best gas mileage comes in the city limits. It has a hybrid gas/electric engine that switches back and forth depending upon the speed and how you are driving.

I love it. It doesn't have a key and when you push the power

button it is absolutely silent. You don't even know it is on when it operates on the electric motor.

There is no gearshift; instead you touch a toggle like on a video game. The display tells you everything under the sun from exactly how the engine is operating to the outside temperature. It has a built-in navigation system that gives you all the information you could ever need about the road conditions, including if there are traffic situations anywhere in the vicinity.

I named the very polite voice Mandy. She informed me in the nicest way possible that there was a backup four miles long 12 minutes ahead. Doubt Mandy at your peril. Twelve minutes later we were in gridlock.

For a couple of days we didn't worry about peaches. Instead we fought the urge to take part in the world's longest flea market.

Honestly I don't know if it was the world's longest because I have no frame of reference, but everywhere you looked there were tents set up along the side of the main road in Crossville with everything from a child's size covered wagon to longhorns, scarecrows in fall colors and a cigar store Indian. It was pretty appealing.

But not as appealing as the 12 Apostles carved out of tree stumps. They were artfully arranged with Jesus in the middle to represent the Last Supper. We were all duly impressed.

"I like that plenty," I said. "It's not everyday that you see the 12 Apostles cut from tree stumps, but if I were that chain saw entrepreneur I might have split them up somehow. You might want to buy your favorite apostle like Luke or Mark instead of having to buy the whole dozen."

"I think it was more a work of faith than something to make money from," said Carmean.

"You might be right. Very effective."

They talked about buying unusual presents for friends and family — one-stop shopping as it were, but we never did. Instead we visited The Bean Pot restaurant where they purchased jams and jellies and bread and butter pickles. I was back in 1960 again.

I know that you are burning for the answer to the earlier question about Sweet Georgia Peaches and the answer is an emphatic yes. Not only did they get a bag of peaches from a roadside stand but also pecan logs, Hunkey Dorey and Goo Goo Clusters from a nearby Stuckeys.

While I drove along in the science fiction mobile they planned their next trips into the past and munched their Goo Goo Clusters.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Truly sorry for their loss

Dear Editor:

This letter is mainly intended for the family of Vickie Givens, who died in a traffic accident July 29 that also involved Joseph Crews. We also want to share it with the community.

There simply are no words to express the sorrow we felt when we received the awful news of Mrs. Givens' death. We can only imagine how devastating this must be for the entire family. Of course, one's life is forever changed as a result of Mrs. Givens' death because there is nothing, nothing, nothing as painful as losing a loved one.

Words are only words, but know this — there are prayers rising up for her and you from our entire family. We are truly sorry for your loss. Wishing you peace and healing at this sad and difficult time.

God Bless,  
The Crews Family

### How's that?

Dear Editor:

Two drunk driving fatalities. Four lives changed forever. And we are contemplating Sunday alcohol sales?

Dayle Milton  
Glen St. Mary

with ice and pass the bottle around. Another good practice would be that law enforcement could monitor those local establishments that serve alcohol more closely and those that leave these places and drive around our local area while under the influence of alcohol. This is very dangerous."

Jack Presnell:

"I think our officers are two out numbered. There is a lot more law breakers than officers. With what I see they are overworked now. We need more officers and less law breakers in this big county."

Kristin Griffith:

"There are several improvements to be considered in everyone's jobs, but one of the improvements that the police of Baker County could do is this: Rather than sitting across the streets from the bars waiting for everyone to leave drunk and drive their cars, ENFORCE DESIGNATED DRIVERS! Stand outside of the door and ask everyone leaving if they have a DD. If they don't, have them call someone to come get them. They could even begin a volunteer DD group for groups of 2 to drive someone home. Females with females, males with males. Let's improve our future generations while we still can!"

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### Facebook fans

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

We asked our Facebook fans August 2, "Do the police do enough or can they do more to keep drunk drivers off the street?" Here's what you had to say ...

Patti Crews Mobley:

"Until there is 'RoboCop' type of police officer that can foresee what people are going to do, the police cannot stop people from doing criminal acts. Let's not shift blame and try to make it law enforcements fault for people doing stupid things!"

Joshua Forth:

"They can do a lot more! I've seen people with open containers of beer in their hands while driving in town. And they don't try to hide it at all."

"And up town where the old Ace Hardware store is. I've seen a lot of beer bottles in the parking lot from where the high school students have been drinking and other people from Mac's Liquor."

"The cops need to do more random pull overs of vehicles to check for anything bad, not just certain vehicles. All of them!"

David Knapp:

"I think the better question is does the court system do enough to keep drunk drivers off of the streets and I would have to say no! We have all seen it time and time again and read it in the paper over and over again, so and so was caught and arrested for DUI and

then you will see that same name appear again several weeks later. Why? Because the penalty for doing so is not anywhere close to severe enough to make them not want to chance getting caught again."

Lora K. Baglin:

"There is more they can do and could start by not turning a blind eye to what is open for everyone to see on the streets. From beer to drugs, it is out there daily and you would have to be blind not to see it."

Shanna D. Rhoden:

"I agree that the punishment should be harsher for repeat offenders and I wonder if these judges sleep well at night after these people they let off kill someone. Regardless, we all know that we shouldn't drink and drive so the blame is mainly with the person that chose to get behind the wheel. We are responsible for our own actions ... not the police department or the judges."

Joe Dube Sr.:

"Many times I will stop at the drive through window of a local convenience store and see people buying beer or some other alcohol beverages and drive off knowing that they will start drinking them while driving. I have been parked behind them, waiting in line on quite a few of those occasions and seen them get their cups filled

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# County tax fund reduced

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missioners can choose to lower the rate before final adoption, but not raise it.

Since the board's July 29 budget workshop, commission Chairman Alex Robinson said county staff identified additional revenue and spending cuts in the proposed budget.

Several thousand dollars was eliminated from the planning and building departments, cash from the payback of a \$195,000 loan to the Baker Correctional Development Corporation was added in and the health insurance premium increase thought to be 9 percent has been reduced to 5 percent, County Manager Joe Cone said.

However, a state mandated across-the-board 3 percent hike in the county's retirement contributions for employees to keep the Florida Retirement System solvent, remains in the budget, he said.

With the budgetary changes since late July, the county's projected deficit of \$1,695,280 shrunk to \$1,565,660, the amount that will likely come from reserves to balance planned spending.

"I think you ought to take money out of reserves and put it in the budget ..." said Mr. Cone. "The departments are under-spending what they've budgeted ... And we still have the policy of no new people, no new equipment and no new programs."

Although the board expected to sweep \$1.2 million from reserves to meet this year's expenditures, Finance Manager Debbie Perryman said only about \$895,000 will be needed to balance spending through September 31.

The dip into reserves for the 2008-09 fiscal year was about \$3000, she said.

"What are reserves for, but to use them in hard times," commented Commissioner Mike Griffis.

But with \$8 million in unrestricted cash on hand, and about \$5 million needed annually for essential services like garbage disposal, law enforcement and maintaining roads and bridges; "where's that line in the sand?" Mr. Griffis asked.

Clerk of Courts Al Fraser advised the board keep at least \$5 million at all times in case of disaster.

Three residents spoke in favor of the existing tax rate during the board's 1.5-hour budget workshop the same day.

Sharon Padgett, Mike Yarborough and Jack Baker Jr. said any additional burden on taxpayers would be unwarranted given the still fragile state of the economy. Mr. Baker is a landlord.

"I deal with people who can't afford an increase in their rent due to an increase in property taxes," he said.

The commission will again at the county administration building, 55 N. 3rd St., August 16.



Johnetta Scriven

## Nursing graduate

Johnetta Scriven of Olustee graduated from the practical nursing program at First Coast Technical College in St. Augustine on June 24.

She is the daughter of Troy Scriven and the granddaughter of Dorothy and Laverne Arline. She plans to further her education as a registered nurse.

## Back to school day at Farmer's Market

A special "back to school" day will be held on Saturday, August 14 at the Baker County Farmer's Market on South 6th St.

The BCHS and BCMS cheerleaders, majorettes and dance teams will perform.

The market will then close until Saturday, October 16, then re-open for a six-week fall season. It will close on November 20 until the first Saturday in April, 2011.

## Adult testing

Baker County school district's Career and Adult Education, located at 523 W. Minnesota Avenue, will be administering the adult test of basic skills on August 5. Registration begins at 8:30 am, testing will be from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Testing fee of \$20 and valid picture ID is required at time of registration. Please bring exact cost as no change will be available. Call Cheryl Ward at 259-4110 or Wanda Conner at 259-0403 with any questions.

# Higher rates equal less usage

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show.

The Walmart DC was using about 1 million gallons of water in both October and November of 2009, which was on par with 2008 consumption, when the company paid for just over 11 million gallons at the facility.

That pattern changed in 2010, however; when monthly use at the Walmart DC fell to between 700,000 and 800,000 gallons during the first few months of the year.

The high school's appetite for water fell more drastically.

