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## Rains cause bug problems

### Downpours bring mosquitos as county ramps up spraying

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The consistently heavy rainfall of the past few weeks has increased river flows and fended off drought conditions.

All that moisture has also brought mosquitos, lots of them, as the season for mosquito-borne

illnesses approaches.

County Mosquito Control director Mark Cothran told the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday that rains of recent weeks have dropped more water on the county than when rains caused rivers to flood on the north end of the county in February.

The mosquito count, in turn, has exploded.

“We have a lot of mosquitos,” Cothran said. “We have only two (certified) sprayers but under this kind of conditions we couldn’t handle it with 20 people.”

According to the Florida Forest Service, the combined rainfall amounts at the county’s four Forest Service stations — Odena, Overstreet, White City and Wetap-

po — is nearing 47 inches in July, with still a week remaining in the month.

The combined rainfall amounts at four stations during June — primarily the final three weeks of the month, Cothran noted — were 28 inches.

That compares to the 38-inch mark in February, with two of the three months prior to June recording combined amounts under

double digits at the four stations.

Rainfall amounts in July for Overstreet are nearly 18 inches and more than 12 inches at Wetapppo.

“We have double the mosquitos that we had in the spring” as a result, Cothran said.

Mosquito Control’s report of

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## District sets tentative millage, budget

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After shearing the bottom line over the spring and summer, the Gulf County School Board readied for fall last week.

The board adopted a tentative budget and millage rate during its regular meeting last week, with taxpayers seeing a 1 percent rise in property taxes for the coming fiscal year.

“We are still below the rollback rate even though the state raised the required local effort,” said district financial officer Sissy Worley.

The rollback rate is the millage at which the school district would raise the same amount of taxes as the current fiscal year.

A mill is worth \$1 for every \$1,000 in taxable property value.

The mill declined in worth to the school board — which has differing mandates assessing property values for budgetary reasons — by just over \$2,000, less than two tenths of one percent.

School board budgets are different from other taxing authorities in that most of the leeway in numbers is removed by Tallahassee.

The Florida Legislature each year sets two of the three primary components of school funding in the FEFF, or Florida Education Finance Program.

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# Scuba heroes

## Local couple honored by Field and Stream Magazine

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Carol and Bob Cox of Mexico Beach were featured in the July issue of Field and Stream Magazine and honored by its Heroes of Conservation program for their volunteer work with the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association.

For their conservation work, MBARA was awarded a \$500 grant from Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc.

The Cox’s will also be eligible to win a grand prize of \$5,000 and a new Toyota Tundra.

Each month, the magazine profiles three grassroots conservationists who go above and beyond in the protection of fish, wildlife and habitat.

The duo applied for the Field and Stream

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**BOB AND CAROL COX PHOTOGRAPHY**

Carol and Bob Cox prepare a special memorial reef that will be deployed in the Gulf off Mexico Beach.



The couple was featured in Field and Stream Magazine for their volunteer work with local marine life.

## 3 arrested in drive-by shooting

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Three St. Joe Beach residents were arrested last week after a drive-by shooting.

Anthony Robinson, 28, Justin Armstead, 27, and Brittany Kyle, 32, were arrested by Gulf County Sheriff investigators and face charges related to a drive-by shooting July 15.

According to investigators, the victims were driving in the St. Joe Beach area when they approached Armstead standing in the roadway.

Armstead distracted them, providing Robinson, who according to investigators had ongoing problems with the victims, to shoot at their vehicle.

Robinson allegedly fired two rounds at the victims, one striking the vehicle and nearly hitting the driver.

The victims fled the scene without injury.

Subsequent interviews and witness statements indicated the motive was an ongoing dispute involving Robinson and one of the victims.

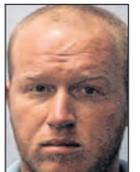
Investigators also learned that Kyle, who is Robinson’s girlfriend, was present at the shooting and provided the firearm.

Kyle told investigators she disposed of the spent shell casings, along with the remaining live ammunition and hid the firearm used in the incident, which investigators retrieved and secured.

Robinson was charged with aggravated assault with



**JUSTIN ARMSTEAD**



**ANTHONY ROBINSON**



**BRITTANY KYLE**

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## Off-duty deputy saves choking child

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Saturday was just another enjoyable day off for Sgt. John Murnan with the Gulf County Sheriff’s Office.

He was at Under the Oaks Park in Parker, enjoying a

birthday party with his son, daughter-in-law and their children.

The party was going swimmingly when Murnan heard shouting from across the park.

“We were just hanging out and someone started shouting ‘help, help, call 9-1-1,’” Murnan said. “Of course I am going to respond, somebody calling for 9-1-1, I had

to find out what was going on.”

A teenager came sprinting, cradling a small 4-year-old boy in his arms.

The young child was not breathing and clearly was in distress, Murnan said.

“He was as blue as blue can be,” Murnan said. “He was, when I got him, I guess, gone.”

Murnan scooped up the young boy. He said he thought he recognized the brother, who called the boy “Angel” and who willingly turned the boy over to Murnan’s care.

“He just said, ‘Look, help my brother,’” Murnan said.

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# Pay raises, new employees cut as BOCC begins budget work

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The Board of County Commissioners began the business of next year's budget with a marathon last week.

The BOCC met over more than five hours divided by a lunch break last week as commissioners begin the task of crafting a budget for the next fiscal year.

The BOCC has until the end of the month to establish a tentative millage rate for the Florida Department of Revenue.

That rate will go out on Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices.

The BOCC will have until September to finalize the budget and millage rate; once established at the end of this month, the tentative millage rate can not go up, though commissioners could still bring it down.

Commissioners said they were seeking to trim as much as \$2 million from the budgets provided by departments and constitutional officers.

That budget came with a millage rate of 7.8393, said Clerk of Courts Becky Norris. That would be nearly 27 percent above the rollback rate.

The rollback rate is that

millage which provides the same level of revenue as the current fiscal year.

A mill is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 in assessed taxable property.

"It is our responsibility to cut as much as we can," said Commissioner Carmen McLemore. "Taxpayers want us to do that."

A dual purpose for Commissioner Warren Yeager was identifying sources of revenue other than property taxes.

"We've got to figure out how to take some of this off the ad valorem taxpayer," Yeager said. "We've got to figure out to do it with user fees, service fees and other alternatives."

Commissioners are also wrestling with a double whammy of unfunded mandates this year in increases to Medicaid contributions passed on from the federal government to the state to the county and legislatively mandated increased contributions from local government toward employees' retirements.

And while commissioners worked through a host of issues last week, much work remains and commissioners repeatedly reminded themselves they were still in position to revisit any budget and line item.

The cutting began early

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and continued for much of the morning.

A proposal to begin the process of moving to a different operational information computer system, costing \$50,000 as a first step this year, was axed immediately.

All personnel budgets had been calculated with a 3 percent raise across the board for employees.

That was also cut immediately, and remained off the board even after a late plea from deputy administrator Michael Hammond.

"I know everybody wants a pay raise," McLemore said. "Are we going to sit here and give everybody a raise? I'd love to but we have to do some serious cutting."

