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City accepts BP settlement

Commission sets lighthouse relocation timeline

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The budget season began for Port St. Joe city commissioners on Tuesday, and there was a bonus on the ledger.

Commissioners opened the process for crafting next fiscal year's budget during a workshop, and among the items on the revenue side was more than half a million dollars from BP.

Several meetings ago, commissioners approved attorneys to reach a final number, and the oil giant's final compensation to the city for the 2010 Deepwater Horizon spill totaled \$675,000 to settle all outstanding city claims.

After attorney's fees and oth-

er costs, the city netted \$539,000, which city manager Jim Anderson said sits in a segregated account.

And commissioners and staff came armed with a wish list of projects that are beyond the general fund budget but will serve as suggestions for spending the money.

That wish list includes improvements to the Centennial Building, the 10th Street ball fields, the demolition and development of the old Gulf Pines

Hospital site and, maybe most importantly, funding refinance charges on a loan with Regions Bank.

Commissioners are examining ways to refinance that loan, which has a balloon payment in 2015, in order to maintain the lowest interest rate possible on long-term debt city manager Jim Anderson noted is approaching \$20 million.

Looming on the horizon, commissioners are waiting on the bidding for relocation of the

Cape San Blas Lighthouse into the city.

Clay Smallwood with Preble Rish Engineers mapped out the timeline for commissioners, as soil borings and testing of the new site have been completed.

The city also discussed and will take over administration of a grant secured by the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency (PSJRA) that will underwrite the foundation construction for

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'The dog finds you'

A kinship renewed through DAWGS program

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Julia Cunningham thought she was finished with dogs after losing her beloved white lab Sandman over the winter.

Vince Bishop had never experienced ownership of a dog he could call his own.

That the couple would come to adopt a dog from the 27th graduating class of the DAWGS in Prison program serves as an example of what makes the program a success.

After losing Sandman, Cunningham said she was finished with dogs, at least for the time being.

"I had just lost the love my life, my Sandman," Cunningham said. "I wasn't ready."

But neighbor Sandi Christy, the co-director of DAWGS (Developing Adoptable dogs with Good Sociability) in Prison, asked if Cunningham and Bishop could serve as foster parents for 10 days for a dog about to enter the program.

"Maybe she sensed something, I don't know," Cunningham laughed.

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Vince Bishop and his new first mate, Barley.



With its 27th graduating class, DAWGS in Prison has now saved 293 Humane Society shelter dogs.

BOCC sends garbage issue to voters

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Having looked at options for addressing the costs of solid waste collection in the county for several months, the Board of County Commissioners decided Monday to let the voters decide on a direction.

During a special meeting, commissioners — Commissioner Warren Yeager was absent — approved a referendum on a one cent sales tax to fund mandatory garbage collection in county.

The referendum, commissioners decided, would be held at the next general election in the fall of 2014.

The county, administrator Don Butler said, should enter into discussions immediately with each municipality to determine their course of action.

The cities of Port St. Joe and Wewahatchka would collect a share of the one cent sales tax.

However, whether they followed the county's lead in devoting those funds to rid the county of garbage bills remains to be seen.

"It would be nice for the city of Port St.

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Port foreclosure hearing this week

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A circuit court hearing on foreclosure proceedings against the Port of Port St. Joe by Capital City Bank was scheduled to be held Wednesday.

The hearing was scheduled after this newspaper went to print (go to www.starfl.com for any updates) but Port Authority attorney Tom Gibson has indicated he would be surprised if Circuit Court Judge Shonna Gay Young makes an immediate decision on the competing motions for summary judgment.

With both sides seeking summary judgment, there are no legal facts in dispute, Gibson said.

The bank is seeking foreclosure on a mortgage of more than \$4 million on land that the Port Authority transformed into a barge terminal bulkhead with uplands site.

The so-called Parcel B sits below the Tapper Bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway from the old Arizona Chemical site.

The Port Authority has not made payments on the principal for several years.

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Scallop festival receives makeover

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Next weekend marks the start of the annual Scallop Festival in Port St. Joe and this year's festivities will see two weekends worth of activities where an expected 8,000 attendees will celebrate Port St. Joe's favorite mollusk.

Though the Scallop Festival is in its 17th year, the faces behind the event are new.

Chamber Director Paula Pickett was instrumental in gathering the music and volunteers for the 2013 celebration, but it was chamber newcomer Chellsey O'Neil who coordinated the layout of the event.

O'Neil recently graduated from Florida State University with a degree in event management and worked to create an organized festival that she hopes will be consistent from year to year. For someone who up until now had focused on

coordinating weddings, O'Neil welcomed the challenge of tackling Port St. Joe's largest event.

"It really opened up a door for me to learn on a big scale," she said. "It's been a good experience."

This year's layout will condense vendors, music and seating to create an atmosphere that will allow attendees to celebrate together rather than be widely spread out.

In addition, Pickett and O'Neil have also worked to qual-

ify vendors, ensuring booths aren't repetitive and they are selling products suitable to the festival.

Other updates for this year's fest will include a streamline of the registration process for vendors, a green room for participating musicians, an on-site information and first-aid tent, a VIP tent for event sponsors, and the amount of scallop cooks will be increased to shorten lines for

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An endangered green turtle called "Mayday" was released into the Gulf after its pneumonia cleared up.

Endangered green sea turtle released in Gulf

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An endangered juvenile green sea turtle was released back into the wild last week after being rescued from the Apalachicola Bay in May by a local fisherman. The turtle, affectionately named "Mayday," was taken to Gulf World in Panama City, where it was diagnosed with pneumonia and had

abscesses on its shell due to growth and debris in the water. Mayday underwent rehabilitation for two months and on Wednesday, was finally returned to sea. Stephanie Nagle, an Education Coordinator with Gulf World Marine Institute oversaw the process of getting Mayday back in the water. A crowd of more than 50 spectators also lined the beach in Beacon Hill. Nagle stressed the

importance of returning the turtles close to where they find them. "We don't want to release them too far off the beaten path," she said. Mayday is believed to be between 10-12 years in age, which makes her a juvenile. Most sea turtles don't reach maturity until they are over 20 and most live somewhere between 60-80 years. Nagle said, "He's just a baby." In addition to beach-

visiting families and the media, members of the St. Andrews Turtle Watch out of Bay County were on-hand to encourage Mayday in his return to the Gulf. After a quick rest in the sand, Mayday felt the water and quickly shuffled his way head-first into the surf. Those on shore cheered and waved goodbye. Kids kept their eyes on the turtle for as long as they could and sent words of encouragement with him.

For Nagle, seeing an event like this reminded of her of why she'd dedicated more than two years to rescuing marine mammals across the Gulf. "Working with sea animals has been a long dream of mine," she said. "I'm very excited to be a part of this." Gulf World Marine Institute is a non-profit organization and part of the Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Network and the Sea

Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network. The group works with turtles and dolphins that need rescue rehabilitation or release and is the only long-term marine mammal rehabilitation facility in Northern Florida. Over the years, its team has come to the aid of thousands of sick or debilitated stranded marine animals. For more information on how to get involved, visit their website at www.gulfworldmarineinstitute.org.

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"Maybe she was playing with me." Bishop is a longtime supporter of DAWGS, donating the program's website and website updates through his company Server Solutions. Cunningham is a longtime supporter of the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society. The dog, whose name is now Barley in recognition of Bishop's favorite beverage, came to live with the couple as foster parents pending training and it didn't take long before Cunningham was smitten. The dog, a lab/spaniel mix, reminded Cunningham of Sandman and Maggie, a beagle breed owned by Cunningham that had also passed in recent years. "He's perfect," Cunningham said. "He is such a blend of Sandman and Maggie. The dog finds you; that's what happens. You don't find the dog, the

dog finds you." As for Bishop, "He fell in love with it," Cunningham said. There were, of course, some issues with Barley, another dog in the long line of canine that have navigated the DAWGS program after being raised in less than ideal circumstances. While dogs are screened by the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society for temperament, health and ability to be trained, they share one thing: they are alone and facing an uncertain future before entering the eight weeks of training in the DAWGS program. Barley was showing signs of experiencing separation anxiety while alone at the couple's home and would nip the hands that fed and pet him. But 10 days after dropping Barley off at the Gulf Forestry Camp where the training with inmate teams takes place,

Cunningham said the changes were dramatic. She and Bishop brought Barley home for a weekend, still serving as foster parents to Barley. "He was a totally different dog," Cunningham said. "He is very smart and he was just so much better." During the eight weeks of training, Christy's primary task, one she works tirelessly at, is to match dogs with potential "forever" homes and families. The fit must be right and Christy and her co-director Judy Miick, along with Humane Society director Melody Townsend, expend considerable time and energy to making the perfect match. To date, 293 dogs have been trained and adopted into new homes. The program has experienced just one instance in which the match did not find traction. As Christy reviewed the applications for Barley, none seemed to fit all the proper parameters. Meanwhile Cunningham and Bishop were becoming more attached, less foster and more forever parents. "I finally told Vince we really should make up our mind," Cunningham said with a laugh. "Now he is graduated and he is just the perfect part of the family." Barley, Cunningham said, is about two years old and "has so much energy." And he carries daily reminders for

Cunningham of best friends lost and new friends found. She sees Sandman in the way Barley lays at her feet, for instance. As he picks at his food, she sees Maggie. "The things he does are so much like a blend of those two dogs it is amazing," Cunningham said. The DAWGS in Prison program has not only graduated nearly 300 dogs in just over four years, it has seen nearly the same number of inmates - who must apply, interview and maintain rigorous standards to be part of the program - "graduate." The inmates move up the chain from caretaker to handler to trainer to lead trainer, honing skills that a number have used once out behind bars to become productive in life. One inmate, behind bars for half his 40 years before being accepted into the DAWGS program, works with animals in the Pacific Northwest. Another found work with an animal shelter in Central Florida. They learn during those eight weeks almost as much as the dogs. "They learn the little steps," Cunningham said. "They are learning patience, compassion, discipline. We did work with the inmates and they seemed to really care about the dogs and worked great with the dogs. They become as much success stories as the DAWGS graduate trained to be diabetic alert dog



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Parker was named Top Dog in the 27th graduating class of the DAWGS in Prison program and is now living in New Jersey with a family with two young boys.

that saved his owner's life. Or the dog trained to be a companion for an autistic child, helping that child better cope with his challenges. "There are so many things good things about that program," Cunningham said. "Everything is right with that program." In addition to Cunningham and Bishop, one couple at the June 26 graduation was adopting their second graduate from DAWGS. Parker, named the Top Dog in the class, is in New Jersey with a family of two young boys. Because of strict spay/neuter laws in swaths

of the Northeast, the demand for adoptable dogs is high. Since its inception the DAWGS program has sent dozens of dogs to the Northeast corridor, Christy said. The most recent graduates were sent to six states: Alabama, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Florida, Christy said. With graduation of one class comes the arrival of another, an eight-dog class that will graduate Aug. 21. For more information on the DAWGS in Prison program visit the website www.dawgsinprison.com.

