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## Driver of hijacked truck is left here

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office this week had no new information on a truck hijacking that occurred in Baldwin early on June 12.

The driver, who was bound and kidnapped by two male suspects, was dropped off unharmed across from the Macclenny Walmart minutes later.

There have been no arrests in the case and police do not know the whereabouts of a tractor-trailer loaded with deli meat that was taken from the parking lot of the McDonald's in Baldwin on US 301 just south of Interstate 10 about 2:45 am.

Driver Clarence Few Jr., 40, of Lady Lake, FL said he stopped that morning to conduct a safety check, was approached by one of two black males who pointed a chrome revolver at him.

Mr. Few said he gave the man, who was accompanied by another black male driving a late model grey Ford Mustang, an unknown amount of cash before the two forced him into the sleeper cab of his truck and tied him up with a nylon rope. They also placed a white T-shirt over his face.

The kidnapers then drove nearby to get fuel and one of them exited the truck before it continued west to the SR 228 Macclenny exit, where Mr. Few was dropped off in a vacant building across from Walmart.

He freed himself and ran across 228 to the store parking lot where he made contact with Jamie Journey of Glen St. Mary, who called police.

The truck was loaded with products destined for the Publix Warehouse off Beaver St. between Baldwin and Jacksonville.



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Above, (from left) Jan Shivers, JoAnne Burger, Allison Broughton, Marcus Rhoden and Mark Lyons gather at the courthouse before distributing flyers opposing the proposed sand mining plans on June 16. At left, the packed Baker County Commission meeting room in Macclenny where mining company consultants lobbied for their projects and local residents urged commissioners to vote against them during a public hearing that lasted more than three hours the evening of June 18.



## Puts off vote on sand mines

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A jam-packed Baker County Commission meeting room on the evening of June 18 left no doubt where the vast majority of people in attendance stood on two proposed sand mining proposals.

They wanted them buried and gone.

It didn't seem to matter how safe or harmless to the environment the applicants promised the mining would be, nor that the mined areas eventually would be reclaimed. It also didn't matter how much of an economic impact they claimed the operation would have in the county.

Most of the approximately 80 people,

many of whom had to stand during the proceedings because there were only 45 chairs in the room, were against the mining plans and urged county commissioners to side with them.

"What is the actual benefit to the county?" asked Macclenny resident Pat Shannon, adding that the mining companies would use billions of gallons of water while only employing a handful of workers and adding a negligible amount to the county's coffers in taxes.

"It just doesn't add up," he said. "I'm concerned about whether my grandchildren and great-grandchildren will have enough water to drink. Water is a precious commodity and

we can't give that up."

After more than three hours of testimony from mining company officials and hearing from a parade of homeowners on the opposite side of the issue, county commissioners rejected a motion to deny the mining requests and postponed a final decision for two months.

Old Castle Southern Group, a Tampa-based company, plans to mine 193 acres of a 437-acre tract it leases from DuPont east of SR 228 about two miles south of Interstate 10. The firm, which owns a road-paving company and a concrete plant, also has a contract to buy another 700 acres, which

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## Arrested after man is beaten severely

A Sanderson couple is charged with felonies in the beating of another man the evening of June 12 on Bill Davis Rd.

Warrants were issued following the incident for William (Clay) Davis, 42, and Selena Roberts, 39, who both reside at the same address on Mallie Davis Rd. not far from where Mr. Davis allegedly beat his cousin Jerry Davis, 30, of Glen St. Mary.



William Davis

Mr. Davis turned himself in at county jail and Ms. Roberts was arrested at her residence.

The victim, who was treated at Fraser Hospital for multiple lacerations to the head, told Deputy Patrick McGauley he arranged to meet with Ms. Roberts that evening near the intersection with Reid Stafford Rd.

When he was dropped off by a relative, Mr. Davis said he entered a waiting 2005 Hyundai occupied by Ms. Roberts, and she drove a short distance before stopping and exiting the vehicle, explaining she "lost her phone."

The victim then said his cousin exited the trunk where he had been hiding and began beating him about the head with a ratchet handle, both while he remained in the car and after he exited and was knocked to the ground.



Selena Roberts

Deputy McGauley noted that Jerry Davis was bleeding from both his ears and eyes, and various parts of his head. He refused transport by rescue to Fraser, and later was taken there by a private vehicle.

Jerry Davis also said the two assailants took a bottle containing 60 Oxycodone pills from his pants pocket and tossed it to the roadside. When it was recovered, it had three pills in it.

The officer also spoke with Kayla Thompson, 23, of Sanderson, who said she and the victim had been staying at William Davis' residence. Both suspects returned there after the incident, and she said William Davis was "covered in blood"

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## Macclenny will spend \$550K for tract to spray sewer sludge

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The closed Steel Bridge landfill has worried nearby residents for years because of contaminants that monitoring wells have detected at the site since

it was shut down some 15 or so years ago. Now, those neighbors are facing a new threat to their peace of mind, if not their health.

The Macclenny City Commission, after listening to concerns and objections voiced by residents on the evening of June 12, moved forward with a \$550,000 plan to buy 114 acres of pine forest in a sparsely-populated area off Steel Bridge Road as a place to dump millions of gallons of sewage wastewater "sludge" yearly.

Up to 50,000 gallons of the slushy, mud-like material would be trucked to the site each week and sprayed on the

ground as fertilizer. Last year, the city produced nearly 3 million gallons of liquid sludge.

Frank Darabi, the city's consulting engineer, said the material is an organic fertilizer containing phosphorous and nitrogen, and free of pathogens and metals that have been removed in the wastewater treatment process at the city's sewage plant.

"There will be no surface runoff going to anybody's property and no odor," Mr. Darabi said. "If there is no odor at the sewer plant there will not be an odor out there."

He said the city's wastewater

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Area shaded in yellow is the property where the city intends to dump sludge.

## GOP voter ranks are growing locally in lead-up to primary

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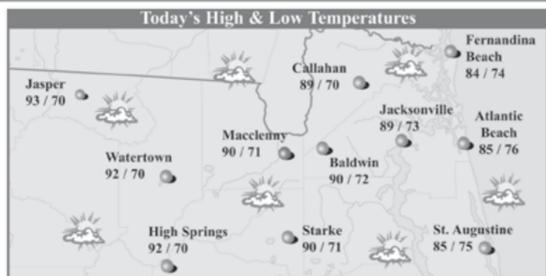
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June 21, 2012

Sun/Moon Chart This Week table showing moon phases (First, Full, New) and sunrise/sunset times for the week.

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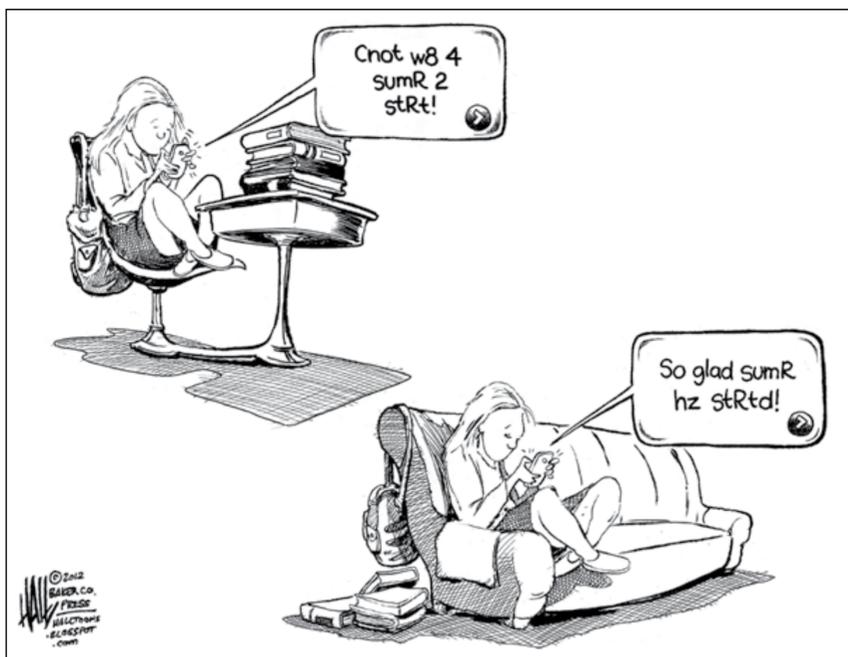
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Board needs to be resolute and do due diligence

County commissions of old seldom if ever had to deal with heady zoning and growth issues. In fact, a commissioner could hold office for decades (as some did), and never have to face a jammed meeting room of people, most of whom are there in opposition of things like sand mining, bio-waste incinerators and sludgy spray fields.

