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# Baker County A Small Community with a BIG Future

Widely recognized for its exceptional quality of life, Baker County is a diverse and rich community, filled with an abundance of natural beauty, bountiful in resources and a strong, capable spirit. Home to a culture of good neighbors and strong faith, Baker County blends its values with innovation, agriculture and industry with its close proximity to transportation hubs and the First Coast of Jacksonville, it makes living and working here appealing to industry, visitors and residents alike.

With several large tracts of industrial land available, Baker County is an attractive location for business expansions that are making a different through their capital investments and the creation of new high wage jobs.

If you enjoy being outdoors and relaxing with family and friends, you will have many options in Baker County. If your favorite activities include swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, camping, hunting, or grilling out, we've got you covered. You might choose Shoals Park, over 2400 acres of hiking, ATV, and equestrian trails or Ocean Pond, a 1500-acre lake in western Baker County, with picnic areas and modern camp sites. You could also choose the St. Mary's River or Little St. Mary's River, pristine waterways that will take you back to nature, or you might choose the Osceola National Forest, a federally managed forest of 220,000 acres, which provides some of the best hiking and hunting in Florida.



Darryl Register Executive Director

We are proud of our Chamber members, their products and services. When you are considering a purchase of goods or services, I encourage you to consider local options. Because of our growth, we have more local options for goods, services and entertainment than we have ever had before. Join with me in supporting the businesses that support our local economy.

#### **Come Grow with us!**



#### On the Cover

The Old Baker County Courthouse, now the Emily Taber Public Library, was built in 1908. It is at 14 McIver Ave. West in Macclenny is one of four properties in the county on the National Register of Historic Places. Architect Edward C. Hosford designed several county courthouses in Florida and Georgia from 1906-1910, and the Baker Courthouse was known for its architectural "significance" during that era.

# Destinations Baker County

#### **Parks**

Heritage Park Village 102 S Lowder St, Macclenny 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Daily

Heritage Park offers a unique collection of community history showcasing the lives and traditions of generations from residents of Macclenny and Baker County Florida.

Baker County, established in 1883 in northeast Florida and The City of Macclenny was later incorporated 1885. Macclenny was originally called Darbyville, but the town was later renamed in 1885 for its founder, H.C. Macclenny, who owned large tracts of land in the vicinity. Macclenny and Baker County is an area rich with



history and traditions. Many of our area's current residents are direct descendants of the pioneering families that settled here in the 1800s. The legacy of those families and their traditions can be found in some the exhibits and mini-museums inside Heritage Park Village.



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#### Celebration Park 10046 S Glen Ave. Glen St. Mary

Celebration Park, located adjacent to city hall, features a large gazebo along with a fountain and large shady trees. It is great for weddings and other get togethers.

#### Olustee Battlefield 5815 Battlefield Trail Road, Sanderson 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily

More than 10,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery troops fought a five-hour battle in a pine forest near Olustee. Three U.S. Col-

ored Troops took part in the battle, including the now famous 54th Massachusetts. The battle ended with 2,807 casualties and the retreat of Union troops to Jacksonville until the war's end just 14 months later.

In 1912, when many living Civil War veterans still attended reunions, the battle-field became the state's first historic site.

Visitors can enjoy a meal at the picnic area or take a walk along a mile-long trail that has interpretive signs describing the events of the battle.

A reenactment is held every February. Scenes for Civil War movies, including the 1989 movie "Glory," have been filmed during the reenactments.







## Destinations

#### **Baker County**

Memorial Park 160 West Blvd, Macclenny 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.



#### Osceola National Forest www.fs.usda.gov/osceola

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St. Mary's Shoals Park has preserved what wild Florida looked like a century in the past. The property is located along the Florida-Georgia border and is flanked by the St. Mary's River on its northern boundary. Fishing ponds, pavilions, restrooms, and water access are available for public usage. There is also public access to nearly 2 miles of the tannin-stained St. Mary's River and white sandy shores.

