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## City and Rayonier clash over contract

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With vast real estate holdings totaling 2.7 million acres of mostly timberland, including huge tracts in Baker and other Northeast Florida counties, Rayonier is embroiled in a legal battle to keep the city of Macclenny from getting 114 acres the company owns off Steel Bridge Road.

The city is suing Rayonier in an attempt to gain ownership of the land for use as a disposal site for sewage sludge, a by product of the sewage treatment process that officials estimate could produce up to 50,000 gallons a week.

In a lawsuit filed in circuit court on January 15, the city is asking the court to order Rayonier to honor a contract it entered into on June 11, 2012 to sell the parcel through the company's property management subsidiary, Terra Pointe Services LLC, for \$399,000 to Lewyn Boyette.

Mr. Boyette, a real estate investor, gave Rayonier a \$20,000 deposit and paid for a title search and surveys on the property. He assigned his rights under the contract to the city last month, upon City Attorney Frank Maloney's recommendation, after Rayonier had notified the city and Mr. Boyette of its intention to cancel the contract.

In the lawsuit prepared by Mr. Maloney and Jacksonville attorney W.O. Birchfield, the city contends that it now owns the contract and asks the court to require "specific performance" by Rayonier.

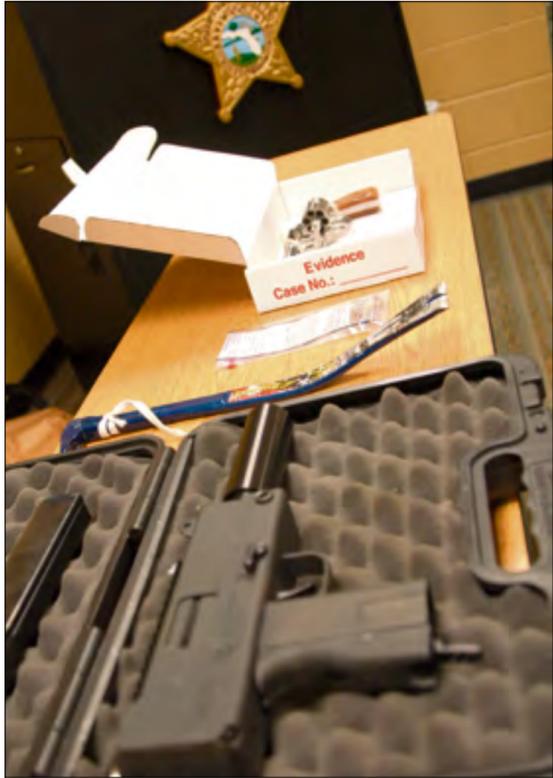
"On June 11, 2012 the Defendant, Rayonier Forest Resources... entered into a binding contract with Lewyn Boyette to sell the real property in question..." the lawsuit states, adding that the contract prepared by Rayonier "calls for specific performance in the event of a breach of that contract."

Mr. Maloney recommended the city sue Rayonier for breach of contract in November after City Manager Gerald Dopson told the city council that Rayonier had "informed Mr. Boyette and the City of Macclenny (that) they (Rayonier) did not intend to go forward with the contract."

Rayonier's action came after  
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The firearms recovered from the suspects' vehicle and the road shoulder.

## Burglars nabbed on 125 6 local cases; possibly dozens in Duval

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Police arrested a Jacksonville couple last week for a string of high-value burglaries in Glen St. Mary during the last two months.

The victims have an observant mail carrier to thank for giving the sheriff's office a crucial lead used to identify convicted felon Charles W. Cope, 35, and Julie J. Driggers, 43, who authorities believe are behind six burglaries on CR 125 (north and south), Crews Road and CR 23D.

They would knock on front doors and pretend they were searching for a lost dog if anyone opened the door. But if nobody answered, the perpetrators would loot the home of expensive jewelry, guns, tools and electronics, according to Sheriff Joey Dobson.

The six residences were broken into between November 29 and January 8 and three oc-



Charles Cope



Julie Driggers

curred on the same day.

Sheriff Dobson estimated the value of property taken in the heists at less than \$500,000. The haul from the home of a former jewelry store owner was at least \$150,000 and possibly more.

A similar method of entry — using a blue pry bar to force open rear or side doors — was evident at all six locations.

Mr. Cope, a nine-time felon according to the sheriff, was released from Baker Correctional

Institution last April. Sheriff's officials said the couple's relationship was four months in the making and Ms. Driggers met Mr. Cope while visiting his cell mate.

State prison records indicate Mr. Cope was serving a three-year sentence for burglary in 1996 before his release. He was in prison four-plus-years for robbery with a deadly weapon in 1996 and did another year-long stint for dealing in stolen property in 2004. Sheriff Dobson said he's spent a total of 12 years in state custody.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office believes the couple may be involved in dozens of additional burglaries in Duval County.

"We do not know how far it will stretch, but as far as our six, we have ours solved and the two suspects in custody," said Sheriff Dobson at a press conference on January 16 announcing the arrests.

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## Rash of local credit card fraud

### 'Skimmers' likely culprit

Most of us do it so often we don't think about it.

We swipe our debit and credit cards at the gas pump or ATM, make a purchase and go on our way.

For some of us, however, we're leaving something behind.

Like our card information. And we don't even know it.

For 18 Baker County residents it was a sobering realization when they recently learned their card identities had been scammed, and their bank accounts raided at places like a Publix in Palm Beach County.

Or how about in trendy Manhattan?

The sheriff's department this past week found itself dealing with a deluge of complaints from everyday people with addresses in Macclenny, Glen St. Mary and Sanderson whose card information was, literally, swiped by identity thieves.

The average victim was ripped for \$425, based on reports generated between January 15-18. The highest amount was \$1141; the lowest \$182. In all but two of the 18 cases, account debits took place in either south Florida or New York City.

Total scam — \$7642, most of it from ATMs and the remainder from retail outlets. The youngest victim was 18; the oldest 77.

And the bank accounts that were raided, they were from financial institutions familiar to us all: Vystar, Wells Fargo, American Enterprise, TD Bank and Country Federal Credit Union. They're the ones who really get fleeced because they have to replenish the victims' accounts.

Investigator Chris Volz of the sheriff's department, who is looking into the recent wave of thefts, said in all likelihood they're the work of identity thieves using "card



Authorities say card users should examine card swipers carefully to ensure nothing looks unusual.

readers" inserted into automated card readers at gas pumps or ATMs. A closer look at individual statements to find out when and where victims used their cards locally should pinpoint those locations.

The same thing happened here in December, said the investigator, but the banks and credit unions declined to report them to police for any number of reasons. This time they made sure the victims did.

"I think what it's going to be is what they call a "skimmer," said Investigator Volz. "They fit over the top of regular card swipe slots and they're nothing more than a memory device that downloads to a computer all the information they need to use your card."

The scammers position the device in the early morning hours and leave it there for a matter of hours or even days. In yet more sophisticated cases, a person can sit in a car a few dozen feet from the pump or ATM and remotely record your numbers as you swipe

your card.

"We can hope a video is running when they remove the skimmer so we get some idea of their identity or a license tag, but other than that it's hard to catch them," said the investigator.

He suggests the public take a close look at the swipe device before putting a card in, particularly at high-traffic gas stations. If it looks suspicious, say thicker or wider than normal or sticking out, that should be a warning. If you're at a gas station, have an attendant swipe your card while you watch, and tell them you think there may be a device out at the pump.

If it's an ATM off-hours, notify the bank or credit union when they open in the morning. In one case recently reported, an enterprising user used packing tape to stop up the slot so no one else could use the machine.

"With some of the skimmers, most people who use these swipers on a regular basis would suspect something's wrong if they looked at it closely enough," said Investigator Volz, who himself was an identity theft victim in December. "They [the scammers] count on us being creatures of habit who won't look for anything suspicious."