IMPRESSIONS Jim McGauley

Witness the news articles that made it to page one of this edition. The county commission seems in this election year to have adopted a strategy to forestall votes on potential bombshell matters like the bio-waste incinerator, and more recently, two proposals for mining sand — one south and one east of Macclenny.

The City of Macclenny, it appears, is leaning against mining sand near Trailridge for fear it will draw down the deep aquifer from which the city draws its water supply. On the other hand, the city board voted last week to go ahead with the purchase of a 114-acre tract safely outside its northern limits, on which to spray several million gallons of a liquid sewer plant by-product annually.

It's a much more imposing force that the county commission is dealing with in the mining and incinerator opposition. The potential adverse effects could have a much larger footprint — air quality, increased truck traffic and the one on most people's minds, the underground water supply.

Spirited debates over matters like this are healthy; they're what representative government is all about. On one side, proponents argue they are bringing clean industry, jobs and tax revenues into the county. Unspoken but obvious is the profit motive, and despite the bad-mouthing assigned to making a profit by both politicians and the media, most of us know there's nothing intrinsically wrong with it.

On the other side are minions of Baker County residents believing strongly these industries diminish the quality of life here.

When the bio-waste project, also sited for Trailridge, was proposed several months ago, a grass-roots organization self-named "No Bio in Baker" rose up out of nowhere and effectively stopped the rezoning effort in its tracks.

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The fondness of Father's Day

I pen this on Father's Day after returning from my in-laws' house where I completely destroyed the diet I have been on since the end of school.

I had good plans when I walked into the kitchen of getting a plate full of only low fat items.

That was when I spied the potato salad specialty of mother-in-law Sara Norman and it was time to set the diet aside for a day.

Her potato salad doesn't count as a starch; in the scheme of things, it counts as a dessert. It should sit with the pound cake and pies because it's that good.

I had a very pleasant Father's Day. People sent me text messages and messages on Facebook. My wife outdid herself with a pile of presents that made it look like Christmas — shorts and polo shirts, flip flops and a new camera. Good stuff.

All and all, though, Father's Day is a very bittersweet holiday. Ditto with Mother's Day.

At church this morning, Pastor Sam Kitching did what he often does on major holidays. Instead of preaching a lesson he asked the congregation to talk about their fathers. Some described things that their fathers taught them — the value of work, the value of being present for their family.

Others told stories about favorite times with their fathers — going hunting or fishing or family vacations. Still others had their dads sitting in the pew with them and that was very special for all of them.

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From page 1 could extend the life of the proposed mine to 50 years.

E.R. Jahn Industries Inc., a family-owned business in the Central Florida town of Lake Wales, leases 960 acres owned by TerraPoint LLC, a subsidiary of Rayonier, just north of three residential subdivisions off US 90 at Trailridge. There, Jahn plans to mine coarse sand used to make siding, concrete blocks, stucco and other products.

During a public hearing that began about 6:30 pm and didn't end until just after 10 pm, others expressed similar views that the proposed deal would be slanted too much in favor of the mining companies.

"The return is not there for the people of Baker County," said Kirk Schiner of Shelly Lane, adding that drinking water is "not a never-ending supply."

Others agreed. "We need good air and good water to survive," Richard Cooper of Elvin Starling Road said. "If you want to pass this, how about a tax per ton of sand that they want to take out of here?"

Then, turning his attention to a group of Old Castle representatives seated in the audience, Mr. Cooper said, "You can't reclaim the land because you've hauled it all off."

Another critic was Allison Broughton, a former member of the county's Land Planning Agency, which recently recommended approval of the two mining applications. She spoke against the measures as zealously as she sought a recent attempt by another company to obtain a zoning exception to build a medical waste incinerator north of the Walmart Distribution Center.

"It has a negative impact on our entire county," Mrs. Broughton said of the proposed mining plan. "I don't think there's any doubt about that. A handful of jobs is not worth the depletion of our natural resources. We gain almost nothing by allowing these mines to come in."

She said she had nothing personal against any of the company officials or representatives present at the hearing, whom she looked at when she described them as "out-of-town business people."

"They don't live here," said Mrs. Broughton. Plans submitted by the two mining companies assert the sites will not produce any air pollution and they will be buffered by trees and vegetation to minimize noise and keep their operations out of

sight. They also said the mines, which use floating electric-powered hydraulic dredges, extract water from deep in the Floridan Aquifer and would have no impact on private wells, which draw water from shallower portions of the aquifer that are not affected by water withdrawals from deeper levels.

"We're willing to spend more money to go to an aquifer that is not used in this county," said Old Castle consultant Mark Stephens, a geologist and engineer from Lakeland. He said the company plans to drill 1,200 feet deep to draw water from the lower aquifer.

During the first five years, Mr. Stephens said, about 3.5 billion gallons of water would be extracted from the aquifer, after which the amount of water withdrawn from underground would drop sharply because by that time the previously withdrawn water can be reused to continue daily operations.

"Sand mining is well established in Florida," Mr. Duggan said. "It's not a new industry. Mining and mineral extraction are encouraged by your (county) comprehensive plan. Mining is not new to the county and not new to this property."

Indeed, DuPont has been mining on hundreds of acres in the southeastern portion of Baker County for many years. Describing Old Castle's request for a special zoning exception as a "house-keeping matter," Mr. Duggan said it should be approved as a routine measure.

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Mr. Duggan asked commissioners to not be swayed by the emotional arguments critics made, but to consider the scientific evidence that shows no adverse impact on the environment from sand mining. He also pointed out that the company's plans meet all the requirements needed in the county's land development and zoning code to seek a special exception permit for a mine.

"They're speaking from the heart," he said about the residents voicing their fears and concerns. "They care about their community. But you're not here to do the will of the people. You're here to apply the law."

If the county approves the mining proposals they will be contingent on the owners' obtaining permits from federal and state agencies, including the US Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Wildlife Commission and St. Johns River Water Management District, which controls water withdrawals.

The water management district is presently reviewing the mining plans and is expected to

release its findings in the next couple of months. Without the agency's approval, the mining plans would go no further.

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sleeping nearby was not struck. Two children were also at the residence when the incident occurred about 3:30 am but were in another room.

Deputy Crews said he heard another gunshot to the east of the address while he was interviewing the victim. A witness told the officer the gunfire came from a nearby wooded area and a .20 gauge shotgun shell was found nearby.

Several days earlier the couple reported a burglary at the same address.

Criminal complaints for battery were filed against brothers George Jackson, 33, and Phillip Jackson, 24, of Macclenny for allegedly attacking Schnellia Lee, 21, during a disturbance at South Boulevard and Joan St. the evening of June 17.

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NEW RIVER LANDFILL

# Drops new budget 9 percent

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Three months before the current budget year ends, the New River regional landfill has already adopted a new spending plan for 2012-13 that is 9 percent lower than the current budget and contains a 5 percent pay raise for most employees.

The original \$7,050,030 budget proposal submitted by Executive Director Darrell O'Neal, which was reduced from last year's \$7,732,900 budget, included a 3 percent across-the-board salary hike for all employees, including himself and Assistant Director Perry Kent.

However, after a strong push for a bigger pay raise was made by Wayne Smith, the board's secretary/treasurer, the budget was revised to reflect a 5 percent raise for everyone except the two top administrators, who will receive 3 percent.

"I'd like to see those salaries changed to 5 percent if we have to cut somewhere else," Mr. Smith said, praising the landfill's 19 employees for their hard work.

Mr. O'Neal, who was hired two years after the landfill opened in July 1992, declined the higher offer because he said it would not be fair for the person at the top of the salary scale to receive the same percentage increase as those on the lower end.

"Because I'm the highest paid I don't think it's fair that I get 5 percent," he said.

Melissa Waters, the agency's finance officer, told the board it would cost about \$18,000 to fund an additional 2 percent salary increase, including insurance and retirement. At that point, Mr. Kent, who supervises the employees who work outside, agreed with his boss.

"If it'll get my guys another 2 percent I'll take 3 percent — no problem," Mr. Kent said. The amount appropriated for life, health and workers compensation insurance was set at \$234,700, including \$142,700 for life

and health insurance premiums. Mr. Kent explained that the costs are so high because the risks of injury and illness are extraordinarily high at a landfill.

"They (insurance underwriters) consider us high risk," he said. "Every one of us, including our families. That's what kills us — \$1,500 a month for family insurance coverage."

In addition to the risk of injury working with machinery, tractors and other equipment, Mr. O'Neal said landfill workers are exposed daily to airborne pathogens from all sorts of waste dumped there.