#### John M Bethea State Forest www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/ Florida-Forest-Service/Our-Forests/ State-Forests/John-M.-Bethea-State-Forest

The Florida Forest Service acquired John M. Bethea State Forest in 2001. This State Forest is named in honor of John M. Bethea, who served as State Forester for over 17 years, from 1970 to 1987. Bethea attended the University of Florida, and in 1941 received a bachelor's degree in forestry from the School of Forest Resources and Conservation. He was a member of the National Association of State Foresters, the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, and the Florida Forestry Association, and he was inducted into the Society of American Foresters Hall of Fame.



#### **Shopping**

#### The Weathered Wheel 6 W Macclenny Ave, Macclenny

Furniture and home decor store specializing in refurbished, up-cycled, vintage and custom built farmhouse style furniture.

#### Rachels Farmhouse 238 E Macclenny Ave, Macclenny

Established in 1998, Rachels has handmade furniture and antiques, wood carved folk art, metal art, fabric and art supplies.

#### Franklin Mercantile 7184 E Franklin St, Glen St. Mary

Franklin Mercantile is a quaint establishment that offers a variety of goods and services to the local community.











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PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CATHY MENDOLERA

Cathy and Sam Mendolera have turned a 127-year-old building into the Franklin Mercantile, the cozy focal point of antiques, housewares, games, arts, crafts and community gatherings in Glen St. Marys.

# General store where you can find arts, crafts, collectibles, hometown charm and more

GLEN ST. MARY – To building inspectors and the rest of the community, the building at 7184 E. Franklin St. was once a dilapidated shanty of broken boards, years of neglect and no hope.

But sisters Cathy Mendolera and Tonda Griffis had more than a vision for the property. They used their imagination and optimism 34 years ago to create what's emerged as a folksy center of activity for the community.

"It's a building that was built around 1897, and it was always an interest to me," Cathy said. "I hated the thought of the place being torn down. "So, we grabbed it [in 1991] and restored it. A lot of the community has been very, very supportive about it. When we open the door, they forgive us when we're closed. They keep coming back. Right now, we're only open Fridays and Saturdays, and we're closed in the summer."

The Franklin Mercantile has a little of this, a little of that and a whole lot of hometown charm. Visitors can sift through scrapbooks or play checkers on the porch. They can swap stories with strangers and exchange phone numbers. Life moves so



The biggest event of the year is the Christmas Open House, where Franklin Mercantile serves bread pudding and apple cider, children's ornaments, decorations, and holiday cheer.

"When you talk about taking a stroll down memory lane, that's us. Sometimes, we actually sell a little something."

- Cathy Mendolera

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comfortably that nobody thinks of checking their watches or getting on social media.

"We have arts and crafts. There's original art in there, antiques, collectibles, home decor, and it's just simple, hometown kind of stuff, right? Yeah, yeah, definitely the atmosphere, you know, is slow pace, friendly," Cathy said. "When you talk about taking a stroll down memory lane, that's us. Sometimes, we actually sell a little something."

Cathy's husband, Sam, bought out Tonda, years ago. Together, they now spend the summer months exploring swap shops, yard sales and shows, looking for antiques and unique gifts. The Franklin Mercantile re-opens on Oct. 25, leading to one of the biggest weekends of the year, the Christmas Open House on Nov. 29-30. After that, the store will be open three days a week, adding Thursday, for Christmas.

"We will be having our 33rd annual

Christmas open house on Thanksgiving weekend," Cathy said.

"After that, we're open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, instead of just Friday and Saturday. We go set the woods on fire!"

Cathy enjoys the holidays the most because they emphasize everything that makes small-town living unique.

"We're the essence of small-town Christmas celebration," she said. "It's just a happy time with our open houses. We do bread pudding and hot apple cider. People just come and eat that stuff up. We let the kids pick out their ornaments and put their names on them. We also did a lot of handmade decorations at that time of year, but we incorporated antiques and vintage. Then, we also have an art gallery area, and people come in and take pictures with the children in front of the trees. It's such a joy."

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# 'A peaceful place' Osceola National Forest

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You'll never know what wildlife you'll encounter along the forest's many recreational trails: Osceola Wilderness Trail, Blue Horse Trail and more.

The National Forest Service has described the Osceola National Forest as "a peaceful place where people come to escape their busy lives and reconnect with the land" and "a tranquil setting for first-rate hunting, fishing and swimming opportunities."