## BAKER CORRECTIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## Nearly current on jail debt

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After years of playing catch-up, the Baker Correctional Development Corporation is only a few months away from getting current on all of its debt obligations for the first time since opening in the summer of 2009.

Buoyed by consistently high inmate numbers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the US Marshals and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, plus elevated local inmate counts, BCDC is ready to make a roughly \$2.9 million bond payment at the end of the month.

That will put the nonprofit corporation back on its original repayment schedule for the \$45 million it borrowed in 2008 to buy some 90 acres north of Macclenny and build a 508-bed jail and sheriff's administration complex on 20 acres of the property.

The hefty bill represents \$1.3 million for the annual bond principle payment for 2013 and \$1.6 million in bond interest for the last six months, said Jeffrey Cox, the nonprofit corporation's finance manager, at BCDC's board of directors meeting on January 16.

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# Burglars nabbed on CR 125

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He said that Mr. Cope confessed to committing some 50-to-60 burglaries in the Jacksonville area. "Could he do that, absolutely," the sheriff said. "He's a professional burglar. He's the real deal."  
The admissions came after a parole officer searched the residence he shared with Ms. Driggers on Shell Cracker Road in northeast Jacksonville. There the officer found items reported stolen in the burglaries here.  
That was enough to obtain a search warrant for the address, which investigators from the Baker County and Jacksonville sheriff's offices served the morning of the press conference.  
Twenty-four hours earlier, the only lead local police had on the rash of burglaries were basic descriptions of the suspects and their vehicle — a grey car with a blonde female and white male.

know on him."  
A blue pry bar was also visible. Once back-up arrived, Mr. Cope was arrested for driving on a suspended license and Ms. Driggers for resisting arrest without violence.  
A search of the vehicle by investigators uncovered a semi-automatic handgun known as a "MAC-10." A loaded .38-caliber pistol was recovered later from the shoulder of CR 125 after Mr. Cope told police where he tossed it from the grey sedan, Sheriff Dobson said.  
"He saw we had a pretty good case on him and of course he knows he's not supposed to have the guns," the sheriff said when asked why Mr. Cope was so forthcoming with authorities.  
"He's a smart guy. He said he had a little bit of college. He's very, very street smart."  
Ms. Driggers faces more than

a dozen counts of grand theft, burglary or criminal mischief. Sheriff Dobson said she had no criminal history.  
Mr. Cope has 23 similar counts against him plus two more for driving without a valid license and possession of a firearm. The sheriff said Mr. Cope indicated he'd spent time in Baker County in the past because his father lived on Noah Raulerson Rd.  
The case remains under investigation, but a portion of the pilfered property has been recovered, including a music jewelry box passed down through multiple generations to its current owner.  
"She was real pleased," said the sheriff, who had contacted all the victims earlier that day to notify them of the arrests.

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# City and Rayonier clash over contract

**From page 1**  
A story appeared in *The Baker County Press* on June 21 stating that the city commission voted to purchase the 114 acres from Mr. Boyette for \$479,000.  
Mr. Maloney said that after he and Mr. Birchfield reviewed the purchase and sale agreement they concluded that Rayonier had no legal grounds on which to back out of the agreement because the document contained no requirement that Mr. Boyette obtain Rayonier's permission to sell the land to the city or anyone else.  
Rayonier attorneys, however, argue that the company's decision to terminate the contract was valid and claim they can prove it.  
The court file contains a copy of a letter dated August 17, 2012 from Rayonier attorney Mark R. Bridwell to John S. Cooper, a lawyer in Starke who represents Mr. Boyette. Mr. Bridwell said his letter was in response to a previous letter from Mr. Cooper.  
"Contrary to the assertions contained in your letter, Rayonier is not obligated to close the ... transaction and has not breached any duty to your client," Mr. Bridwell stated in his letter. "Rather, your client fraudulently induced Rayonier to enter into a contract for the sale of its land and we are comfortable that the evidence will bear that out based upon the open records request responses we have received from the City of Macclenny."

The city manager confirmed on January 22 that Rayonier had requested copies of all correspondence between the city and Mr. Boyette, who the city manager said had been helping the city in its search for a sludge disposal site for some time.  
"We had talked to Mr. Boyette about several different pieces of property," Mr. Dopson said. "This (Rayonier site) is the only one that turned out to be the most suitable" based on soil, engineering and environmental studies.  
The bottom line, Mr. Dopson said, is that regardless of what was said between Mr. Boyette and Rayonier officials involved in the land sale, the written contract contained no restrictions or conditions on the property's future use.  
"Mr. Boyette told me he said (to Rayonier) he was going to use it for agricultural and/or recreational purposes," Mr. Dopson said. "Our position is there was nothing in the contract from Rayonier to Mr. Boyette stating that you have said you would use this land for any stated purpose."

The city manager further stated that even as a sludge-disposal site, the basic use of the property would remain agricultural. The treated wastewater contains nutrients for grass, trees and plants.  
"Even if Mr. Boyette didn't tell Rayonier that he had planned on tentatively selling the property to the city of Macclenny for the disposal purpose, we're contending that if Rayonier had put in there any conditions on the (subsequent) sale of the property it would have to be okayed by Rayonier," Mr. Dopson said. "They didn't put any conditions in the contract."

Mr. Dopson, who recently announced his decision to retire on May 1 after 43 years as city manager, said the city attorney told him to expect a wait of at least four to six months before the city's complaint is resolved.  
In addition to seeking a court order mandating Rayonier to honor the contract, the lawsuit seeks reimbursement of legal costs "for the necessity of this action."

If the city is unsuccessful with its complaint and remains determined to acquire the Rayonier property in question, it would have to rely on the state's eminent domain law, which allows government agencies to condemn private property for public purposes.

Eminent domain is a more timely and expensive process, however, requiring a 12-member jury to determine how much must be paid for a piece of property, including reimbursement of legal fees to the unwilling seller.

From all indications, Rayonier is standing firm on its position.  
"I am hopeful that we will be able to resolve the dispute between our respective clients without the need for costly litigation," Mr. Bridwell said in his August 17 letter to Mr. Cooper. "If that is not the case, however, Rayonier is prepared to defend its position in this matter vigorously."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Pipeline no solution

Dear Editor:  
I am writing to address an article contained in the January 17 edition of your paper regarding Oldcastle Southern Group's proposal to relieve the City of Macclenny's burden regarding grey water discharge.

Their proposal is apparently to pipe some 800,000 gallons of grey water per day to the proposed Oldcastle mining site. In view of the fact Oldcastle is requesting from the state a permit for 2.88 million gallons of water per day, this grey water transfer would mildly reduce Oldcastle's water need from 2.88 million gallons of our water to 2.8 million gallons of our water.

Hardly a drop in the proverbial bucket.

The plan further predicts that any "excess" water would be field-sprayed. With the deficiency in what grey water is supplied versus what Oldcastle has stated they need, I cannot imagine there being any "excess" water to be used.

Even more concerning is that Oldcastle now states that in view of the meager 800,000 gallons of water they would be receiving from the city, they now plan to dig a well of less depth. Their "claim to fame" from the inception of this issue was that they would dig deep enough not to affect our shallow wells, though I believe science proves otherwise.

### Smaller containers, more trash pickups

Dear Editor:  
Macclenny's new garbage collection system lowers cost, but customers are now limited on the amount of solid waste they can put on the curb. The new system provides one 96-gallon receptacle to hold one week's garbage — or two 48-gallon receptacles a week.

Having lived here 16 years, I know the majority of people have more than 48 gallons set out (for twice-weekly pickup). This means there is going to be a lot of "extra" garbage with nowhere to go. The recent memo to customers informs them of locations where they can now personally deliver "excess" garbage that will not fit into the new containers. It shifts part of the cost of disposal from the city to the customer.

So who is saving money on this? The policy being replaced had the city pay to remove all our garbage, not just a fixed 96-gallon a week.