The school of some 1450 students used 1.6 million gallons in October 2009 — the first month of tiered billing — but only 754,400 gallons the following month.

BCHS consumption spiked in January above 900,000 gallons before continuing the decline.

Water use at the middle school, on the other hand, has risen since the new rates began.

The school consumed about

500,000 gallons in October 2009, dropped to 371,000 gallons in December, likely due to the holidays, and reached 766,000 gallons in April 2010.

Some other high-volume commercial users, like car washes and laundry mats, have had little choice but to pay the higher rates for their water.

"One of the things I find is that it's difficult to achieve total equity in any billing system," said Mr. Dopson. "The high-end users, those that depend on the water they use, it's been on the other side of the coin."

The tiered rates have increased water conservation and help prolong the water supply regionally, but that doesn't fully explain why the city adopted the new billing structure last summer.

The city was in the midst of negotiating for a new consumptive use permit [CUP] from the St. Johns River Water Management District [SJRWMD].

The city requested, under the new permit, to double the

amount of water it can withdraw from the aquifer through 2027.

Mr. Dopson said at the time that SJRWMD encouraged the city to adopt a tiered billing structure and other conservation measures, in light of the city's desire for more water.

The CUP request for 2 million gallons per day through 2027 wasn't granted. Instead, SJRWMD approved a permit last April for just over 1 million gallons a day through 2015.

The city appealed the decision to the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings the same month. According to the division's website, the case is in abeyance.

If unsuccessful, the next appeal arena would be the state District Court of Appeals. Mr. Dopson doesn't expect another appeal will be needed.

"I'm optimistic we can get this thing resolved before the hearing comes," he said.

# Two road deaths in 48 hours

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Trooper C.A. Scott said Alex G. Trail, 58, was alone in the vehicle when it was struck by a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe that was northbound but crossed into the southbound lane shortly after 8:00 pm.

The Tahoe was driven by Anthony Daniels, 53, of Macclenny, who was arrested at the scene and booked at county jail for DUI manslaughter. He remains in jail this week with a \$500,000 bond.

Mr. Daniels has no prior record of serious traffic or alcohol-related offenses, according to the sheriff's department.

Both occupants were wearing seat belts. In the earlier accident, Mrs. Givens was wearing one and Mr. Crews was not.

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# To vote on tax add-on \$200,000 more in property taxes

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Registered voters will decide whether to give the Baker County school district more than \$220,000 in additional property taxes, thanks to a decision August 2 by the school board.

At the recommendation of district finance director Marcelle Richardson, who said the local tax revenue would secure more than \$400,000 from the state annually, the school board voted 4-0 to place the measure on the November 4 ballot.

Board member Karen McColum was absent from the meeting.

Ms. Richardson explained that the school board established the .25 mill levy, or 25 cents per \$1000 of taxable property value, for the 2009-10 fiscal year, but due to action by the Florida legislature last session, voters must consider whether to keep it in place.

"This is not a new tax," she

said.

The .25 millage for "critical operating needs" and accompanying state revenue are intended to soften the blow from cuts to education funding by the legislature in recent years.

During the last three years, the reducing state revenue here has topped \$2.3 million, according to the resolution adopted by the board this week to place the measure on the ballot.

Ms. Richardson added that the additional millage is meant to put education funding for county's with lower property values like Baker County on par with the state-wide average.

"It brings us up to counties like Alachua," she told the board.

Should voters choose not to extend the tax for two more years, the district would lose upwards of \$700,000 in all.

In other business from this week's regular meeting:

- The board added a new district policy regarding the presence of animals on school prop-

erty and revised its policy related to notification of employees and potential employees about collection of their Social Security numbers.

The animal policy brings the district in line with state rules, and among other things requires that parents are notified of the presence of animals, that their presence is related to school curriculum, and that their presence does not present a danger to students or staff.

Principals must also approve the presence of animals, per the new policy, which also exempts law enforcement canine units and special needs animals.

"I'm glad to see the school board is finally clarifying this," said Kathy Wymer-Lilly, a disabled resident who attended the meeting.

"It shows they're looking out for the students," she said.

- The board also recognized 10 teachers who retired this year and approved the 2010-11 bus routes.



## CSX begins 2-week crossing replacement

This scene might put one in mind of the landscape after a big earthquake, but it's a temporary section of track that was laid in place the afternoon of August 2, the first day of a two-week project replacing the railroad crossing at SR 228 (South 5th St.) in Macclenny. Near 100-degree heat greeted a CSX Transportation construction crew that morning, and the Florida Department of Transportation closed the road, detouring north-south traffic onto SR 121 (South 6th St.) one block west. CSX is replacing the existing rubber crossing with a heavy-duty concrete surface designed to last longer and give a smoother ride over the east-west tracks. The project is expected to be complete the afternoon of August 13, just in time for the start of a new school year.

## Woman's Club members sought

The annual membership drive for Woman's Club of Macclenny will be launched Thursday, August 19, at 10:00 am and at new night meeting "Girls' Night Out" at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse in Macclenny.

While new members are accepted anytime, emphasis is being placed on membership as we approach the start of a new two-year term commencing in September.

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## District shifting principals

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson will be getting some help next year with running the day-to-day operations of the Baker County school district after promoting Robin Mobley to the position of associate superintendent.

Ms. Mobley had served as the district's director of teaching and learning. Former Baker County Middle School [BCMS] Principal David Davis has assumed that post in the 2010-11 school year.

The shuffle also means that Sherry Barrett, the middle school's vice principal, will become principal.

In other administrator changes within the district, high school assistant principal Doug Register will move to the same post at Macclenny Elementary, where principal Lou Ann Williams has one year left before retirement.

Denise Mann, an assistant principal at Macclenny Elementary, will transfer to Westside Elementary under Principal Lynn Ford.

Tonya Tarte, an assistant principal at Westside, is set to take over the same position at BCMS this fall.

Superintendent Raulerson also reported this week that the disbanded Alternative School's principal, John Staples, who also stepped down last spring as head coach of Wildcat baseball will move over to the high school as an assistant principal.

## '00 class reunion

If you are interested in attending the Baker High Class of 2000 reunion on August 28 at the Mathis House in Glen St. Mary, the cost will be \$30 per person. The money is due August 6 and can be mailed to 11960 Mudlake Road, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040.

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# 25 cases of card theft Gas pump 'skimming' suspected

Think twice before swiping your debit or credit card at a gas pump off an interstate highway.

Police suspect that pumps along Interstate 10 may have recently been rigged with electronic skimming devices that are plugged into a pump's card reading system and secretly recording card numbers and PINs [personal identification numbers].

Twenty-five such cases of unauthorized use involving Baker County victims have been reported to the sheriff's department the past two weeks. All are customers of local banks and credit unions, and their numbers have been used for ATM withdrawals and purchases in Texas and California.

As the complaints rolled in, sheriff's investigators became aware via the Secret Service that similar "skim-scams" have taken place elsewhere in Florida, including Gainesville where as many as 800 cards may have been compromised along I-75.

"We can't say for sure on all of them, but many of the cards here may have been used at gas pumps along I-10 and possibly other locations like the Community First ATM in the shopping center parking lot on 121 [South 6th in Macclenny]," said Maj. Chuck Brannan, chief BCSO investigator.

The investigator said a sweep of all gas stations along the interstate in Baker County was made last week and turned up nothing.

"One thing they had in common was most of the victims bought gas the day before or the same day their card numbers were used in California and Texas," added Maj. Brannan.

The Secret Service suspects that cabals of Cubans and Armenians may have reactivated the skimmer-scams in recent weeks similar to one three years ago centered in Volusia County.

Cary Rosoff, the special agent in charge in Jacksonville, said in a memo to Maj. Brannan that an Armenian group based in California and Las Vegas was tied to the Volusia thefts. He described the conspirators as "families and loosely connected friends sharing and selling the numbers."

A Gainesville Sun report on the scam along I-75 noted similar ones have been reported at gas stations in Washington state, Arizona, Colorado and Utah.

The skimmer is installed by opening a gas pump face using a universal key and plugging in a six-inch wireless device into the pump's card reader. The customer has no way of knowing a card number is being stolen, and information can even be retrieved remotely using Bluetooth technology.

The Baker County victims are all from the Macclenny, Glen St. Mary and Sanderson areas with bank cards from Vystar, Community First, Mercantile Bank and Wachovia.

Their bank statements showed

stolen numbers were used but a few times and most in the Los Angeles area. One victim, Bennie Williams of Macclenny, reported his card was used 13 times at a Walgreens in Cedar Park, TX for \$1380 in transactions. The card was rejected twice in other transactions.

The sheriff's department also believes local outlets were skimmed because other victims have emerged in Live Oak, Lake City and Lake Butler who purchased gas in Baker County.

As evidence of the speed with which stolen numbers are transmitted, Maj. Brannan said electronic records obtained by the Secret Service show a transaction here in the morning, and the numbers in use in California early that afternoon.

Eight cases were reported to local authorities two weeks ago, 15 last week and two more early this week.