The landfill operation, which processes roughly 850 tons of refuse daily, is funded by tipping fees paid by five counties, including the trio of host counties that own the facility — Baker, Union and Bradford — which collectively will pay an estimated \$1,077,600 next year to dump nearly 45,000 tons of garbage at a cost of \$24 per ton.

Levy County, which was granted a 5-year extension of its contract during last week's board meeting, will pay \$32 for each ton of refuse brought to the landfill next year. Revenue from the county's tipping fees was estimated at \$625,280.

But by far the largest chunk of revenue will come from Alachua County, which will bring an estimated 155,000 tons of garbage and trash to New River next year at a rate of \$33.25 per ton. The total bill: \$5,153,750.

Alachua County's tipping fee includes a new \$2.35 surcharge which will go toward the cost of developing land for a Phase II future expansion of the facility at an adjacent 262-acre site. The surcharge will produce an estimated \$364,250 next year.

Mr. O'Neal said it's fair for Alachua County to help finance the expansion because it has been Alachua County's voluminous amount of garbage over the years that has driven the need for more landfill space.

Also in the budget is a \$15,000 increase in host fees paid yearly to Baker, Union and

Bradford counties. The fees that will be paid next year total \$690,000, which include \$5,000 more for each county.

After adopting the new budget, the board:

- Approved the executive director's recommendation to appropriate \$150,000 to construct a second scale and building at the entrance. Currently, all trucks enter and exit through one scale, which sometimes is down for repairs.
- "If the one goes down we're just estimating (the weight)," Mr. Kent said.
- Agreed to no longer accept asbestos at the landfill after Mr. O'Neal said asbestos previously dumped there now must be moved a short distance to another site on the New River property. Because of the unique nature of the hazardous material, a contractor must be hired to relocate it, he said.

"All the money we've taken in from asbestos we're probably going to spend to have it moved," Mr. O'Neal said. "We're going to try to get out of the asbestos business."

Received a positive report on a new artificial turf that could be used in place of natural grass on top of closed sections of the landfill called "cells."

A recent demonstration of "closure turf" at New River brought 11 officials from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection who were curious to see how the product worked and whether it could be a significant improvement over current practices.

"It's a big deal for them," Mr. O'Neal said, noting that other states have already approved the use of synthetic turf as a topping for closed landfills, including California, Texas and Louisiana.

The demonstration at New River was the first of its kind in the state of Florida, he said, adding that if DEP approves the use of the material it would significantly reduce New River's long-term care costs of maintaining closed landfill cells by eliminating the need for planting, mowing, weeding or watering grass.

# Baker one of three Florida counties showing job growth

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Opportunity this month shows jobs trends for the Jacksonville metropolitan area, which includes Baker, Clay, Nassau, Duval, Putnam and St. Johns counties.

The report shows the largest job growth regionally between April and May came in the construction and professional business and services industries; while local, state and federal government jobs saw the largest job losses.

In other job-related news, about 30 housekeeping workers at Northeast Florida State Hospital may have received termination notices this month, though the Florida Department of Children and Families, which oversees the facility, did not confirm or provide details about the move by press time.

The department's top spokesman, Joe Follick, did say on June 12 the terminations could be related to ongoing efforts to outsource housekeeping services at Florida State Hospital in Chhattahoochee and perhaps at NEFSH in Macclenny as well.

Mr. Follick did not return voicemail messages seeking further information late last week or early this week.

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# No tannin mining in St. Mary's Texas firm withdraws permit application

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ter and may need a permit to apply that water to crops at a research facility, minutes from the meeting show.

Under Georgia law, the company can withdraw as much as 100,000 gallons per day from the river without a permit, but Mr. Baker didn't think the company was doing so currently.

"I don't think they're processing now," he said.

But depending on Miocene's processing plans — specifically what they intend to do to the water before using it — the company may need a Land Application Systems permit. Mr. Baker said that determination has not yet been made.

Miocene's plant manager, Emmett Noblitt of Glen St. Mary, said the company is operating a research facility at this time, withdrawing less than 100,000 gallons per day, extracting tannin and testing its fertilizer on crops.

"That's all we're doing," he said. In late 2010, Miocene Holdings applied for a permit to withdraw up to 350,000 gallons per day, filter out the tannin and return nearly all of the water to the river. By mid-2011, the management committee began voicing concerns about the potential for adverse environmental impacts from the company's project.

Greg Sheppard, who represents Baker County on the committee, was not surprised by Miocene's move to abandon its permit ap-

plications for the high-volume water withdrawal.

"Everybody expected it to happen," he said, adding that "the whole application process had been troublesome."

Regarding the potential need for the land application permit and the company's future plans, Mr. Sheppard said the committee would defer to Georgia regulators.

"We just want to remain cognizant of it, so there's not a complete wash out [of the river] and to make sure there's no contaminants — that they test the water before it's put back out there," he said.

Miocene, which was formed in 2004, owns about 100 acres on the eastern side of the St. Mary's River near Moniac. Permit documents from 2010 indicate the company intended to use the filtered tannin, which gives the river its murky appearance, as an ingredient in fertilizer.

Company representatives described their project as green and environmentally-friendly.

Some committee members, however, feared the tannin removal would affect the river's existing pH levels, which could in turn harm the river's wildlife and vegetation downstream from Moniac to the river mouth at St. Mary's, GA.

# Macclenny to buy tract to spray sludge

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ter plant treats sewage "almost to drinking water standards" before discharging it into Turkey Creek, which feeds into the St. Mary's River. Liquid sludge, the remaining by-product material, is just as harmless as the treated effluent that goes into the river, he contends.

"It's nutrients. You can grow hay on it," the engineer said. His assuring words were little comfort, however, to those in the audience who live or own property near the proposed sludge disposal site.

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The loan is contingent on engineering assessments determining that the property is suitable for the intended purpose. Mr. Darabi said he's relatively certain the land will be suitable because it's on high ground and has a sufficiently deep top layer of sand needed for percolation.

City Manager Dopson said surrounding property owners will not be endangered by the sludge field because it's not a harmful product.

"It's a fertilizer program that's regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection," he said.

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the proposal, some audience members said they thought the hearing meant nothing because commissioners already had decided to approve the land purchase.

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The city has leased farmland off Crews Road north of Glen St. Mary for its sludge disposal program for years, paying tens of thousands of dollars annually to the owner. But city officials said they became concerned when the owner started allowing other entities to dump their wastewater on the property a couple of years ago.

Owning and managing its own site would enable the city to control the quantity and quality of the material dumped there, to ensure that it continues to meet state environmental standards, the city manager said.

"I'm convinced that we could be a very responsible neighbor and make certain that what we do will not impact the neighbors," he said.

Commissioner Phil Rhoden, who made the motion to approve the land purchase and move forward with site testing, said he trusted the engineer and was satisfied that the proposal would be beneficial to the city.

"If he's wrong he's not going to be retained by the city," Mr. Rhoden said. "But I have complete confidence in our engineer. We're telling him to proceed with tests to determine the feasibility. We're not trying to dump something on anybody."

In other business, the commission:

- Authorized Mr. Darabi to draft bid documents for proposals from private companies interested in taking over garbage collection for the city.
- Mr. Darabi said bids should include a requirement that any price be good for at least five years to prevent any bidder from submitting a low price initially and then trying to jack it up substantially after the first year. He also said companies should be encouraged to hire the current sanitation workers.
- Approved an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the state to pay the city \$40,800 a year in exchange for the city maintaining the right-

# Juries quickly vote acquittals

Juries last week wasted little time acquitting two defendants, one of them an ex-inmate at Baker Correctional Institution, of felony charges in circuit court.

A six-member panel took less than a half-hour before returning a not guilty verdict June 12 on behalf of Dwayne Kemp, 36, a former inmate charged with possession of contraband inside the prison.

Prison officials found a cell phone under the pillow of his bunk in the fall of 2009. Mr. Kemp contended the phone belonged to another inmate, who concealed it there prior to a routine search.

He was represented at public expense during the day-long trial by public defender Julie Johnson.

A second jury took slightly longer the next day to return a not guilty verdict in the case of Enoch Fraser III of Glen St. Mary, charged with attempted burglary and criminal mischief.

Mr. Fraser, 24, was arrested in late 2010 for breaking down the door at a northwest Macclenny residence while attempting to find his girlfriend Debbie McGill, with whom he had been quarreling.

The jury agreed that the actions of the defendant, represented by public defender George Nelson, did not rise to the definition of burglary when he damaged the door to gain entry.

The state was represented in both trials by assistant prosecutor Lorrelie Papel.