Has the city considered sanitary and insect conditions from garbage stored in 100 degree-plus temperatures for one week? What about odors during the summer? And what about the general appearance of the city with these receptacles out where all can see them since no one wants them smelling up homes and garages.

These problems need to be addressed now. Smaller containers and two weekly pickups instead of one would eliminate most of them.

Joseph Fiore  
Macclenny



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

*Did you notice your paycheck got a little lighter this month? The fiscal cliff deal let the 2 percent cut in the Social Security payroll tax that began in 2009 expire. We turned to Facebook this week to see if anyone noticed. Here's a look at what our friends online had to say:*

**Hannah Going Woodruff:** My husband's federal withholding is set at a certain amount, so I'm not sure what the difference there is. They are taking out \$21 more per check for FICA though.

**Daniel Burnham:** Not as yet, but it has been a nice reminder that our family needs to re-draw up a budget.

**Matthew Barfield:** I stopped looking at the withholdings years ago; it turns my stomach!

**Chelsea Olivia Moore:** I don't even look at it anymore. It makes my blood boil.

**Beth Rozier Moore:** It hit us pretty hard. 60 bucks more out every two weeks. It's CRAZY.

**Jamie Allyn:** Didn't even notice.

**Wayne Stewart:** They never should have played with the SOC tax to start with.

**Kelly Matthews:** Would have

**Amy Luding Williams:** Didn't really notice. It was a small amount out. Not a big deal.

**Danny Norton:** The federal government started taking out 2% less in Social Security two years ago to stimulate the economy. That 2% reduction has expired. We all know that Social Security is in trouble and why they decided to take out 2% less in Social Security was not a smart move. This is just made Social Security less secure for everyone.

**Judy Giesing:** Heck yeah I noticed! An contrary to what folks think ... It went up more than the so-called tax break percentage.

**Catherine Brooke Rhoden:** \$40 a week ... Lets just hope it helps this economy!

**Regina Mike Cody:** My husband paid out over \$500 in his bi-weekly check. I could use that, believe me.

**Stacy Davis-Rhoden:** I noticed cause every dollar I make counts.

# Mental health care at root of curbing killings

## On Point In Print

Joel Addington

Gun control is one of those hot button issues that invites the partisan grandstanding and bickering that plagues our leaders in state and national government. But if there's one point that the Obama administration and the NRA appear to agree on, it's that our mental healthcare system needs some work.

As far as I can tell, it's even more of a patchwork system than the traditional physical healthcare system and it has little in the way of an early warning mechanism that could prevent mass shootings before they happen.

It's all too easy to dismiss the trigger men in mass shooting cases as crazy, evil or deranged and to blame their families, friends or co-workers for not doing something to stop them from committing such heinous crimes.

That pretty much gets society at large off the hook from taking responsibility for these murders or taking any action to prevent them in the future.

Deep down though, I think we all know that reducing the frequency and deadliness of mass shootings will take a collective effort to be more vigilant of each other's behavior.

But even then, who do you call when you think there may be a problem?

Today, you can basically access psychiatric treatment in one of two ways.

You can check yourself into a mental hospital, which depending on where you live can be very far from home, and hope they take your insurance plan, provided your plan even covers mental healthcare. Or, if you become a danger to yourself or others, the police will haul you off to that mental hospital for a few days or a few years, depending on how unstable you've become.

Again, that facility may not be in close proximity, making the transition back home more rocky without support from family or local outpatient services.

Doesn't sound like a comprehensive system, does it? Sounds like people could fall through the cracks. I'm sure they do.

Perhaps they don't want treatment or feel like they don't need it. Maybe they self-medicate with drugs and alcohol. Or maybe they simply don't have the resources to pay for treatment.

We need a better mental health system, one that can detect symptoms before paranoid delusions, violent impulses or severe depression manifest into mass murder.

Unfortunately, there's much less discussion on this side of the gun violence debate.

Here in Baker County, for many years there's been a place for the most at-risk residents with mental health disorders to access treatment, the Northeast Florida State Hospital-affiliated Community Behavioral Healthcare Services clinic on West Lowder Street.

But after June 30, the office will close by order of the state, and at this point at least, it's unclear what entity will take its place.

A Tampa-based nonprofit, Lutheran Services of Florida, has been hired by the state to contract with a replacement provider in the coming months. It's all part of the state's effort to privatize state-funded programs, ostensibly to save money.

However, bid disputes or procurement hiccups could occur, causing delays in the change over and leaving local patients without a local provider. Even after a new provider is selected, there's no guarantee it will open offices here.

Patients, particularly those without reliable transportation, could fall behind on medication or miss consultations with doctors, both of which could deteriorate their mental state and endanger themselves and those around them.

Such fears have been expressed by public health workers here and steps should be taken to make the transition to the new provider as seamless as possible.

At the state and national level, changes are needed as well. Mental health consistently takes a back seat to physical health in our country, especially in terms of government funding.

Per capita in 2010, Florida spent the third lowest per capita amount in the nation on mental health services, \$39.55, according to the Kaiser Health Foundation. Idaho (\$36.64) and Texas (\$38.99) were the first and second lowest in per capita spending.

At the federal level, universal background checks on gun purchases, mandatory registration and more enforcement of those measures and other laws now on the books could all reduce gun violence, whether by criminals or the mentally ill; all without diminishing Second Amendment protections or the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves against criminals.

I don't buy the argument that registration is the first step in the government taking away our guns. Uncle Sam doesn't want our guns. He's got plenty and we're pathetically out-matched anyway. Tanks trump assault rifles 100 percent of the time.

All-out bans on assault rifles or other weapons, however, are misguided. I'm hoping they've only been proposed by the Obama administration as pawns to be sacrificed in negotiations to get the universal background checks passed. We'll see.

Banning specific guns would result in fewer legal sales, which is why the NRA and their bosses, the gun manufacturers, oppose such bans. It's not really about the Constitution, it's business.

But a ban would also leave most of us with little defense against criminals with access to the banned weapon via the black market. Cops can't be everywhere all the time.

I hope our leaders can put the political posturing aside and focus on common-sense gun regulations that will do a better job of keeping firearms away from criminals and the mentally uninged. Making the mental health system more accessible and better at identifying potentially violent individuals before they become so will also go a long way in solving this national dilemma.

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<b>Saturday</b> Few Showers High: 58 Low: 32	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 64 Low: 40
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High Springs 71 / 40	Starke 69 / 40
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Friday	7:22 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	
Saturday	7:22 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	
Sunday	7:21 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	
Monday	7:21 a.m.	6:02 p.m.	
Tuesday	7:20 a.m.	6:03 p.m.	
Wednesday	7:20 a.m.	6:04 p.m.	<b>First</b>

St. Mary's River Levels		Hunting/Fishing Times	
<b>Now</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Peak Times</b>
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Macclenny 2.45 ft.	-0.02 ft.	Fri	10:44-12:44 10:14-12:14
		Sat	11:30-1:30 11:00-1:00
		Sun	11:31-1:31 11:01-1:01
		Mon	— 11:47-1:47
		Tue	12:33-2:33 1:03-3:03
		Wed	1:20-3:20 1:50-3:50

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<b>Jan. 24, 1916</b>	The temperature at Browning, Mont. plunged 100 degrees in just 24 hours, from 44 degrees above zero to 56 degrees below zero. It was a record 24-hour temperature drop for the United States.

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# Air conditioning units in core city stripped of copper

Four air conditioning units behind commercial property in downtown Macclenny were stripped of copper and coils sometime during a two-day period last week.

The units, three of them the property of Ed Barber and attached to the Crockett Building and one belonging to Moody Lee and Jack Baker, are located in a small alleyway between the owners' buildings and one owned by the county.

This is the second time they have been stripped of copper. The owners reported the loss on January 18.