Rick Davis of Davis and Davis Oil in Macclenny, which owns and leases dozens of Exxon and Citgo stores in the region, said the company invested a significant sum to become "PCI compliant" by July 1 at the behest of the oil companies.

Essentially, the new software and hardware wired to purchase points are designed to thwart skimmer retrieval of account data. He indicated that most major oil companies have mandated similar updates by the end of this year.

# Ex-boyfried steals flat screen

An ex-boyfriend is accused in a criminal complaint of entering the residence of Lucinda Moring on South 3rd St. in Macclenny and stealing her flat-screen television valued at \$1200.

Ms. Moring told Deputy Steven Smith she returned about 8:00 pm on July 27 after being gone all day and discovered the television had been taken. She said the only person with access to her locked residence was Justin Williams, 31, of Jacksonville.

Based on information on a business card that Mr. Williams had left there, Deputy Smith contacted a Jacksonville pawn shop, and an employee confirmed that the ex-boyfriend had been there attempting to pawn a 42" set that matched the description of the one taken.

The employee said she recommended another location after they could not agree on a price, and the officer telephoned the second pawn shop. He was told they do not discuss inquiries of that nature over the phone.

The case was turned over to investigations. In other thefts — these involving vehicles:

- A 2000 Honda was taken from outside the residence of Joseph Grotton on Timberlane Dr. near

Macclenny during the early morning hours of July 28.

The owner told Deputy Matt Sigers the vehicle was locked, and he last saw it around 1:00 am. Five hours later it was gone.

He said the Honda was worth \$21,000 including after-market equipment, and had a stereo system valued at another \$1200.

- A seven-foot bucket from an excavator and 75-gallon fuel tank were taken from property at a dead-end on Oak Ridge Dr. near Glen St. Mary sometime during the week before July 28.

Owner Boynton Crockett of Macclenny said the equipment was parked on his land and he valued it at \$5500.

- A 20-foot flatbed utility trailer was taken from the property of Charles Chupp of Jacksonville in the days preceding July 27. It was parked on the former Blair Nursery property off SR 121 south.

- Amy Johns of Glen reported \$340 cash, her purse and identification were taken during the night July 26 from her 1996 Ford Mustang that was parked off Madison St. at her mother's residence.

The vehicle was unlocked at the time.

# K-9 sniffs out driver's pot stash

A Macclenny motorist stopped on US 90 for failing to wear a seat belt and speeding ended up charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Deputy Patrick McGauley said he stopped an eastbound 1995 Chevrolet driven by Vanessa Rigney, 23, the morning of July 26 and noted she appeared nervous when questioned.

When asked if she had anything illegal in the vehicle, Ms. Rigney replied no, and refused permission for the officer to

search the vehicle. Deputy McGauley then walked his canine Tango around the outside of the car and the dog alerted to the smell of drugs.

The driver admitted to having a dozen partially smoked "roachies" in the ash tray, and pulled a small bag of pot from inside her clothing.

Ms. Rigney was issued citations for the traffic offenses in addition to the possession charge.

In another arrest, Joshua Davis, 22, of Macclenny was charged

with petty theft/shoplifting after he tried to leave the Walmart store on South 5th with a printer ink cartridge.

Mr. Davis was observed by a store security worker concealing the cartridge in the waistband of his pants about 6:30 pm on July 31.

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# Jailed for violating protective injunction

A Macclenny woman was jailed the evening of July 27 for violating an injunction banning her from being near the property of a 17-year-old girl with whom she had earlier been in a fight.

Sgt. Thomas Dyal of the sheriff's department made the arrest following a complaint by the teen's mother about 8:00, and after he observed Tia Grissett, 18, walk by the Quail St. address cited in the injunction.

Late in the morning of the previous day, Ms. Grissett, her 16 year-old brother and a half-sister, also 16, were arrested for fighting in the yard of their Quail St. residence.

Deputy Steven Smith said he was called to the address and saw the trio fighting, an event that had drawn a crowd of spectators. The brother ran from the property when the officer approached, and he was arrested later at a neighboring residence.

The brother was also charged with resisting police by fleeing.

In other incidents:

- A criminal complaint for domestic battery names James Wynne, 34, of Macclenny for allegedly shoving the daughter of his live-in girlfriend during an argument between the two adults at their residence off Jeff Starling Rd. the morning of August 1.

Deputy Johnny Hodges said he was called to the address about 1:24, and Mr. Wynne had left.

- A similar complaint was filed following an incident about the same time at the home of Lawanna Self, 38, on Madison St. in Glen St. Mary.

Ms. Self's daughters, ages 17 and 14, told Sgt. Tony Norman their mother returned home about 2:00 am intoxicated and slapped and pulled the hair of the older one during an argument.

She is also accused of pushing the younger daughter after she grabbed a telephone to call her father to pick her up.

Ms. Self also had left the residence before the officer arrived.

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## Repaving project reaches Glen on Monday

The first layer of asphalt — covering the eastbound lane of US 90 — was laid from Sanderson to Glen St. Mary early this week, and crews from APAC of Gainesville planned to turn around and go back milling and laying asphalt on the westbound lane to the starting point at Sanderson the remainder of this week. It marks the first phase of an eight-month, \$5.5 million resurfacing and improvements project funded through the Florida Department of Transportation. The design also includes wider shoulders for emergency lanes and some culvert and drainage improvements.

## Accused in \$5K fraud

A Glen St. Mary woman was named in a criminal felony complaint for allegedly stealing \$5000 from the checking account of her elderly grandmother who is a patient at Wells Nursing Home.

Jessica Green, 27, admitted to Deputy Chris Walker she had access to the checkbook of Dorothy Malloy, 87, of Macclenny, and wrote the nine checks with her grandmother's consent.

The sheriff's department was summoned by Melissa Malloy, the victim's daughter-in-law and step-mother of the accused. She became suspicious when Dorothy Malloy's account record showed nine checks written between June 20 and July 23 for amounts ranging from \$450-\$800.

Ms. Green also told Deputy Walker that Mrs. Malloy instructed her to move the checkbook from under a mattress at her un-

occupied residence on South 5th St. and place it in her bedroom dresser. The accused had a key to the residence and handed it over to the officer.

Results of the investigation were turned over to the state attorney's office, which could charge Ms. Green with multiple counts of grand theft and fraud.

In another check fraud case, Barbara Jeffries of Jacksonville traced a stolen Western Union money order to Baker Beverage in Macclenny, where it was cashed on June 5.

Ms. Jeffries had already re-

ported the theft to Jacksonville police when she informed the sheriff's department here on July 31.

Personnel at the US 90 store told Deputy Patrick McGauley surveillance tape from that day was no longer available, and they did not recall who cashed the money order. It was not endorsed by the payee.

Ms. Jeffries named a Macclenny man as one of several persons at her residence the day of the theft. The officer interviewed him and he denied involvement.

## Motorist wanted on Miss. warrant

A motorist stopped for failure to wear a seat belt ended up jailed on July 26 for driving on a suspended license and on a Mississippi warrant for drug possession and assault.

Deputy Patrick McGauley said he stopped Paul Legrande, 33, driving a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban eastbound on US 90 near his residence off Thomas Circle east of Macclenny about 4:30 that afternoon.

The suspect gave the officer his real name after initially giving a false one, and a computer check revealed two prior license suspensions and the drug possession warrant. The following day, jail personnel learned of the second warrant.

In other cases:

• Deputy Johnny Hodges stopped a vehicle driven by Brandon Wilkerson, 33, of Glen St. Mary about midnight on August 1 and learned his license was suspended for failure to pay child support.

The deputy observed Mr. Wilkerson at the wheel of a Ford pickup spinning circles in the parking lot of Mac's Liquors.

Deputy McGauley stopped a westbound 1996 Mitsubishi on Interstate 10 at Glen St. Mary about the same time after clocking it at 94 mph and arrested the driver for having no license.

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## Front gate, signs are destroyed on 2 nights

Vandals were busy during two successive nights last week, destroying signs and other property in the Macclenny-Glen St. Mary area, including a church sign.

A burglar alarm at Hagan Ace Hardware on US 90 east of Glen alerted police and employees to a damaged entrance gate, mailbox and chain link fence the morning of July 27.

Someone apparently crashed through the locked gate off US 90 with such force that a portion of it destroyed a nearby mailbox and damaged the fence.

Employee Leonard Pittman told Cpl. Tony Norman of the sheriff's department a rear alarm went off at 4:15. No one was found on the property and damage appeared to be limited to the gate area. He estimated it at \$2000.

• A sign indicating a tow-away zone was stolen and an obscenity carved into nearby grass at Cypress Pointe subdivision in northeast Macclenny overnight July 26.

Manager Terrie Ensell of Complete Association Management of Orange Park told Deputy Patrick McGauley that similar signs have disappeared in the past, and that she has had confrontations with some neighbors over parking access near a pond.

The officer said a weed cutting machine was likely used to carve out the obscene words.

• Someone tossed a bicycle into a sign in front of the Macclenny Church of God during the night July 26. There was no damage estimate.