The Osceola Ranger Station in Olustee has visitor information and restrooms on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Discover nature and history during hikes through the forest. The forest was named after Osceola, a Seminole warrior and leader during the Second Seminole

One of the park's most popular paths is through Olustee Battlefield State Park, the largest Civil War Battlefield in Florida. The historic battlefield hosts a battle reenactment — the largest in the Southeast — every year on the third weekend in February.

The battle was fought initially on Feb. 20, 1864, near Ocean Pond. It was ultimately a Confederate victory. The Union and Confederate sides suffered about 1,000 casualties each. Some 300 soldiers were killed in the conflict.

#### **Lewis D. Whitaker Shooting**

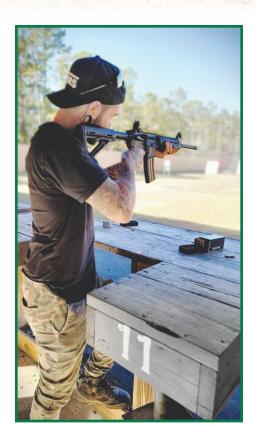
Speaking of guns, the newest addition to the Osceola National Forest is the Lewis D. Whitaker Osceola Shooting

Range. Admission is free, and the unsupervised facility offers rifle and handgun ranges and an elevated archery range. However, shotguns are strictly prohibited, except for shooting shotgun slugs, and alcohol is also strictly prohibited.

#### **Tranquility**

Want something tranquil? Visit Ocean Pond, Baker County's only true beach. The 1,760-acre natural lake offers sparkling water for fishing, swimming, kayaking and canoeing.





The Lewis D. Whitaker Osceola Shooting Range is a free gun range for pistols and all kinds of rifles - except shotguns.



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Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park was the site of the largest Civil War battle in 1864 and is home to the largest Civil War reenactment in the Southeast on the third weekend every

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#### BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### **Mission Statement**

The Board of County Commissioners is a five-member board elected to represent the citizens of Baker County. Each member represents a district but is elected countywide. The commission establishes policies and appoints a county administrator to implement the policies and manage the operation of the county. The commission adopts the millage rate annually and approves the budget, which determines the expenditures and revenue necessary to operate all county departments. The powers and duties of the county commission are established by Florida Statutes, Chapter 125.

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# Medicare Annual Enrollment for 2025 is just around the corner

Every year, we hear advertisements claiming changes to Medicare—heck, they're even saying there are changes in the middle of the year now! A lot of that is misleading. But this year, we're actually going to see some pretty significant changes to Medicare, thanks in large part to the Inflation Reduction Act. While many of these changes are beneficial and will save people a lot of money, there are also a few that may impact some folks in less favorable ways.

Let's start with the good stuff. Beginning in 2025, the infamous "donut hole" in Medicare prescription drug plans will be gone! Plus, there will finally be a maximum out-of-pocket limit on Part D prescription drug plans—set at \$2,000. For those who are used to reaching Medicare's donut hole, this should result in significant savings next year. From the examples we've seen so far, someone taking a single name-brand medication will likely hit their maximum out-of-pock-

et by July or August. Once they've hit that limit, they won't pay anything more at the pharmacy for their medications for the rest of the year.

In addition to these changes, we'll also see two new categories of prescription drug plans: Basic and Enhanced. The new \$2,000 maximum out-of-pocket applies to Basic plans. If your plan is classified as Enhanced, you may not actually reach that \$2,000 max. If you take name-brand medications, it's essential to ask your agent if they understand the difference between Basic and Enhanced drug plans to ensure your costs are as controlled as possible.

One byproduct of the Inflation Reduction Act, and the resulting reduction in drug costs for people on Medicare, is that some plans are tightening the belt on their older, less well-performing options. So, what does that mean for you? It means that several plans won't be renewing next year.



This creates a unique opportunity for many people. You'll have a couple of choices: you can either select another Medicare Advantage plan, like an HMO or PPO, that has your doctors in-network and covers your medications, or you can take advantage of the opportunity to enroll in a Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plan without having to answer health questions.