In other, similar incidents, copper valued at \$1500 was stolen from a unit belonging to Melissa Maloy and attached to a residence on Frank Combs Rd. near Taylor.

The owner reported the vandalism on January 20 and gave Deputy Chris Walker the name of Carl Rigdon III, 37, of Sanderson as a possible suspect.

Deputy Walker said Mr. Rigdon ran into a nearby swamp when the officer went to an address off Noah Raulerson Rd. to question him and was tracked down by the K-9 Blitz.

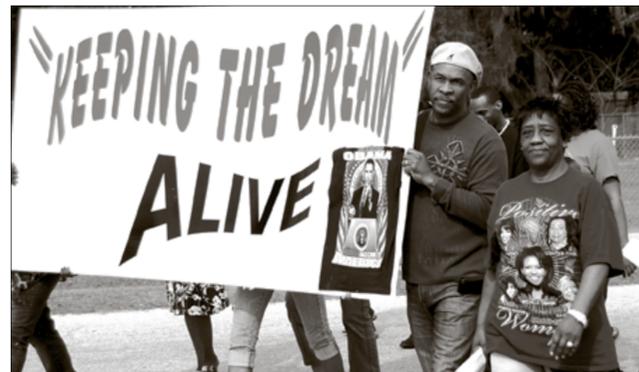
He denied involvement, but was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Bradford County for violation of probation on a drug offense.

A Lake City-based property management group reported on January 17 aluminum coil stripped from an air conditioning unit at an unoccupied residence on God's Acre Lane near Sanderson.

The employee of Three Rivers Property Preservation told Deputy Michael Clark the property was last inspected in early January, and the loss value was placed at \$600. It is owned by an Ohio bank.

An aluminum cooking pot and knives were reported taken from the Dead End Hunting Club off Edward Rd. near Taylor on January 20. The items were valued at \$250.

A neighbor told Deputy Rodney Driggers he saw four juveniles walking toward the camp earlier that day.



PHOTOS BY JOE ADOXON

# Last MLK speech recited for annual parade and program

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade and program began and ended at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ adjacent to Keller Intermediate School the afternoon of January 21, the anniversary of MLK's birthday. New this year to the program that followed the parade was Stephanie Gaskins (above, left) and her daughter, 14-year-old Kelsey Wilcox, reciting an excerpt of MLK's last public speech before he was shot in 1968. In what became known as the "mountaintop" speech, MLK speaks of when he was stabbed by a woman at a book signing in a Harlem bookstore 10 years earlier and nearly killed. "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life — longevity has its place," said Ms. Gaskins, a teacher at BCHS and tutor with the new Keller Outreach Ministry, which offers free tutoring to children in the southwest Macclenny neighborhood. "But I'm not concerned about that now," she continued. "I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. So I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything, I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord." Also pictured are parade participants and onlookers (front l-r) Ta Soto, Laderick McCall, (rear l-r) Diamond Gibbons and Timothy Gore. To see video and more photos from the event, please visit [www.bakercountypress.com](http://www.bakercountypress.com).



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# Nearly current on debt

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The bondholders agreed to defer principle payments and accept interest-only payments in recent years, though in the meantime BCDC has been amassing money in anticipation of the \$2.9 million due February 1.

Mr. Cox said the bond fund, used to make interest and principal payments, had some \$2.4 million and another \$300,000 would be added by the end of the month.

"Bank of Oklahoma [the trustee overseeing repayment of the bonds] seems to be happy. We're not getting any questions or comments from them. That tells me everything is running smooth," he told the board.

The BCDC's medical services vendor — Armor Correctional — has also given the nonprofit flexibility in making payments. BCDC owes about \$307,000 to the company, but half of that sum will be paid by the end of the month.

Mr. Cox said BCDC should be current on the Armor contract

payments by April or May. The company has not been charging BCDC interest on the debt, which stood at \$2.2 million two years ago.

"They've just asked us to pay a little bit extra every month when we can," he said. "Anytime we have extra money, we send it to them because they've been so good to us."

BCDC also remains in arrears regarding its reserve fund balance, which is supposed to contain \$3.7 million but has just \$1.5 million today. The nonprofit allocates about \$26,000 to reserves each month to help build the balance.

In other business last week, the board heard a report from Maj. John Finley, chief of corrections for the sheriff's office, which manages the facility. He said the average daily prisoner population for the fourth quarter (October to December, 2012) was 426. The number of local inmates was down some due to the annual sweep of prisoners released for the holidays, the major said.

Increases in federal detainees kept the overall average steady, however.

In the coming months, he said preparations will begin for the annual ICE inspection in April, which is carried out by a third party. "There hasn't been any big policy changes," Maj. Finley told the board. "Their rules are being updated a bit, but they won't be effective this year, maybe next year."

Outdoor recreation time for ICE inmates could become a requirement in the future.

The BCDC complex as well as other ICE detainee facilities have come under fire by immigrant advocacy groups, including Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, for keeping prisoners indoors 24 hours a day.

"That's probably something [ICE] will have to address soon," Maj. Finley said.

The federal agency is charged with housing illegal immigrants during deportation proceedings.

# Inmate charged in sex act

The state attorney's office has filed a felony charge against a Baker Correctional inmate for allegedly exposing himself while committing a lewd act in the presence of a female officer back in September.

An investigative report by the Department of Corrections that constitutes the factual basis for the lewd and lascivious exhibition charge against Michael Best indicates the offense took place in the day room of B Dorm on the prison campus between Sanderson and Olustee.

The female officer had supervisory duty over the area that morning, and affirmed she witnessed the act in her statement to the investigator. Mr. Best, 26, said the officer watched him perform the act.

# One of Mann's sex charges downgraded

The state attorney's office last week downgraded a pending felony count against Marshall Mann of Sanderson to a misdemeanor.

Mr. Mann, 48, was acquitted by a jury in October of six counts of sexual battery and lewd acts on a minor child. Until last week, the computer tech for the City of Macclenny still had two charges of lewd and lascivious acts pending against him, both involving different victims who were under 16 at the time the acts allegedly occurred in March, 2002.

Prosecutors on January 17 transferred one of those cases to misdemeanor court and revised the charge downward to simple battery.

Mr. Mann, who kept his job with Macclenny on a conditional basis after his arrest in March, 2010, will be arraigned on the new charge on February 6 in county court.

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# ATV trails open Jan. 26

The ATV trails at St. Mary's Shoals Park will reopen this weekend on January 26, county officials said.

The trails will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 am to 6 pm in the future. They were closed following Tropical Storm Debby last June for repairs.

Park Ranger David Wright reminds visitors that no one under the age of 16 is permitted to ride the trails without wearing a helmet and eye protection as required by Florida law.

"Gather up your family, pack a lunch and come enjoy a family day at St. Mary's Shoals Park," said Mr. Wright.



# Computer GEDs

Registration is now open for GED computer based testing both later this month and in February. All testing is conducted at the school district's Career and Adult Basic Ed building on west Minnesota Ave. in Macclenny.

To register, visit [www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com) or call Becky Satterwhite at 259-0403.

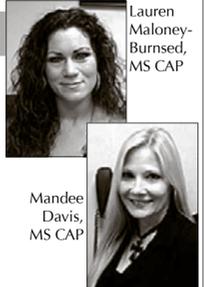
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# Felony battery on his ex-wife

A Sanderson man was arrested on January 17 for felony domestic battery on his estranged wife at her residence on Gaskins Circle.

Jeffery Gaskins, 47, allegedly twice attempted to strangle Earnestine Gaskins, 43, after the accused came to her residence about 4:50 that afternoon. The couple has been separated since the fall of 2012.

Mrs. Gaskins told Deputy Jeremiah Combs the accused confronted her about having a boyfriend, and initially grabbed her by the neck as she sat in a chair. She then broke free and walked away from the residence, and told the officer that Mr. Gaskins followed her in his pickup and pulled her into the vehicle where he again began choking her.