## Drunk at Woody's

A drunk restaurant patron was arrested the afternoon of July 26 after she caused a disturbance over the way her alcohol drink was mixed and her bill.

Police were called to Woody's Bar-B-Q on South 6th in Macclenny about 3:35 and found Monica Dees, 20, of St. George, GA arguing loudly with restaurant employees. Deputy Koty Crews said Ms. Dees ignored several requests to calm herself, and continued to curse loudly enough that other customers could hear her.

She earlier had gone behind the bar and mixed a drink even though she is underage to purchase alcohol. The report does not indicate that Ms. Dees was charged also with that violation.

She was accompanied by a boyfriend and her two children, ages 2 and 4, who were turned over to the custody of the Department of Children and Families upon her arrest for disorderly intoxication.

In other arrests:

• Darrell Hurst, 48, and his girlfriend Sherrie Padgett, 32, were arrested for disorderly intoxication early on August 1 after police responded to a disturbance call at their residence off Natalie Lane near Sanderson.

Deputy Jason Bryan said the couple refused repeated requests to quiet themselves during the 3:00 am incident. He said they were both visibly intoxicated, staggering and cursing loudly when questioned.

• Three occupants of a vehicle

outside Joe's Pool Hall on South 6th in Macclenny late on July 28 were arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

Deputy Rodney Driggers responded to a complaint shortly after 11:00 am in Winn Dixie shopping center and found Thor Fennell, 20, of Glen St. Mary, along with two 17-year-old males from Macclenny, in the parked Chevrolet Blazer.

Deputy Driggers noted that one of the juveniles was in the driver's seat with a bottle of whiskey between his legs. The others had beer.



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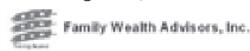
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# Adult ed moves to new quarters

## Alternative School now at BCHS, BCMS

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Baker County students who have attended the district's Alternative School next to Keller Intermediate in Macclenny will now report to the Baker County Middle School and Baker County High School campuses, but be housed separately from other students.

Why the change? Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson cited lack of fully certified teachers at the Alternative School, where the district assigns disruptive students as a step short of expulsion.

"I felt like we needed certified teachers for those students," she said.

Certified teachers at BCMS and BCHS will now rotate into alternative classrooms.

The disbanding also eliminates the need for an alternative school principal and secretary.

That's good news, actually, for the Adult Education Center, now called the Career and Adult Education Center (CAEC), which has been conducting its GED programs, in part, at a site on South Boulevard across Jonathan St. from the middle school.

"That location simply wasn't big enough for the GED program and there were no classrooms," said Superintendent Raulerson.

As of August 2, CAEC moved over to the former Alternative School building.



Instructors Samantha Kent, left and Cheryl Ward, second from right, assist students Steve Lamb, Destiny Smith (back row) and Odessa Green.

The CAEC will offer instruction in adult basic education (ABE) and general education development (GED).

"This will be the official GED testing site for the county," said Ann Watts, district's director of adult education. "The great thing is that classroom facilities and offices are now consolidated in one location. Day and evening classes will be offered."

Fifteen adults were in class at the center on its opening day.

"And that was without any advertising," said Ms. Watts, "Which is very encouraging."

GED gives adults who did not

complete a formal high school program the opportunity to attain high school-level academic knowledge and skills.

The classes are self-paced with instruction in five core areas: math, reading, science, writing and social studies.

Student Odessa Green of Macclenny was in class on opening day. She chatted briefly with Ms. Watts in the hallway after she finished part of her final GED testing.

She showed Ms. Watts her test paper with her scores in pre-algebra and geometry.

"Odessa, you have begun to excel in math. These scores are excellent," said Ms. Watts.

"Yes," said Odessa, smiling. "I'm finally getting my scores on up there."

Ms. Watts asked Ms. Green about her plans to pursue nursing.

"I'm applying at Florida Gateway College soon," said Ms. Green. "I'm determined not to stop until I get my four-year degree."

The instruction isn't only for those trying to earn a GED credential. The center offers instruction for those who have already graduated from high school, but may need remedial help in some areas.

For instance, some companies test their prospective employees and require a specific level of reading or math skill for a job. The center may be able to help them attain that.

According to Ms. Watts, some of the latest statistics show that the GED credential is accepted

by 98% of colleges and universities that require a high school diploma. Also 96% of companies accept applicants with a GED credential for jobs requiring a high school degree.

Ms. Green is close to completing requirements for her GED. She will soon be able to speak with an advisor at Gateway Florida about admission.

"The motivation to learn is important," she said. "I became determined and when I wanted to learn, things changed and learning became easier."

Ms. Watson is excited about the new GED center and what it can offer Baker County residents who, for whatever reason, may not have been able to earn their high school diploma.

"There are many reasons a person may not graduate from high school. They may be injured or sick, have no choice but to drop out to help their family or become involved in extenuating circumstances beyond their control."

The GED program is open to everyone, from teenagers to people in their seventies who become motivated and determined enough to pursue it. People from all walks of life have availed themselves of the program.

Ms. Watson likes to point out prominent citizens, some with celebrity status, who earned their GED credential:

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# Rehab center rated for quality care

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Macclenny Nursing and Rehab was the recent recipient of a Bronze Commitment to Quality Award for 2010.

There are more than 700 nursing facilities in Florida, and it was one of 70 in to receive a bronze award. Florida also received more than any other state.

"I am *very* pleased," said nursing home director John Simmons. "These awards are difficult to get and it greatly demonstrates the level of commitment to ensuring and improving quality care standards that has been adopted by our staff. I couldn't be more proud."

The awards process is mediated by the American Health Care Association in conjunction with the National Center for Assisted Living.

"This is part of a long-term commitment by the Florida Health Care Association to improve nursing care facilities," said Mr. Simmons. "I've been on the board of that organization for the last five years and improvement has been steady."

To earn a bronze award, a facility must apply to be considered and provide documentation of quality care practices it has developed and implemented.

Macclenny Nursing and Rehab chose fall prevention as its area of improvement. Over a period of a year, the staff developed an approach to improve and prevent the incidence of falls among its full-time and temporary residents. They were individually assessed as to their level of fall risk

and measures were put in place to reduce that risk. Examples included placing floor mats, installation of lower beds, as well as the use of bed and chair alarms. The staff was also re-trained for more scrupulous "eye monitoring" of residents' status and activities.

"What the documentation shows is we saw this and we made this change," said Mr. Simmons. "And it worked. Our incidence of falling decreased dramatically."

The nursing home on South 5th plans to continue striving to improve its quality care standards and in the future, move up to applying for the silver and gold awards, the next two levels in the Commitment to Quality awards.

"Obtaining the bronze, silver and gold awards is a process and takes time and commitment," he said.

Mr. Simmons announced the award at the July 22 Baker County Chamber of Commerce Lunch and Learn program, at which he was the presenter.

His program for the day: *Growing old is not for sissies.*

"The late film star Betty Davis said that in one of her movies and you know what, she's right," said Mr. Simmons. "There is also a point I like to make to people at times — don't mess with an older man. He didn't get there by being stupid."

Mr. Simmons, admitted with ease that he is moving on in years himself and some things are different than they used to be. He brought out the fact that many people make the mistake of not wanting to face the changes that come with old age and don't make

plans. "Most people don't want to even talk about what's happening as they begin to grow older, but that's an unfortunate mistake," he said.

Making plans for the time when a person begins to "transition" into the elder years is the most immediate and smart thing that can be done, he told chamber attendees.

Growing older takes some planning and making some changes. Health care issues and options should be examined as well as seeking sound financial advice to plan for such needs as disability insurance, assisted living or a reverse mortgage. Modifications to the physical structure of the house may be necessary such as replacing steps with ramps, adding hand railings and raising counter tops.

"It boils down to making things easier for yourself," he said. "And the fact of the matter is people spend their time worrying about their children and grandchildren. But statistics show that children are not making plans for their



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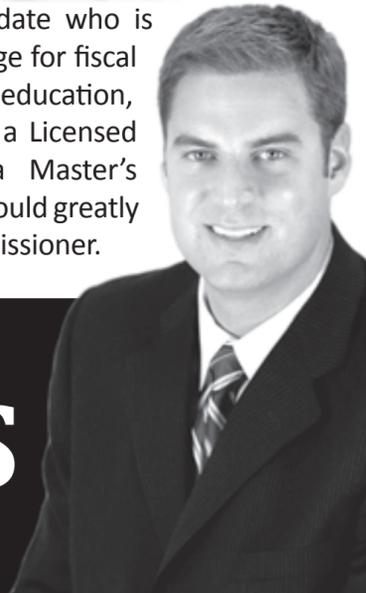
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**PROBATE DIVISION**  
File No. 02-2009-CP-19  
Division

**IN RE: ESTATE OF JEROME THOMAS WOOD Deceased.**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
(formal notice by publication)

TO: Joyce Wood, address unknown  
David Wood, address unknown  
Pam Wood, address unknown  
Jeffrey Wood, address unknown  
Jerome Wood, address unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition to Approve Settlement and Petition to Deposit Funds into Court Registry have been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are:  
Robert D. Hines, Esq.  
1312 W. Fletcher Avenue, Ste. B  
Tampa, Florida 33612

on or before July 25, 2010, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.