During the regular motion and docket session on June 14, Judge Phyllis Rosier sentenced Linda McDonald of Jacksonville to 21 months in prison after she pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine and obstructing police by giving a false name.

Ms. McDonald, 32, was arrested on January 28 of this year in the parking lot of Murphy Oil on South 5th in Macclenny after a county deputy found her sleeping in a Toyota rental car she failed to return in San Antonio, TX.

The defendant, who initially gave her name as Linda Horta, had draped the windows of the vehicle with plastic garbage bags. The meth was found in a toiletry bag.

Ms. McDonald has a criminal record that includes two burglaries, grand theft and carrying a concealed weapon.

In other cases:

- Judge Rosier revoked probation in the case of Bradley Flick and ordered him to county jail for a year. His initial offense was an aggravated battery in 2009.
- Michael Anthony Davis pleaded no contest to trafficking in stolen property and was placed on probation for two years and ordered to log 50 hours of community service.
- Another probation violator, Jeanette Hocoy, was given a month in jail and the judge reinstated her probation for two drug offenses in 2011 provided she undergo both substance abuse and mental health counseling.
- Rodriguez Paige was ordered to pay \$500 restitution to the victim in a grand theft case and will be on probation 18 months. He entered a no contest plea.
- Johnny Washington will be in county jail eight months for violating probation in a 2006 case for sale of drugs near a school.

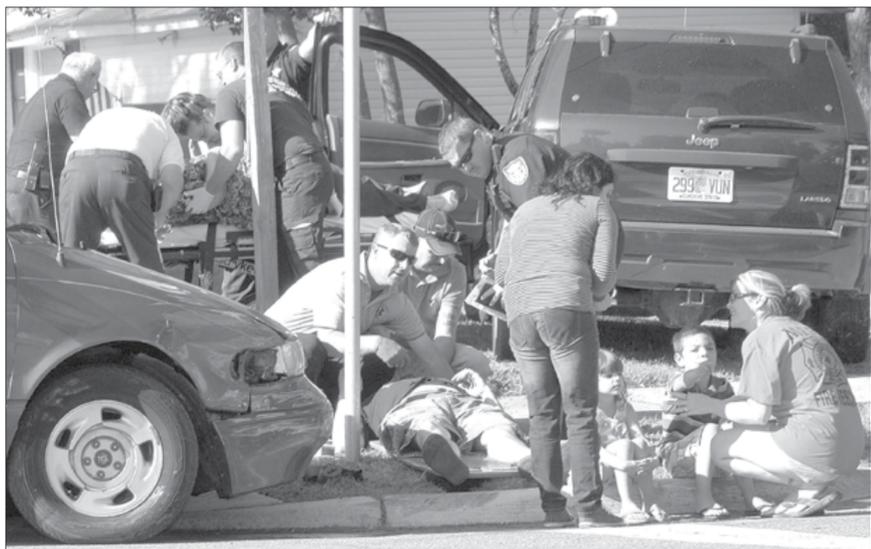


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## Minor injuries in 3-vehicle crash

Reineida Thompson of Macclenny faces a careless driving charge after the 1998 Mercury van she was driving rear-ended another vehicle, which in turn hit a third, shortly after 9 am at the intersection of S. 5th St. and S. Minnesota Ave. on June 18. Florida Highway Patrol Trooper M.D. Childress' report of the crash (the aftermath of which is shown above) indicates Ms. Thompson, 31, escaped injury but her passengers Devin Thompson, 37, and Cooper Thompson, 6, suffered minor injuries, as did the drivers of the other two vehicles, a 2000 Toyota and 2005 Jeep SUV. Ms. Thompson, whose van was heading south on S. 5th St. behind the Toyota, said she was distracted by her children, ages 4 and 6, when the accident occurred. She attempted to steer left, but struck the left rear of the Toyota, which rotated clockwise and collided with the stationary Jeep, which had been facing east on S. Minnesota Ave. All occupants involved were wearing seat belts and were taken to Fraser Hospital for evaluation or treatment. All three vehicles sustained an estimated \$3500 in damage. The Toyota was driven by Jeremy Lunn, 36, with passenger Kayla Gaylard-Lunn, 10, both of Glen St. Mary. Kristina Johnson, 23, of Macclenny was at the wheel of the Jeep.

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Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford registers a voter at Winn-Dixie on June 15.

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## GOP voter ranks growing

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The Republican Party continues to gain ground in Baker County with most new voters here registering with the Grand Ole Party and many Democrats switching their alliances.

Though Democrats still outnumber Republicans — 49.6 percent of all registered voters compared to 42 percent as of early this week — the gap is narrowing in the lead up to the 2012 primary election August 14.

Since the Republican presidential primary on January 31, 2012, about 200 new voters have registered in Baker County, nearly half of them as Republicans. Democrats accounted for some 30 percent and independents or no party affiliation registrations about 20 percent.

During the same period, 159 voters altered their party affiliation. Ninety-eight Democrats re-registered as Republicans while 26 Republicans did so as Democrats.

Paula Brittain, 40, of Glen St. Mary joined the Republican Party this month, but was a life-long Democrat previously.

The wife, mother and logistics coordinator at Gilman Building Products in Maxville said she's committed to voting for Mitt Romney in the fall due to his Christian background and because his birthplace has not been questioned.

Mrs. Brittain called the presumptive GOP nominee "a true American."

"There are too many Americans without work and too many families suffering in America and I think there needs to be some changes made government wide; at the city, state and federal levels," she said.

Overall in the last two months, the Republican Party has gained at least 86 voters, and independents 31 or more, while the size of the Democrat Party ranks has remained the roughly the same.

Some of the party switching may be attributed to the Republican primary race for sheriff and Florida's closed primary system, which bars non-party members from voting in a particular party's primary

## Driver had Duval warrant

A Macclenny man whose driver's license was under suspension for past offenses including drunk driving was arrested late on June 12 and again the next day on a Duval County warrant for failure to appear in court for the same charge.

Deputy Chad Montean stopped the 2002 Isuzu driven by Daniel Dinkins, 28, on SR 121 south of the interstate for having a faulty tag light. The officer learned then that his license had four prior suspensions for failure to appear and DUI.

The traffic stop took place about 11:40 and the Duval County warrant was discovered after Mr. Dinkins was booked into county jail.

In other arrests, the same deputy arrested Alexander Rosario, 25, of Tallahassee early on June 16 for being abusive and creating a disturbance at the Macclenny McDonald's on South 6th.

The officer was summoned by the restaurant manager about 2:35 am after Mr. Rosario allegedly used abusive language and made threats while picking up an order at the drive-thru window.

He told Deputy Montean he was upset because his order took 20 minutes. Both manager Dawn Boger of Macclenny and a motorist in line confirmed that Mr. Rosario turned off the engine of his 1997 Buick and refused to move from the pick-up window.

He was charged with disorderly conduct.

Russell Wiesmeyer, 24, of Glen St. Mary was jailed the evening of June 15 for resisting arrest following a disturbance near

his residence on Arnold Rhoden Rd.

Deputy Johnny Hodges said it was the second time that evening police were called to quell an argument between the suspect and Phillip Dennison, 53, over use of

an easement.

Mr. Wiesmeyer allegedly continued to drive an ATV recklessly along the easement ditch, and refused to calm himself and threatened Mr. Dennison in the deputy's presence.

## Husband arrested after days of abuse

A Sanderson man was arrested for domestic battery for allegedly abusing and threatening his wife at their residence over a period of four days ending June 10.

Susan Bennett went to the sheriff's department on June 13, three days after she alleged that husband William Bennett Jr. dragged her by the hair, choked and punched her before placing the barrel of a rifle to her chin and threatening to kill her and himself.

Both husband and wife are 59 and reside on Bennett Lane in the north county.

The incident report by Deputy Matt Yarborough indicates that Mr. Bennett, an officer at Baker Correctional, became verbally abusive when he learned that his wife was looking at her mother's Facebook page. The wife said he had earlier forbidden her to establish her own account.

The morning of June 10, Mrs. Bennett said her husband was again angered when she threatened to call police about the continuing verbal abuse, and he physically attacked her.

Later, the couple's 29-year-old son talked his father out of shooting himself and Mr. Bennett agreed to be driven to a Jacksonville hospital where he was kept under observation.

When he was released, Mr. Bennett was arrested for both battery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and later released on bond.

In another case, Deputy Robert Aberly filed a complaint for battery against a male patient at Northeast Florida State Hospital, age 42, for attacking a fellow patient, 30, the evening of June 13. The victim said the two argued earlier over cleaning a bathroom.