Yeager suggested looking at one-time bonuses in

lieu of raises which would have impacts beyond the fiscal year and noted employees had not received a pay raise in five years.

"Our staff does a fabulous job, but this is hard time for a pay raise," said Commissioner Joanna Bryan after noting that many private businesses are "wrestling" with the same problem.

The pay raise would cost the county \$225,454, according to the clerk's office.

For the third consecutive year commissioners also axed an additional position in the clerk's office. Norris said she had pared the job specs and salary requirements as low as she could and made the plea for the position — again.

"We are struggling to do our job adequately," Norris said, "and meet constitutional requirements. We are really struggling getting everything done."

The Veterans Service Office was reduced to two-days a week, and the BOCC cut a \$10,000 increase for funding to the Gulf County Health Department to assist in offsetting cuts in state funding.

Other highlights:  
\*Agreed to meet Sheriff Mike Harrison in the middle on funding for new vehicles. Noting the age of his fleet, past and recent unsuccessful attempts to sell old vehicles for new

and the lapsing of two manpower positions to net a new vehicle, Harrison said "our fleet is in deplorable condition."

Commissioners agreed to an increase of \$100,000 to fund three new vehicles.

Commissioners also noted the need to replace some EMS vehicles, at \$150,00 per, but wrestled with a departmental budget request of \$1.2 million.

The budget for urgent care was \$204,000 and 2,500 people in Gulf County alone use some form of Medicaid, staff noted.

"The public would be shocked if they knew what their tax dollars were going to," said Yeager. "The state needs to find a funding source instead of going to our taxpayers."

Public Works requested \$330,000 that included \$205,000 for a new excavator and \$125,000 for a new fueling system.

Director of Solid Waste Joe Danford said one excavator was in decent shape, but he needs three in order to complete all necessary work. He added that his fueling system was in need of an overhaul, currently being run on outdated equipment. Danford worried that Gulf County could find itself in a similar situation as South Florida during bad hurricane seasons where gas can't be delivered to damaged areas delaying the cleanup process.

Yeager suggested approving the fueling system and leaving the excavator for next year, but Danford said he'd prefer the opposite and noted needs are pushed back year after year.

"We need to sit down and talk about it, make a plan and set some money aside," said Danford.

Commissioners considered a host of alternative revenue sources.

Yeager moved to increase tipping fees at Five Points landfill from \$40 to \$50.

Commissioner Tan Smiley said higher costs at the landfill "will have the woods filling up with trash" but the new fee was approved and will take effect Oct. 1.

Hunting and fishing licenses will see a price hike on the same day. A seven-day saltwater permit for out-of-county visitors will be raised to \$50 and fines for hunting or fishing without a license will increase to \$500.

Administrator Don Butler offered an idea to increase the gas tax by 5 cents a gallon at the pump. The change is expected to net \$175,000 a year.

"It's a great way to supplement the budget," said Yeager.

McLemore feared the public wouldn't understand how the price increase would help with a budget shortfall, but Yeager said it was up to commissioners to educate residents.

Commissioners are also looking at the potential of raising the bed tax collection by one penny and increasing beach driving permit fees.

Commissioners voted down the gas tax this past Tuesday during a second budget meeting.

Commissioners increased funding for the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society as the society's shelter has seen animal intakes more than double the past five years. The increase of \$15,000 was noted by Hammond in his ending statement on employee pay raises as he said commissioners provided additional funding for "dogs" but not employees.

Star Staff Writer Wes Locher contributed to this report

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# TDC continues to weigh fifth cent

# Port Authority to hold workshop Tuesday

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The Board of County Commissioners last week expressed support for moving to a fifth cent in bed tax.

The Gulf County Tourist Development Council remains divided on the issue.

The TDC advisory council will meet again the first week of August to take up the issue again, but the TDC is taking a deliberate approach, with its budget committee, which met last Friday, continuing to examine options.

The advisory council was philosophically divided on adding to the bed tax during its most recent meeting.

The idea is to implement an additional penny to fund a "beach safety program", a permissible use of the revenue in state law, according to county attorney Jeremy Novak.

A central component of that plan, under the proposal provided the TDC board to add the penny, was funding equipment and training for two Gulf County Sheriff's deputies who would be assigned exclusively to the tourist corridors.

Those two new positions would be funded by the sheriff's office.

Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison told county commissioners last week he did not have the resources to bolster patrols or add deputies at this time.

Harrison told commissioners



there are three deputies patrolling the entire county at most times. In the city of Port St. Joe, Police Chief David Barnes last week told city commissioners he has two officers on patrol at most times.

County commissioners and the TDC board shared concerns about the impact of declining budgets on law enforcement patrols, with the BOCC voicing support for the additional penny as a potential solution.

Harrison noted last week that crime in the county had increased 30 percent each of the past two years and there have been reports this year of a high rate of burglaries, to homes and vehicles, in the tourist corridor.

"That is due to a lack of exposure and officers in the community," Harrison said.

Last week included a

drive-by shooting in St. Joe Beach; all involved lived locally.

The key for the TDC and executive director Jennifer Jenkins is protecting the gains of the past year to build for the future.

Bed tax receipts have climbed rapidly the past two years and the TDC is projecting another jump in the coming fiscal year.

"We have to protect our brand," Jenkins said.

This is particularly important as Jenkins and her team continues to roll out research, programs and funding directed at expanding the brand across a host of platforms to transform the county from a three-month summer hot spot to a year-round "boutique" destination, as she has consistently told the TDC board.

The TDC must weigh that protection against two major concerns voiced by the board.

One was jeopardizing the market price, with Gulf County perceived as a more affordable alternative to other locations along the Gulf Coast.

The other was taxing: should the TDC be underwriting, in part, a function of county government by taxing visitors when some collectors assert that services compared to tax collections are already off kilter.

After Friday's budget committee meeting, Jenkins said the TDC continues to examine options, as was recommended by several members of the advisory board who are also members of the budget committee.

Last week, County Commissioner Warren Yeager, who also sits on the TDC advisory board, raised the issue during budget meetings but generally deferred to a TDC decision.

"I've got to think of about the ad valorem taxpayer," Yeager said. "I've got to look at alternative sources of revenue."

Novak also emphasized that the additional penny might not be a solution for next fiscal year due to the work required in meeting the state statutes mandating how bed tax revenue can be used.

To implement the tax for the coming year, Novak noted to both boards, the TDC would have to craft, adopt and begin to implement a "beach safety program" by the end of the year in order to add the additional cent for 2014.

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The Port of Port St. Joe Authority will hold a public workshop to discuss the coming fiscal year at 5:15 p.m. ET Tuesday at the Gulf/Franklin Center of Gulf Coast State College.

The discussion will focus on ideas to generate a baseline of revenue to maintain operations while the Port Authority pursues maintenance dredging of the shipping channel.

Achieving that dredging would unlock the potential of two Letters of Intent from energy companies wishing to ship through the Port of Port St. Joe.

"We are so close to being successful," said Port Authority chair Leonard Costin, adding it would be a shame if failure to fund a bare-bones budget for the coming year were unsuccessful.

The Port Authority is seeking \$80,000 in operational funding for the coming year.