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the lighthouse once moved.

The city will advertise for bids for the project — moving the lighthouse, keepers' quarters and oil house from their current location on Air Force land on Cape San Blas to a site next to George Core Park — from Aug. 1-8.

A pre-bid conference will be Aug. 15 with the awarding of the final day for accepting bids Aug. 29.

The hope, Smallwood said, is to have a recommendation for award at the Sept. 1 commission meeting.

"We want to get it done as soon as we can," Mayor Mel Magidson said.

The city continues to wait on an actual deed for the structures from the federal government.

The bids, Smallwood said, will provide the template for how the structures will be moved — various scenarios have been offered informally, from moving overland to using a barge or even helicopter.

The bids also will offer a window into a definitive price for the project, which has been the subject of much public debate.

The city has a \$325,000 historic preservation grant from the city and some \$40,000 raised by the St. Joseph Historical Society.

The PSJRA also has placed in its budget some funding for the lighthouse project, though the PSJRA board has yet to formally convey any of the funds to the city.

The city submitted a request for more than \$900,000 for the relocation to the county

After attorney's fees and other costs, the city netted \$539,000 from BP. Commissioner's wish list includes improvements to the Centennial Building, the 10th Street ball fields, the demolition and development of the old Gulf Pines Hospital site and, maybe most importantly, funding refinancing charges on a loan with Regions Bank.

RESTORE Act committee, but the mayor has said during past meetings that he has received informal estimates between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

Tentative millage rate

For the sixth consecutive year, commissioners adopted a "planning" tentative millage with full intent of coming down as close to the current millage as possible.

By law, taxing authorities have 30 days, or until Aug. 1, to provide the property appraiser and Florida Department of Revenue a proposed millage rate.

That is the rate showing up on Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices going out to property owners.

However, while crafting the budget, the taxing authority may still move down on its millage; but it is locked in from going any higher.

The city adopted an increase

of one mill — a mill equals \$1 for every \$1,000 in assessed taxable property value — but commissioners emphasized they had little intention of levying that mill.

"We know we are going to come down," Magidson said. "We've consciously left taxes and millage the same in recent years because water rates were going up. We didn't want to hit people twice."

Water and sewer rates are set to rise again in the fall for the third-straight year.

The city's current millage of 3.5914 is the lowest in the county. The city also realized the only increase in value to its mill this year, with an increase of \$10,021 to the general fund.

Water, water

Commissioners, again expressing frustration with the slow pace of information on a water study from water plant de-

signer CDM Smith, entertained several recommendations for addressing water issues short and long term.

Plant manager Larry McLamma said the city is coming up on some of its most important annual water testing for the state and the lack of unidirectional maintenance flushing since early in the year is an issue.

The flushing was ceased for the CDM water study, but with the study well behind schedule — an initial report expected months ago remains at least a week away, Smallwood said — McLamma emphasized the need to resume flushing, particularly as water complaints have increased recently.

Smallwood said he would talk to David Kozan of CDM Smith about the flushing and indicated he did not see a major problem with resuming the flushing.

Commissioner Rex Buzzett said he had been in conversations with staff at the Northwest Florida Water Management District about the viability of securing a grant to run new pipe the

17-mile length of the freshwater canal to bring water directly from the Chipola River Pump Station to the water plant.

The clarity of the water in the canal has been an issue since the plant opened. Mowing along the canal is a constant need, and tree sap and other contaminants fall into the water on the way to the plant.

By piping the water and making improvements to the pump station, the city could be in position to be the regional water supplier the NFWFMD hopes the city to be, once it solves the discoloration issue, Buzzett suggested

Buzzett noted the water management district has funds in reserve it has been instructed by state legislators to expend on water projects throughout the region.

Finally, Smallwood said the USDA had moved paperwork ahead on the sidewalk project for MLK Boulevard, approval of which has held up the water and sewer line replacement for streets in the neighborhood of North Port St. Joe.

BESHEARS TOWN HALL

Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Republican Party will sponsor a town hall meeting with state Rep. Halsey Beshears, who represents Gulf County in the Florida Legislature.

The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will be 5-6 p.m. ET Monday, July 29, in the community room at Capital City Bank in Port St. Joe.

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Reality is— we are so lost

By Ed McAteer
Special to The Star

I love America, and I am still convinced it is the best place on this planet to live. I love its abundance of blessings, and the freedoms it offers to worship my God and be part of an effort to publicize His original message to mankind in a manner unmatched and unwanted in most countries.

YOUTUBE recently posted a clip titled “Americans Don’t Know WHY We Celebrate the 4th of July or WHAT COUNTRY We Declared Independence From!”

Really? Fifth-grade geography use to teach this. What happened?

America has forgotten the God that gave the nation its blessed location, its freedom, and the natural benefits, which the people receive.

The very founding document that is the touchstone of America’s nationhood acknowledges the Eternal God in its opening and closing paragraphs, and twice in the body of that document.

The actual words and phrases used in these instances are “Nature’s God,” “Creator,” “Supreme Judge of the world” and “Divine Providence”.

Patrick Henry’s liberty speech of March 23, 1775, which spurred those assembled to support the Revolutionary War, sought to stir up the members of the governing House to seek the truth “and fulfill the great responsibility which we hold to God and our country,” declaring his loyalty toward “the Majesty of heaven.”

George Washington declared in his inaugural speech “it would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act, my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules the universe... that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States. No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand, which conducts the affairs of men, more than those of the United States.”

This nation of America

was founded on a vision that it was Gods will, and that the nation should act to please Him.

Indeed, with its judiciary and too many in its legislative bodies now not only flouting—via the decisions they are imposing on the nation—but deliberately flying in the face of God’s irreversible laws governing humankind, it would seem that the agenda of the Obama radicals to trash the nation’s Constitution is well advanced.

To declare, as God’s very Word does, that He will curse a nation which He once so richly endowed with blessings when they throw those blessings back in His face and deny Him as their benefactor, tends today to make one a laughing stock. It will get you quickly labeled as eccentric, and the establishment you represent a crazy sect. So what? That’s exactly how the world viewed Jesus Christ and His Church long ago.

Check the records of the insurance industry today, check the weather records, and check the number, size, and extent of catastrophe that is increasingly affecting the United States, and you are left with an undeniable fact. The incidence of such phenomena is not only increasing, but also the level of catastrophe and the cost to the nation is breaking all records.

It’s a simple matter of cause and effect. Submit to the law of God and He will bless you. Break the law consistently without repentance and it will break you (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

I weep for the nation. I weep for its people, for I know the end result of the radicals’ agenda. It is written large and clear for all to see in the very Word of God for which America’s Founding Fathers had so much respect, unlike so many in the nation’s current administration who seem to be so intent on trashing that very Word with their every act.

Even so, the signs are that the window of time left to those who courageously continue

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Wannabe actors abounded, but not one Cracker Barrel



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

Just my luck! I’ve been trying to get to Los Angeles ever since I was knee high to a grasshopper. I wanted to see the rocks the Lone Ranger rode through at the start of every television show. I wanted to ride by the Republic Studios where all those great westerns were made. I wanted to pet the MGM lion. I wanted to drive down Wilshire Boulevard and pretend I was Sergeant Joe Friday working “homicide out of day watch” searching for “just the facts, ma’am”. I finally make it ... on the exact same day that every person in America that owns an automobile decided to drive into the famed City of Angles!

People, I’m on an eight lane freeway that is completely stopped. I didn’t see any smoke up ahead. Tom Cruise wasn’t filming a chase scene as far as I could tell. There was no turned over tanker truck spewing forth toxic waste. I could believe two or three lanes on a busy day; or four lanes if there was major construction; or maybe six lanes on a Friday afternoon. But eight lanes? And none of them moving!

What kind of place is this? I’d purposely chosen mid-morning on Monday to avoid any rush. I wondered how quiet it must be in Denver, Chicago and Los Vegas with no cars on their streets. I went to studying the drivers around me. Maybe I could spot Bruce Willis or Yvonne DeCarlo.

We did inch by the John Wayne Airport. That didn’t seem right to me. You ought to name a horse ranch after the Duke; or a high mesa overlooking the town; or even an army base would be acceptable ...

but I don’t remember many John Wayne airport movies.

On Tuesday afternoon we made it to Sunset Boulevard and started towards downtown. I just thought I’d been in some traffic! Whew, you talk about a fish out of water. And I can’t believe how those drivers blow their horns at you. We passed Rodeo Drive without even glancing over. The last thing on earth I needed was a three hundred dollar pair of sequined jeans.

We drove right through the middle of Beverly Hills. I couldn’t see one house for all the tall hedges and high stone fences. And when I found out the “tour of the stars’ homes” didn’t include where Randolph Scott used to live, I wasn’t interested. I did ask the girl selling the tickets if she could kindly point out the Jed Clampett mansion but that didn’t even get a flicker out of her. She had a script in her hand and she was sticking to it. She allowed that she wasn’t going to be working on this tour much longer. Her acting career was just about to take off. She had a boyfriend who had a cousin who knew a guy that once worked for Steven Spielberg.