A neighbor intervened and Mr. Gaskins left the area. He was interviewed later at a residence on Sanderson Circle and denied the allegations, countering that Mrs. Gaskins kneed him in the groin.

In other incidents: Arkeem Ruise, 19, was arrested the afternoon of January 14 for domestic battery on his mother Hilda Jackson, 54, at her residence on Hollow Ridge Rd. in Margaretta.

Ms. Jackson told Deputy Clements Leo her son pushed her to the ground and injured her shoulder when she intervened in

# Motorist arrested in city had three times legal limit

A Macclenny man's blood alcohol level measured three times that allowed by law after he was pulled over for driving erratically in the west city late on January 17.

Steven Hastings, 35, was observed by Lt. Billy Miller near Lowder and US 90 about 11:30. The driver stopped his 2001 Chevrolet pickup, backed up onto the shoulder then went south and east along the shoulder of 90 near the parking lot of the Exxon store.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson said Mr. Hastings failed several field sobriety tests before he was taken to county jail for a breathalyzer test. He measured .236, .08 is considered intoxicated.

The officer said an empty 12-pack of beer was found in the vehicle. Mr. Hastings was booked for drunk driving, reckless driving and having an open container of alcohol in the truck.

In other arrests, police charged a Macclenny couple with disorderly intoxication after they refused to calm themselves during an argument at their address on CR 23A north the afternoon of January 19.

Deputy Daryl Mobley said Richard Rhoden, 29, and Amanda Rhoden, 31, were in a heated argument when he was called to the residence about 3:30. He described them as "extremely intoxicated" and said they refused to tell him what caused the disturbance.

The officer learned that Mr.

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# CR 23A home burglarized

A rear door was pried open to gain entry to the residence of Larry Carter on CR 23A north of Macclenny sometime during a two-day period last week, and the owner told police two televisions, a Playstation and jacket were taken.

Mr. Carter placed the loss value at \$1250.

He told Deputy Rodney Driggers he was away from the address from the morning of January 17 to about 5 pm the following day.

A neighbor said he saw two males on the property that first evening and they drove away in a Ford Explorer. He gave police their names and no initial contact was reported.

In other burglaries, Phillip Adams reported aluminum pipes of varying sizes taken from the rear of his residence on Pine Top Rd. during daylight hours on January 16.

He gave Deputy Tony Norman the name of a male relative he thinks may be responsible for that theft and the disappearance of a drill and grinder from his pickup truck back in November.

Mr. Adams valued the pipe at \$175; the tools at \$260.

Michael Snover said an heirloom ring and a necklace were

responsible. William Johnson said he returned to his home on East Minnesota in Macclenny on January 16 after an absence of two days to find the rear door had been damaged and left ajar. Nothing initially was reported missing.

He told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite the necklace was worth \$300.

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# Will rely on video for ID of beer thief

A criminal complaint was filed against a Baldwin man for stealing a 12-pack of beer from the Cigo station south of Glen St. Mary during the early morning hours of January 20.

Larry Rhoden, 27, initially told Deputy Clements Leo he tossed a \$10 bill to the store clerk as he left the store shortly after 2 am when informed it was past the time when alcohol can be sold in Baker County.

The officer stopped Mr. Rhoden and several passengers in his 1995 Chevrolet at the Exxon station on South 6th shortly after they returned to the Cigo attempting to buy gas that morning. Mr. Rhoden denied allegations from the clerk and a witness that he grabbed the beer from a cooler and ran out the door.

A surveillance video reviewed by Deputy Leo later that evening confirmed that no money changed hands, and the officer filed a complaint for petty theft.

In another shoplifting case, a complaint was filed on January 14 naming Cleve Stalvey, 23, of Macclenny for stealing \$45 in clothing and shoes from Walmart that evening.

A store security worker told Deputy Rodney Driggers he observed Mr. Stalvey place a pair of sandals on his feet and leave his shoes on a shelf, then place several clothing items in his pants pockets before attempting to leave the store about 6 pm.

Brent Craig Macclenny, an employee at Save-A-Lot on South 6th St., reported on January 20 that his cell phone was stolen from the men's rest room at the store the previous evening.

He told Deputy Matt Riegel a surveillance video showed two males enter the bathroom about 1:45 shortly after he left the phone inside for about 20 minutes before attempting to retrieve it. He valued the phone at \$100.

Bar patron Eneka Jefferson of Baldwin reported her \$160 phone was taken about 1 am on January 18 while she was in Mac's Liquors in downtown Macclenny.

She told Deputy Jeremiah Johnson she called the number from another location about 2 am and a female on the other end told her she could re-claim it for \$30.

# Hunters charged in illegal kills

The state attorney's office last week filed charges against two hunters, one of them from Baker County and the other from Bradford County, for illegal killing of deer.

Court records indicate that Bobby Bennett Jr., 36, of Sanderson was arrested on January 5 by state game officer Joe Johnson for killing a doe deer in the Osceola National Forest.

Mr. Bennett admitted to having the carcass of the deer that he claimed his dogs ran down and killed the previous day while hunting in the wildlife management area.

Anthony Todd, 21, of Hampton, FL is charged with killing a spike deer with antlers less than five inches in length, also in the Osceola.

The report by officer Brent Gill of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission notes that Mr. Todd was ticketed after game officers went to his residence on January 2 and found the animal's head.

He allegedly shot the deer on December 29.

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# Tased after calling 911

A Macclenny man called police in the early morning of January 19, saying he was fighting with a girlfriend and wanted to go to jail on an outstanding warrant, then was hit with a taser charge when he refused to be handcuffed.

Timothy Haygood, 27, was at the address of Christine Rapach, 25, on Eastwood Rd. about 3 am when deputies Randy Davis and Rodney Driggers arrived. He called a police dispatcher minutes earlier and was described as "extremely irate and belligerent."

He also said the girlfriend was drunk and attempting to strike him. Deputy Driggers said Mr. Haygood began yelling at him once inside the residence, saying he wanted to be taken to jail. He resisted several times being handcuffed until hit with the taser charge.

The warrant was from Putnam County for violation of probation. Deputy Michael Clark arrested Charles Burnsed, 27, of Sanderson the afternoon of January 17 on a local warrant for failure

to pay child support. The officer was called to a residence on Carl Brown Rd. in the north county about 4 pm, and Mr. Burnsed initially said he was accosted at knife point by two males wearing ski masks. He claimed the confrontation stemmed from a dispute over purchasing a vehicle, then Deputy Clark said he changed details of the incident.

The victim in an alleged battery at the Ocean Pond campground near Olustee on January 20 was taken into custody when police learned he was wanted in Indiana for aggravated assault.

Deputy Chris Walker said he responded to a disturbance call that morning and was told that Joshua Lakes, 29, of Lake City was struck twice in the face by a 36-year-old woman.

The alleged assailant, also from Lake City, was responding to a report by her 15-year-old daughter that Mr. Lakes had made a sexually suggestive comment to her the previous night while they were seated at a campfire.

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The City of Macclenny will not pick up any household items, white goods or large limbs. These items should be carried to the Griffin Court Dump Site located on Lowder St. (hours of operation are Monday and Thursday 4 pm to 7 pm and on Saturday 8 am to 2 pm). The City of Macclenny will continue to pickup yard debris on a regular information.