"This is something for which we are going to have to marshal the troops," Costin said.

The Port Authority is encouraging all those interested in being a partner in the development of the Port of Port St. Joe and creating jobs to become involved in the effort.

"Every avenue needs to be explored," board member Patrick Jones said. "Working together we should be able to achieve (the goal)."

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## Still under attack from within

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Special to The Star

What is happening to America's leadership and Obama's domestic policy and foreign policy is not just a quirk of history. The fact that Americans are casting the Constitution to the ground and encouraging lawlessness in their marriages, in their government, and his policy towards other nations is a very definite change in America's values. Obama's latest quirk is his wanting to conduct peace talks with the Taliban.

Our nation simply cannot afford Obama working with the Democratic-run Congress rubber-stamping Obama's radical agenda for higher taxes and more reckless spending, full implementation of Obama care and the further erosion of our freedoms. The United States cannot afford to let President Obama continue his abusive power. He should have already been impeached for things he has done without approval. As I have previously stated, we have seen how far the Obama administration will go to get its way to silence its critics from IRS singling out conservative groups for their political views to the Justice Department trampling on the First Amendment and his efforts to mislead the public.

It is obvious President Obama does not believe in our Constitution. At the same time, the president is putting more restrictions on guns among the populace; his administration is arming their self. What is going on here? The Investor's Business Daily editorial writer Andrew Malcolm recently wrote about how the Department of Homeland Security had just placed an order for 21.6 million bullets. Several other government agencies have been buying massive amounts of ammunition, even the Social Security Administration. Malcolm wrote the government's total store

of ammo amounts to significant firepower to shoot every American about five times.

Why does the government need to be so heavily armed, and not people? This government is showing its tendency more and more to enforce its will on the public. It passes a health-care plan even though most of the people said they did not want it. Leadership made all the decisions behind closed doors and assured us, do not worry; we will take care of it. We know what is good for you. Do they know what is good for us? That bill alone will result in many more problems than it solves.

The president went around the Constitution during the Libyan war when he attacked. He did not consult Congress. He just up and did it essentially saying I do not need any counsel. I know what I am doing. I know what is best for America. Look at Libya today, would you say that executive session had a good outcome. The president made some deep-seated immigration rule changes without going through Congress. He does not have the right to do that. Even so, what can you do about it? The Republicans do not have enough power to stop him. It seems these people on the radical left hate the supreme law of the land.

The Republican chair Reince Priebus recently stated that what our nation needs is to get back on track by having Republican leadership. America deserves the people driven, not government centered solutions. The only way to attain this is first the Senate needs to be a Republican majority, and until Republicans get that back, things are not likely to change. Republicans must be hard-pressed to go full force to try to get a Republican majority in the U.S. House and elect more GOP governors.

Democrats and Republicans alike make the comments of the

See **ATTACK A5**

## Goat cheese wins 'by a nose'

"I don't think we are on the right road." Cathy doesn't do much back seat driving. She had good cause this time. I had no idea where we were. It was part of the plan. "Let's just drive west and see where the sun takes us....." But brother, I didn't know the plan was going to take us this far!

We'd enjoyed the early morning winding through the famed Sonoma and Napa Valleys. We were on our way to Crater Lake via, of course, the obligatory visit to the Redwood Forest. The road narrowed and became a mite twisty as we climbed out of the valley. It about ran out all together by the time Cathy shrewdly observed we might be a wee bit "turned around".

I thought about climbing a hill and seeing if I could spot some tall redwoods..... We rounded a bend that was about halfway between now-where and you-can't-get-there-from-here when I saw the detour sign. I was thinking "we are already on a detour" when I realized the orange cones were simply directing traffic off the ribbon thin road into this large field. That's when we saw the campers; and RVs; and the line of port-a-potties; and the huge stage.

Folks, we are in the back woods somewhere between San Francisco and the Oregon state line and there is a whole raft of people congregating in an old cow pasture like this was the most happening place on earth! It was too much for me. I wheeled in between the cones, passed under the big "18th Annual Kate Wolf Music Festival" sign, handed the lady twenty dollars and parked between an SUV with Utah plates and a horse tied to a cottonwood tree.

"Howdy," I tried to throw my best western talk on the first guy we met, "where can we find Kate Wolf"? I figured I'd go right to the source. The

tall, slender fellow gave me a big grin through his overgrown mustache and correctly observed, "Ya'll must not be from around here."

"Here" was the Black Oak Ranch in Laytonville, California. Kate Wolf was a local folk singer of some note who had died, according to Buck "back in the late '80's." "Some of her friends got together years ago to sing a few of her songs and commemorate her passing and it has grown into this." Buck took his hat off when speaking of the late singer, which immediately endeared him to me. And I'd never heard of Kate Wolf.



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kesy Colbert

But back in the day I was big on The Kingston Trio, Joan Baez, Pete Seeger and Trini Lopez. I was glad we were lost. Buck insisted on us joining his cousin Art and their wives at a small table they'd set up under some shade trees. The Rebirth Brass Band was tearing it up on stage. It wasn't exactly Peter, Paul and Mary, but it wasn't bad.

"Would you like some chicken?" Glenda extended the whole tray toward us. Glenda and Tanya were sisters who "had the good fortune" to "catch" Buck and Art. We quickly learned of their early dating exploits and the late night rendezvous over on Ten Mile Creek. I wasn't sure exactly who was married to whom. But they laughed a lot. And they seemed to enjoy our company as much as the music now coming from Alice Stuart and the Formerlys.

And they were proud to be from Laytonville and Mendocino County. They spoke repeatedly of "our home" and "our place". I thought not unlike I had done all of my life. They asked about my accent. I told them it was my West Tennessee upbringing mixed with a little Florida cracker. They were curious

about the beaches with the white sand. I asked them about panning for gold and how did they pack grub and other necessities up those steep mountains in the winter.

They wanted to know how we "found" the festival. I explained that we were just passing through on our way to Crater Lake. We had to sample Tonya's goat cheese that had edged out all the other competitors' at the recent Mendocino County Fair. And the tea, true to the folk music code, had a little too much green in it for me. But the chicken was great, as were the potatoes fries and the corn cakes.

I asked about the Black Oak Ranch that hosted this festival each year. Art worked for them at one time and he gave us the "low down". He said that before the Kate Wolf thing took off, they used to have the annual "Hog Farm Pignic" here. I rolled that around a few times in my mind..... What a splendid concept! I told them they should have called me in 1992, I'd a come a'running.

For a wrong turn, it turned out to be a great afternoon. I will remember the truly majestic Redwood trees. The drive up the northern coast (when Buck finally got us pointed in the right direction) was nothing short of stunning. And Crater Lake was so blue it would hurt your eyes to look at it. But, for me, the lasting memory will always be sitting around a wobbly table sharing food, music, conversation and life with some of the most regular folks I've ever met.

We have all been misinformed. California is not all Hollywood, glamour stars and wild liberals running loose. There are outstanding people in every corner of this great land of ours. The trick is to get off the beaten path of preconceived ideas and notions.....and sharing some goat cheese with them!