That Sunset Boulevard goes on “for a while”! I had Cathy looking out for a Cracker Barrel. There is nothing that will make you hungrier than sitting in stalled traffic all day. Sweet tea is more elusive out here than Cracker Barrels. You can get it hot. You can get it cold without sugar. You can get it with ginger and raspberry. You probably could get it with fruits and nuts ... but Cathy told me not to write that down. You just can’t get it like your mother used to make it!

We did drive by a place named “The Smokehouse Restaurant, Video Store and Laundry Mat” but we didn’t see it until it was too late. And turning around wasn’t an option! Those folks must have moved here from Tennessee, or Alabama. They would have at least heard of sweet tea!

Cathy spotted a Chick-fil-A and I crossed over two lanes and made what probably was an unlawful turn into an all night discotheque parking lot. We ran back a block and a half to get a chicken salad sandwich and some waffle fries. The nice cashier told us how to get to the Hollywood sign and also let us know right quick that she wouldn’t be “taking chicken orders” much longer. She gave us her name twice and told us to remember it. Her ex mother-in-law was dating a guy whose sister was formerly married to an executive at Orion Pictures.

I thought about asking for a job at the discotheque. That’s how much I did not want to get back into that car! Apparently Sgt. Friday and Officer Gannon filmed there street scenes in a back lot somewhere.

I did some serious soul searching and hard “life” pondering looking up at that big “Hollywood” sign spread ostentatiously across the hill side. I considered “cool” and “suave” versus “hick” and “naive”. I grew up in a small West Tennessee town. We were not chic by any stretch of the imagination. We couldn’t even spell “hip”. We were about as plain and country as we could get. No airs. No pretense. No highfalutin ideas.

But we didn’t have to put a giant, lighted sign up on the hill to remind us where we lived.

Glad To Be Home,
Kes

‘Veni, Vidi, Amuzis’

It is almost certain that you have seen the phrase, “Veni, Vidi, Vici.” The phrase means, “I came, I saw, I conquered.” Julius Caesar meant it when he sent this message back to the patrician Senate in 47 BC. He was basically saying exactly what it sounds like and saying it with more than a wee bit of arrogance.

Caesar was brief and to the point and still managed to emphasize his rudeness/arrogance to the Senate. It was also meant to say, “Not only did I do it, but I did it quick.”

Whether it is in battle or on a field in front of thousands of screaming fans, we often are inspired by the words of military leaders, coaches and athletes. Folks collect these quotes and spit them out at opportune times before, during and after battles, personal trials, sporting events and fraternity parties that have gotten out of hand.

I’m not that coach. After coaching youth baseball teams for over 30 years, I have come to the realization that as much as I love the game of baseball, I’m not going to be the kind of coach to quote Knute Rockne, Vince Lombardi or even Bear Bryant.

I might quote Larry Bird, the famous Boston Celtic. He once noted that to be great, “First master the fundamentals.” However, I would write it out so my baseball team could see it this way, “First master the FUNDamentals.”

Admittedly, over the years I have changed. I make more strategic errors, poor decisions and outright stupid coaching

mistakes than I did when I coached my first team at 17 years-old. I’ve become more of a spectator with a better seat inside the fence.

One of the teams I coach is a more competitive team traveling on weekends within and sometimes outside the state to play other similar teams. The chemistry of this particular team seems to lend well to my underlying goal of fun and camaraderie.

On a recent Sunday, we were playing our third game in the blistering heat. One umpire passed out, a couple of players were suffering from minor wounds and all of the guys were worn out. We generally carry ten players and bat the entire lineup, taking turns with one fellow sitting on the bench.

With my back to the bench, I heard the little brother of one of players talking. He is around 11 years-old and quite a baseball player himself. He enjoys sitting in the dugout with us; I enjoy having him there.

Eavesdropping, not wanting to get caught, I couldn’t tell exactly who the boy was addressing. The little boy noted to one of the guys on the bench or to his parents, “We are losing, they act like they are winning, they sure are having a good time to be losing.”

Sure enough, the team was laughing, poking fun at each other and having a good time. They had played well for the most part and seemed to have “mastered the



CRANKS MY TRACTOR
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FUNDamentals.”

I’m sure I had a grin on my face, because it hurt; my lips had burnt from being in the sun all day.

There are many schools of thought on kids playing travel baseball, soccer, lacrosse

and every other sport folks can make a dollar off of parents’ dreams of college scholarships and posh summer homes to retire to after their kids make the big leagues.

Loving sports and mathematics, I have looked at the numbers and probabilities for years, in terms of a boy getting to play big league baseball. After looking at the numbers, I realize there will always be a lot of folks who will still spend thousands on the dream of their son or daughter being a professional athlete.

Dreaming is a good thing, but let’s take a look at it from a numbers perspective. I’m relatively confident in my calculations.

We first have to start with 1000 high school seniors playing baseball. So this is not the general public, you have to have played at least at the high school level. Of those 1000 high school seniors, roughly 5.6% will go on to play college baseball. Fair enough, that means we have 56 boys playing college baseball.

Before you get your hopes up for a “full ride” baseball scholarship, understand that a typical college baseball team has about 11 scholarships to divide among 35 or more baseball players. A typical

baseball scholarship is around 30%.

Back to the 56 fellows who make it to a college roster; roughly 10.5% of those will be drafted to play in the minor league system of a professional baseball team. To make it easy, let’s round it up to 6 guys who get paid to play baseball out of the original 1000.

A 10% chance of making it from the minor leagues to a big league ball club is very generous. 10% of 6 fellows is of course six-tenths of one player. Not meaning he is short, just that his chances are quite small. You could add in those high school players who get drafted to play minor league baseball right of high school and maybe get up to almost a “full person” out of the original 1000 boys playing high school baseball.

Fewer than half of the rookies in professional baseball make it to five years. The big money (free agency) starts at 6 years. Note here that this is the same way the warranty on your car or washing machine works.

However, if you do play 43 games of professional baseball, you are eligible for a pension of around \$35,000 per year. This is not enough to help your parents buy their posh summer home, or live comfortably on for that matter.

I’m not saying that you should invest your money in preparing for college entrance tests, but you should kind of see my point. (I’m not saying you shouldn’t invest in preparing your child for college entrance exams either.)

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GARBAGE from page A1

Joe and the city of Wewahitchka to be under the same umbrella as the county," said Commissioner Ward McDaniel.

The hope, Butler said after the meeting, would be for the cities to join the county as waste pickup service contracts expire over the next year which would provide a larger bidding base to aid in bringing overall prices down.

"We definitely should put the contract out for bid whether voters approve (the referendum) or not," said Commissioner Carmen McLemore.

The motion on the referendum came after Butler had laid out the county's options for addressing garbage collection.

Two of those options included moving to mandatory garbage pickup in unincorporated areas.

Butler said three area counties have such ordinances, Calhoun, Liberty and Wakulla.

He noted that Calhoun had a "soft" ordinance in which residents "volunteer" to be on garbage pickup. But by having the ordinance, code enforcement has the ability to step in should garbage become an issue on a property.

In Liberty, some customers are billed monthly and others quarterly while in Wakulla the annual garbage bill was added onto property tax notices.

To add the bill to the property tax Truth in Millage (TRIM) statements would require the county to complete a "Solid Waste Assessment Study" to determine who would or would not be excluded and what rates would be paid.

That study must be completed, at a cost of over \$43,000, by the Dec. 31 for the county to levy the bill on TRIM notices next year.

Another con in that scenario, Butler noted, is that the garbage bill in some cases might be higher than the property tax bill.

There are 2,512 customers with garbage service in unincorporated Gulf County. There are some 2,500-4,000 county residents who do not have garbage service.

The primary challenge for the county budget committee, which has been wrestling with the issue of a landfill that loses money and the lack of mandatory garbage pickup, was to make the collection of garbage more "efficient," Butler said.

In addition, the goal in bargaining for a new contract supported with a one-cent sales tax would be to eliminate or greatly reduce the county's costs for yard debris and roadside garbage pickup.

Excess revenue from the sales tax could be devoted to the landfill, Butler said.

"The only real savings to the county is to get out of the roadside pickup," said deputy administrator Michael Hammond. "We've got to get out of the roadside pickup business."

Hammond noted that inmate crews and the county limb truck bring that debris to the landfill, which does not receive tipping fees for the material.

Further, the county expense in fuel and wear-and-tear on the limb vehicle would be reduced.

McDaniel agreed that the county needs to get out of the roadside pickup business, saying limb removal had become almost "an entitlement" to county residents.

McLemore expressed dissent on any move to mandatory garbage pickup, saying it would create a hardship for many residents in his district scraping by financially.

"(Mandatory garbage pickup) is something I will not support," McLemore said. "I do like the idea of a one cent sales tax. That might work for the county and the people I represent."

"Let the people decide. I think that's the only way to go."

McDaniel said while he disagreed with additional taxes, he was not in favor of strict mandatory garbage pickup as a windfall for whatever vendor the county had and said the one-cent sales tax would spread the cost around to visitor and resident alike.

"Mandatory garbage pickup makes sense for everybody," said South Gulf County resident Pat Hardman, president of the Coastal Community Association. "Whoever makes the problem should bear a cost for pickup. If we go to mandatory it is fair."

Commissioner Joanna Bryan dissented on the referendum because it put any decision on addressing the costs to the county off another 16 months at minimum.

"It pushes the issue down the road," Bryan said.

She also said the impact of another penny to the sales tax could be difficult for small businesses struggling with sales to absorb and also emphasized the need to bid out garbage service when the current contract expires early next year to bring prices down.

"I would like to see better prices," Bryan said. "I'd like to see if this went out for bid what the cost will be. That would be information we would need."

PORT from page A1

The Port Authority is countering with a motion for summary judgment based the contention that the Port Authority was prohibited by law from mortgaging public property in the first place without a public referendum.

The outcome could also impact the Board of County Commissioners pursuit of additional collateralization for a \$199,000 loan made last year to the Port Authority.