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**CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION**

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

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**Karen Alexander dies January 16th**

Karen D. Noblitt Alexander, 53, of Baker County, died on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 in Fort Lauderdale. She loved spending time at the beach in the sunshine and with her family and friends. Ms. Alexander is survived by sons Steve (Mandy) Noblitt of Glen St. Mary and



Karen Alexander

Wayne (Adrienne) Noblitt of Abbeville, AL; daughters Christy (John) Rizer of Raiford, Angel Noblitt of Jacksonville and Ashlee (Jacob) Hodges of Sanderson; mother Joyce Wilson of Macclenny; sister Vicki (Marcus) Crosby; 15 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 1 pm on Monday, January 21 at Cornerstone Congregational Methodist Church in Macclenny with Pastor Mae White officiating. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

**Tonnie Blakely, 70, of Macclenny**

Tonnie M. Blakely, 70, of Macclenny died on Sunday, January 20, 2013. Ms. Blakely was a sixty-year resident of Baker County and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Macclenny. For thirty three years, she was an administrative assistant and risk manager at Northeast Florida State Hospital and owned "A Touch of Spring" flower shop in Macclenny for ten years until it was sold to her "daughter-in-law" Brenda Kinghorn. She also was a receptionist for Dr. Garlon Webb in the Baker County school system, an active board member at Baker County Council on Aging, Fraser Hospital Authority and the Educational Foundation Board.



Tonnie Blakely

Mrs. Blakely was preceded in death by husband Clifford John Blakely Sr. She is survived by sons Clifford John "Blake" Blakely Jr. of Melbourne, Florida and James William "Jimmy" (Allison) Blakely of St. Augustine; "daughter-in-law" Brenda (Eric) Kinghorn of Glen St. Mary; sister Elizabeth Greene Taylor of Macclenny and five grandchildren.

The funeral service for Mrs. Blakely was held at 11 am on Wednesday, January 23 at her church with Rev. Tom Pope officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

**Virgie Brinson, 83, of Lake City**

Virgie Croft Brinson, 83, of Lake City passed away on Saturday, January 19, 2013 following an extended illness. Mrs. Brinson was born in Baker County and lived in Columbia County since 1964 after moving there from Union County. Mrs. Brinson worked for 25-plus years for Aero (Timco) as a records clerk before retiring and in her spare time was an avid reader. She will always be remembered as a fantastic mother. Mrs. Brinson was a Baptist and was preceded in death by husband John L. Brinson, her father Johnnie Croft Sr., mothers Virgie Blitch Croft and Pearl Mikell Croft, and sister Anna Lou Baker.

Mrs. Brinson is survived by sons John David Brinson of West Palm Beach and Michael S. Brinson of Dawsonville, Georgia; daughter Joan B. Allen of Lake City; brother Johnnie Croft Jr. of Olustee; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and other family members.

The funeral service for Mrs. Brinson will be held 11 am Saturday, January 26 at the Dees Parrish Family Funeral Home chapel in Lake City with Evangelist James A. Croft officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Cemetery in Lake City. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday evening, January 25 from 6-8 pm.

**Infant Luffman funeral January 11**

Infant Jaxxon Ray Luffman of Macclenny died on Friday, January 11, 2013. He will be forever loved and missed by his family. He is survived by parents Austin and Jiselle Luffman; sisters Savannah and Raleigh Luffman; grandparents Randy and Dawn Luffman, all of Macclenny; Chad and Jeanna Field and John and Jean Oman of Jacksonville; great-grandmothers Elaine Griffis of Macclenny and Betty Lou Luffman of North Carolina; great-grandfather Daniel Field of Jacksonville; great-great-grandmothers Martha Griffis of Baldwin and Jennie Oman of California; numerous aunts, uncles and other family members.

The funeral service was held at 11 am on Tuesday, January 15 at Raiford Road Church in Macclenny with Pastor Eddie Griffis officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny. Forbes Funeral Home in Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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

**Welcome First Baptist Church of Sanderson**

CR 229 S., Sanderson FL  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 am  
Sun. Morning Worship . 11:00 am  
Sun. Evening Worship . . 6:00 pm  
Wed. Eve. Bible Study . . 7:00 pm  
*Everyone welcome!*

**Linda Jo Burks, 60, of Macclenny**

Linda Jo Fields Burks, 60, of Macclenny died on January 11, 2013. She was born in Fort Jackson, South Carolina on October 23, 1952 to the late Lt. Col. Joseph A. Fields and Katharine Marie Whitaker Fields. She grew up mostly in Green Cove Springs, where she graduated from Clay High School in 1971. She received an associate of arts degree from Florida Junior College of Jacksonville in 1978, married Charles Landis Burks in 1973 and moved to Macclenny in 1981. Mrs. Burks was employed by the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services as a welfare worker for 11 years before retiring in 1993 for health reasons. She was preceded in death by her brother Barry Lynn Fields and foster brother Jack Wayne Draisy.



Linda Burks

Other than her loving husband of 39½ years, she is survived by daughters, Amy Burks (Daniel Bell) of Macclenny and Holly (William) Dillard of Glen St. Mary; brother, James Wesley (June) Fields of Mesa, AZ; grandchildren Hunter Retcho, Alex Burks and Chloe Burks of Macclenny, and Elizabeth and Samantha Dillard of Glen St. Mary; many others who called her Mom.

The funeral service for Mrs. Burks was held on Saturday, January 19 at noon at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel in Macclenny with Pastor Billy Worthington officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery. Pallbearers were William Dillard, Daniel Bell, Shawn Stansbury, Kirk Miracle Jr., Robbin Cooper and Craig Blackburn.

**DINKINS NEW CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH**  
CR 127 N. of Sanderson  
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Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm  
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Children's Church 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Bobby & Faye Griffin

**Frankie Pipkins, a NEFSH retiree**

Frankie Mae Cruce Pipkins, 62, of Glen St. Mary died on Thursday, January 17, 2013 after a lengthy illness. A longtime Baker County resident, Ms. Pipkins retired from Northeast Florida State Hospital, where she was a supervisor for over twenty years. She was an active member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Macclenny and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.



Frankie Pipkins

She is survived by sons Charles (Erica) Pipkins and Frank (Rena) Pipkins of Glen St. Mary, Daniel (Pia) Dugger of Boynton Beach, Matthew Lindsey of Baxter and Michael Donley of Fort Leavenworth, KS; daughters Chrystal Pipkins of Glen St. Mary, Michelle Crews and Megan Donley, both of Baxter; brothers Quincy (Dee) Cruce of Fleming Island, Marvin (Rosemary) Cruce of Georgia, Marcus (Cindy) Cruce of Tennessee, Frank (Beth) Cruce of Lake Butler and George (Linda) Cruce of Starke; sisters Eula Mae Carlton, Gennell Starling and Gertrude (Duane) Griffis of Starke, Virginia (Tommy) Linzy, Lucinda Batten, and Berniece Duncan of Lawtey, Gertie Faye Noegel of Kingsley Lake and Cathern (Arnie Gene) Duncan of Woodville, FL; grandchildren Bruce, Josh and Brittney Clough, Treston and Alyssa Pipkins, Emily Straining, Devon Dugger and Brianna Crews; numerous nieces, nephews, adopted children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Pipkins was preceded in death by parents Frank and Gertrude Cruce and her loving husband Alvin Eugene Pipkins.

A memorial service was held at 2 pm on Tuesday, January 22 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Macclenny with Rev. Keith Linzy and Pastor Michael Ramondetta officiating. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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**Family grateful**

The family of James Russell Robertson deeply appreciates your kind expressions of sympathy in our time of great sorrow. We want to thank everybody for all the great food that family, friends, the Christian Fellowship Temple and the school food service ladies prepared for us. And thank you for all the cards, flowers and prayers. A special thank you to Bro. David Thomas for his loving message, the Baker County sheriff's deputies and Todd Ferreira Funeral Home for their kindness and support. Thanks also to anyone we may have forgotten.

Warm regards,  
The Robertson Family

**Monthly singing**

The Road to Calvary Church in Glen St. Mary will host its monthly gospel singing on Friday, January 25 starting at 7:30 pm.