Respectfully,  
Kes

## Pushing and pulling little red wagons

Are pictures really worth a thousand words, or ten thousand words or more? I do not know, but I know they are worth many memories of my past - good memories of who I was growing up and who my parents wanted me to be.

Recently my aunt came across a photograph of me sitting on a lawnmower with two of my cousins and my baby brother at my knee. Seeing the picture, I knew it was the summer of 1976. I was 14, my baby brother was two.

The picture was made at my Papa's (grandfather's) home in rural Alabama. The lawnmower was old and rusted and had the blade removed, but it was good for grandchildren to drive around and be pulled in a little red wagon.

Papa always made sure we had things to ride in, push and pull. Sometimes they had engines, sometimes they did not. I wore the wheels out on an old mini-bike that didn't have an engine. Time after time I pushed it up a hill to coast back down.

Looking at the picture, I still am proud of how my baby brother stuck to me like we were about fly down a steep hill in a wagon; my parents tasked me with keeping a close eye on him. I wanted to. I did. I always will.

Little red wagons were always available at my grandparents. Between my Papa being a collector of motorized and non-motorized things with wheels and my Grandmama being the owner of a ten-cent store that sold toys, we were in good shape.

Personally, I get a kick out of watching children with wagons. As many simple toys do, the wagon

leaves much to the imagination and ingenuity of the child. Whether they are pushing, pulling or riding in them, a picture is created that allows us to peek into the mind and heart of the child.

Did the psychological study of pushing and pulling, and the motivation involved come before or after the little red wagon? I am not sure; it really doesn't matter.

However, I am pretty sure that when I watch a child playing with a wagon, I have on my brother and daddy hats, rather than my Sigmund Freud hat.

Recently, I was reading about motivation, specifically about "Why do we do anything at all?" Unfortunately, some folks answer this question, "I don't and I won't." Forgive me for my ability to go from little red wagons to psychology, but they are related. At least the pushing and the pulling are related.

As I understand it, the pushing comes from inside us or our "internal drive." The pulling comes from things external to us or incentives to make us move. After summarizing these complex thoughts in a couple of simple sentences, I would now like a Ph.D. in Red Wagon Psychology.

Seriously it takes both pushes and pulls, however it does seem when we look at the lack of motivation in some folks - they do not have the desire to push themselves nor pull anyone else - they wish only to sit in the wagon and wait for someone else to do it. That would be fine, but life is not all downhill or coasting,

someone has to get you back to the top so you can ride again.

Not only do they want you to push the wagon up the hill for them to ride

down, they want you to pull them back up in the wagon to ride again. You get tired of this when your wagon starts to fall apart.

Perhaps we should all study Red Wagon

Psychology from an Italian cabinet-maker. What? That is correct. His name was Antonio Pasin. Antonio is the man who gave us the Radio Flyer wagon.

Born in a little town outside of Venice, Antonio was greeted by the Statue of Liberty in 1913; he was 16 years-old. He had no money and didn't know a soul. What did he do? He started working - pushing, pulling and dreaming. Antonio invested his savings in used woodworking equipment and rented a one-room workshop.

By 1917, at age 20, Antonio was making wagons. He called them "Liberty Coasters," in honor of the lady who greeted him when he showed up in our land of opportunity.

Soon after, Antonio headed west to Chicago where he would open a small factory with the goal of making affordable wagons for every child. In 1927, inspired by the auto industry, he started using a steel stamping process to mass produce the wagons.

These new mass-produced little red wagons, were named the "Radio Flyer." Have you ever wondered why they are called Radio Flyers? It's

obvious. Antonio was amazed by radios and the wonders of flight - there you go.

The 1933 Chicago World's Fair was the mountain that started Antonio and his company coasting to long-term success. Against the advice of folks working for him, he borrowed \$30,000 to create a 45 foot tall wood and plaster replica of a boy on a wagon to be part of the fair. Antonio's company sold miniature wagons for a quarter from a shop under the statue. The statue was big, Antonio and his company would be bigger.

His company became the world's largest producer of toy wagons. Antonio passed away in 1990. His grandson now run the company. As of 2012, Antonio's widow was still alive at age 104. I'm pretty sure she is/was a woman who knew about pushing and pulling.

Therefore, the next time you see a couple of kids with a mobile lemonade stand on a little red wagon, think about the Italian cabinet-maker, Antonio Pasin, who showed up in America with no one to push or pull him, but himself. You might also want to buy some lemonade, the torch holding lady on Ellis Island is there to welcome folks who want to work and pay for stuff they need like lemonade and little red wagons.

Folks don't mind pulling the wagon up the hill for those who need help, but let them enjoy their little red wagons before you start pulling the wheels off and breaking the axles with loads they weren't intended to carry.

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award online by submitting a detailed breakdown of the work they had accomplished with MBARA. They were eager to seek additional grant money for a cause they are passionate about.

Prior to becoming involved with the reef association, Carol and Bob, who consider themselves "Citizen Scientists," were stationed on an Air Force base in Guam, a tropical location near the equator known for its coral reefs and clear water.

Already active with fishing, waterskiing and snorkeling, Carol urged Bob to take scuba lessons with her, though he was hesitant to do so.

"I was always fascinated by Jacques Cousteau," said Carol. "Once Bob got started, he was more enthusiastic about it than I was."

The pair continued to dive around Guam with Bob eventually becoming a certified Dive Instructor, and Carol, a Dive Master.

In 1998 they were stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base after specifically asking for a Florida assignment. While on base they spotted a brochure for the MBARA and soon became members.

"While we're here, we may as well do something to improve diving and fishing," recalled Carol. "The military engrains volunteerism into people."

Within a few months of joining MBARA, Carol had been elected to the position of secretary. The couple became involved with events like the annual Kingfish Tournament where Carol spent several years as the official tournament photographer.

While in Guam, the couple became fascinated with the local underwater scene and soon learned the art of underwater photography and videography.

The Cox's praised the MBARA for its active efforts at preserving and encouraging marine life in the waters off Mexico Beach.



BOB AND CAROL COX PHOTOGRAPHY

The reefs replenish life at local fisheries and attract new types of sea life.

"The MBARA is an active organization. You see all the good it does," said Carol.

According to the Coxes, when they moved to the area in 1998, there were very few places to dive or fish in Mexico Beach, but the MBARA has helped to establish over 140 sites.

Just a few years ago, red snapper was rare in Mexico Beach. Carol reported that the city now has "one of the best snapper fisheries in the state of Florida."

Bob, now president of the MBARA, and Carol, treasurer, spend their volunteer time conducting surveys on the artificial reefs and examining their structures as they seek out ways to improve future reefs. They also perform fish counts around established reefs to evaluate their performance.

In addition to creating certain sizes and shapes, the couple has found the proper materials that will bring fish to the area and allow them to thrive. They discovered that embedding Florida artificial limestone into the reefs mimicked the hard bottom that occurs naturally in the area.

"We're helping the local

fisheries grow to meet the growing demand," said Bob. "We replenish it and make sure that it's healthy for future generations."