## Ex-girlfriend is charged in theft

Police arrested a Glen St. Mary woman and charged her with theft of a \$500 cell phone from her ex-boyfriend during the early morning hours of June 12.

Magen Finley, 21, also faces a misdemeanor charge for being on the property of James Crews, 22, on Katie Johnson Lane in the north county after court order last March banned her from being there.

Mr. Crews called police about 5:20 am after Ms. Finley entered his residence while he was readying for work, and took the cell phone. Deputy Robert Simpkins traced the suspect to a residence on Cow Pen Rd. based on the description of a vehicle she was in.

The 2003 Ford was registered to Chelsea Bollinger, a friend of Ms. Finley. When the officer arrived at the Bollinger address, he found the Ford and two male witnesses coaxed the suspect from a rear bedroom where the cell phone was recovered.

Ms. Finley denied being at the Crews residence, but could not explain why her cell phone and shoes had been found there.

She was booked for felony theft because of the value of the stolen cell phone.

In other theft incidents, Brandon Coleman and Leaadria Farmer returned to their residence on Tony Givens Rd. north of Sanderson about 10 pm on June 13 and found it ransacked.

The couple told Deputy Matt Yarborough a \$300 television was taken from a bedroom. There was no sign of forced entry, but a rear living room window was broken out with a concrete block.

Police were given the names of two male suspects. One of them denied involvement and the other could not be immediately located.

A criminal complaint was filed on June 13 naming Teresa Stokes, 33, for alleged fraudulent use of a credit card belonging to Barbara Gragg, 54, the mother of her boyfriend.

Ms. Gragg told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite she found two unauthorized charges on her bank statement for a total of \$35.

Ms. Stokes and the boyfriend both insisted to the deputy that the victim authorized the purchases. The couple lives with Ms. Gragg on Remington Dr. near Glen St. Mary.

A privacy fence on the property of Preferred Choice Realty on North 5th St. in Macclenny was vandalized the weekend before last. There was no damage estimate.

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Loren Bemby surveys the damage caused by a lightning strike in his back yard on Ashley Court in Macclenny.

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## Lightning sears cookhouse

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Loren Bemby heard the lightning strike outside his bedroom window shortly after midnight on June 14, but saw nothing amiss and returned to bed.

"My wife thought somebody had shot at us," he recalled the next morning.

Minutes later, Mr. Bemby, 81, woke to the lights and sirens of emergency vehicles as they responded to his south Macclenny residence to battle a fire burning an outdoor cooking and storage structure about six feet from the house.

The lightning hit an oak tree in the backyard of 6366 Ashley Ct. off Woodlawn Road and cut a jagged vertical line into the tree bark.

The 400-square-foot building with a brick exterior and shingled roof, located adjacent to the tree, sustained heavy damage.

The interior housed a gas grill, smoker and kitchen area on the side closest to the tree; and a lawn mower, gardening and cooking supplies as well as

other items on the other side.

The following morning as Mr. Bemby and his gardener sifted through the building's charred remains, there was a gaping hole in its roof. The grill's plastic knobs had melted. His new riding lawn mower was destroyed. Bricks that had covered the structure's exterior were strewn on the ground.

Mr. Bemby estimated the value of property damaged by the fire at \$20,000 to \$25,000. The retired assistant food service director at Northeast Florida State Hospital said he lost cooking supplies as old as 50 years.

Fortunately, the property is insured.

The previous night, the storm was dropping fist-sized hail in the area, he said.

Mr. Bemby and his wife have lived at the residence for the last six years.

Ten firefighters with five units, including two fire engines, from the City of Macclenny and Baker County fire departments arrived about

12:30 am and cleared the scene about 2:15 am, according to a report from county Fire Chief Richard Dolan.



The lightning scarred a nearby oak tree.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

## Theft at Ocean Pond campsite

A vehicle parked at the Ocean Pond campground in west Baker County was entered during the early morning hours of June 17 while the owner slept in a nearby tent.

Wendy Hudgins of Lake City said she awoke about 9 am to find the contents of her purse scattered on the ground outside her 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe. She told Deputy Robert Simpkins that \$180 in cash and a pre-paid unemployment card were taken.

A relative of the victim said she awakened about 3:15 am to a person walking in the area with a flashlight, but thought it was a member of their camping party.

In other recent reports to the sheriff's department involving vehicles, a complaint names Roland Gaskins Jr., 18, as the person who kicked in the side of a 1995 Toyota at the McDonald's parking lot on South 6th in Macclenny late on June 16.

The owner of the vehicle, Wil-

lie McGoggin of Macclenny, said the suspect confronted her son and others that night attempting to start an altercation. The son, Hides Akins Jr., 18, told his mother he was attempting

to leave when Mr. Gaskins damaged the driver's side panel of the car.

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## Arrested after an overdose on heroin

Police arrested a Macclenny man for felony possession of drugs and paraphernalia after his girlfriend apparently overdosed on heroin at their north city apartment the evening of June 14.

Deputy Matt Yarborough said he went to the address at Northwood Apartments on E. Ohio about 9 pm when a rescue team was called to assist Harmony Labar, 33, who was unconscious on the living room floor.

Bryan Renegar, 30, said he purchased heroin earlier for \$40 from a black male who regularly delivers drugs to the apartment complex, and the girlfriend passed out after injecting the drug in her arm. Police found evidence including a syringe at the scene consistent with heating up the drug in spoons.

The officer interviewed Ms. Labar later at Fraser Hospital. She claimed she had used heroin only three times and had no memory of that evening until she awoke in the emergency room. The girlfriend said Mr. Renegar telephoned the drug dealer to arrange the delivery.

She was transferred to St. Vincent's Medical Center and Deputy Yarborough said criminal complaints will be lodged against her.

Mr. Renegar was booked at county jail on the two charges that evening.

The sheriff's department arrested two others the past week on outstanding warrants. They include Takeya Jones, 27, of Macclenny on a Duval County warrant for felony fraud and Billy Burnham, 33, of Macclenny on a Charlton County, GA warrant for contempt of court.



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## English symposium participants

Macclenny attorneys Frank Maloney (left, with wife Barbara) and George Nelson (right) participated in a two-day symposium in London in late May comparing the English and Florida legal systems. Also invited to participate was State Attorney Bill Cervone of Gainesville. Mr. Maloney, chairman of the general practice solo and small firm section of the Florida Bar, helped put the meeting together. Mr. Nelson, chief public defender for Baker County, and Mr. Cervone, were along with Mr. Maloney on the list of speakers. The event drew about 50 Florida lawyers and an equal number of English counterparts.

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# OBITUARIES

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**Thomas Barton, ex-DOC warden**

Thomas Lee Barton Sr., 75, of Glen St. Mary died June 14, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Macclenny to the late Earn Barton and Hatie Lee Davis Barton on January 13, 1937. Thomas was a life-long resident of Baker County and a member of First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary. He



Thomas Barton

honourably served in the U.S. Army 11th Airborne Division and retired in 1992 after 33 years of service as a warden with the Florida Department of Corrections. Thomas loved deer hunting with dogs and enjoyed raising his hunting dogs. He also enjoyed competitive pistol shooting and was an avid sports fanatic who followed the Yankees, Gators, Jags, Dolphins and NASCAR's Richard Petty.

Survivors include his loving wife of 52 years, Mary Ida Sherman Barton of Glen St. Mary; his children Melody Lynn Flores, Tammy Lee Barton and Thomas Lee Barton Jr.; sisters Carolyn Boatright and Marilyn Raulerson; 8 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service for Mr. Barton will be held at his church on Tuesday June 19, 2012 at 10:00 am with pastors Randy Williams and Tim Patterson officiating. Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

**William Ferguson, 42, of Sanderson**

William Bryan Ferguson, 42, of Sanderson died Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Jacksonville and resided in Sanderson for 12 years. Mr. Ferguson was a fence installer with Big J Fence Company in Jacksonville and enjoyed fishing and the outdoors. He is survived by parents Robert and Rita Hayes of Jacksonville; wife Kelly Ferguson of Glen St. Mary; sons James Wyatt Ferguson of Glen, William B. Ferguson II of Jacksonville and Tyler Ferguson of Baker County; his father William Ferguson of Callahan; sister Michelle Stevenson of Jacksonville; step-sister Jodi Hayes of Panama City, Fla.; Nephews, Dalton, Dusten, Jamie and Shawn; niece Christen (Jacob) Eubanks; one great-niece.