So, if you've been wanting a Plan F or Plan G but couldn't qualify due to health reasons, and you're being involuntarily disenrolled from your current Medicare Advantage plan, you may be able to switch to one of these Supplement plans without needing to pass any health screenings.

With all these changes coming, it's easy to feel overwhelmed, but you don't have to navigate Medicare alone. Give us a call, and we'll walk you through everything step-by-step to make sure you're in the best spot for 2025. We're here to help—so let's make sure your Medicare works for you!



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#### Mossy oaks, whispering pines replace the deadly site of war -but not the memories

OLUSTEE – Except for the occasional throaty growl of a dump truck rambling down U.S. Highway 90 a few yards away, the solitude and quietness at Olustee Battleground are almost deafening.

The grass now is cut; the driveway is manicured. But it is still easy to envision more than 10,500 people fighting, often hand-to-hand, in a desperate attempt by the Confederate forces at Ocean Pond

to keep Florida's food chain open. Then fighters also wanted to keep Florida from falling into the hands of the Union, to take timber, cotton and turpentine from the area and to keep Blacks from being recruited into the Union armies.

Just close your eyes and let your imagination wander. You can still hear the cannons echoing throughout the cypress swamp, palmetto scrubs, cypresses and

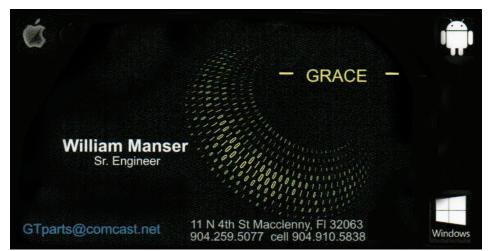
pine forests. You can almost smell the acrid odor of gunpowder. And you can be horrified to hear lives being ripped apart by musket fire, cannonballs and idealogy.

In a matter of hours, it was over. The first shot was fired shortly after noon on Feb. 20, 1864. By dusk, 203 Union soldiers were dead, another 1,152 were wounded and 506 were reported missing – many from the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment and the 35th United

States Colored Troops, both composed of Black soldiers. The 54th Massachusett's Volunteer Infantry Regiment was featured in the movie "Glory." Many of the scenes in the movie were filmed at Olustee during three days of re-enactments every February.

The Confederacy lost 92 men, while 847 were wounded and six went missing.

Many are still there, left nearly 159 years ago for the animals or lost in the marshy







thicket.

With so many injured and missing soldiers, the exact number of the dead will never be known. Historians believe at least 400 were buried around the property.

The Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park is dedicated to preserving the legacies of those who died – and to the history of that day.

The visitor's center has old uniforms from both armies, as well as a video presentation of the deadliest battle in Florida history. While the center is often left unmanned, the doors are unlocked and opened for exploring.

The State of Florida purchased three acres of the original 270-acre battleground to make Olustee the state's first historic site.

There is no entry fee unless there's a special event like the annual re-enactment on Feb. 14-16. The park, located at 5815 Battlefield Trail Road, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The focal points are a monument section that honors Confederate soldiers who turned back troops who were sent to disrupt the South's food chain and a cemetery that pays reverence to the North's

The Union army grossly underestimated the size and determination of the Confederate fighters, and they were trapped by swamps on both sides so they couldn't easily maneuver.

Confederate soldiers, who were led by Gen. Joseph Finegan, eventually turned back the Union's advance with many escaping to Jacksonville. The death toll could have been more substantial, but Finegan didn't hunt down soldiers while they retreated.

Many soldiers from both sides had experienced battles, but most said the fighting at Olustee was especially brutal.

Union Lt. Frederick E. Grossman was sent to the battlefield in 1866 to recover the remains of the North's soldiers. He found about 125 of them, and he buried them in a mass grave. In all, about 400 soldiers were buried or believed to be lost on the battlefield.

A 12-foot-high wooden cross was erected where many believed the mass grave existed.

In 1991, a marble replica was added to the cemetery. While there are no records of the exact location of the wooden cross, the current location is supposed to be near the mass grave site.