The association currently utilizes three shapes in their reefs. A three-sided pyramid design draws in larger fish; a flat, rectangular reef brings in grouper and gray snapper; and the "Ecosystem" design, which has multiple layers, provides crevices enjoyed by juvenile fish and black sea bass.

The Coxes spend time diving around the reefs tracking their progress, growth and fish that they bring into the area.

They regularly create reports on their findings that are shared in a database and accessible by engineers, the United States Coast Guard, Tyndall Air Force Base and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

"The information is available to anyone doing research," said Bob. "It's great information to have, especially in case of a future oil spill."

Their current project is to discover the cause of lionfish in local waters. These invasive fish reproduce quickly and feed on other sea life vital to the local

economy.

The MBARA is currently researching methods for controlling the population, but currently, it's a mystery as to why their numbers have increased dramatically over the last few years.

Bob said, "You don't have to have a degree to get involved."

The Coxes reported that their efforts and the impact have caught the attention of surrounding counties and Bob had been contacted by representatives in Bay, South Walton, Hernando and Taylor Counties seeking advice on how to create similar non-profits that may have an equally positive impact on their local marine life.

The Coxes are pleased with their feature in Field and Stream Magazine, though they see it as an opportunity to shine a light on the organization that they're so passionate about and put Mexico Beach on the map as one of the United States' best diving locations.

"So many people don't know what we have in our backyard. They go to the Caribbean to dive," said Bob.

The organization's annual Kingfish Tournament takes place Aug. 24. Registration fees for the event serve as a fundraiser for the MBARA. There are divisions for recreational and professional fishermen. Those interested in volunteering can get in touch through the MBARA website.

The MBARA has 250 active members. The annual membership fee is \$35 and goes toward building the next wave of artificial reefs. The organization meets the first Thursday of each month at the Mexico Beach Civic Center. Those looking to support the organization can visit their online store for maps of their reef locations or coordinates that can be directly uploaded to a GPS device. To learn more about the organization, visit the MBARA online at [www.mbara.org](http://www.mbara.org).

## ATTACK

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future of our country depends on the future of their party. What is the matter with saying America first? All should come together for the betterment of the country. A two-party system does not seem to work well in America any longer.

Even with so many troubles at home. The first responsibility of the federal government is to keep America safe. Why continual downsizing of our military? Russia and China think it is great. A weakened America is what they see as they laugh in our face.

Obama's attitude is reflected in \$800 billion of cuts to the Department of Defense, which weaken our national defense. He should be making our military strong. He certainly does not mind growing government in all other ways.

America's long-term national security and statute in the world are at stake. I do not believe he should use the military to pay for failed stimulus plans or Obama care, or to support the ever-growing payroll of federal agencies. Stop paying Medicare and Medicaid benefits to lazy people who don't want to work. Give them a temporary daily job to earn that federal benefit payment.

Our safety depends on the well-funded military comprised of the world's best-equipped, best-trained troops using the most advanced weapons systems. National security is the one area where strategy must drive the budget, and not the opposite.

President Reagan said it best, he believed in peace through strength, not peace through conciliation, not peace through appeasement, and not peace through retreat. If you have never voted in your life, now is the time to be registered and make your vote count, regardless the party affiliation.

*Ed McAteer lives in Port St. Joe*

## DISTRICT from page A1

And this year, while the state boosted revenue in some areas, it was balanced by cuts in other areas, deputy superintendent of schools Sara Joe Wooten said.

The primary component, Required Local Effort, is that which the district must raise to receive any state funding under FEFP.

That component, set by state lawmakers this spring, went up from 4.838 mills to 4.870, an increase of two-thirds of a percent from the current fiscal year, or .032 in mills.

Discretionary millage, that is used for essential school operations, remained the same, as it did for all districts, .748 mills.

The Gulf County School Board, for the first time in more than four years, increased the one component of the millage rate over which it has any say, Local Capital Improvement, or bricks-and-mortar-dollars.

With buildings in the district aging — the newest public schools are more than 40 years old — and little prospect on the state or local level for major capital funding for a new school or consolidated

system, board members felt they had no choice but to increase LCI to address needs.

The addition of .045 mills to the existing .400 mills increases LCI 11.25 percent and an additional \$59,669 in bricks-and-mortar funding.

Those funds will be used for repairs and improvements to roofs, doors, covered play areas, flooring, lighting and fire alarms.

The school millage also includes for the next four years a voter-approved additional mill in operating revenue.

The school millage rate will increase from 6.986 to 7.063, bringing the ad valorem budget to \$9.511 million, an increase of \$87,434 dollars.

"We continue to be vigilant about where our costs are," said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton.

The School Board will hold its first public meeting on the budget at 5:15 p.m. ET Monday in its meeting room on Middle School Road in Port St. Joe.

### Health insurance

Todd Torgersen from

Coastal Insurance Services Inc., the district's consultant for insurance, provided an update on health insurance.

In short, the district is in a tough spot and employees on the district's insurance can expect an increase in premiums of at least 20 percent in the coming year.

"The claims experience now is pretty terrible," Torgersen said. "Our experience is above target."

Also driving the problem, Torgersen said, is that some of the plans offered by the district, particularly ones with low deductibles and high premiums, were "long in the tooth."

He said the district would pass a government two-pronged test on offering affordable coverage under so-called Obamacare, but said

a government delay in full implementation combined with the claims history gave the district a window to plan for the future to curb increases.

"We have some room, but we need to plan," Torgersen said. "This will continue to be a problem."

As premiums on plans increase, those considered "Cadillac" plans with high deductibles and low deductibles might very well fail the federal government's mandates on affordability, even with the School Board kicking in \$550 a month.

"What we are doing for employees now is the highest in this area among districts," Norton said. "We are at the high end of what we can offer."

Torgersen said he continued to work with the district insurance committee to identify plans — of note, he said, were Health Savings Account plans — that were affordable and provided adequate coverage.

He said a trend in health insurance is also to move toward an emphasis on wellness, preventative care.

"You want to mitigate demand by improved health," Torgersen said.

The committee will continue to research options to bring to the board at a future date, possibly winnowing the plans by eliminating or replacing some.

"The game plan is to find plans that meet everybody's needs and offer plans that are affordable," Torgersen said.

## VARIANCE NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe Planning and Development Review Board will hold a Meeting to discuss a Request for a Variance on August 13, 2013 4:00 pm EST, at City Hall at 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St Joe, FL for Nathan Peters, III located at 413 Hodrick Street Parcel # 05816-000R. The reason for the request is Per Section 3.04 (1)F of the Land Development Regulations. The proposed plans can be reviewed at the Building Department located at 1002 10th St. and can be reached for questions at (850) 229 -1093.

**All persons are invited to attend this meeting. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Development Review Board with respect to any matter considered at said meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The Planning and Review Board of the City of Port. St. Joe, Florida will not provide a verbatim record of this meeting.**

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## 'Seafood doesn't get any fresher'

By WES LOCHER  
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Scallop season kicked off early this year on June 29 and already, St. Joseph Bay has been crowded with eager scallopers...in between rain storms, of course.

The verdict is in that the number of scallops seems to be up this year and those tasty mollusks seem plentiful in harvest areas that include Crystal River, Hernando, Steinhatchee, St. Marks and locally in St. Joseph Bay.