The funeral service for Mr. Ferguson was held at 2 pm on June 16 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Meek officiating. Interment was in Macedonia Cemetery. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

**Mr. Haverkamp of Macclenny dies**

James Haverkamp, 71, of Macclenny died on June 15, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Beech Grove, IN to the late Alvin H. Haverkamp and Alice Henrietta Lileck Haverkamp on September 14, 1940. James was a resident of Baker County for the last seven years after moving from Pine Island, FL. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Macclenny and of the Freemasons Lodge # 723 F. & A.M. Indianapolis, IN.



James Haverkamp

Mr. Haverkamp honorably served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, retiring as a sonar technician chief. He then went on to work at Lockheed Martin for 10 years before retiring. James was a "jack of all trades" and enjoyed working on anything mechanical. He put his skills to work as a volunteer for the men's group at church helping others repair things.

Survivors include his loving wife of 50 years, Beverly A. Martin Haverkamp of Macclenny; his children: Christopher (Jeanie) Haverkamp of Kenosha, WI and Wendy (Robert) Jones of Geronimo, OK; brothers Gerald (Nancy) Haverkamp of Palatka and Stephen (Sarah) Haverkamp of Denver; sister Jane (John) DeQuenne of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at his church on June 19 at 3 pm with Pastor Tom Pope officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Community Hospice of NE Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257. Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

**Larry N. Hill Sr., 69, of Baldwin**

Larry Noel Hill Sr., 69, of Baldwin died on June 15, 2012 following a brief illness. He was born on July 14, 1942 in Jacksonville to the late Jesse Clayton Hill and the former Jessie Mae Crosby. Larry was proud to say he was born and raised in Baldwin and always lived within a two-mile radius of his birth. He graduated from Baldwin High School in the Class of '61 and was extremely proud of his accomplishments in high school athletics, especially football, holding the Baldwin Indians' touchdown record. He loved sports and coached Little League baseball and Pop Warner football teams in Baldwin for several years. He announced Baldwin High School football games for many years.

Mr. Hill serve in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a supervisor with Southern Wood Preserving Company before going to work for Seaboard Coastline Railroad, now CSX. He retired from there after 32 years of service and loved hunting and fishing. He was known for his story telling ability and never met a stranger.

In addition to his wife of 46 years, Lula Reynolds Hill, survivors include daughter Christy (Steve) Stafford; brother Jesse Clayton Hill, Jr. (Sharon); brother-in-law Bobby Keen; six grandchildren; numerous extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by son Larry Noel Hill Jr.; sisters Kitty Crews (L.D.) and JoLynn Keen; mother-in-law Lillian GiGi Reynolds.

Mr. Hill was a member of the First Baptist Church of Maxville, where he was a deacon. The funeral service was held at 11 am on June 20 at the First Baptist Church of Baldwin with Rev. Chris Drum officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery in Bryceville.

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**July 4th fete**

Everyone is invited to celebrate First Baptist Church of St. George on July 4 to celebrate the Lord and American freedom. Children's entertainment will be provided at the free event. Local talents from area churches will perform. Also, the Roddenberry Sisters will sing and Bro. Ray McMillan will speak. The celebration begins at 10 am, with lunch at 12:30 pm. The program ends at 2 pm.

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# Veterans council launched

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A new group — the Baker County Veterans Council — is forming to help support local veterans and their families. Tony Esterling, director of the Baker County Veterans Affairs office, said the council aims to recruit veterans and their families to join forces and assist other area veterans in any way they can, whether it's financial help, moving a widow's lawn or guiding a veteran to employment or housing.

The council recently raised money to help a disabled veteran who lost his job and was in danger of losing his home, Mr. Esterling said.

The council is seeking non-profit status through the Internal Revenue Service, which among other benefits will allow donors to write-off their charitable gifts and reduce their federal tax liability.

Mr. Esterling said that while IRS approval will help boost fundraising, the council is already taking donations to help area veterans and their families.

"I'm on my own out here, so the council is a way to access a whole network of people in the community," he said.

Membership in the organization is open to anyone who served honorably in any branch of the military, including the US Coast Guard and Merchant Marines, or who is a family member or wid-

ow of a current or former service build membership in the group, which he said already has about 20 active members.

"We're still in the infancy stage. We have a banner, a chain of command and we're talking about the best ways to spread awareness and recruiting members," he said. "We have a lot of veterans here."

For more information about the Baker County Veterans Council, please call Mr. Esterling at 259-2516.



Tony Esterling



## County's newest grocery chain opens up

Franchise president Mark Boris (left with scissors) and store manager Michael Boris Jr. led the ribbon cutting ceremony the morning of May 31 at the Save-A-Lot grocery store that opened as the anchor tenant at the Crossroads Shopping Center on South 6th St. in Macclenny. Joining the officials were some of the store's 25 employees and Chamber of Commerce board members. Mr. Boris said early this week the store had a "terrific" grand opening weekend. The Macclenny store is one of nine operated by his Lake City-based Frenvey, Inc., all but one of them under the Save-A-Lot franchise. Others are in Lake City, Live Oak, Perry, Marianna, Carrabelle (IGA), Chiefland, Cross City and Pahokee in south Florida. Save-A-Lot announced it signed a lease for the 17,000 square foot store the same week in January that North Carolina-based Food Lion said it was closing its Macclenny location, also on South 6th.



## Way back then, and 7 years later

These photos depict the Class of 1944 immediately after its graduation from the old Macclenny High School and some of the same students in the fifth grade in 1937. Pictured as grade schoolers above are (front row, l-r) Alpha Tyson Davis, Ophilia Sapp, Dorothy Deitz, Mary Eda Moory, Betty Jones, (second row, l-r) Elsie Crews, Frances Padgett, Hazel Harris, Verna Dinkins, Mary Flowers, Margaret Rhoden, Margaret Johnson, (third row, l-r) Johnny Lauramore, Fulton Mobley, Lionel Dietz, Martin Rhoden, Eldred Jones, Emory Kirkland, Jimmy Kelley, (fourth row, l-r) Wilma Sweat, Ethel Carter, Hazel Yarborough, unknown, Timm Crews, Adrian Henson, unknown, Myra Kirkland and Louise Hurst. In the graduation photo below are Verna Dinkins, Alberta Dugger, Julian Elliott, Betty Jones, Joseph Jones, Emory Kirkland, Lillian McCormick, Mary Lue Milton, Edith Stone, Maxine Toney and Alpha Tyson. At right is Julian Elliott, who returned from military service to join his class for the ceremony.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ruise

## To celebrate 59th anniversary June 23

Norman and Mary Ruise of Sanderson will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on June 23. They were wed by the late Judge J.C. Lyons on that date in 1953.

Their children include Eva Parker, Marilyn Jenkins, Robin Green, Angela O'Berry and Donishea, Norman, Freddie, Lydia, Carol, Bobby and Anthony Ruise.



Mr. and Mrs. Altman

## Wed on June 9th

Shirley Michael and Gerald Altman, both of Macclenny, were married the afternoon of June 9 in a garden ceremony in Macclenny.

The bride is the daughter of the late Helen Miller and Joseph O. Miller of Jacksonville. The groom is the son of Alma Canady of Macclenny and the late Chester Altman.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas and will reside in Macclenny.

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## Okefenoke electric awards \$1000 to graduates

Above, Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation (OREMC) President R. Wayne Combs presents a \$1000 scholarship award to John Burnsed (left) and Michael Jones. Mr. Burnsed and Michael Jones, both 2012 graduates from Baker County High School, were honored at the 19th annual OREMC Youth Awards Banquet held recently at the Brantley County High School. Mr. Burnsed is the son of Don and Shannon Burnsed of Baxter. He ranked 17th out of 281 students. While in school he was a member of FFA, beta club and the gifted program. He hopes to study pharmacology. Mr. Jones is the son of Mike and Lisa Jones of Macclenny. He ranked 3rd out of 281 students. While in school he served in various leadership capacities including student government president, beta club vice president, key club vice president and as a member of the Health Care Summer Institute at the University of Florida, Clay Electric Youth Leadership Tour and State Youth Leadership Council. He also led his church's Vacation Bible School. He was captain and pitcher of the Wildcats varsity baseball team, earned his CNA license and was in the history club. He hopes to become a doctor.

### WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Principal's List - 4th Nine Weeks

**FIRST GRADE: BUTLER:** Alan Bowen, Emmalee Dugger, Kelsey Walker. **CONNOR:** Jamie Bradt, Brody Griffiths, Kaden Sigers, Avery Spurlock. **H. CREWS:** Kellen Gray, Tristan Pendleton, Karin Small, Elijah Williamson. **HART:** Quincy Frazer, Tereana Robinson, Caleb South. **MCDONALD:** Kash Addy, Alex Doss, Aubrey Fuller, Savannah Gulley, Hailey Poturich, Faith Scott. **MILLER:** Angioletta Alonso, Kolton Branch, Avery Giddens, Emma Mobley. **MURPHY:** Trenton Armstrong, Elijah Bowles, Cynane Carey, Baile Cont, Lexey Dopson, Garison Fish, Caitlin Hulett, Gracie Jewell, Bradley Kirby, Natalie Mobley, Gracie Norman, Taiven Rhoden, William Richardson, Taylor Strayer, Alek Tsaregorodtsev, Jay Wilkerson. **PARMER:** Kara Davis, River Neri, Makenna Payne. **RENSHAW:** Christian Byrd, Clayton Chancey, Hayden Crow, Ronald Cummings, Zack Davis, Amber Faulk, Shanyah Hudnall, Jasmine Roberson, Steven Stewart, John VanFactor. **SHERIDAN:** Hannah Dyal, McKenzie Lowery, Randie Robinson. **TRIMM:** Don Cox, Shi Godwin, Kason Jewell, Lucas Jurovski, Amber Myers.

**SECOND GRADE: CALLAHAN:** Harper Archambault, Maranda Burnett, Zaria Cooper, CJ Ginnetto, Teagan Rhoden, Amber Williams. **A DAVIS:** Layne Britt, Ashlyn Gunter, Sydney Johnson. **K. DAVIS:** Summer Sigers, Hayden Stearns, Daniel Westinghouse, Leland Nettles. **DUAL:** Mattie Ball, Lainna Burnett, Joseph Cercy, R.J. Clines, Chase Crews, Wyatt Gilbert, Colton Herb, Josie Jacobs, Nikky Martin, Jacob Raulerson, Tia Ruise, Alex Stokes, Caleb Woods, Caleb Hodges. **ELLEDGE:** Colton Clardy, Destiny Padgett, Chelsea Spires. **GONZALEZ:** Emma Knight. **HURST:** Jesse Harter, Jalynn Harvey, Chloe Lamb, Branson Self, Kaiden Sherman, Hunter Whitehead. **JACOBS:** Kelsey Craig, Abril Nolasco, David Prosch. **NUNN:** Kaylee Rogers. **STAFFORD:** Breanna Alford, Elias Clines, Brea Gentry, Angelina Hunter, Prophet Jefferson, Michael Prevatt, Devan VanFactor.

**THIRD GRADE: DOWLING:** Peyton Burnsed, Kelton Chambers, Michael Cody, Taylor Crews, Jadie Fletcher, Kaylee Long, Sarah Murphee, Tyler Richardson, Luke Whitaker. **GRIFFIS:** Grace Johnson. **HAND:** Delanie Crews, Alayna Mack, Nick Taylor. **PAYNE:** Ben Callahan, Dalton Chancey, Keira Godbold, Caiden Hodges, Will Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Braden Knight, Nina Ledford, Ryanmond Luke, Blakeley Mallory, Hannah Peterson, Benjamin Smith, Brock Walker, Logan Wright. **SHIVERS:** Ryleigh Hodges, Ansley Crews, Emily Davis, Emily Eldridge, Anthony Hogue, Luke Slattery. **WENDEL:** Maximus Canaday, Brady Finley, Addie Williams. **WHITE:** Megan Lott.

### Honor Roll - 4th Nine Weeks

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Pictured clockwise from top: Bullet boys swimmers (far right) in the 11-12 year old, 50-yard freestyle heat dive into the pool at the Winston Family YMCA in Ponte Vedra on June 16; Chani Clark during the 50-yard backstroke heat; and Patty Hone, Danielle Hardin and Molly Waters cheer on the swimmers at the meet.



## Middle place finish for Bullets

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The YMCA's Baker Bullets swim team finished its first meet of the season in second place behind Winston YMCA's Flyers-in-Training and ahead of the Arlington River Fins.

The Bullets' boys posted 773 points and the girls 925 points compared to 866 and 1655, respectively, for the Flyers in the June 16 meet in Ponte Vedra.

The Bullets' racked up eight first-place finishes at the meet, many near or faster than Junior

Olympic time standards. They included: Braeden Knight, 9, in the 100-yard individual medley and 50-yard butterfly and freestyle events; his brother Ethan Knight, 12, in the 50-yard breaststroke and freestyle events; Jonathan Mobley, 15, in the 100-yard breaststroke and 50-yard freestyle events; Daniel Westinghouse, 7, in the 25-yard butterfly; and Ashton Ray, 14, in the 50-yard butterfly. Second place finishes included: Ray in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard individual medley, Jack Putney, 6, in the 25-yard freestyle and backstroke events;

Tyler Hardin, 10, in the 50-yard backstroke; Carson Shedd, 7, in the 25-yard backstroke; Kaelin Kuester, 6, in the 25-yard backstroke; Chase Reynolds, 12, in the 50-yard butterfly; and Peterson in 9-10 age division of the same event; and Jara Weeks, 7, Kara Nelson, 7, and Johnston in the 100-yard freestyle relay. The Bullets travel to the MacArthur YMCA in Fernandina Beach on June 23 to meet the host team and the team from the Williams YMCA in southeast Jacksonville.

The work and effort a team puts in during the summer months goes a long way toward success under the bright lights of a fall Friday night. Since the spring game win over Trinity Catholic, Coach Ryan Sulkowski and his Wildcat staff have been working and planning for summer workouts. Sulkowski was not particularly happy with the team's conditioning during the spring game. That's not to say he was unhappy, just not satisfied with where they should be come the start of fall practice. The first steps towards a trip to the playoffs started on Monday, June 18 with the beginning of the summer workout schedule. Players reported at 8 am and began running, lifting weights, working out in the sand pit behind the practice field and doing drills to increase speed and agility. You'll see them out on the practice field every morning starting at 8 am and running through July 26. While other high school kids are getting their tans on a towel at the beach, the Wildcats will be getting theirs through hard work in the hot summer sun. It's work that should pay off in September.

## Summer sports coverage sought

Ah, the doldrums of summer. With the high school out of session there aren't a ton of organized sports to cover on a regular basis. So look for a change in coverage. I'll still let you know what's happening with the Wildcats as they go through their summer workouts that started this week.

But we'll also be covering the Baker Bullets swim team, whose season started this past weekend. In addition to the Bullets, there is a whole slot of little league All Star games kicking up as well as some church league games.

At the high school, Heather Sulkowski's club volleyball league and the Wildcat basketball are going off to camp and playing some summer ball.

I've noticed there is very little coverage in the run-up to the London Olympics. They are a little over a month away, but even me, a certified Olympic nut, is hard pressed to name more than half a dozen bona fide Olympians.

The ones I can name also starred in Beijing. The girls' soccer team doesn't count because I am a soccer fan. Michael Phelps doesn't count because he's all

## FAT LADY

ROBERT GERARD

over the television in Subway commercials. Same to for the NBA players who'll head off to London. So, who's left, Well, Usain Bolt, the 100-meter champ from Jamaica; Tyson Gay, the US sprinter; a hand-

ful of gymnasts I can't put a name to and some swimmers. That's about it.

So where's the hype? Has NBC gotten to the point where it just assumes people are going to tune in without having any prior knowledge about the Olympics? If so, I think they are wrong.

I'll tune in, just because it's the Olympics and I have been watching them since I was six years old. One of my earliest television memories is my dad watching snowy coverage of the 1960 Tokyo Olympics on a black and white television.

But a lot of folks crave the back story. They have to care about the participants to get hooked to the coverage.

Maybe it will pick up as we get closer to the opening. After all, in some sports the Olympic team hasn't even been picked yet.

I can't wait. Even if I'm not sure who I'll be cheering.

## Summer grind is on for football players

When you are a high school football player on a team aspiring to the playoffs and a state championship, it takes a ton of extra work outside of spring and fall practice. The commitment level that top coaches talk about includes giving up a lot of time when other students are relaxing and having fun and spending it sweating, hoisting weights and generally suffering to get better.

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## Crummey leapfrogs over to So. Georgia

For Lady Wildcat softball star Taylor Crumme it was a very brief stay at Waycross College before moving on to bigger and better things. Crumme signed with the Swamp Foxes in April with an opportunity to have a significant amount of playing time next season.

But things changed and changed quickly. Coach Bryan Hartley, who had recruited the slugger, got an offer to move to South Georgia College in Douglas, GA and took his star recruit with him.

The Lady Tigers are a team in transition. While Waycross played National Junior College Athletic Association ball, the Lady Tigers are moving to NCAA Division II within the next two years as they make the change to a four-year program.