**Happy Birthday to my beloved son Jason Lee Hodges 01/25/1984-07/21/2007**

Another birthday is coming and I miss you just as much today as the day you left me so suddenly. I see your friends with their children, but you never got a chance to have any. I know in my heart God had a plan for you. I love and miss you.  
LOVE, MAMA

**ADVERTISING DEADLINE Monday at 5:00 pm**

**Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church**  
CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Evening Prayer Serv. 7:30 pm  
Pastor: Oral E. Lyons

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

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**Betty Wallace, 79, of Knoxville**

Betty Jean Wallace, 79, of Knoxville, Tennessee and formerly of Macclenny, died at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville on January 13, 2013 after a brief battle with cancer. She was a Baptist and a beautiful, wonderful and loving mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by parents Thad and Daisy Reynolds of Macclenny.

She is survived by her best friend of 59 years, Arthur Wallace of Knoxville; children Steve (Ann) Wallace of Columbus, Georgia, Mike (Mary) Wallace of Knoxville, Julie (Art) Gray of Nashville, Tennessee, Jennifer (Gregg) Wilkie of Paragould, Arkansas, Bobby (Michelle) Wallace and Shannon (Bob) Winkel, both of Knoxville; brother Terry (Shirlyn) Reynolds of Macclenny; 19 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Betty was a wonderful friend to many at Echo Ridge Retirement Home where she retired the past 12 years. She touched the lives of all those who know her, and many others considered her their mother as well. Her home was always filled with neighborhood kids who left with a warm heart and a smile on their faces.

A graveside service was held on Friday, January 18 at 10 am at Taylor Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Service was in charge of local arrangements.



In loving memory of our mother Evelyn Griffis Woods 08/25/1915-01/20/2007

Our dearest, precious mother, you left six years ago. God looked down from Heaven, He saw you were tired and He needed another precious soul, so the angels took you to Heaven. All ten of your children miss and love you so much — all four girls — Gloria Bryant, Linda Brack, Ethel Thompson and Delane Koscinski; six sons, Charles Woods, Danny Prevatt, Rev. Mark Woods, Roger Woods, John Woods and Marvin Woods. Our hearts cry out daily. May you rest in His peace and loving arms.

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In loving memory of Freddie Reynolds 10/21/1942-01/22/2012

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**Free help to quit smoking**

If you are ready to get the help you need to quit smoking or other tobacco use, the Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center (AHEC) offers a free "Tools to Quit" Program at the Baker County Health Department.

A two-hour class meets on February 9 conducted by a trained facilitator. Participants receive a workbook, a "quit bag" with educational tools and nicotine replacement therapy (patches, lozenges or gum).

The program has helped many clients quit smoking or tobacco use successfully. Participants must register in advance in order to receive free replacement therapy items. Register by calling (904) 482-0189.

**ADVERTISING DEADLINE Monday at 5:00 pm**

**4-H agent speaks at Woman's Club meet**

The guest speaker at the January 17 meeting of the GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny was Shaina Bennett, who leads the UF-Baker County Extension Services 4-H program located at the Ag Center on US 90. The program is open to boys and girls ages 5-18 years and it's more than just livestock. The main goal of 4-H is to develop life skills. Ms. Bennett organizes summer camps and other youth activities during the school year and she's interested in having volunteers from the community share their expertise and experience with club members. Contact Ms. Bennett at slbennett@connect.com or 259-3520 for more information. The Woman's Club Night Networking event will be January 24 at 6 pm and detail the DISC Personality Program — recognizing people's personalities in order to enhance your interactions with others. RSVP to San Beckum at 553-0117 or wcnetworking@comcast.net. The next regular club meeting is February 21 at 144 S. 5th St.

**Library events during February**

Upcoming events at the Emily Taber Library in Macclenny during February include basic computer classes for adults each Wednesday from noon-2 pm. Basic money management workshops for adults are offered at the library on Wednesdays 2:30-4 pm through February. Books for your eReader are available through the library's webpage [www.newriver.lib.fl.us](http://www.newriver.lib.fl.us). The bookmobile is available at various stops around the county on Wednesdays and Fridays. See the webpage for a schedule, or call the library 904-259-6464 for more information.

**Thanks so much**

The family of Art Simmons would like to say thank you so much for all the phone calls, visits, food, tables, chairs, the tent, flowers, and for all the thoughts and prayers. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. Thanks to Guerry Funeral Home and to Mr. Greg Combs for the words you spoke. Our loved one will be missed very much, but not forgotten. We thank everyone who has been with us.

Yvonne Simmons and family

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# Muschamp the latest coach visit

It's been an exciting week in sports. The Gators' Will Muschamp was the latest marquee coach to visit Baker County. Muschamp stopped by the breakfast celebrating the middle school's sixth consecutive A grade.

Muschamp shook hands, inspired the crowd and generally did the meet and greet. He's the third high profile head coach to stop by Baker County in the last month. Alabama head coach Nick Saban and FSU head coach Jimbo Fisher stopped in earlier.

New Jacksonville Jaguar coach Gus Bradley is an intense, high energy guy who helped lead the Seahawks to the NFC playoffs. They lost to the Baltimore Ravens in the divisional playoffs. Bradley brings "passion and excitement to the game," to quote Jags' owner Shah Khan, and that was evident in his first news conference. Though he underscored how far the team, which had its worst-ever record this season with a 2-14 finish, had to go to get back to the playoffs, he was upbeat about the prospects.

The first step was getting the players to play up to their athletic potential. To do that his first hires were Miami Hurricane offensive coordinator Nick Frisch to the same position for the Jaguars. He also hired Bob Babich from the Chicago Bears as head of the defense.

The Super Bowl is set and there are some intriguing storylines. It's Harbaugh versus Harbaugh as John Harbaugh's Baltimore Ravens meet brother Jim Harbaugh's San Francisco 49ers in two weeks in New Orleans.

It will be an exciting time in the Harbaugh household and the first time in Super Bowl history that brothers have matched up against each other. Though many brothers have played in the Super Bowl, most notably the Mannings, Eli and Peyton; the Barbers, Tiki and Ronde; and the Shapers, Darren and Jamie; none have played against one another. Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman Trophy winner and his brother Ray both played for the Bengals in Super Bowl XVI.

Future Hall of Famer Ray Lewis will retire after this year so he will be playing in his last game.

## FAT LADY

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Will Muschamp

# BCMS baseball coach finalizes first team roster

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

It's been a hectic week for BCMS baseball coach Matt Turner, who is organizing tryouts and practices for the middle school's first-ever baseball team.

To his surprise he had over 55 potential players show up to try out of the team. Turner and his assistants had a lot of help as they evaluated the talented youngsters. Fred Matricardi and his staff from BCHS were on hand to see who had the ability to play on the scholastic level.

"It worked out great," said Turner. "There were a lot of talented kids that showed up, and picking from those to only keep 18 was definitely one of the hardest things I have had to do, but I feel like we picked a great team for the first ever Bobcats baseball team."

The Bobcats have 12 games on their schedule, including a tournament in Camden County, GA. The team will hold afternoon practices as it readies for the season start in mid-February.

"My goals for this team are naturally to win a district championship, but beyond that, I hope to prepare these guys to play

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Gerard ~ Summers

**Vows in April**

Bob Gerard and Kelley Norman of Macclenny are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of daughter Sara Elisabeth to Aaron A. Summers, the son of Ron and Barbara Summers of Atlantic Beach, Florida.

Sara Beth is a 2004 graduate of Baker County High School, attended Florida State University and graduated from the University of North Florida. She is an English teacher at Baker County High School and assistant director of the BCHS drama program. Aaron is a 2005 graduate of Fletcher High School. He attended Flagler College and graduated from the University of North Florida. He taught science and coaching the BCHS girls' basketball team the past two years, and is currently attending UNF pursuing an engineering degree.

The couple will marry on April 27 at Miltondale in Macclenny.

**Happy Birthday, Elaine!**



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**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**January 24**  
 BCMS: Boys Basketball Championship East Host. Westside Elementary: Good Morning Show Club, 8am. After School Reading Club, 3:15pm.