There have been recent discussions with the bank about deeding the property to the bank while the bank would allow the port to proceed with its operations and providing a right of first refusal to the Port Authority should another prospective buyer emerge.

Gibson indicated those discussions have fizzled as the hearing approaches.

The Port Authority board has been disinclined to act on any proposal involving Parcel B or its collateralization until after the hearing.

While Parcel B is an important component to the port master planning area, port director Tommy Pitts noted that the focus for the port in developing for the future is the shipping channel and lands in port and St. Joe Company hands open for deepwater shipping.

The Port Authority and St. Joe Company entered into a collaborative agreement last year on development of the port.

With two Letters of Intent entered into by St. Joe with energy companies, the port stands to see more than 1 million metric tons of wood pellets shipped through the Port of Port St. Joe within two to five years.

But those LOIs are contingent on dredging the shipping channel to authorized depth.

Pitts said he, port officials and officials with St. Joe recently met with the staff of Congressman Steve Southerland (R-Panama City) and a legislative liaison from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to get a better understanding of the process of accomplishing the dredging.

The Corps will ultimately perform the dredging.

The Port Authority and St. Joe are exploring the quickest and most efficient path to the Corps and dredging, specifically securing funding and permitting.

"It was a lot of information we had already heard and there are still more questions," Pitts said.

Pitts said it remained unclear if on the permitting side the Port Authority would need to undertake an Environmental Impact Statement or the less time-consuming and less expensive Environmental Assessment.

There was also a question about reauthorization given the last time the shipping channel was dredged - 1980 - and Pitts said the dredging would be more expensive because of the time lapse and volume of spoil material.

St. Joe has indicated a willingness to consider providing company-owned lands for spoil sites - an important hurdle - and it remains a potential that some dredged material be suitable for beach nourishment.

Pitts also noted that the two LOIs would meet the tonnage threshold requirements for the Corps to step in and dredge.

Another arrow in the port's quiver is also that maintenance dredging, once done, would only need to be repeated every eight to 10 years as opposed to many ports that require such dredging on an annual or biannual basis, Pitts said.

"I am optimistic about getting certification," said Port Authority board chairman Leonard Costin. "It is the same problem we have had. We have an ambitious objective of getting the dredging done in two years."

The Port Authority board last week approved Hatch Mott McDonald as the engineering firm that will undertake the work required for permitting.

"We can not proceed with task specifics (in order to assess the costs) until we receive clarification on the direction we will go," Pitts said.

Operational funds

Another Port Authority meeting was spent discussing the dire revenue situation for the port as the new fiscal year dawns at the end of September.

Come the new fiscal year, the Port of Port St. Joe will operate on a "bare-bones" budget with no funding for the port director position beyond the \$1 per month Pitts is currently paid.

Further office presence would be from one contract employee working part-time.

Costin said the Port Authority would make it through the current fiscal year and he has looked at a variety of sources for funding to no avail.

"We need a break," said board member Eugene Raffield. "We need a big bone sent to this county. It has not been for lack of effort."

Costin proposed a public fundraising campaign - he was willing to pledge \$500 from his business last week which he would encourage others to match - to provide operational dollars for the port in the short-term.

"We have to keep this going," Costin said. "We can not stop it. This is the salvation for the community and the region."

"I am taking this as a serious challenge."

Costin said he wanted to see community support, which might also serve as further ammunition as the Port Authority and St. Joe lobby for funding for dredging and improvements to the AN Railway.

Raffield suggested the board table the concept until after this week's hearing and board member Johanna White said they should have a marketing plan in place for the effort.

"We need to be able to lay our cards on the table for the community," Raffield said.

Board member Patrick Jones said the idea should be up for detailed discussion at the next Port Authority meeting.

"We need to do everything we can," Jones said.

McATEER from page A4

preaching, broadcasting and publishing this message from within the United States is fast closing.

We see attempts to prohibit the preaching of biblical truths on gender roles and the sanctity of life in the womb; moves to restrict the right of the people to bear arms; the reversal of the principle that "powers not delegated to the United

States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

And as the document states, The Declaration of Independence of July 4, 1776, was in reaction to "the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states"—reaction to a power that was "taking away

our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments."

Is that not what America is witnessing being imposed on it by those radical elites resident in Washington today?

Ed McAteer is a resident of Port St. Joe

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In my opinion, I have come to the conclusion that baseball is NOT a numbers game, it is a FUN game. Let it be that. You can be competitive and have a

good time. Therefore Caesar, I say, "Veni, Vidi, Amuzis," or "I came, I saw, I had fun." More than likely, I butchered the Latin, but it

is brief, from the heart and said with more than a wee bit of arrogance.

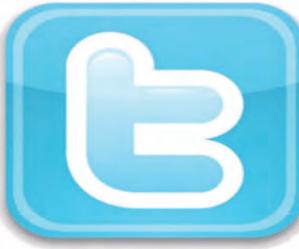
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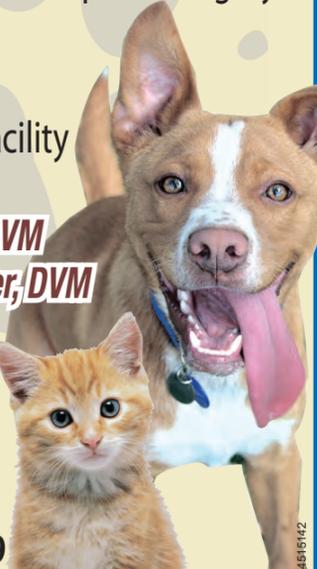
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Scallops prime for picking

By TOM BAIRD
Special to The Star

Scallop season is in full swing and St. Joseph Bay is filled with boats, divers and snorkelers, all intent on collecting that delectable mollusk. Even individuals who don't eat seafood often make scallops their sole exception. The white muscle meat is slightly sweet, tender, and lends itself to easy preparation in a variety of ways.

The scallop that fuels our local scallop collecting economy is the Atlantic

Bay Scallop, *Argopecten irradians*. Found from the Gulf of Mexico to Cape Cod, this scallop is conveniently collected by swimmers since it occurs from the low tide line down to about 50 feet and rarely gets larger than about 3 inches.

The scallop of course is a bivalve mollusk, that is, it has two hinged shells that cover the soft body, like oysters, clams and mussels. Unlike oysters, once they mature, scallops can move. They swim by swift contractions of the adductor muscle, the

muscle that closes the two shells, which produces jets of water from the mantle cavity. Much like clapping, this produces a jerky, almost comical escape from a predator.

To make this escape the scallop uses eighteen pairs of eyes that fringe the edge of the mantle cavity. As any collector knows, all those eyes are intense blue. Like our eyes, each eye has a lens, retina, cornea, and optic nerve. These enable the scallop to see movements or shadows in order to detect predators. The scallop also has specialized cells on tentacles along the edge of the mantle that are sensitive to chemicals in the water. These also help the bay scallop react to its environment.

Young scallops are sessile, that is they attach to something like the blades of turtle grass. After fertilization, young scallops develop into a stage called a veliger that is planktonic, that is it drifts with the currents. They remain in this stage for 10-14 days. As the organism matures, they develop into juvenile scallops called spat. They then settle out of the water column and attach themselves to seagrass blades. Eventually they detach and remain on the bottom. The young scallop shells may be red, orange, or yellow and look like miniature adults. As they mature, the shell becomes the brown, tan or gray shell usually seen. Having a healthy scallop population requires clean, unpolluted waters, and healthy meadows of seagrasses for the young scallops to attach while they mature. To maintain our scallop collecting economy requires protecting the lush turtle grass beds from destruction by boat propellers or silting.

Bay scallops are not long lived, rarely reaching two years. In Florida, scallops rarely live more than a year. After settling out as spat, they reach reproductive maturity quickly, and in Florida, most spawning occurs as water temperatures drop. Destruction of seagrass beds in previous years all around Florida and water pollution has greatly reduced the range of the bay scallop. In Florida, bay scallop populations are now typically sparse and scattered, and primarily along the upper Gulf coast.

We are fortunate to be in the current legal harvest zone for bay scallops, which extends from the Pasco-Hernando County line northward to the Mexico Beach Canal,



FILE PHOTOS

Snorkeling, wading, diving, folks have taken to St. Joseph Bay this season in search of tasty scallops

encompassing the Big Bend area of the Florida coast. Besides St. Joseph Bay, other sites nearby for collecting include the seagrass flats off St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in Wakulla County and Keaton Beach in Taylor County. Collecting must be by hand or dip net. The scallops you purchase in stores or seafood markets likely come from China, or possibly Japan. These are generally aquaculture raised scallops. By most recent figures, China accounts for about 80 percent of the global scallop catch. There is a U.S. fishery for the larger Atlantic Sea Scallop, which are harvested by dredges or trawls. The commercial harvest of bay scallops has been closed in Florida state waters since 1994; however, Commissioners for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission have directed staff to explore the possibility of future commercial harvest of bay scallops.

Because the scallop shell is so symmetrical,

the scallop shell has become a frequent motif in art and architecture. Every automobile driver knows one place you see the scallop shell—the logo of Shell Oil or more correctly, Royal Dutch Shell. Yet few know why. The company traces its beginnings to 1833, when Marcus Samuel established an import business selling seashells to collectors in England. Years later, while collecting shells in the Caspian Sea, his son realized there was money in exporting oil from the Black Sea region. He commissioned an oil tanker to be built and by the early 20th century, he had a fleet of tankers. Although the scallop shell logo has changed over the years, nevertheless, the logo pays homage to the company's earliest beginning as a seashell importing enterprise.

Whether you collect the live scallop or just enjoy eating it, many enjoy collecting the scallop shells that wash up on our beaches. Besides bay scallop shells, there are

usually shells of the more colorful calico scallop, *Argopecten gibbus*. Closely related to bay scallops, the calico scallop lives in deeper offshore waters on sandy bottoms. This shell is noted for the colors of maroon, lavender or red against a creamy white background. This scallop flourishes as far south as Brazil and throughout the Caribbean. We have abundant calico scallops, but their greatest concentration is on the Florida east coast, especially around Cape Canaveral.