Signed on June 24, 2010.

As Clerk of the Court  
By: Sherry Dugger  
As Deputy Clerk

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL ACTION**  
CASE NO. 2006-CA-143

DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM MARTIN A/K/A WILLIAM E. MARTIN, et al,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 23, 2007 and entered in Case No. 2006-CA-143 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida wherein WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM MARTIN A/K/A WILLIAM E. MARTIN; TARA L. MARTIN; and the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 16th day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**PARCEL 21, SANDERSON CIRCLE:** PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO.127 (A 100 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED) WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF BLOCK 7 AND 8 AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF THE TOWN OF SANDERSON AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, ON SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 222.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT; SAID CURVE BEING CONVEX EASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 359.26 FEET; THENCE AROUND SAID CURVE A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 1 DEGREE 26 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 266.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, ON SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 151.56 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 290.36 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 175.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 126.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 13922 SANDERSON CIRCLE, SANDERSON, FL 32087

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 21, 2010.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
F06015533 WMFIDELITY-SPECFHLMC—  
\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Jan Phillips  
Human Resources Manager  
Alachua County Family/Civil Courthouse  
201 E. University Avenue, Room 410  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
Phone: 352-337-6237  
Fax: 352-374-5238  
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The following vehicle will be sold at public auction August 20, 2010 at 10:00 am, at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery, 7611 West Mt. Vernon, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040.

1991 Chevrolet Blazer  
VIN # 1GNDT1320M2243477

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
CASE NO.: 02-2010-CA-0092

PATRICIA L. FISH, Trustee of the Benjamin F. Fish Revocable Living Trust U/A dated August 9, 2001 and PATRICIA L. FISH, Trustee of the Patricia L. Fish Trust Revocable Living Trust U/A dated August 9, 2001,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

TINA L. WATKINS and STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INS. CO.,  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situate in Baker County, Florida, described as follows:

**A PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 125; THENCE N 87 DEGREES 26' 42" E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE 1/4, 144.0 FEET; THENCE S 7 DEGREES 40' 43" E, 151.72 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BLAIR CIRCLE; THENCE S 87 DEGREES 26' 42" W, ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 151.78 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO. 123, SAID POINT BEING ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 5646.73 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 1 DEGREE 32' 05"; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, 151.25 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 1 BLOCK 1, OF AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

TOGETHER WITH: SWMH ID# HH1784

at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of August, 2010.

THOMAS "AL" FRASER  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Jamie Crews  
DEPUTY CLERK

Hugh D. Fish, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
34 S. 5th Street  
Macclenny, FL 32063  
Phone 904-259-6606  
7/29-8/5

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**  
CASE NO: 02-2010-CA-00077

CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC.,  
PLAINTIFF,

VS.

MICHEL DUBOIS A/K/A MICHAEL DUBOIS, ET AL.,  
DEFENDANT(S).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**

TO: DAVID DUBOIS

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

**LOT #25**  
**COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN N88°07'57" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 6 A DISTANCE OF 2020.02'; THENCE N1°52'03" E 319.82' TO THE CENTERLINE OF A COUNTY ROAD, A 50 FOOT ROAD; THENCE N85°24'00" W ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 170.61 FEET; THENCE N59°58'35" W STILL ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 246.65 FEET THENCE S30°01'25" W 50 FEET TO THE P.O.B.; SAID POINT BEING ON THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 60°00'00"; SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AND SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE 52.35 FEET; THENCE S59°58'35" E STILL ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE 59.02 FEET; THENCE S30°01'25" W 174.25' TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE NORTHERLY BANK OF A BRANCH OF A CREEK; THENCE CONTINUE S30°01'25" W 10' MORE OR LESS TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID BRANCH; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG AND WITH THE MEANDER OF SAID BRANCH CENTERLINE 175 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT; SAID POINT BEING S50°31'25" W 222' MORE OR LESS FROM THE P.O.B.; THENCE N50°31'25" E 8' MORE OR LESS TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE NORTHERLY BANK OF SAID BRANCH; THENCE CONTINUE N50°31'25" E 213.64 FEET TO THE P.O.B. CONTAINING 0.58 ACRES MORE OR LESS. TOGETHER WITH A DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN #S FLFLN33A14745BF AND FLFLN-33B14745BF**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DAVID J. STERN, ESQ, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 900 South Pine Island Road #400, Plantation, FL 33324-3920 on or before August 19, 2010 (no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this notice of action) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at BAKER COUNTY, Florida, this 20th day of July, 2010.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: T. A. Lovingsood  
DEPUTY CLERK

LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN  
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  
900 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD SUITE 400  
PLANTATION, FL 33324-3920  
904-81280 TCFMH  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation should contact COURT ADMINISTRATION, at the BAKER COUNTY Courthouse at 904-259-8113, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Baker County Board of Commissioners will be accepting invitations to bid on the following:

**IP Based Phone System and Long Distance Service**  
**Bid # 081810**

Bids must include services for the Baker County Court House, Building Department, Planning & Zoning and County Administration Offices. A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on August 9, 2010 at 9:00 am at 55 N. 3rd Street, Macclenny FL.

Bids must be delivered to the Baker County Board of Commissioners office located at the above address in a sealed envelope with bid numbers and your name/company name on outside of envelope by 12:00 pm, August 18, 2010. Strict enforcement of deadline.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL DIVISION**  
CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-0124

HARVEY SCHONBRUN,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

RUTH WORTHINGTON and DAVID WORTHINGTON, wife and husband,  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Baker County, Florida, described as:

**Lot 1 in Block 55 of the Town of Macclenny according to plat of said Town on file in Deed Book "D", Page 800 of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida.**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the main entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., on the 18th day of August, 2010.

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

Dated this 21st day of July, 2010.

AL FRASER  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
Jaime Crews  
Deputy Clerk

HARVEY SCHONBRUN, P.A.  
1802 North Morgan Street  
Tampa, Florida 33602-2328  
7/29-8/5

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

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

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

## NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 19, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000133 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and TOMMY P. BENNETT; JUANELLE C. BENNETT; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 19th day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**A PART OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 30; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, 60.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST, 169.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, 200.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST, 205.89 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, 200.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST, 36.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

A/K/A 6079 EAST RIVER CIRCLE, MACCLENLY, FL 32063

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 21, 2010.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
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\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Jan Phillips  
Human Resources Manager  
Alachua County Family/Civil Courthouse  
201 E. University Avenue, Room 410  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
Phone: 352-337-6237  
Fax: 352-374-5238  
7/29-8/5

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND BUDGET HEARINGS**  
**NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY**

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a meeting and public hearing for the acceptance of an interim budget and adoption of a final budget that all interested persons are invited to attend. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The meeting and public hearing to accept an interim budget will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2010; at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Board Room, 9225 CR49, Live Oak, Florida. The NFBA meeting will be to conduct general business and to conduct the public hearing to consider the interim budget.

The public hearing to adopt the final NFBA annual budget will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2010; at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Board Room, 9225 CR49, Live Oak, Florida. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding or have any questions please contact Faith Doyle, Clerk of the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3482 or (407) 629-6900 at least one (1) business day prior to the date of the meeting.  
7/29-8/5

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**TO INSTALL BAKER COUNTY ARBORETUM AT THE BAKER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE (AGRICULTURAL CENTER)**

Baker County is requesting proposals from licensed landscape installation professionals in the State of Florida for installation of the new Baker County Arboretum and Teaching Garden at the Baker County Extension Office (Agricultural Center) located at 1025 W. Macclenny Ave (Hwy 90) in Macclenny.

Proposals shall be submitted to the Baker County Board of Commissioners, Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063 on or before 3:30 pm on September 7, 2010. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Baker County Arboretum" on the outside of the proposal. Any bids received after September 7, 2010 at 3:30 pm, will not be accepted. Details on project specifications may be addressed to Alicia Lamborn, Extension Horticulture Agent, at (904) 259-3520.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the proposal process, and to award the contract(s) in the best interest of the county. Contract proposals resulting from the process will be subject to review and will be within the available grant funding level for the project. All contracts will be fashioned so as to protect the county's interest.

**EOE/ADA FAIR HOUSING JURISDICTION**  
7/29-8/5

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY**  
CASE NO. 2009-CA-000207  
CIVIL DIVISION

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF SARA O'NEAL, DECEASED; KEITH O'NEAL, HEIR; JONATHAN O'NEAL, HEIR; NATALIE MAXWELL, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK, MID-STATE TRUST II, BY AND THROUGH WILMINGTON TRUST OF FLORIDA, N.A.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANT #1;  
Defendant(s)

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Baker County, Florida, described as:

**A LOT BEGINNING 84 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, THENCE RUN EAST 212 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 63 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 63 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST.**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, East door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida 32063 at 11:00 AM, on August 19, 2010.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF July, 2010.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 21st day of July, 2010.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
By Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra  
9204 King Palm Drive  
Tampa, FL 33619-1328  
Phone: 813-915-8660  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service.  
7/29-8/5

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO. 02-2010-CA-0044

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

vs.