For Crumme, it is a much better opportunity to play at a higher level of competition. She was able to transfer her scholarship to South Georgia, and since she had not played for the

Swamp Foxes, she didn't face any penalties for the move. Ironically, the two teams square off against each other as part of the Georgia College Athletic Association.

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Making sense of your cents Wants vs. needs

Do you ever observe someone and marvel at their mixed-up priorities? It's almost entertaining and, in a way, comforting. "Well, heck. At least my priorities aren't as messed up as that girl," you remark to yourself.

I'm talking about the lady in the store, paying for food by swiping her government assistance card with her perfectly (and expensively) manicured hands, toting her groceries out to her Acura. Or a friend's ex-husband who spends a boatload of money on his new girlfriend while neglecting his child support payments.

It's crucial that you take a step back and remember that you're the adult and that there are only a few basic things that you're actually responsible for providing for your child. Everything else is extra. You are also responsible for establishing your family's financial priorities. Your children will learn that skill from you. If anything above your child's necessities puts your budget or your family's financial life at risk, you have every right to say, "We can't afford it; it's not in the budget."

But what about the more subtle cases, the ones that we are all guilty of and which could be the hidden thorns in your budget that hinder your financial life?

Simply separate out the expenses that are household necessities from the ones that are truly "wants." Be honest with yourself when making this list. If you're struggling to pay bills or save money for emergencies and retirement, revisit the "wants" list and eliminate some. If it is a debt payment, pay off the debt. If it is an expense (a pricey cable package, for instance), simply downgrade it or cancel it altogether. It hurts, I know.

But having these non-necessity expenses while struggling to beef up your savings account or plan for college or retirement is not responsible. These are the hidden aspects of your budget that I'm talking about. A handful of these situations over the course of several years add up to a hefty amount, and they just might determine the security of your financial future. They are also habits that your children will inherit.

Don't misunderstand, many of you out there can afford the aforementioned expenses. That's not the situation I'm outlining here. Nor am I bashing the government assistance programs (at least not the individuals who legitimately need them and do

not abuse them). So many things out there are advertised as must-have "necessities." Make your own decisions about that. Is it necessary, and can you really afford it?

How about kids? All too often they are the source of our unnecessary spending. We get blinded by the chaos of everyday life and the constant pull of our children and other demands. This can blur the line separating our needs from our wants.

Where are they now?

BOB GERARD | SPORTS Summer is a good time to check up on former Baker County High School athletes now playing at the college level.

The hiring of Coach Ryan Sulkowski has upped the number of players entering the college ranks. The Sulkowski brothers, Ryan and Joey, both coached college ball and so they know what recruiters look for in a prospect. It has paid off with dividends.

Each phase in the life of a child brings on expensive opportunities. Kids of all ages will plead their case for things they "need." They are masters of convincing us that they must have a certain new cell phone or toy, go on a certain trip, and so on and so on.

It's crucial that you take a step back and remember that you're the adult and that there are only a few basic things that you're actually responsible for providing for your child. Everything else is extra. You are also responsible for establishing your family's financial priorities. Your children will learn that skill from you. If anything above your child's necessities puts your budget or your family's financial life at risk, you have every right to say, "We can't afford it; it's not in the budget."

I promise you they will survive. Your daughter does not need that \$500 prom dress when you had to put groceries on your credit card because you're having trouble making ends meet. Your son does not need to go to summer camp if the expense is going to bust your summer budget. We don't need to take a family member out to a restaurant for his or her birthday when you can't meet your minimum debt payments that month. Have a celebration at home complete with a homemade cake and family game night.

There will always be people out there who have their priorities insanely out of whack, and we will always be morbidly entertained by them. Don't climb on that bandwagon, though. Set your priorities straight when it comes to where you spend your money, and pass along responsible spending to the next generation.

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Coach Scott McDonald is excited about what Singleton brings to the UNC program. He thinks that with hard work and a good summer practice, the wide receiver could have some immediate impact on the Tarheels.

Hunter Sullivan will be on the Stetson Hatters roster down in DeLand. Jared Lee will be a Georgia Southern Eagle. Rickie Tharpe will be playing his skills at Webber International in Babson Park, Florida. Jordan Parker is packing up and heading out to Kansas to play for Highland Community College.

Terry Givens will be in Daytona Beach playing for the Betune-Cookman Jaguars while Roland Gaskins will play ball at Edward Waters College. Kicker Jeremy Wannamaker has had several offers but has not committed. One of the most interesting of the college opportunities is Erol Carter's. He is at The Apprentice School in Newport News, Virginia, where he is playing football for The Builders. But at the same time he is making significant money while going to college and playing football. Chuck Folsom is playing defensive lineman for the Ave Maria University Gyrens in Southwest Florida. Darwin Ruise looks to start at linebacker next season for the Missouri Tigers as they embark on their first season in the SEC. Despite past injuries, Cody Wheeler will take to the field for Mississippi College.

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# Macclenny Navy officer trains Afghan army medics

**By Cpl. Ed Galo**  
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**Special to The Press**

Afghanistan – Critical to the success of the Afghan mission, the Brigade Mentor Team trains and advises the soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 215th Corps, Afghan National Army.

One sailor takes great pride in the role he plays in that mission.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Green of Macclenny, a corpsman with the BMT, Regimental Combat Team 6, trains ANA medics how to take care of their patients.

“When we have patients come in, we really try to have (the ANA) do the work, and then if it’s necessary, we step in,” said Green. “If it’s life threatening injuries, we take over. We mostly let them do what they can, and they actually got real good at (treating patients).”

As with most Americans serving in a mentorship and training role in Afghanistan, Green says one of the hardest things about working with the ANA is the language barrier.

“We have translators, but it’s still kind of hard,” said Green, 25. “Especially with medical stuff when things need to be done real fast, the language barrier can be a problem sometimes. Their lack of medical knowledge at first was a pretty huge barrier too.”

With the challenges also comes pride when progress is made. Green says he enjoys watching the ANA learn and progress.

“When we first got here, they weren’t very knowledgeable and wanted to send everything to the shock trauma platoon,” Green said with a smile. “Now we’ve got them where they actually treat the patients themselves. It’s good knowing that when we leave maybe they can save a few extra lives with the knowledge we’ve gave them.”

Green says he will never forget one of his experiences from this deployment. An elderly Afghan man had been shot in the thigh by a .762 round.

“The guy was old, he walked in with an AK-47 round in his leg,” he explained.

Green recalls that the man simply laid down on a bed, pulled his pant leg up and let the medics and corpsman do their job as if nothing was wrong. The medical staff pulled the round out and the ANA cleaned, sutured and wrapped his wound.

“He just stood up put his shoes on and walked right out. He was just the toughest old guy I’ve ever seen. He just walked right out. It was crazy,” Green said.

During his time in Afghanistan, Green has built friendships with the ANA medics he helps to train.

“I’ve become close to a few of them actually,” Green added. “I go up to one of them to (joke) around with and give him a friendly push and just say ‘sup man?’ He’ll just look at me and smile, then push me back. He’s a cool guy.”

Before joining the Navy, Green worked different jobs such as delivering pizzas and working for a construction company that remodeled chain restaurants. He enlisted in the Navy because he wanted to work with Marines.

“I came in the Navy to be a corpsman,” Green said. “I was going to go in the Marine Corps, but they didn’t offer anything in the medical field. I really wanted to deploy with Marines.”

He says that when he told the Marine recruiter that he wanted to be in the medical field, the recruiter informed him that the Marine Corps doesn’t have a medical

field. The recruiter then pointed him in the direction of the Navy.

According to Green, he received his current military occupational specialty because a sailor

Marines huh?” he said. “I just told him that that’s the whole reason I wanted to be in the Navy, to deploy with Marines and help Marines.”

Green says the hardest part of his deployment is being away from his daughter.

“I have a 4-year-old daughter, Teagan Kathryn in Florida. It’s probably the hardest part. It’s definitely the hardest part. I miss her more than anyone or anything,” he said.

He enlisted in the Navy to better provide for her.

“It’s pretty much been the reason I’ve done everything,” he continued. “I mean I miss her, but at least I can support her and give her health care, benefits and take care of her.”

Green is still unsure on whether or not he will reenlist. However he does have short term goals in mind such as earning the Fleet Marine Force badge, a badge Navy personnel attached to a Marine unit can earn if they successfully pass a series of tests on how

Marines operate. He also wants to get promoted to the rank of petty officer 2nd class.



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 Matthew Green of Macclenny in Afghanistan.

overheard his enthusiasm to deploy with a Marine unit to Iraq. “He just came up to me and asked ‘so you want to deploy with

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