"Scallop season is going very well," said Julie of Seahorse Water Safari. "It's definitely better than last year."

Seahorse Water Safari runs fishing charters in St. Joseph Bay and spends a large amount of time each summer toting tourists and locals alike to hot spots.

Julie explained that over-harvesting and lack of fresh water may be playing a part in the numbers being down from previous years.

"It's not as good as a few years ago," she said.

"Scallops are like oysters. They are fragile and usually the first thing in a marine ecosystem to go."

For Murfreesboro, TN resident Joy Stokes, the season has been positive. She and her family have visited Cape San Blas every July for the last eight years to scallop and enjoy the area.

"The numbers seemed to be really good this year and we did come very close to getting our limit in just a few hours," she said.

Stokes said that her children, ages 7 and 11, have begun scalloping as well and enjoyed experiencing the sea life that the Bay has to offer.

"We are a family that loves the outdoors and I love that it is something our kids can participate in," said Stokes. "There is just something about going out there and snorkeling for a couple of hours and bringing home dinner for that night."

"Seafood doesn't get any fresher than that!"

St. Joseph Bay and Black's Island were reported to yield good results this year.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which measures the number of scallops in 600 square meter areas, St. Joseph Bay is up 23 to last year's 10.9 per station.

A significant increase, but nowhere near the 154.8 scallops registered in 2011.

For those who haven't yet participated in the local sensation, grab a snorkel and some water shoes, a dive flag, fishing license and some type of bucket and get out in the Bay.

Stokes even offered up



WES LOCHER | The Star

**Above:** Scallop numbers are on the rise this year. **Top:** Scallop-hunters spent a clear afternoon in St. Joseph Bay. **Middle:** Solo hunters, families and couples searched for the elusive mollusks.

some advice for first-time scallop-hunters.

"You don't need a boat to go way out, there are many spots you can pull over in your car and wade out into the bay," she said. "You just need to know where to look for them; they won't be in the sand but in the grassy areas."

Scallop season will continue through Sept. 24.

Scallops may be collected by hand or with a landing or dip net.

They cannot be taken ashore outside of the open area for harvesting and there is no commercial harvest for bay scallops in Florida state and federal waters.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
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Fri, July 26	89°	78°	30 %
Sat, July 27	87°	77°	20 %
Sun, July 28	86°	77°	30 %
Mon, July 29	85°	76°	40 %
Tues, July 30	86°	76°	30 %
Wed, July 31	85°	76°	30 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from these given for APALACHICOLA:

	HIGH	LOW
Cat Point	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27

To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from those given for CARRABELLE:

	HIGH	LOW
Bald Point	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

### ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
25	Th	1238pm 1.3		858pm 0.4	
26	Fr	130pm 1.0		815pm 0.7	
27	Sa	348am 1.0	236pm 0.8	1019am 0.7	636pm 0.7
28	Su	343am 1.2		142pm 0.6	
29	Mo	406am 1.4		251pm 0.3	
30	Tu	445am 1.6		345pm 0.2	
31	We	532am 1.7		434pm 0.1	
1	Th	624am 1.7		519pm 0.0	
2	Fr	716am 1.8		559pm 0.0	
3	Sa	805am 1.8		633pm 0.0	

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
25	Th	647am 1.3	541pm 1.5	1218am 0.1	1211pm 0.9
26	Fr	707am 1.4	641pm 1.3	1249am 0.3	108pm 0.7
27	Sa	728am 1.4	748pm 1.2	116am 0.5	210pm 0.6
28	Su	753am 1.5	908pm 1.0	142am 0.7	319pm 0.5
29	Mo	823am 1.5	1054pm 1.0	206am 0.9	435pm 0.4
30	Tu	859am 1.5		232am 1.1	549pm 0.3
31	We	943am 1.5		656pm 0.2	
1	Th	1036am 1.5		753pm 0.1	
2	Fr	339am 1.2	1137am 1.5	624am 1.3	842pm 0.1
3	Sa	407am 1.2	1238pm 1.5	739am 1.3	924pm 0.0

## Seen any mink? Let FWC know

By CECILIA THORNGREN  
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PANAMA CITY— The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission wants the public's help in locating mink for research purposes.

"We just want to know more about them," said Chris Winchester, biologist at FWC. The population status of mink in Florida is unknown, he said.

With help from the public, FWC hopes to learn where the mink habitats are and decide where to continue their research about the rare mammal, he said.

"There's at least three subspecies," Winchester said about mink in Florida. They are Atlantic salt marsh mink, Gulf salt marsh mink and Everglades mink.

Information about the three subspecies is limited, and only the Everglades mink is listed as threatened, according

to an FWC news release.

Adult mink weigh 2-3 pounds and measure about 2 feet in length, the news release said, and its fur can be dark chocolate or a light rusty brown, and sometimes there is a patch of white along the chin and under the throat. In the Bay County area mink can be cinnamon-colored, Winchester said.

People sometimes confuse mink with other species such as otter and weasels, but "mink is a lot smaller than otter," Winchester said.

Mink are strictly carnivorous, eating fish, frogs, crayfish, crabs, birds and small mammals, the news release said.

The public can enter their sightings on FWC's website using Google maps, Winchester said.

To submit sightings to the FWC, visit MyFWC.com/Research, click on Wildlife, and select "Public Asked to Share Mink Sightings" under "Terrestrial Mammals."



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A mink looks out of its den.

### FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



#### Inshore

As our area is still flooding due to all the rain, fishing is slow at best. Good flounder catches and some red fish are being caught under the George Tapper bridge this week. Scallops are coming to the docks in decent numbers this past week. If you can see them through the mud and silt, the size and numbers are pretty good.

#### Offshore

With so few species open to fish, offshore fishing has slowed down this month. Gag grouper and a few right snapper species are the only bottom fish that we can keep right now. Amber jack fishing will re-open on 08-01-2013, so we will have another fish to target for the month of August.

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# Blountstown at center of Rural Division changes

District changes ahead for Port St. Joe, Wewa

By BRAD MILNER  
News Herald Writer

The landscape has changed again in Class 1A.

The Rural division, created by the Florida High School Athletic Association to level the playing field for smaller schools, had a successful reception in its initial two seasons. It opened the door for several area schools, including Chipley, Ponce de Leon and Holmes County, to not only compete deep into the regional tournament when it was unable to do so against a lineup of private school powers prior to 2011, but to secure state championships as well.

There were changes in district alignment in each of the six sports recognized in the Rural division. Blountstown appealed to the FHSAA for a change in district in all sports, for undisclosed reasons, and the Tigers' request was granted.

Blountstown moved from District 4-1A to District 3-1A in football, one of the Tigers' strongest sports aside from boys weightlifting and baseball. The shift created a bevy of competitive teams in football.

Blountstown will compete with Bozeman, Chipley, Holmes County and South Walton in District 3. Holmes County was the District 3 champion and Bozeman the runner-up in 2012. Blountstown advanced to the regional tournament in each of the past two seasons, including winning the District 4 title in 2011.