Tom Baird has been a fisheries biologist, high school and community college teacher (oceanography and microbiology), director of a science and environmental center, teacher of science and principal in Pinellas County as well as an educational consultant. He retired from the Florida Department of Education and he and his wife divide their time between Tallahassee and Cape San Blas.

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20	Sa	8:16am 2.0		6:45pm -0.4	
21	Su	9:11am 2.1		7:33pm -0.4	
22	Mo	10:05am 2.0		8:15pm -0.3	
23	Tu	10:57am 1.9		8:47pm -0.1	
24	We	11:48am 1.7		9:05pm 0.1	
25	Th	12:38pm 1.3		8:58pm 0.4	
26	Fr	1:30pm 1.0		8:15pm 0.7	
27	Sa	3:48am 1.0	2:36pm 0.8	10:19am 0.7	6:36pm 0.7

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
18	Th	10:41am 1.6		7:48pm 0.0	
19	Fr	11:37am 1.6		8:45pm -0.2	
20	Sa	4:43am 1.3	12:40pm 1.6	7:21am 1.4	9:36pm -0.3
21	Su	5:13am 1.3	1:44pm 1.6	8:33am 1.4	10:23pm -0.3
22	Mo	5:41am 1.3	2:46pm 1.6	9:32am 1.3	11:05pm -0.2
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24	We	6:27am 1.3	4:43pm 1.6	11:17am 1.0	
25	Th	6:47am 1.3	5:41pm 1.5	12:18am 0.1	12:11pm 0.9
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Inshore/Bay

Inshore fishing has taken a back seat to scalloping in St. Joe Bay this week. As summer activities are still fresh on visitors mind, scalloping will be the main focus for the bay. This year the scallop count is almost double from last year with a 23.0 for our waters.

Offshore/Bottom

Offshore fishing is slowing down now after the red snapper season closed in state waters this past weekend. Gag grouper will remain open in state and federal waters until Dec. 3, giving us a five-month season in our waters. King fish and Spanish mackerel are still thick close to shore.

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Wewahitchka Ponytails win state title

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka Dixie Softball 12-U Ponytails won the district title in June and traveled to Brooksville July 4-8 and won the Florida title with a win over Paxton.

The team will travel to Bluffton, S.C., on July 26 to compete in the Dixie Softball World Series.

Coached by Tony Price, Dayton Lister and Michael Bailey, the team, consisting of Brianna Bailey, Mariah Brown, Sha'Mario Cole, Savannah Harrison, Shiloh Jamerson, Savan-

nah Lister, Ashten Lolley, Kristen Nichols, Alidiea Odom, Gracie Price, Breanna Weathers, and Aleah Wooten went undefeated in both district and state competitions to capture the titles.

Five of the 12 players were on the Wewahitchka Dixie Softball 10-U team that won a state title last summer.

The County Channel in Bluffton will broadcast all of the games on television and stream the games online allowing viewers to watch the players all across the world.

You may log on to www.bcgov.net to watch the games beginning July 27.

The league appreciates all of the support and words of encouragement that people all over Gulf County and Florida have given the team.

Anyone who would like to assist these ladies with expenses associated with their trip to the World Series, send donations to Wewa Dixie Softball, P.O. Box 295, Wewahitchka, FL 32465 or contact League Secretary, Daphne Lister at daphnelister@gmail.com.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Front Row: Kristen Nichols, Breanna Weathers, Gracie Price, Sha'Mario Cole, Savannah Lister, Alidiea Odom, Aleah Wooten and Mariah Brown. Back Row: Coach Michael Bailey, Coach Tony Price, Shiloh Jamerson, Brianna Bailey, Ashten Lolley, Savannah Harrison, Coach Dayton Lister

Shark 100 Club boosts Port St. Joe athletics

By TIM CROFT

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The 100 in its name could designate the thousands of dollars the Shark 100 Club has contributed to support athletic programs at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

Club president Willie Ramsey presented high school athletic director Chuck Gannon with a check for \$7,000 last week, representing in part the proceeds of the highly-successful annual chicken dinner fundraiser and closing the books on another successful year for the Shark 100 Club.

As it prepares for its 27th year, the club has donated to date — including under-

writing the annual chicken dinner fundraiser — almost \$200,000 since 1986 to Tiger Shark athletics.

"They have had a tremendous impact," Gannon said. "It's very helpful. It is a good collaboration, people working together for the benefit of the kids."

"We appreciate everything the Shark 100 Club does for us."

The annual chicken dinner fundraiser, which alone raised more than \$3,000 in selling more than 660 dinners, is a testament to that collaboration.

The Shark 100 Club picks up the tab for the components of the meal, chicken, coleslaw, baked beans and beverages and



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Shark 100 Club president Willie Ramsey provides a check closing out this year's fundraising to Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School athletic director Chuck Gannon.

a cooking team of club members, led by School Board member John Wright, do most of the cooking.

On top of that, the coaching staffs do of the serving.

Tickets to the fundraiser are sold in advance throughout the community.

Each athletic team at the high school receives an allotment of tickets to sell.

The proceeds, represented by the check last week, is disbursed in turn among all sports teams.

"We are not just donating to football or basketball or baseball," Ramsey said. "The Shark 100 Club is an universal account for all the high school athletics."

"There is sweat-equity in there for the athletes. They get out what they put into it."

Gannon said funds raised are divided among the

sports programs based on several factors: involvement in the fundraiser and ability to bring in fans being two of the most prominent.

"The ones that are in need and pull in the people, those are the sports we are trying to help," Gannon said.

Beyond raising funds, Gannon added, there is a sense of common purpose, of joint effort to buttress the athletic programs at a time when austerity is the buzz word and funding is a precious commodity for all extracurricular activities.

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hungry attendees. "Everything is well-organized," said O'Neil. "It's like our baby." On Saturday, July 27 the Race for the Scallops begins with 5K and 10K runs down the Port City Trail. "Runs have been successful in the past and it's a different way to engage visitors," said Pickett. "We can show the sights and sounds through a different avenue. In this case, our beautiful trails." The following day offers a 20- and 42-mile bike "fun ride" from St. Joseph Peninsula State Park to Salinas Park for the first leg, and

those interested in completing the journey can continue on to the Franklin County line before returning to the Cape. "We'd like to get people to the Cape and State Park," said Pickett. "We want to get people into different parts of the community." Registration for the footrace and fun ride is \$15 in advance and contestants will receive a T-shirt to commemorate the Scallop Festival. The fun ride is sponsored by Velo bicycle on Reid Avenue and the Friends of the St. Joseph Peninsula State Park. The following week, the party moves to George Core

Park where on Friday, Aug. 2, gates will open at 5 p.m. ET. Vendors and live music will be on hand for hours of pre-weekend entertainment. This year's festival will include music acts from all over the region, from Tallahassee to Fort Walton to South Florida, to right here in Port St. Joe. The Curry Brothers, Flabbergasted and Jim Morris will provide the lineup for the first day and music will go until 11 p.m. in the evening. "There will be music the entire time that the gates are open," said Pickett. "At any point you can come out and

hear live music." There are 57 vendors booked with two weeks to go. Arts and crafts will be the central focus and artists will be on-hand to showcase and sell their work. On Saturday, Aug. 3, festival gates open at 11 a.m. ET for the classic car show and a day-long concert. The car show, to be held inside the gates, along Miss Zola's Drive, will award prizes in eight categories. Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf will host a Ducky Derby where kids can purchase a rubber duck to be dropped into the park's lagoon. The owners of the first ducks to make it across the water will receive prizes and have a chance at nabbing an iPad mini. The event will raise funds for the Sacred Heart Guild. The Kidz zone will give the young ones a place to work off some excess energy and enjoy games and crafts. Food vendors will be selling scallops which can also be purchased frozen at \$35 for five pound bags. Raffield Fisheries provided the mollusks for the event since it is illegal to commercially harvest local scallops. The day's music will be provided by Bowen and Bowman, Reed Waddle, King Cotton, The Sauce Boss, Cadillac Willy and the Kevin Jacobs Band. The festival will close on Sunday, Aug. 4 with events that include a Worship by the Bay, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. ET; a Brunch by the Bay at Sunset Coastal Grill at 10:30 a.m. ET; a performance by the band Thirty-Three at George Core Park at 1 p.m. ET; and finally a the

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The 2013 Scallop Festival schedule of events includes live music, arts and crafts and of course, scallops. final leg of the Race to the Scallops with a kayak and paddleboard event starting at George Core Park. An event this big can't hope to survive without the aid of volunteers and Pickett reported that there are still positions available for those who wish to help. She estimates that 100 volunteers are needed and responsibilities range from handing out wristbands at the gate, selling T-shirts, serving scallops, or operating the ever-popular beer tent. Though the summer weather wasn't cooperative when it came to a planned

music festival and some of the recent centennial celebration events, Pickett said that the Scallop Fest will go on as planned, rain or shine. She and O'Neil feel confident about their plans for this year's event and hope it will be one to remember. "Planning the festival was a daunting task, but I've enjoyed it immensely," said Pickett. "I think we've created a great prototype for the future." Those who wish to volunteer can call Chellsey O'Neil at 850-227-1223. Volunteers will receive a free Scallop Festival T-shirt. Admission to the Scallop Festival is \$5

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With a little help, The Currys head to studio

By **TIM CROFT**
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The Currys have chosen to take a summer vacation pastime and make it better.

If, as Jimmy Curry said, the group can have some fun and not end up being "too poor," well, all the better.

The Currys hope to enter a recording studio in Charlottesville, VA sometime in the fall to lay down the tracks for their first full-length album.

They are hoping their fans and friends will join them in the studio by way of www.kickstarter.com, a website devoted to providing fundraising opportunities for independent artistic projects, whether film, painting or, as with The Currys, music.

The Currys hope to raise \$12,000 by Aug. 13 to fund the recording of the album.

Donations can be made via a variety of packages that offer in return a copy

of the released album, the band's eternal gratitude, t-shirts and other perks.