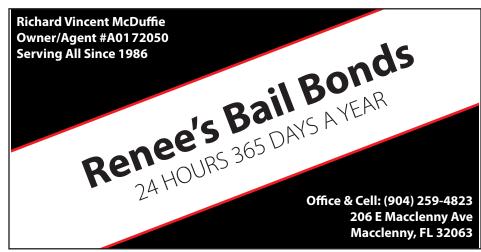
The Confederate dead were buried at Oaklawn Cemetery in Lake City.

Every year, the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park Citizens Support Organization, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection-Recreation and Parks, the Blue-Grey Army and USDA Forest Service-Osceola National Forest, present a reenactment to make sure the haunting memories – and historic significance of the era – of the bloodiest battle in Florida history are never forgotten.









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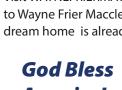
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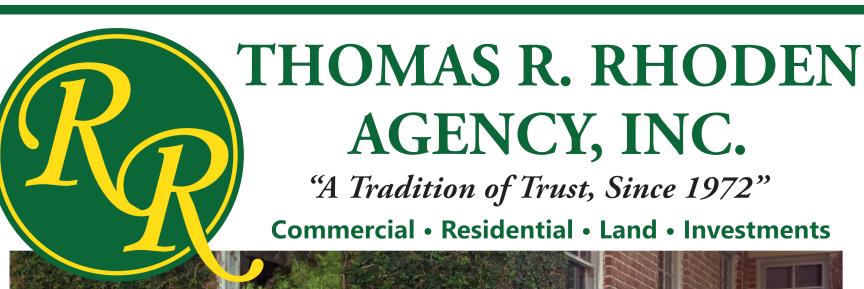
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The restaurant is at 457 W Macclenny Ave. It's attached to the Royalty Gas and Smoke gas station, which helps garner customers from along I-10. While many customers are "just passing through," the restaurant boasts a dedicated local clientele. After all, the closest Chick-fil-A is more than 32 miles away.

Patrons describe the Coop as a "cozy

eatery." Stepping inside the attached gas station restaurant, you'll be confronted with a pleasant, unexpected country culinary experience from the decorations on the wall to the menu on the board.

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The Coop in Macclenny doesn't run fowl with its approach to preparing chicken. The mood is light, but the food is serious at 457 W Macclenny Ave.



with nothing ... I still have most of it left."

The kitchen crew sports a similarly funny and friendly demeanor — very much in line with the restaurant's southern hospitality roots.

Orders of 20 wings are \$23.99, and orders of 20 or more can be split into two flavors

Flavors range from mild, medium or hot based on the patron's pallet. The

options include Buffalo, BBQ, BBQ Lime, Cajun Ranch, Ranch, 6 Pepper, Butter Garlic Pepper Parmesan, Kicken Chicken Butter Garlic, Honey BBQ, Honey Mustard, Honey Lime, Lemon Pepper, Golden Ranch, Teriyaki, Fool's Gold and Garlic Ranch.

In other words, something for everyone. The restaurant opens at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. It is closed on the weekend







# Plant industry deeply rooted in mixed in mixed cultures

Even though it was founded as a township in 1881, Glen St. Mary's rich history dates back to its earliest known inhabitants, the Timucuan Indians. They inhabited this area until the early 1700's when they were replaced by the Creeks and Seminoles, who drifted into this area and settled. At the end of the Second Spanish Period, a different settler moved in – American pioneers.

Relentlessly, this new pioneer slowly, but ever so surely, eased in and crowded the Native Americans out.

Considered the first permanent white settlers in Glen, Daniel John Mann and his wife, LeVicy, arrived in 1829. They set up housekeeping among the Native Americans and began to work the land. In the same year, another pioneer by the name of

John Barber settled here. He was killed before the end of the year in a pre-dawn Native American attack. Many other pioneers closely followed – some digging in to stay a while, others eventually moving on.