**January 25**  
 District-Wide: Report Cards. BCHS: Boys Basketball vs. Terry Parker @ home, 6pm. Girls Basketball @ Bradford, 6pm. WES: PBS Club, 8am.

**January 26**  
 BCHS: Football Banquet in auditorium.

**January 28**  
 BCHS: Girls Basketball District Tournament @ B.K., 6pm. MES: AR/Book Bingo, 3:30pm.

**January 29**  
 BCHS: Boys Basketball @ Oakleaf, 6pm. WES: After School Reading Club, 3:15pm; Just say No Club, 8am. PK/Kindergarten Ctr.: Limo ride for cookie dough sales.

**January 30**  
 WES: Merrie Melodies Club, 8am.

**January 31**  
 BCHS: Softball Classic @ Trinity; Boys Basketball vs. Trinity @ home, 6pm. WES: Good Morning Show Club, 8am; After School Reading Club, 3:15pm. PK/Kindergarten Ctr.: Kindergarten Rocks Program, 6pm.

**Planting for Arbor Day**

**JOEL ADDINGTON**  
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It will probably need a lot of help to grow up big and tall like its cousin a few feet away, but with the help of Macclenny Elementary School students and teachers the river birch tree planted in honor of Florida's Arbor Day on January 17 may survive.

Testing has shown the soil at MES lacks the nutrients needed for healthy tree growth, said teacher Janet Sabaka, whose class joined others that day to plant four trees donated by the Florida Forest Service.

For some time, students at MES have been planting raised-bed gardens for vegetables and herbs with volunteer gardener Helene Guest of Lawtey, a retired Macclenny bank manager.

"The soil is so hard that roots cannot spread as they need to," said Ms. Sabaka. "I believe the reason the one [birch] tree has flourished is that I gave it so much water that it loosened up the soil. I kept a hose on it all day long for several weeks, and sometimes left a drip over the weekend. And I only did that because of what we learned from the garden."

Last week her students joined those in Kim Rambo's class to assist County Forester Andy Lamborn in planting a new birch tree next to an older one, now eight years old.

"It was about the same size as this one," he told the children. "So if we take care of our tree and water it and love it, it just might grow into a nice big tree like that one."

Florida's Arbor Day is the



Forester Andy Lamborn during a tree planting at MES for Florida Arbor Day.

third Friday in January due to the state's shorter, milder winters, while National Arbor Day doesn't arrive until the last Friday in April. The best time to plant trees is during the winter when they're dormant, or not growing.

Planting well ahead of the spring season gives tree roots plenty of time to take hold before temperatures and sun light spark new growth, Mr. Lamborn told the children.

After digging a hole and placing the young birch tree inside, the students helped bury the roots, poured lots of water at the tree's base and added mulch to retain the moisture.

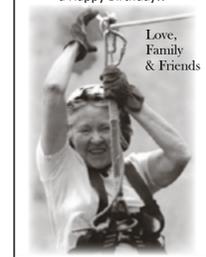
Mr. Lamborn, Ag Center horticulture agent and his wife Alicia Lamborn and Florida Forest Service Ranger Justin Combs planted four trees one after another as various classes cycled through the exercise. Three river birches and one pond cypress from ACE Hardware were planted last



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**Kenny ousts Cats 63-38**

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

It's either feast or famine for the Wildcats. They typically either win or lose by big margins. All three of the Wildcat losses have been by double figures and last Friday's game against Bishop Kenny was no exception.

Coach Charles Ruise's Cats (14-3) knew a trip to Kenny would be a challenge and it was as the Crusaders romped to a 63-38 win. Four Crusaders were in double figures on the night, as opposed to just one for the Cats.

Wildcat guard Charles Ruise Jr. continued to shoot the ball well and led all scorers with 21 points. But the next highest total was Johnny Lamb's 6 points and the lack of offense was in part due to the very stingy defense of the Crusaders.

The game was over almost before it got started. Kenny came out red hot and exploded to a 21-2 first period lead. After that the Wildcats played even with their hosts, but could not make up any of that initial distance because they were unable to score except from the perimeter.

Kenny pushed the ball inside to Brennan Sullivan and Blake Harris or stepped out and shot

from the outside using guard Brian Dawkins. Early on, everything was working for the Crusaders.

After the initial run the game slowed to a crawl in the second period. BCHS made up a little distance on the Crusaders but trailed 25-9 at the halftime break.

Kenny picked up the pace again and duplicated its first period effort with another 21-point spurt. But this time the Wildcats kept up with them, scoring 17 points of their own.

Kenny continued to pad the lead throughout the second half as BCHS couldn't get a run going of



Charles Ruise shoots over Kenny defender.

their own to trim the lead. The Cats will host Terry Parker in a key district match-up on Thursday, January 24 in the BCHS gym.

**Females on wrestling team**

Go to a BCHS wrestling match and you'll find athleticism, intensity and hard working wrestlers. But among those usual sights you might also come across something surprising.

Three of them actually. The high school fields a trio of female wrestlers as part of the team. Catherine Davis, Jenna Reeves and Sydney Williams take the mat and wrestle male and female competition.

Wrestling is one of the few sports that went coed on the high school level. The reason is quite simple; it is played out in specific weight classifications so it doesn't really matter whether the competitor is male or female.

Coach Adam Brunner, in his first year, enjoys coaching his lady wrestlers and has not altered his style at all because of their gender.

"Having females on the team doesn't change the way I coach at all," said Brunner. "Our team gets the same instruction and we don't coach to fit the gender's needs. Wrestling is a physical sport and there's no way we could ask wrestlers from an opposing team to lay off because they are wrestling a female. The objective of this sport is to win matches, and if we didn't ask each wrestler to give a 100 percent then we would be butchering the sport."

The girls have worked very hard and as the season has pro-



Wildcats wrestlers (l-r) Catherine Davis, Jenna Reeves and Sydney Williams.

gressed they found themselves paired up against girls from Yulee, Terry Parker and Duval Charter. Brunner noticed that girls command a lot of attention. They have fared well in their matches and Brunner was particularly impressed when Reeves pinned a male wrestler from West Nassau in the first round of the Army Duals.

"As the referee slapped his hand to the mat, I looked around the gym to see the expressions of the spectators," said Brunner. "Their eyes were wide open. Other wrestlers were whispering to their teammates, and there seemed to be a lot of shock in the crowd. To us, it's just another match we won, but to others it

was a huge surprise." Brunner likes the "diversity" it gives the team, and after the boys got used to the trio, the girls became simply fellow wrestlers.

"Our more experienced wrestlers always give assistance to make not just our females better, but our entire team," said the coach.

"We ask our guys to give best efforts everyday, and we ask the same of our girls. It's been a privilege to coach them," he said. "These girls could be role models to any young women wanting to get involved in any type of extracurricular activities, especially in a male-dominated sport."



Seniors (l-r) Shanice Paige, Rachel Oyinloye, Joshalyn Brown, Cierra Martino and Candace Clack.

**Hilliard spoils Cat Senior Night**

The Hilliard Flashes lived up to their name by picking up the pace at the end of Monday's girls' basketball game at Baker High, which turned a close game into a 65-50 runaway.

The loss left a sour taste in the mouths of Lady Wildcats fans who came to celebrate senior night with a win. Hilliard had other ideas, shooting the ball well from the outside. BCHS answered but the Flashes slowly pulled ahead and led 13-11 at the end of the first period.

Through the first half this was anybody's game. Hilliard was building leads and the Cats battled back behind Delicia Washington and Shaniece Paige. The Flashes kept the Cats at arm's length and led by 5 points at the half.

The visitors began to build on the 29-24 lead as the third period progressed and were up by 10 points at the end of the quarter. Coach Chris Chisholm's girls were working hard in their last home game but they were unable to chip away at the Flashes lead.

The Cats travel to Bishop Kenny on January 28 for the first round of the district tournament.



Delicia Washington looks to pass.

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