"It has become a good way for a variety of independent artists to fund their projects," Jimmy Curry said. "The basic idea is they are pre-ordering the album."

"They are helping us record and ordering a copy of the album."

The Currys have been primarily a family affair.

Jimmy and his older brother Tommy, both born and raised in Port St. Joe, began performing together around local clubs during summers off from college and careers.

Separated by three years, Tommy was playing guitar and writing songs while in high school with Jimmy eventually picking up the bass.

Jimmy began playing the guitar his freshman year at William and Mary and one summer five years ago Tommy "reeled me in" to perform locally.

The talked to the owners of Veranda's in Apala-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JIMMY CURRY AND THE CURRYS

The Currys are Jimmy Curry, Tommy Curry, Galen Curry and rhythm section Matt "Trixx" Kauper and Johnny Humphreys.

chicola and got a gig and it went from there, performing at such area venues as Lookout Lounge, the Thirsty Goat, Haughty Heron and during the PoJo Music Fest.

"We loved it," Jimmy Curry said. "We had a great time, so much fun, and we

come back each summer." They will also perform at the upcoming Scallop Festival.

A change came when their cousin Galen Curry joined the band.

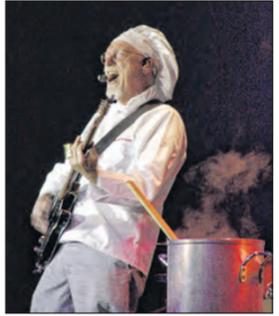
Their music became known for fabulous harmonies and an energetic and

charismatic stage show, as Galen wrote on the group's kickstarter page.

The band has since added a rhythm section of mates they know in Charlottesville, which Jimmy said has a great music

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BOSS IS BACK



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Sauce Boss plays blues music while he cooks a pot of gumbo on stage.

Sauce Boss to dish out blues licks

By **WES LOCHER**
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Tallahassee's Bill Wharton, better known as the Sauce Boss, will return to Port St. Joe as a music guest for the 17th annual Scallop Festival.

The Sauce Boss is known for his creative and high-energy blues concerts where he simultaneously cooks a pot of gumbo on stage. At the end of the concert, it's chow time for the audience.

Four years ago, Wharton brought his brand of "swampy Florida blues" to the Port St. Joe Marina and he'll soon make a valiant return. Despite the absence, Wharton made it clear that he's no stranger to the Gulf.

In his years as a solo artist he spent time playing up and down the venues of St. George Island and said that Cape San Blas is one of his favorite areas to visit.

From the age of 14, Wharton had been playing music, but as legend goes, in early 1970, he wandered outside and found a 1930's steel guitar in his yard and the instrument showed him the way of the blues.

He bared his soul and started penning songs about harmony and brotherhood.

"Blues is universal," said Wharton. "The music lifts you up and that's why I play it."

For a cook, who has a degree in English education, he likes that the music allows him to speak in simple terms and yet show complicated ideas.

He calls blues music "real and authentic."

Hot sauce was merely a side interest for Wharton in the early 80s. Unhappy with what was available on the market, he'd attempted to make his own, always on the hunt for the perfect blend of heat and taste.

It was after a friend gave him some Datil peppers from St. Augustine that he finally achieved hot sauce nirvana.

He began growing the peppers and selling his concoction, which he dubbed, "Liquid Summer Hot Sauce." As someone who was on stage night after night, he had the perfect place to sell it.

It was on New Year's Eve of 1990 that his two passions came together on stage. He wanted to prove to his concert audience how delicious his hot sauce was, so he cooked a pot of gumbo on stage and doused it with Liquid Summer.

After seeing the reactions of his well-fed crowd, he realized what his show would become moving forward.

"That's the genius of serendipity," said Wharton about the experience.

Cooking gumbo while playing music isn't a simple task, though Wharton admitted that over the years,

See **SAUCE B3**

4-H Camp is out of this world

By **Melanie Taylor**
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Campers often describe camp as a "happy and fun place".

The campers and the counselors who work with them are obviously happy at camp. They smile a lot. They look relaxed. There's a lot of laughter. So many fun things happen at camp every day that it's no surprise it's such a happy place for kids.

4-H summer fun was had by all! From June 24-28, youth from Gulf County attended a five-day residential camp at 4-H Camp Timpoochee in Niceville.

The campers had a fun-filled week of kayaking, archery, air rifle, snorkeling, swimming, marine science, rocketry, crafts, singing, dancing, campfires, and much more.

While at camp the youth participated in many opportunities to expand their leadership skills, make new friends, and learn community living skills and other basic life skills, while away from the comforts of home.

The Florida 4-H camping program strives to build youth's life skills through outdoor adventure.

Instilling a sense of won-



der of the natural world, respecting wildlife and its habitat, and encouraging kids' curiosity about the outdoors are major components of 4-H camping. However, camps aren't just about nature. Science and technology, sports and leisure, teambuilding and healthy lifestyles are all part of today's camping phenomenon. After a very busy, enthusiastic and

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SPECIAL TO THE SUN

Top: Kids enjoy the emerald waters of the gulf.

Left: Archery was one of a number of outdoor activities at camp.

Trivia Fun
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"Trivia Fun" with Wilson Casey, Guinness World Record Holder from Woodruff, S.C., is published in more than 500 newspapers across the country and is a weekly feature in The Port St. Joe Star.

1) Whose quotes included, "Chop your own wood, and it will warm you twice"?
Will Rogers, Daniel Boone, Henry Ford, Chuck Yeager

2) In 1959 Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of Franklin D. Roosevelt, made a TV commercial for what type of product?

Cigars, Toothpaste, Flour, Margarine

3) Who was the only normal-looking family member of classic TV's "The Munsters"?
Herman, Grandpa, Marilyn, Lily

4) Asteroids are mainly found between Mars and which other planet?
Venus, Neptune, Saturn, Jupiter

5) By what name is acetylsalicylic acid more commonly known as?
Garlic, Aspirin, Vitamin C, Meat tenderizer

6) What is the largest-sized breed of frog in the world?
Goliath, Hercules, Everest, Atlas

7) "The Lisa" was whose first model computer

equipped with a mouse?
IBM, Tandy, Apple, Morrow

8) Mick Jagger and Keith Richards are/were known as which "Twins"?
Domino, Glimmer, Moondog, Satisfaction

9) Who was the winner of the first season of "American Idol"?
Clay Aiken, Kelly Clarkson, Ruben Studdard, Bo Bice

10) Which airline innovated "frequent flyer" miles?
American, Southwest, Delta, United

11) What was the average number of yearly concerts performed by Elvis Presley during the last eight years of his life?

47, 82, 91, 140

12) In 1902 what was pitched as "America's Most Famous Dessert"?
Apple pie, Banana split, Ice cream float, Jell-O

13) In the "Richie Rich" comics what is the name of the butler?
Jeeves, Wilmington, Simpleton, Cadbury

14) What do you scratch if your dilator naris posterior is itching?
Forehead, Back, Nose, Foot

ANSWERS

1) Henry Ford. 2) Margarine. 3) Marilyn. 4) Jupiter. 5) Aspirin. 6) Goliath. 7) Apple. 8) Glimmer. 9) Kelly Clarkson. 10) American. 11) 140. 12) Jell-O. 13) Cadbury. 14) Nose.

Monitor your lawn for mole crickets

Special to The Star

Mole crickets damage turf grass in several ways.

They tunnel through the soil near the surface.

This tunneling action loosens the soil so that the grass is often uprooted and dies due to desiccation of the root system.

Both species of mole crickets damage grass roots causing thinning out of the turf and, eventually, completely bare soil.

Mole crickets live in the soil and feed on plant roots.

Their front legs are short and stout well adapted for tunneling.

Their velvety skin is light brown, and the adults, which reach a length of about one-and-a-half inches, have prominent wings folded over their backs.

Each spring, mole crickets lay eggs in the soil.

The nymphs, which hatch in about two weeks, look like the adults, except they're smaller and lack fully developed wings.

These nymphs mature very gradually, reaching adulthood the following spring.

Thus, there is only one generation per year.

Although mole crickets live mostly below ground, the adults are readily attracted to lights especially in the spring, and throughout the summer.

At these times, they're commonly found under street lamps, electric signs, and similar illumination.

Mole crickets are most active at night, especially after a rain or irrigation, and when the temperature is about 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

Under these conditions, they make burrows in the upper inch or two of the soil. Occasionally, they'll partially emerge to gather bits of food.

These surface burrows, which range from about one-eighth to three-quarters of an inch in diameter, look like miniature mole runs.

This burrowing loosens the soil, causing plants to dry out.

However, the most serious damage is caused by the cricket

feeding on the roots of lawn grass.

Inspect for mole crickets soap flush is an effective method for surveying mole cricket populations, especially in the late spring and early summer when the crickets are small and tunneling activity is not readily evident.

Mix 1.5 fluid ounces of liquid dishwashing soap in two gallons of water and apply with a sprinkling can to four square feet of turf in several areas.

If an average of two to four mole crickets appears on the surface within three minutes, then a treatment is probably needed.

To insure even pesticide coverage, it's best to treat no more than 500 square feet at a time.

Mark off the area to be covered, and apply half the recommended amount evenly, back and forth in one direction.

Then, turn at right angles and apply the rest. After spraying, irrigate for about 60 minutes.

Do not water after applying baits.

Baits are most effective when the fast-growing nymphs need a lot of food from late June through September.

The sooner baits are applied after damage is noticed, the more effective they'll be. Baits may be applied by hand, but be sure to wear rubber gloves.

For sprays, a garden hose attachment applicator will do the job, one that requires 15 to 2-gallons of water passing, through the hose to empty a quart jar, or you can use a pressurized pump-up sprayer, make sure water/chemical ration are correct and the sprayer has been calibrated.

Regardless of whether you use a spray or bait, a second application in two weeks will provide better control.

For specific pesticide recommendation, check with your garden center, or Gulf County Extension Service @ 639-3200 or visit our website: <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu> or www.http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu and see Publication EENY 235.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

Happy BIRTHDAY



Happy 6th Birthday Mason!