District 4 is now a four-team grouping with holdovers Franklin County, defending champion Liberty County, Port St. Joe and

West Gadsden. Winners and runners-up in District 3 are paired against those from District 4 in the opening round of the Region 2 playoffs.

Blountstown's other Rural division sports teams, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball, also changed districts and regions. Boys and girls basketball moved from District 3 to 2 and baseball, softball and volleyball switched from District 4 to 2 with all sports a part of Region 1.

Those districts saw some geographical shifting with other area teams. Chief among them was Ponce de Leon moving to 1-1A to join fellow Holmes County schools Bethlehem and Poplar Springs. The majority of the former District 2 and 3 in sports other than football swapped places for at least the next two school years.

Football has perennially been the top sport at Blountstown, which had a 33-game regular-season winning streak that ended in 2007 and three state titles during the 1970s. The Tigers have advanced to the postseason 10 times since 2001 with six of those appearances coming under current coach Greg Jordan.

There will be no unfamiliar roads for the Tigers, who were bracketed in a district with Bozeman, Chipley and Holmes County in Class 2B from 2005-08.

"We've played Chipley and Holmes County forever so nothing changes in rivalries," Jordan said. "We kept three out of the four schools (save West Gadsden) in our last district on the schedule, too."



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Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka will see changes to district alignments this fall.

Jordan said the only difference will be in potential first-round playoff opponents. Port St. Joe and Liberty County, for instance, could be opening opponents and possible regional final foes instead of Holmes County and Chipley, as was the case for the Tigers in 2011-12.

"Our first-round games will still be a common opponent," Jordan said. "We'll just have to beat them in the playoffs and it's pretty much gonna come down to the same four teams."

Blountstown will have new opponents in Region 1 in the five

sports aside from football. It will be grouped with natural rivals Wewahitchka and Altha, the latter located just miles away, and the schools will play at least twice each year with potential third meetings coming in district tournaments.

The district and regional changes for area teams will create different matchups in opening rounds, making more competitive meetings earlier in the bracket. That would have been evidenced in softball, where Liberty County won its first state title last season. If the new align-

ments were in place last season, Liberty County and Chipley, both state semifinal qualifiers, would have played in the first round.

The move could provide a more representative picture in sports that featured regional final matchups of teams that many argued were two of the best in the state. That was the case when boys basketball state champion Holmes County defeated Malone in the Region 1 final to reach the state semifinal. The new alignment has the potential for a Malone-Holmes County state championship game.

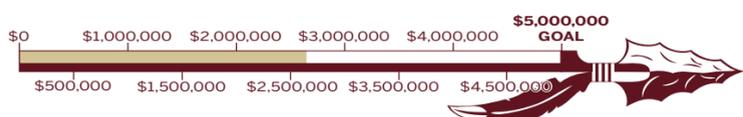
**WE SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY'S UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Ken Shaw, Dean of FSU Panama City; Dr. Mack Bowen, Consultant to Pyrolysis Tech; and Dr. Hafiz Ahmad, Faculty at FSU Panama City pictured with equipment donated by Pyrolysis Tech for bio-fuel research. Pyrolysis Tech also made a \$20,000 contribution to the Endowment for the College of Applied Studies.

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— Peter Eckrich  
CEO, Pyrolysis Tech

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# NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Gulf County School District will soon consider a

Budget for 2013-14. A public hearing to make a **DECISION** on

the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on:

**July 29th, 2013**

**5:15 PM**

at

**Gulf County School Board Meeting Room, 150 Middle School Rd, Port St. Joe, Florida**

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## NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Gulf County School Board will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a .4450 mill property tax for capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 6.618 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$599,260 to be used for the following projects:

### MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

- Reimbursement of the maintenance, renovation, and repairs paid through the General Fund as permitted by Florida Statute
- HVAC Systems
- Lighting
- Fire Alarms
- Port St. Joe Elementary
- Port St. Joe Jr. – Sr. High School
- Wewahitchka Elementary
- Wewahitchka Jr. – Sr. High School
- District Office
- Adult Schools
- Upgrade Bathrooms
- Replace Doors
- Replace Flooring

### MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

- Purchase of maintenance vehicle
- Purchase of testing delivery vehicle

### NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONIC LEARNING DEVICES AND ENTERPRISES SOFTWARE

- School Furniture and Equipment
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- Communications Equipment
- Maintenance Equipment
- Enterprise Software

### PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on July 29th, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. at the Gulf County School Board meeting room, 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, Florida.

A **DECISION** on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

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**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
**THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF GULF COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ARE 3.4 PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014**

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVIES SUBJECT TO 10-MILL CAP:

		Additional Millage Not to Exceed		
Required Local Effort (Including Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage)	4.8700	4 Years (Operating)	1.0000	
Local Capital Improvement(Capital Outlay )	0.4450			<b>TOTAL MILLAGE: 7.0630</b>
Basic Discretionary Operating	0.7480			

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Federal Sources	85,000.00	1,818,703.80			1,903,703.80
State Sources	6,017,743.00	11,700.00	66,550.00	13,225.00	6,109,218.00
Local Sources	9,136,135.00	350,150.00		601,285.00	10,087,570.00
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>15,238,878.00</b>	<b>2,180,553.80</b>	<b>66,550.00</b>	<b>614,510.00</b>	<b>18,100,491.80</b>
Transfers In	249,638.53	75,000.00			324,638.53
Fund Balance (July 1, 2013)	1,128,833.07	24,429.46	13,756.46	447,194.92	1,614,213.91
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>16,617,349.60</b>	<b>2,279,983.26</b>	<b>80,306.46</b>	<b>1,061,704.92</b>	<b>20,039,344.24</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Instruction	9,064,304.57	713,151.53			9,777,456.10
Pupil Personnel Service	643,924.49	184,012.00			827,936.49
Instruction Media Service	221,784.04				221,784.04
Instructional & Curriculum	160,872.00	164,211.27			325,083.27
Instructional Staff Training	270,093.00	215,890.00			485,983.00
Instruction Related Technology	38,219.00				38,219.00
Board of Education	186,995.00				186,995.00
General Administration	622,080.00	17,839.00			639,919.00
School Administration	759,359.58				759,359.58
Facilities Acquisition & Construction				780,590.33	780,590.33
Fiscal Service	275,540.00				275,540.00
Food Service		946,178.00			946,178.00
Central Service	76,848.00				76,848.00
Pupil Transportation Service	1,039,673.39	10,400.00			1,050,073.39
Operation of Plant	1,499,215.00	700.00			1,499,915.00
Maintenance of Plant	994,500.00				994,500.00
Administrative Technology Services	80,083.00				80,083.00
Community Service					0.00
Debt Services	8,735.00		71,050.00		79,785.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>15,942,226.07</b>	<b>2,252,381.80</b>	<b>71,050.00</b>	<b>780,590.33</b>	<b>19,046,248.20</b>
Transfers Out	75,000.00			249,638.00	249,638.00
Fund Balance (June 30, 2014)	600,123.53	27,601.46	9,256.46	31,476.59	668,458.04
<b>Total Expenditures, Transfers &amp; Balances</b>	<b>16,617,349.60</b>	<b>2,279,983.26</b>	<b>80,306.46</b>	<b>1,061,704.92</b>	<b>20,039,344.24</b>

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

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## Summer program encourages volunteerism

By WES LOCHER  
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While working with 21st Century Summer Enrichment Program, Julie Hodges, art teacher at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, applied for a grant through Volunteer Florida and Franklin County's Promise Coalition and received the Best Neighboring Grant.