GREGORY RHODEN and JAWAN RHODEN, his wife; et al.,  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 19, 2010 entered in Civil Case No. 02-2010-CA-0044 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein CAROLINA FIRST BANK, as successor by merger with Mercantile Bank, is Plaintiff and GREGORY RHODEN, et al., are Defendant(s).

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 25th day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Exhibit "A"

**Lot 20 of OAKRIDGE SUBDIVISION, an unrecorded subdivision comprising a part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, all of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 13, also a part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:**

**Commence at the Northeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 13, Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, and run S 0°00'14" E, along the East line of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 500.0 feet to an iron pipe and the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 0°00'14" E along said East line of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, a distance of 280.0 feet to an iron pipe; thence N 72°29'53" W, 364.05 feet to an iron pipe located on the arc of a curve concave to the left having a radius of 350.66 feet and a total central angle of 47°07'05", said iron pipe also being on the Easterly Right of Way line of a county graded road (Ridge Road); thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve and along the Easterly Right of Way line of said county graded road (Ridge Road), an arc distance of 144.56 feet to a concrete monument on the point of tangency, said curve; thence N 1°22'52" W, still along said East Right of Way line of county graded road (Ridge Road), 21.51 feet to an iron pipe; thence N 88°36'11" E, 321.81 feet to an iron pipe and the Point of Beginning. Lying wholly within the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 13.**

Street address: 7301 Oak Ridge Loop,  
Glen Saint Mary, FL 32040

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

DATED this 21st day of July, 2010  
Al Fraser

# SOCIAL

## 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)

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000089 DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY PHELAN A/K/A JEFFREY W. PHELAN, et al,  
Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 23, 2010 and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000089 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and JEFFREY PHELAN A/K/A JEFFREY W. PHELAN; KARIN L. PHELAN; CYPRESS POINT OF MACCLENNY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 31st day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**LOT 26, CYPRESS POINTE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 90 THROUGH 92, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**A/K/A 416 ISLAMORADA DRIVE S, MACCLENNY, FL 32063**

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 28, 2010.

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

Invoice To: Florida Default Law Group, P.L.

P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
F09043513 NMNC-SPECNMA—  
\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000064

CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

CAROL D. ACKLIN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AS A NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); RANDY C. ACKLIN; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 27th day of July, 2010, and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000064, of the Circuit Court of the 8TH Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC is the Plaintiff and CAROL D. ACKLIN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AS A NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); RANDY C. ACKLIN; JOHN DOE, JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OR MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE COURTHOUSE at the Baker County Courthouse in Macclenny, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 31st day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 13, OF COPPER CREEK HILLS, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 36 AND 37, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT (AL FRASER) CLERK OF COURT OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AT 339 E. MACCLENNY AVENUE, MACCLENNY, FLORIDA (904) 259-2121 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OF HEARING, IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8771.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2010.

Al Fraser  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

Law Office of Marshall C. Watson  
1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309  
Telephone: (954) 453-0365  
Facsimile: (954) 771-6052  
Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438  
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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David J. Crews, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 07-00499  
Year of issuance: 2007  
Description of property: 29-2S-22-0028-0008-1061.

Part of Lot 17, Block 8, as shown on map of E.R. RHODENS ADDITION to the Town of Macclenny, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 4 of the public records of Baker County, Florida, also known as Parcel D, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the Westerly right-of-way of Cardinal Lane, a 50 foot right of way as now established, with the Northerly right of way of Ivy Street, a 50 foot right of way as now established, thence run South 77°14'58" West on said Northerly right of way a distance of 120.50 feet, thence run North 10°47'32" West a distance of 88.40 feet; thence run North 78°11'10" East, a distance of 120.50 feet to said Westerly right of way; thence run South 10°46'08" East, on said West right of way line, a distance of 86.43 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.24 acres, more or less.  
All of said property being in the County of Baker, State of Florida.

Names in which assessed: Karen Rosamonda (Trustee).

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the East door of the Baker County Courthouse on October 4, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 26 day of July, 2010.

Al Fraser  
Clerk of Court  
Baker County, Florida  
By: Tammie A. Lovingood  
As Deputy Clerk

8/5-8/26

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David J. Crews, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 07-00721  
Year of issuance: 2007  
Description of property: 06-3S-22-0042-0000-0040

Lot 4 and 5, Turkey Creek Retreat, Unit 3, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 50, of the public records of Baker County, Florida.  
All of said property being in the County of Baker, State of Florida.

Names in which assessed: Barbara A. Smith, Henry A. Smith, Gregory A. Smith

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the East door of the Baker County courthouse on October 4, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2010.

Al Fraser  
Clerk of Court  
Baker County, Florida  
By: Tammie A. Lovingood  
As Deputy Clerk

8/5-8/26

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 02-2010-DR-0332

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:  
BREA JADE GENTRY, DOB 4-25-2004, and  
BRAYDEN ELIAS HOLLOWAY, DOB 3-28-2007,  
Minor children.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ELIZABETH NICOLE GENTRY

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:  
4960 RICHARDSON ROAD  
GLEN ST. MARY, FLORIDA 32040

ROBBIE HOLLOWAY  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

DARRELL WAYNE GENTRY  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Verified Petition for Temporary Custody of Minor Children by Extended Family Member has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on the Petitioner's attorney whose name and address is Hugh D. Fish, Jr. at P.O. Box 531, Macclenny, Florida 32063, on or before September 6, 2010, and file the original of the written defenses with the Clerk of Court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of this Court on this 2nd day of August, 2010.

As Clerk of the Court  
By: Sherri Dugger  
Deputy Clerk

Hugh D. Fish, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
34 S. 5th Street  
Macclenny, FL 32063  
Phone 904-259-6606  
8/5-8/12

**Press Ad Deadline:  
Monday 5:00 PM**



Mr. and Mrs. Gaskins

## Wed July 30th

Congratulations to Stephanie Reid of Macclenny and Bobby Gaskins of Sanderson who were wed July 30, 2010 at St. John Baptist Church in Sanderson.



Samantha Wollitz

## Born on July 17

Nick and Barbara Wollitz of Macclenny and Mrs. Yolando DeGutzman of Jacksonville are pleased to announce the birth of granddaughter Samantha Nicole Wollitz.

Samantha was born July 7, 2010 and weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Nicklas and Regina Wollitz of Jacksonville. Happy first time great-grandparents are Robert and Norma Wollitz of Jacksonville.



## Oil spill duty

Following a long family tradition of military service, Jessica Nelly Debrock Holloway of Macclenny is in New Orleans with the Coast Guard assisting in the Deepwater Horizon incident.

Petty Officer Holloway is stationed in Jacksonville and a student of FSCJ with plans to teach math upon graduation.

She is the daughter of Mitchell W. Holloway and Leda Holloway of Macclenny. She graduated from BCHS in 2008.

## Many thanks

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls and concern about my son Huey, who recently had a liver transplant. He is doing well, for which we are all grateful. If you care to send a card, his address is: Huey Mercer, 4270 Gloria Avenue, Waycross, Georgia 31503.

Thanks Again and May God Bless Each of You,  
Jean Jones

## Fish reunion

The annual Ben and Kizzie Fish family reunion will be held Saturday, August 7th at the Baker County Ag Center. Come early and eat at 1:00 pm. Call 259-4219 for information on cake walk and plant give away.

## Budget meeting

The governing board of the New River Public Library Cooperative will hold its budget meeting on August 12 at 5:00 pm at New River Solid Waste Facility on SR 121 north of Raiford.

The board will also hold its regular meeting previously postponed immediately following the budget meeting.



Ansley Marie Prescott

Big brother James Michael welcomes sister Ansley Marie born June 10, 2010 at St. Vincents hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 18 3/4" long.

Proud parents are Jason & Amy Prescott. Grandparents are Butch and Mary Prescott and Michael and Tammy McNarnay.