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Engagement



Posey-Raffield engagement and wedding

Marsha Posey of Highland View announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Kristin Leila Posey to Jesse Harold Raffield, son of Sandra and Harold Raffield of Port St. Joe.

The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. ET Saturday, July 27 at the Gulf County Senior Citizen and Community Center at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and family of the couple are invited. The couple is registered at Target and Walmart.

Jesse and Kristin will be residing in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where Jesse will be teaching and furthering his education at Lehigh University this fall.

Wedding



Gail Miles, James Tindell to wed

Gail Miles and James Tindell would like to invite all friends and relatives to celebrate their marriage at 6 p.m. ET on July 26 at Highland View Church of God.

No local invitations will be sent.

Amateur radio license exams

Star Staff Report

Ham it up. Get on the air.

The Gulf Amateur Radio Society will provide amateur radio license exams at 10 a.m. ET Aug. 10 at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) building in Port St. Joe.

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For great health, get moving

By Rachel Long

Special to The Star

Do you want to reduce your risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and even cancer? If so, the answer may be simpler than you think: get moving. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that adults get 150 minutes of exercise each week which translates to about 30 minutes, 5 days per week.

The good news is that you don't have to be training for a marathon to improve your health. Just 30 minutes per day of a moderate-intensity activity like walking can dramatically improve your health. Feel like you don't have 30 minutes to dedicate to exercise? Try breaking-up your exercise into shorter sessions. Try walking for 10 minutes, three times each day or for 15 minutes, twice daily. Just remember, making time to exercise is critical for your health. In the words of the Earl of Derby, "Those who

do not find time for exercise, sooner or later will have to find time for illness."

If you would like to learn more about physical activity and exercise, including help getting started with an activity program, the MyGULFCare program can help. Please contact the program at 850/227-1276 x 132 for information on a Health Coaching program which is available at no charge.

Make plans now to attend the monthly coaching program, Knowledge, Nutrition, Exercise, and Wellness (K.N.E.W) You! Each month we will discuss a different wellness topic that will help you better manage your health. Our next class will be 5:15 until 6:15 p.m. ET on Tuesday, July 30 at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf. We will have dinner and talk about Healthy Eating. We will make eating healthy simple by describing food in a new way that helps you focus on the best foods that will promote good health. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Happy BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday Suzanne!

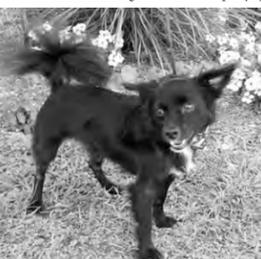
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scene, though Jimmy, Tommy and Galen remain the traveling band for now.

In 2010, they cut an extended play, six-song collection in Sopchoppy under the direction of Rick Ott and also toured Ireland with Ott, playing 14 dates.

They have also played at venues in New York City — they will play at a small club in the city next month — Gainesville, Nashville and Virginia.

But other than summer, the band members went their separate ways.

Galen spent time in Austin, Texas trying to hone his craft while Jimmy was working as a ski instructor in Utah and Tommy taught middle school science and math in Connecticut.

In time, Galen and Jimmy moved to Charlottesville and began lobbying Tommy.

“We decided that we were going to commit more to music full-time,” Jimmy said. “Hopefully, we will have a recording and go out sometime in the spring to support it.”

“We all have enjoyed playing music and understanding and have no problem with holding down other jobs to pay the bills. It is fun and rewarding. It’s the most fun job you can have, I think.”

The record will include all original songs.

Jimmy, Tommy and Galen, due to the distance in their lives, generally write individually and show



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JIMMY CURRY AND THE CURRYS

The Currys are known for rollicking performances

the others the song once suitably crafted by the songwriter.

Input, Jimmy said, can be taken or left on the table, and from there it is a ques-

tion of filling in the blanks, adding harmonies, full orchestration, etc.

“(Songwriting) is a lot of fun,” Jimmy said. “It is very rewarding and enjoy-

able to do. It kind of comes in flashes. Some take a long time to complete, others might come in an hour.”

“Singer/songwriters, that whole genre had a big influence on us. We listened to a lot of Bob Dylan and Neil Young growing up because that is who our parents (Drs. Betty and Tom Curry) listened to. There are contemporary groups that play the same kind of music.”

Influences that can be heard in The Currys music include current popular groups such as Mumford & Sons and the Dropkick Murphys.

Jimmy and Galen eventually “reeled in” Tommy to make a go of music full-time. They will be based out of Charlottesville after their New York City gig and hope they find the monetary support to be in the studio in September.

“For now we are satisfied with making music a full-time thing,” Jimmy Curry said. “It’s not really an end game for anybody who understands how things work.”

“We just hope to have some fun, get our music out and maybe not be too poor while we are doing it.”

4-H from page B1

fun-filled week at 4-H summer camp the youth arrived back to Gulf County with lots of fun and unique experiences to share with their friends and family.

4-H is a youth development program for youth ages 5-18 that is assisted greatly by adult volunteers. If you are interested in par-

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things have gotten easier.

His first shows with the gumbo pot at his side also included the prep of the meal, though he quickly learned that dicing onions while trying to play blues licks wasn't a natural fit. He now does all his prep in advance.

“The first time I made gumbo on stage, I basically had a bag of groceries with me,” he laughed. “It was a total mess.”

Wharton now has a regimen that he practices prior to each show to ensure that all ingredients are ready and everything is in its place. While he feels his system is more efficient now, it wasn't without growing pains.

He said, “A few times, I had to take breaks during the show so that I could go to the store!”

Wharton chose gumbo as his stage dish for the same reason he enjoys blues music: it brings people together. The traditional Creole dish is a combination of African American, Native American, Spanish and even German culinary influences.

“Gumbo is a melting pot...literally!” said Wharton. “As people, we're all different, but when we sit at the table together, we make something good.”

Wharton has served over 190,000 bowls of gumbo in the last 24 years and doesn't show any signs of slowing down. Recent gigs have taken him to North Carolina and Washington DC and in the past he's traveled extensively across the United States and Canada.

His gumbo has taken him many places he never imagined, including Roman amphitheatres and Napoleonic opera

houses in France.

“I've played everywhere...from France, to Ireland, to a show in a Laundromat in Tallahassee,” said Wharton.

Where some musicians might use their days off on tour to get a little bit of rest and relaxation, Wharton visits area homeless shelters and performs for free while still spoonin' up his trademark meal.

Nine years ago, he started the non-profit organization Planet Gumbo to raise awareness about homelessness, feed the needy and give hope and sustenance through music and the message of gumbo.

“It's what I do to put energy back into the community,” said Wharton. “Some people can't come to the shows, so I go to them.”

For Gulf County residents who attend the Sauce Boss's performance at the Scallop Fest, Wharton



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and younger and military personnel with valid I.D. get in free.

For more information on the Sauce Boss and to hear his own brand of “swampy Florida blues,” visit him online at www.sauceboss.com. To learn more about Wharton's organization, Planet Gumbo, visit www.planetgumbo.org.

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NOTICE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP / TOWNHALL MEETING

With

SACRED HEART HEALTH SYSTEM & FLORIDA DEPT. OF HEALTH



The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public townhall meeting and workshop with representatives of both the Sacred Heart Health System and the Florida Department of Health on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. C.S.T. The meeting will be held at the Honeyville Community Center at the Honeyville Park complex, 240 Park Drive, Wewahitchka, Florida 32449.

The meeting, per the request of the Board of County Commission, will be to receive a presentation of the Sacred Heart Health System and the Florida Department of Health on current and future public health services in Gulf County and related matters.

The public is encouraged to attend the presentation and also be heard on these matters. This notice and any additional information made available prior to the meeting can be viewed at the Gulf County Clerk's Office at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: TYNALIN SMILEY, CHAIRMAN 2013.86

Toxic faith explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star
Ways that religion is sometimes harmful will be explored at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, July 22.

The program, titled "Toxic Faith: When Religion Hurts," features a filmed interview with Sam Brower, the private investigator who cracked open the case that led to the arrest of Warren Jeffs, the leader of the polygamous Fundamentalist Church of Latter-day Saints.

"Recent research shows that religion and church involvement enhance wellbeing and health," said Lifetree representative Craig Cable.

"But sometimes religion crosses from being something positive to something sinister—something toxic."

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located at 1602 U.S. Highway 98 in Mexico Beach across from El Governor Motel.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting.

Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwclifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

Live your Christianity

If your Christianity is worth processing, it's worth proclaiming too. What Jesus did at Calvary, no one else could do. All we have or hope to have comes from heaven above. Why don't we get on the ball, and share this heavenly love. To show gratitude and thank Him is the least we can do. Better yet, why don't we live it daily, and show the rest of the world too.

Billy Johnson

Obituaries

Jeanne G. McDermott

Jeanne G. McDermott, long-time Port St. Joe resident, died on April 20, 2013.

She was active in St. Joseph Catholic Church and worked with many clients in Northwest Florida on their interior design.

Jeanne was also an active artist.

She was born in Grand Junction, Colo., in 1923.

She and her husband, Tom McDermott, moved Port St. Joe in 1967, and relocated to Panama City in 1995.

She was predeceased by her husband on June 12, 2011, and is survived by three of her four children,

Patrice McDermott of Silver Spring, Md., David McDermott of Lexington, Ky., and Daniel McDermott of Portland, Ore.; and two grandchildren, Wil and Gabe McDermott.

A memorial Mass will be at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Panama City, Fla., at 11 a.m. CT/noon ET on Saturday, July 20, with the Fr. Peter Zalewsky officiating.

A reception will follow in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Jeanne McDermott to Catholic Charities (CCUSA) at 800-919-9338.

Warren William Beattie III



WARREN WILLIAM BEATTIE III

Warren William Beattie III passed away suddenly at his home in St Joe Beach Wednesday, July 10, 2013.

Warren was a hardworking man who loved his dogs Snoopy and Buddy, and bird Fred, but most of all he loved the beach life.