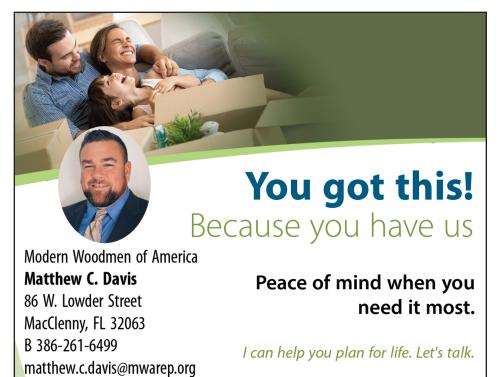
By 1850, this area was known as the Cotton Field, becoming even more populated because of the vital crop. After the Civil War, however, there was a great shifting of the population, and those once-productive fields were largely abandoned. They were picked up for taxes by a new influx of Northerners and displaced Southerners from the Old Dominion and the Carolinas Charly W. Turner, a native of New York arrived in May of 1869. He constructed a small sawmill lumber house on the present site of the Glen Nurseries. Most of the land in the area at that time was controlled by a Mr. James Barnett, a lumber and naval stores operator.

After the rediscovery of Florida during the post-Civil War boom, a young Chicago stockbroker came to Florida in 1881 on the advice of his physician. Touring the countryside, he fell in love with the area. He purchased a tract of land off the St. Mary's River and began to plant an orchard.

Becoming interested in the plant industry, he formed a partnership with Thomas Beath in 1882 and began the Glen St. Mary Nursery Company, starting out with 1,600 acres of abandoned cotton fields. Soon after Mr. Beath left the business, the company began to grow. George Taber became a charter member of the Florida State Horticulture Society and served as its president.

Since 1881, the Glen St. Mary area had grown to such proportions that by 1885 the Board of County Commissioners set up a committee composed of Charles Eiserman, W.H. Congleton, H.L. Reed and George Taber to divide the area of land separating Sanderson from Darbyville. This new district would become officially known as Glen St. Mary, District No. 5. Local historians credit Taber for having named the township.

After a disastrous freeze in the late 1890s, Taber refused to move his business to warmer climates. He encouraged other growers to stay in north Florida – determined more than ever to develop cold tolerant plants and learn new ways to protect plants from the cold. As a result of



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his dedication and hard work, thousands of acres in Florida had their beginning at the Glen St. Mary Nursery. The nursery expanded its operation to South Florida allowing it to supply plants throughout the Southeastern United States, Central and South America, China, India, Spain and Russia. The Rio Grande Valley of Texas began growing citrus with Glen stock. The Satsuma Orange, Temple Orange, Kumquat, Weaver Dogwood and the Magnolia St. Mary all originated at the Glen St. Mary Nursery. One of our proudest symbols is the George L. Taber Azalea.

While vacationing in North Florida, Ohio resident Alverdo Geitgey was so impressed with the community that he eventually invested in 12,700 acres of Baker County land making him the first real estate developer. Plotting out the town, he named the streets after U.S. presidents and some of Glen's horticultural products. His real estate pamphlets, many being sent north by the Taber family's influence, lured buyers from all over, directly affecting the economic surge of growth to the community

At the turn of the century, Glen St. Mary was a thriving little town. Within the township limits were at least three boarding houses, two general stores, a doctor's office with pharmacy, a train depot, an ice-cream parlor, a livery stable, a cotton and lumber mill, a large strawberry farm, a boom citrus and lumber industry, a non-alcoholic billiard hall, various churches and their crowning glory, the Glen St. Mary Nursery. All of this industry took place south of U.S. Highway 90, then just a dirt road.

It was a time when businesses, professional offices and families peacefully co-existed and prospered within Glen St. Mary. The townspeople worked hard, played hard and were proud of where they lived. Even in its heyday, it was still quite homey, with large oak trees lining our main street, planted by one of the most successful pioneering families, the Tabers.

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"The ATV side is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The walking side is open seven days a week, morning to dusk," Harvey said. The park closes 40 minutes before sunset.

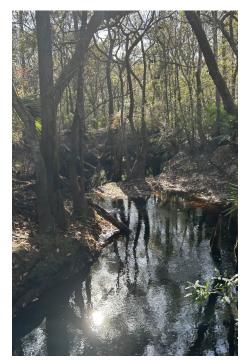
Park visitation costs \$5 a day or every day with a \$30 annual pass for passenger vehicles and vehicles with trailers, off-highway vehicles and commercial vehicles. Besides single and multitrack riding and pedestrian and horse trails, there are many activities for families to enjoy, including nearly two miles of the tannin-stained St. Mary's River and white sandy shores.