## Graduates boot camp

Army Pvt. Kyle M. Wray recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of Danita and step-son of Tim Tension of Glen St. Mary and a 2009 graduate of

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Elect Tina **MOBLEY**  
for SCHOOL BOARD District 3

**Dear Citizens of Baker County,**

As we approach the last three weeks of this election, I will continue to focus my efforts on **FACTS** about my qualifications and commitment and refrain from negative criticisms that are used during campaigns. Some may think they need to question the qualification and integrity of their opponent to get an upper hand. As a voting taxpayer it has always bothered me to see this type of approach used when all the citizens really want to know are the **FACTS** and where the candidates stand on the issues. So here goes some **FACTS**:

- 1.) FACT** – this is a non-partisan position which means that everyone is able to vote for their candidate of choice. It does not matter whether you are a Democrat or Republican.
- 2.) FACT** – because the incumbent has opted not to seek reelection, change is inevitable for this position. Therefore, you should vote for the candidate who would best represent your morals and convictions while guiding our school system.
- 3.) FACT** – Tina Fish Mobley believes that a school board member should be supporting and serving the teachers to help them do their very best in the classroom.
- 4.) FACT** – The motto for our school district is “Where Children are First.” Tina Fish Mobley does not and will not talk about “her” accolades but will focus her campaign on what is best for the children of this county.
- 5.) FACT** – Tina Fish Mobley will work to enhance the educational experience for the students of the Baker County School District.
- 6.) FACT** – Tina Fish Mobley will work diligently to disburse funding to make sure we get the best value for every dollar spent.
- 7.) FACT** – the definition of “qualified” is: fitted for a given purpose or job. Tina Fish Mobley is qualified for this position due to her experience as a parent, her experience in business including a law firm, insurance and banking industry, as a successful business owner and property manager.
- 8.) FACT** – Tina Fish Mobley is a “lifelong resident” of Baker County having strong family ties and relationships throughout the community. These ties create a commitment and passion to represent the children and citizens of Baker County as they are not just children, they are our family and friends’ children.
- 9.) FACT** – Tina Fish Mobley has the courage of conviction to make the right decisions on her own. Decisions will be based on facts and in the best interest of the children.
- 10.) FACT** – Tina Fish Mobley will support prayer in schools.

Tina Fish Mobley is seeking this position after a year long process of thought and prayer. A common sense, down-to-earth approach by a qualified, hard working, dedicated and lifelong resident of Baker County **CAN** and **WILL** make a positive difference in our school system.

Contact me at 259-7925 or on Facebook.

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# OBITUARIES

**CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION**

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## Vicki Givens, 46, dies July 29

Vicki Elaine Stewart Givens, 46, died Thursday, July 29, 2010. Mrs. Givens, a life-long resident of Baker County, attended the public schools of Baker County and graduated with the Class of 1982. Mrs. Givens was employed at Northeast Florida State Hospital and later moved on to Walmart Distribution in Macclenny for numerous years.

Mrs. Givens was a faithful member of Kingdom Christian Fellowship International in Sanderson. She was preceded in death by her mother Ester Farmer Stewart.

Survivors include husband Ronnie Givens; children Zachary, Lexie and Tiffany Givens; father Wilbur Stewart; mother in-law Mattie Lee Givens; grandchildren Keondrick and Jacoby Clayton; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends.

Visitation for family and friends will be held August 6 from 6-8 pm at the Emmanuel Church of God In Christ. The funeral service will be held August 7 at 11:00 am at the church with Elder Joe Nathan Ruise Sr. officiating. Combs Funeral Home of Lake City is in charge of arrangements.

## June Hertel, 56, enjoyed fishing

June Denise Hertel, 56, of Sanderson died July 25, 2010 at her residence. She was born in Port St. Lucie, FL on June 18, 1954 and was a resident of north Florida all her life. She was a Baptist and enjoyed fishing, reading books, cooking, being a jokester and spending time with her family. She was predeceased by sons Matthew and Jonathan Yarbrough.

Survivors include sons Timothy (Charlotte) Yarbrough and Joshua Yarbrough, both of Jacksonville; brothers Frank Hertel, Jr. of Jensen Beach, FL and Andrew Hertel of Fort Pierce, FL; five grandchildren.

The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

## Guest speaker

First Community Holiness Church and Pastor Vick Givens present guest speaker Rev. Willie Lee Givens of Boston, MA on August 8 at Faith Temple COGIC, 5 Churches Rd. in Sanderson, at 6:30 pm.

The FCHC Music Ministry will also perform.

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Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Morning Service	11:00 am
Sunday Night Service	6:00 pm
Wed. Night Service	7:30 pm

Pastor Allen Crews  
Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford  
Youth Pastor Brian Poole

**Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church**  
CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL

Sunday School	10:00 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Prayer Serv.	7:30 pm

**Pastor: Oral E. Lyons**

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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  
*'A church alive is worth the drive!'*

## Cecil Horne Sr., 68, outdoors man

Cecil Winfield Horne Sr., 68, of Glen St. Mary died August 1, 2010. He was born to the late Oliver Cecil "O.C." Horne and Ollie Gracie Marcum Horne on July 5, 1942. He was a resident of Baker County most of his life. He honorably served in the US Air Force and was awarded the Airman's Medal for Heroism on October 27, 1969.

Cecil was the owner of Horne's Automotive and a member of the NRA and American Legion Post #137, Jacksonville. He loved stock car racing, cooking, fishing and was an outdoors man. He was predeceased by brothers Neal Horne and Darryl Horne.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years Rozelle R. Horne of Glen St. Mary; children Cecil Winfield (Kelly) Horne Jr. and Melvin R. (Renee) Horne, both of Macclenny, Clinton E. (Betty) Horne of Glen St. Mary, Melony Wade of Graham, NC and Clifton (Jennifer) Wade of Efland, NC; brother Steven C. (Joyce) Horne of Jacksonville; sisters Olivia (Leamon) Crawford of Taylor and Marlene (Roger) Crews of Jacksonville; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held August 4 at 10:00 am at Christian Fellowship Temple with pastors David and Timmy Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

## Thanks so much

The family of Frances McDuffie would like to thank each and every one who prepared food, said prayers, sent cards and most of all your love through the trying, very sad and emotional times. Frances would have been amazed and proud of the outpouring of kindness, respect and love in her honor. Frances will be loved forever.

Respectfully,  
**Macky McDuffie and Family**

**Mt. Zion N.C. Methodist Church**  
121 North † 259-4461  
Macclenny, FL

**Pastor Tim Cheshire**

Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 am
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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## Walter Johns, 55, Air Force veteran

Walter Darrell Johns, 55, of Macclenny died July 31, 2010. He was born in Jacksonville to Walter "Jerry" Johns and Ruby Jean Waldvogel Johns on February 22, 1955. He was a resident of Baker County most of his life and the owner/operator of Merit, Inc. in Baker County and Alachua Environmental Inc.

Darrell honorably served in the US Air Force and was a member of the Asbestos Workers Local Union out of Jacksonville. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and family, hunting and horseback riding.

Survivors include his parents; his wife of 36 years, Nancy Carol Johns; children Walter Jeremy (Stacey) Johns, James Michael (Samantha) Johns and Heather Nicole (Skeeter) Davis, all of Macclenny; brother Doug (Kathy) Johns of Lake City; sisters Linda (Mike) Tucker and Cheryl Ann Johns, both of Macclenny; grandchildren Cody, Matthew, Hunter, Shelby, Kelsey, Breanna and Bradley.

The funeral service was held August 4 at 2:00 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel. Interment followed at Moniac Cemetery in St. George, GA.

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Wed. Eve. Bible Study	7:00 pm

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# HOMECOMING

with  
*Pastor James Conner*  
**August 22**  
*11:00 am*

*Dinner on the ground following the service*

**Calvary Baptist Church**

Sunday School	10:00 am
Preaching Service	11:00 am
Sunday Night Service	6:00 pm
Wednesday Service	7:00 pm

## Rose McDuffie, 50, NASCAR fan

Rose "Frances" McDuffie, 50, of Macclenny died July 28, 2010. She was born in Macclenny to the late Macey "Cute" Starling and Rosa Lee Sapp on September 30, 1959. She was a lifelong resident of Baker County and a 1977 graduate of Baker County High School.

Frances was an avid NASCAR and Seminole fan. She enjoyed traveling to the mountains, gardening and spending time with her grandchildren. She was predeceased by brother Johnny Starling and sister Billie Fay Shadd.

Survivors include her husband of 10 years, Ira E. McDuffie III of Macclenny; children Brandi (Chuck) Rhoden and Bryan (Becky) McDuffie, both of Glen St. Mary, Brad Rhoden and Vince (DeAnna) McDuffie, both of Macclenny, Misti (Jeff) Lageman of Jacksonville, Windi McDuffie of Green Cove Springs and Tara McDuffie of Deland; brothers Bill (Stacey) Starling and Greg "Doody" (Beverly) Starling, both of Macclenny; grandchildren Sydney, Derek, Mason, Morgan, Maci, Matt, Sydni and Dylan.

The funeral service was held July 31 at 11:00 am at Christian Fellowship Temple with pastor Albert Starling officiating. Interment followed at South Prong Cemetery in Sanderson. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

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Sunday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Wednesday Night	7:30 pm

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Sunday Service	11:00 am
Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
Wednesday Service	7:30 pm

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Fellowship	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Services	11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study	7:30 pm

**Minister Sam F. Kitching**

**St. James Episcopal Church**  
Minnesota Ave. & 5th Street  
Macclenny

**Sunday Worship**  
5:30 pm

*Paul Smith, Vicar • 259-9198*

**Macclenny Church of God**  
**Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life**

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Wed. Eve. Worship	7:30 P.M.