He was a master of all trades and worked for Teresa Carlton at Forgotten Coast Property Management.

It was a job he loved and he thought of them as his family.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents Elizabeth and Warren Beattie; grandparents Nanny and Grandpa Joe; and sister JoAnne.

Warren leaves behind his sister Cindy Getek and husband Dave; sister Wendy Beattie Cappa and husband Chuck; sister Patty Wall and husband Jim; aunt Marion; and Michael and family.

Warren also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, as well as cousins, aunts and uncles, and friends in Florida and New York whom he was fond of.

A remembrance of his life was held at the beach.

Donations can be made to: St Joseph Humane Society, 1007 10th Street, Port Saint Joe, FL 32456 (850) 227-1103.

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Faith BRIEFS

Gospel Extravaganza at New Bethel AME

New Bethel AME Church, located at 164 Avenue C in Port St. Joe, will host a Gospel Extravaganza at 6 p.m. ET on Saturday, July 20, at the church.

The event will feature recording artists Anthony Garland of Port St. Joe and Louis White of Rochester, N.Y.

Come hear gospel music and be blessed.

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be at First Baptist Church in Port St. Joe from 1 to 6 p.m. ET on Monday, July 22.

Those who donate blood two times between June 1 and Sept. 30 will receive a free steak dinner courtesy of Outback Steakhouse and all donors will be entered to win "Outback for a Year."

Appointments can be booked in advance online at www.fbsdonor.org using account number G7016.

Julia (Judy) Wall Donaldson



JULIA WALL DONALDSON

Julia (Judy) Wall Donaldson 69, born on August 2, 1943, in Troy Ala., passed away on July 15, 2013.

"Judy" is survived by her son, Mark Howze of Port St. Joe, Fla.; step-children David Donaldson, Aberdeen N.C., Tracie and Bryan Williams, Littleton Colo., and Christie and Andy Solomon, Atlanta, Ga.; grandkids Chloe Donaldson, Micah and Asher Solomon.

She is preceded in death by her husband Paul Donaldson and parents Elmer and Elvester Wall.

Judy attended Chapman High School (1957-1961) in Apalachicola, Fla. and MacArthur State Tech (1966) in Opp, Ala.

She was a resident of Opp, Ala., for over 48 years, where she retired from the

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.

She loved to be able to help those who served our country.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Opp, Ala., and the Business

Professional Women's Club of Opp.

She loved her family, home and community.

She will be forever remembered for her bright smile and a can do attitude.

A memorial Service will be on Thursday, July 25, at First Baptist Church Opp, Ala.

Visitation begins at 10 a.m. CT with service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to Alabama/North Florida Alzheimer's Assoc. or to the charity of your choice.

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New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church

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Worship Service..... 10:30 am	AWANA.....6:00 - 7:30 pm
Choir.....6:00 pm	Surrender Student Ministry.....6:15 - 7:30 pm
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Cox appointed to FECA Board of Directors

Special to The Star
Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative Trustee Gary Cox was recently appointed to the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association's Board of Directors. Cox represents Gulf Coast Electric members residing east of the Chipola River in Calhoun County.

Florida Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. is not-for-profit, statewide trade association representing 15 electric distribution cooperatives and two generation and transmission cooperatives serving more than 1 million consumers in 57 of 67 Florida counties. Florida electric cooperatives cover more than 60 percent of the state's land mass while serving 10 percent of Flori-

da's entire population. GCEC Trustee Doug Birmingham, who represents GCEC members residing in Gulf County, also serves on the FECA Board of Directors.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is part of the Touchstone Energy® national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to customers large and small. More than 70 employees serve more than 20,000 meters and 2,500 miles of line in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson, Walton and Washington counties and in the municipalities of Wewahitchka, Ebro, Lynn Haven, White City, Fountain and Southport.

Other GCEC news

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is proud to announce the addition of John Bartley to its management team, as well as the promotion of several of its employees.

John Bartley is the Cooperative's new Manager of Accounting and Finance. John comes to the Cooperative with an extensive background in accounting, business analysis, finance, human resources and planning. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in business administration and accounting. He is also a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraudulent Examiner.

Also, several GCEC employees recently received promotions:

- Chad Brackin was promoted from the title of Line

Technician to Line Technician III

- Josh Hersey was promoted from the title of Line Technician to Line Technician II

- Jeremy Horton was promoted from the title of Line Technician to Line Technician II

- Charlie Little was promoted from the title of Line Technician to Line Technician III

- Jeremy Miles was promoted from the title of Line Technician to Line Technician II

- Tony Morrell was promoted from the title of Line Technician to Line Technician II

- Josh Pitts was promoted from the title of Line Technician Trainee II to the title of Line Technician Trainee IV

- Nathan Riley was promoted from the title of Line Technician to Line Technician II

- Michael Slack was promoted from the title of Line Technician Trainee II to Line Technician Trainee III.

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Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative Trustee Gary Cox.

Smiley earns FAC Advanced County Commissioner Designation

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY – The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) presented Gulf County Commissioner Tynalin Smiley with the Advanced County Commissioner (ACC) designation following his completion of a comprehensive study program developed by the association. Commissioner Smiley received the designation along with 13 other county commissioners during an awards ceremony held at the FAC Annual Conference in Hillsborough County, FL.

"All of these courses required to complete this certification were worth the time and effort to complete. The knowledge received on how effective government operates, can assist new commissioners

in their career," Smiley said.

Launched by FAC in 2006, the Advanced County Commissioner (ACC) education program, "The Florida Forum for County Leaders," is an advanced leadership program designed for graduates of the Certified County Commissioners (CCC) program. This year, the program has been held in Alachua County and saw 14 commissioners graduate in June with a total of 132 graduating since the inception of the program in 2006.

"This certification allows our citizen electorate to become experts in county government improving their communities," said FAC Executive Director Chris Holley. "Through

FAC's education programs we are able to teach commissioners how to advance their policies through the complexities of government bureaucracies."

The ACC program is organized as a series of three seminars, with 27 hours of course work. The course content focuses on leading within Florida's counties. Participating Commissioners must commit to fully participate in all three seminars in order to graduate. Seminars include: Leadership in these Turbulent and Transformative Times; Leading Your Communities During Turbulent Times; and, Understanding and Working with Stakeholders and County Makers. The University of Florida/IFAS Extension

has sponsored this program for the last five years in Alachua County.

For more information about the ACC program and courses, visit the FAC web site at www.fl-counties.com.

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Florida Association of Counties graduates Smiley from secondary certification program.

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NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS
BID NO. 1213-16

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will receive bids from any person, company or corporation interested in providing turnout gear with a minimum of 25 sets to be ordered:

Turnout gear should exceed Globe G-Xcel Turnout Gear, 7.0 Oz Advance (Gold) Outer Shell, Defender M SL2 Thermal Liner and Steadair 3000 Moisture Barrier.

Coat - NFPA Basic 3" Lime-Yellow Triple Trim, Self Cuff Reinforcement, Zipper/Velcro Closure, Radio Pocket (Left Chest), Nomex Hand and Wrist Guards w/Thumb Holes, BRD Device, 3" Lime-Yellow Lettering on Upper Back "G C B".

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Please indicate on the envelope YOUR COMPANY NAME, that this is a SEALD BID and include the BID NUMBER and what the bid is for.

Bids will be received until Thursday, August 16, 2013, at 4:30 p.m., E.T. at the Office of the Clerk of Court, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. Bids will be opened at this location on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. E.T. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/S/ Tynalin Smiley,
Chairman

Attest:
Rebecca L. Norris,
Clerk
July 11, 18, 2013

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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Tax Sale Certificate No. 1341
Application No. 2013-30
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
R.E. No: 05236-060R

Description of Property:

PARCEL C:
A portion of Lots 4 & 5, Block 71, Re-Subdivision of all of Blocks Sixty-Eight, Sixty-Nine, Seventy, Seventy-One, Seventy-Two, Seventy-Three, Seventy-Four and Seventy-Five, according to Official Map No. 12 of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 37, in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida being more particularly described as:
Commence at the Northeast corner of Lot 7, Block 71, Re-Subdivision of all of Blocks Sixty-Eight, Sixty-Nine, Seventy, Seventy-One, Seventy-Two, Seventy-Three, Seventy-Four and Seventy-Five, according to Official Map No. 12 of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 37, in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida; thence South 85 degrees 00'27" West, 177.94 feet to a point on the Northeastly right of way line of Palm Boulevard; thence along said Northeastly right of way line, North 19 degrees 14'00" West, 39.86 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the East; thence Northerly along said right of way line, along the arc of said curve, having a radius of 19.30 feet, an arc length of 18.47 feet, and a central angle of 54 degrees 50'00"; thence along the Southeastly right of way line of Nineteenth Street, North 35 degrees 36'00" East, 43.03 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along said right of way line, North 35 degrees 36'00" East, 96.58 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 4, Block 71; thence leaving said right of way line, South 51 degrees 43'21" East, 142.48 feet along the Northerly boundary line of said Lot 4, Block 71; thence along the East line of said Lot 4, South 09 degrees 03'54" West, 36.03 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 5, Block 71; thence North 74 degrees 21'36" West, 168.93 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said lands containing 0.23 acres, more or less.

Name in which assessed: Paul Cox and William T. Watson

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 21st day of August,

2013. Dated this 16th day of July, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT GULF
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
July 18, 25, August 1,
8, 2013

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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR GULF
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CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 23-2012-CA-
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vs.

JUDITH A. WADE, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: JUDITH A. WADE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUDITH A. WADE

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in GULF COUNTY, Florida:

UNIT 199, BARRIER DUNES, AS DESCRIBED IN PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF BARRIER DUNES, AND A M E N D M E N T S THERETO, DATED JULY 25, 1985, RECORDED AUGUST 06, 1985 IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 107, PAGE 227 AND 1ST AMENDMENT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 110, PAGE 809, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on TRIPP SCOTT, P.A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 110 S. E. 6th Street, 15th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, on or before July 15th, 2013, (no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Action) and file this original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Gulf County, Florida, this 5th day of June, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
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