'We also have access to Cedar Creek," Harvey said.

So what exactly is there to do at the

"We're just now letting people bring their kayaks to designated kayak launch points to enjoy the river," he said.

Besides kayaking, shallow banks make for a perfect area to wade in or go for a swim. If you feel like relaxing for a while, then there are plenty of places with wide



sandy banks to put out a towel and sun bathe.

In addition to the various ponds scattered across the park, fishing is also available anywhere along the banks of the St. Mary's River or Ceder Creek, which runs through the middle of the park.

Other amenities include pavilions, restrooms and water access for public use. St. Mary's Shoals Park is also the largest off-highway geocaching location in Baker County. With 2,642 acres, the county website calls it a "geocaching paradise."

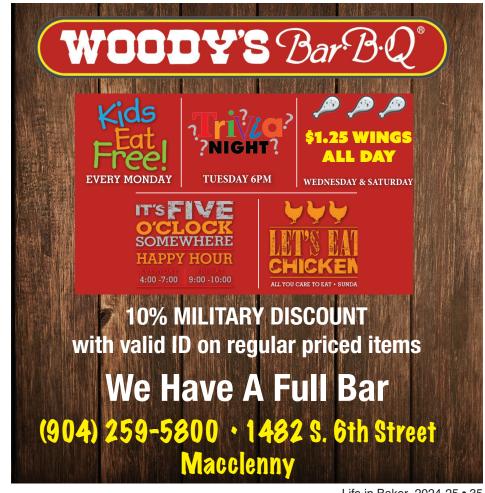
Geocaching is a treasure-hunting game where you use a GPS to hide and seek containers around the property, usually with other participants. However, it's not a

race but a nice walk for everyone to enjoy the area where much wildlife can be seen. And there is much more to look forward to, Harvey said.

"We are currently working with the county manager to let people camp on the property. The county is on board with it on a limited basis on primitive camping."

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Darbyville became known as McClenny. McClenny developed many businesses there related to lumber: harvesting the wood, sawmills to process it, turpentine, and land. The town name McClenny was changed to the current name of The City of Macclenny because the post office department had a rule against using capital letters in the middle of a name. The first post office in Macclenny was established in 1890.

There were settlers in Macclenny as early as 1829, but it was not until after the Civil War that more people began to settle there. In 1888 most of the town residents were killed in a yellow fever epidemic. The population was 334

in 1890. The town gradually recovered. By 2000, residents increased to 4,500. The 2016 population was estimated at 6562.

Macclenny is located in eastern Baker County at 28 miles west of downtown Jacksonville. U.S. Route 90 (Macclenny Avenue) runs through the center of town, and Interstate 10 passes through the southern tip of the town, with access from Exit 335 (State Road 121). Lake City is 32 miles to the west, and the Florida–Georgia border is 6 miles to the north. Clay County namely, Middleburg and Clay Hill is about 15 minutes from Macclenny from 218 to 301 to 228 into the city.

Macclenny offers a comfortably down home country feel with true southern charm. Beautiful lakes, shoppes, parks and a rich sense of history. Residents and visitors out for a drive from neighboring town will find plenty of delicious restaurants and shopping.





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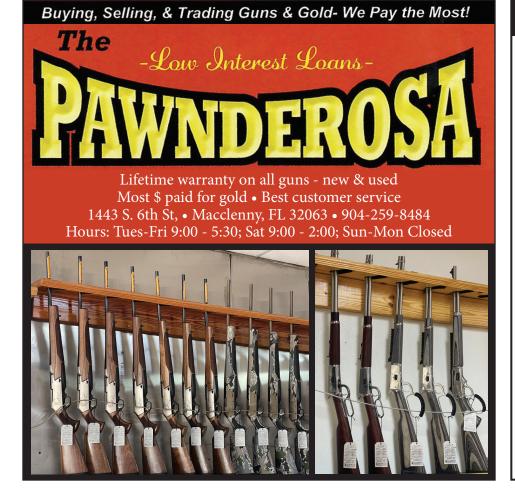
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