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Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 am
Sunday Children's Church	11:00 am
Sunday Evening Services	6:00 pm
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm

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Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Night Service	7:00 pm
Radio WJXR 92.1 Sunday	9:15 am

**Youth Programs**

Sunday School	10:00 am
Common Ground - Sunday	11:00 am
Common Ground - Wed. (Teens)	7:00 pm
God Kids - Sunday	11:00 am
God Kids - Wednesday	7:00 pm

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### Mr. Raulerson, 88, of St. George

William Cecil Raulerson, 88, of St. George, Georgia died July 30, 2010 at his home. He was born in Moniac, GA to Owen Raulerson and Mary Dowling Raulerson on February 17, 1922. He was a lifelong resident of Moniac and honorably served in the US Army. He was an outdoor man and enjoyed hunting. He was predeceased by wife of 45 years: Mamie "Mickey" Raulerson and sister Cleo Galliatano.



William Raulerson

Survivors include sister Evelyn Moutoux; daughter Marlene Rhoden; sons William C. "Bill" Raulerson Jr. and Richard Raulerson; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held August 3 at 3:00 pm at Moniac Baptist Church with Pastor Ricky Dyal officiating. Interment followed at Canaday Cemetery in Moniac. Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

### Sincere thanks

Thanks from the family of Jarvis "Reed" Simmons and our sincerest appreciation for all your acts of kindness and helping hands during the time of Jarvis' illness and also his passing. Thanks for the delicious food preparations or meals you provided and also for your financial blessings. We especially thank you, First Baptist Church of Glen (Pastor Dr. Randy Williams), for being so kind to open your sanctuary doors to us, Raiford Road Church (Johnny Raulerson, Dale Johnson and Stanley McDonald), Melody Coggin (athletic director), Tom Hill (BCHS principal), Sherrie Raulerson (superintendent), Wal-Mart (Jay Fox and Bobby Steele), Harold Castleberry, Brock Foam and Stone, Trek McCullough and Booster Club.

Thanks for your hand in making this memorable celebration one that will leave love lasting memories of one who was so dear to us. Thanks so much to you who prayed with us and to you who remembered to pray for us, also you who sent your words of comfort. We are blessed to have friends and neighbors like you.

The Reed Family

# Just how much sodium chloride is too much?

**KELLEY LANNIGAN**  
FEATURES  
features@bakercountypress.com

Sodium chloride, or as it is more commonly known — table salt.

For most people, food doesn't taste good without a generous sprinkle. It's absolutely essential for regulating water and electrolyte levels and transmitting messages along the nerves of the human body.

When there is a sodium deficiency, people experience unpleasant side effects such as dizziness, muscle cramps and confusion.

Too much sodium over a prolonged period of time exacerbates or even causes health problems, such as high blood pressure and higher rates of stroke and cardiovascular disease. It's even been linked with conditions such as osteoporosis.

So how much is too much?

Sodium intake is just one of the areas Melanie Thomas, family and consumer science agent at the Baker County extension office, has addressed recently in her online newsletter "Living Well in Baker County." To view current and past issues go to <http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu/> and click on Living Well Newsletter under Families & Consumers.

Ms. Thomas spoke to *The Press* earlier this week about the use of sodium, its necessity and

its risks.

"The fact of the matter is humans only need 1500 milligrams of sodium each day, less than one teaspoon," she said. "Most people consume much more than that, sometimes hundreds of times more."

According to Ms. Thomas, the amount of sodium a person needs already exists in the foods we eat everyday.

"You don't need to add any," she said, "and some foods should be avoided like canned soups and flavored rice mixes which are loaded with excess sodium."

For example: a cup of low-fat milk has about 107 mg of sodium; regular canned chicken noodle soup contains about 1,100 mg of sodium per cup.

Sports drinks such as Gatorade are loaded with sodium. Ms. Thomas urges caution when consuming them to quench thirst.

"The only thing that quenches thirst is water," she said. "Sports drinks have been heavily marketed to the public and people think they are necessary, but the truth is they really aren't. In fact, consuming too much of a sports drink can actually throw off the body's electrolyte balance and cause problems."

In the past, sodium was a highly valued substance. It was relatively scarce and an essential component for food preservation which allowed people to travel long distances without starving.

Today, in a society where salt's available in abundance, its primarily used as a food enhancer. Sodium is an acquired taste with addictive properties, which drives the desire to consume and over-use it.

"A simple way to reduce your sodium intake is to use a little less each time you cook and sea-



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All you need each day: Melanie Thomas holds a teaspoon of salt.

son your food," said Ms. Thomas. "Decreasing your use of it gradually lets your taste buds adjust. I know people who do this and then later taste food the way they used to season it and they can't believe they ever ate it with that much sodium on it."

The Mayo Clinic supports the

wisdom of avoiding food products with more than 200 mg of sodium per serving. Becoming familiar with the sodium-related terms on food package labels can help. Here's what the labels mean:

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For more questions about the use of sodium, cooking lower sodium meals or the DASH diet, call 259-3520.

### Heartfelt thanks

The family of Mrs. Helen Jean Robison would like to thank family and friends for all the calls, food, flowers and expressions of sympathy. A special thank you to the staff of W. Frank Wells Nursing Home for the tender, loving care that Ms. Robison received while a resident there. Also a debt of gratitude to the EMS of Baker County, ER staff at Fraser Hospital, the doctors, nurses and PCA staff of St. Vincent's and Shands Hospitals and the Acosta Rua Hospice in Jacksonville for their professional attention. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was so attentive, caring and professional and made this difficult time much easier to bear. We would like to say a special "thank you" to Mr. Michael Brannen, who was a great comfort to all of us and took wonderful care of our loved one.

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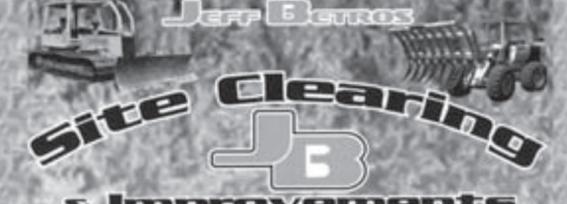
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## Run at state championship ends

**DAVID CRUMMEY**  
*Special to The Press*

*Editor's note: The Baker County Little League's 9 and 10-year-old all-star team competed for the state championship July 23-24. Head coach David Crumme provided the following summary.*

Our first game was against Tri-County, which is an all-star team out of the Tallahassee area. We played them on a Friday night to open the state tournament.

We took an early lead in the first inning as we discussed before the game what we needed to do. We knew it would be crucial for us to start fast at the plate and try to control the game, but we found ourselves behind and started pressing.

We lost the first game by a slim margin of 5-3. We were in a position to tie or go ahead late in the game, but their pitchers kept us off balance till the end.

Tri-County finished the state tournament as runner-up.

In the second game we took one hard on the chin against the eventual state champion, Keystone, 11-1.

After losing Friday night in the opening round, it's really hard to get back up and battle through, knowing that every game is crucial. And although the score didn't show it, we were in this game at times.

Keystone had great pitching, big sticks at the plate and we just didn't put enough balls in play to challenge them.

Our pitching throughout the tournament was great. We knew

if we threw strikes and forced them to hit the ball, we had a chance against anybody, and our pitchers did just that.

The third game we lost 4-2 to Windemere, a former state champion. This game was strictly for pride and a battle right to the end.

It was tight throughout with both teams making great plays defensively and both pitchers hammering at hitters. It was a good, old-fashion ball game.

We ended up getting beat out of the tournament. We faced two of the eventual teams that made it to the championship. We faced the state runner up and the state champion, which were both in our bracket.

Our players should be very proud of their accomplishments this year. A district championship and a sectional championship are hard to accomplish. They played

their hearts out through the tournaments and never quit.

I am extremely proud of this group of girls and what they accomplished this year. Making it to the final eight in the state is

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I wanted to thank them for their time and effort this year through all the long practices and thank the parents for their dedication.

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## FAT LADY

ROBERT GERARD

We are definitely in the doldrums where sports are concerned.

Baseball is plugging along, as is NASCAR and golf. But there is really very little to excite our collective imaginations.

The NFL training camps have started but the news has been more about who isn't reporting and outrageous contracts than the run up to the regular season.

The LA Rams gave Sam Bradford a \$50 million contract. That figure is staggering, up \$9 million from last year's ridiculously lavish signing of Matthew Stafford.

I've got nothing against Bradford, except that he is making more money than Tom Brady. Come on, Rams, are we really saying that the untried rookie is worth more than a future Hall of Famer?

Bradford is also somewhat questionable because he has already had major surgery on his shoulder. It's just another example of how sports salaries are way, way out of hand.

Tim Tebow signed with the Broncos for a reported \$11.5 million. Tebow also won't be hurting for cash anytime soon after signing a lucrative sponsorship deal with Jockey.

Is it just me or does his choice of an underwear manufacturer as his first major sponsor seem an unlikely fit for Tebow? For an athlete so conscious of his image I wouldn't think that was a good choice.

My wife and every other woman I've asked about it are very pleased that Tebow will be posing in Jockey underwear.

Are vuvuzelas coming to a stadium near you?

Let's hope not.

Those irritating horns that South Africans love and blew loudly throughout the World Cup have come home in a lot of travelers' luggage and even made their way into baseball games.

The Marlins had a vuvuzela giveaway at their home game versus the Rays, but other teams like the Yankees have banned their use.

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