The grant was awarded to encourage development and execution of original ideas and the importance of volunteerism in area high school

students.

Hodges saw an opportunity to combine the summer art program with the centennial events that celebrated the 100th birthday of Port St. Joe.

The high school volunteers included Caroline Rish, Miles Otwell, Coy Burke and Elizabeth Sapp.

They represented grades 9-12.

"The program encourages the volunteers to gain confidence in themselves," Hodges said. "They present their ideas and then have to follow through."

While Hodges supervised the art project and provided ideas when necessary, the students were encouraged to lead the group of youngsters in the execution of the project.

Together, the students and volunteers traveled to the Washington Gym, the Constitution Monument, Old St. Joseph Cemetery and historic churches while snapping photos that would later be painted and hung as part of the centennial's student art exhibit.

Once the pictures had been

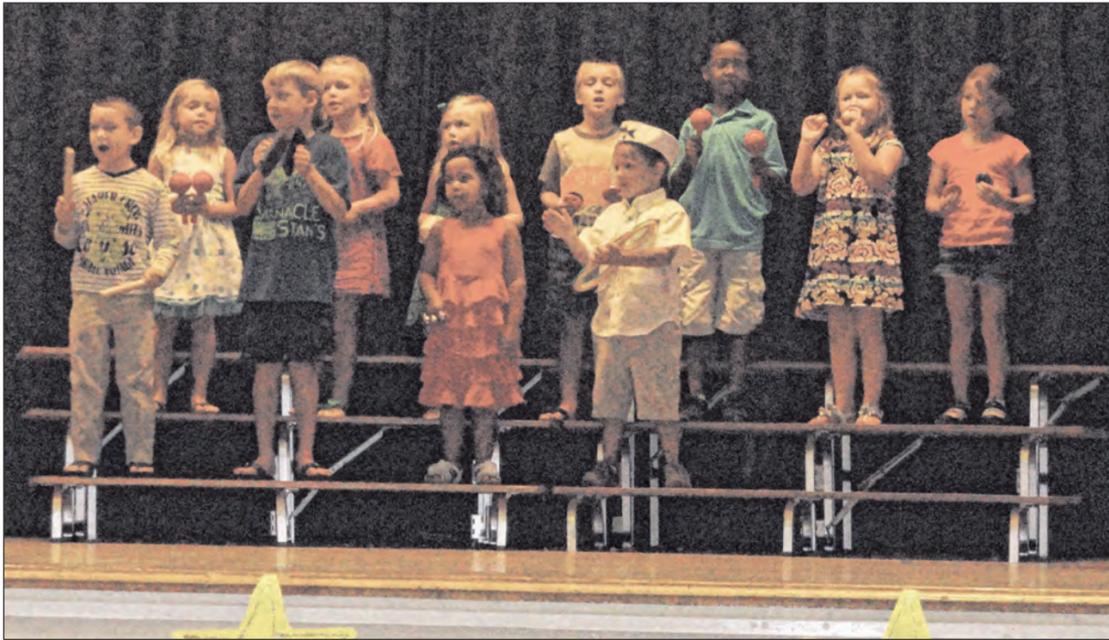
See **SUMMER B5**



Student volunteer Caroline Rish taught a watercolor painting class to elementary students.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

### SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM CONCERT



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The program, which ran the month of June, was open to students in kindergarten through grade six.

## Students sing sounds of summer

Star Staff Report

The 21st Century Summer Enrichment Program at Port St. Joe Elementary School hosted an end of summer concert on June 27 in the school's auditorium.

Kindergarten students performed renditions to Pop Goes the Weasel, My Bonnie and Popeye.

Second and third grade students performed songs that included The Star Spangled Banner, Alouette and Sea Divers while first grade students gave musical renditions of The Bear, July the Fourth and Sailing.

Grades four through six performed High School Musical Two. Student art exhibits were also on display.

The 21st Century Summer Enrichment Program was led under the guidance of Elementary Principal Designee, Jo Clements, music teacher Becky Hare and Art teacher Julie Hodges and took place Monday through Thursday for the month of June.

The program welcomed students in grades kindergarten through six with more than 80 enrolled. The program's curriculum covered science, reading, art, music and math. 21st Century even provided an hour of music and art each day to explore creative avenues for children.



Above: Students performed a variety of songs, both traditional and July Fourth-themed. Left: Student Art programs led by Julie Hodges displayed their finished work during the end of summer concert.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Hospital volunteer Silvia Whaley and Paulina Pendarvis accepted new members to the Guild and pre-sold ducks for their upcoming "duck derby" at the Scallop Festival.

## Sacred heart guild talks memberships and martinis

Star Staff Report

The Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf teamed with the Haughty Heron for an evening of music, martinis and mammos as they hosted a membership drive for the Guild, a group that provides support and fundraising activities to bring new healthcare programs and services to the community.

The goal of the event, which registered 49 new members for the Guild, was to build awareness for breast cancer and early detection.

Local cancer survivor Kathe Jones shared her story and expressed to attendees that without early detection, she wouldn't have been around to speak with them.

More than 100 people stopped to support the Tuesday night event. A \$20 pledge netted new members a pink celebratory martini while live music filled the Heron courtyard courtesy of Lauren Spring and Melissa Bowman.

Money raised was contributed in part to the development of a fund to assist uninsured and underinsured residents to receive breast screenings.

"The event exceeded our expectations," said Paulina Pendarvis, Physician and Volunteers Services advocate for Sacred Heart. "We hope to make it an annual event."



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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 Star.

1) Who was the first Beatle to have a #1 single following

the group's breakup?  
John, Paul, George, Ringo

2) What dog breed was named for an area along the coast of Croatia?

Chihuahua, Great Dane, Saint Bernard, Dalmatian

3) Of these who once worked as a pineapple chucker in a Hawaiian cannery?

Bette Midler, Demi Moore, Michelle Pfeiffer, Uma Thurman

4) What make was the Cunningham family car in TV's "Happy Days"?

Hudson, DeSoto, Ford, Chevy

5) Which bill is the second most-used denomination of U.S. currency?

\$5, \$10, \$20, \$100

6) At what age was Rudolph Valentino at time of death?

31, 46, 67, 94

7) What song was Michael Jackson

performing when he introduced the "moonwalk"?

Billie Jean, Beat It, Thriller, Bad

8) A sesquipedalian speaker ordinarily uses what sort of words?

Kindergarten, Racist, Long, Religious

9) The first Corvette was made in 1953 with its color being?

Black, Red, Blue, White

10) In 1922 which city had the first

official police car, the "Bandit-Chaser"?

Denver, NYC, Detroit, Chicago

11) Of these who was named after a department store?

Halle Berry, Meg Ryan, Jodie Foster, Lucy Lawless

12) "Bronze John" was an old disease name for?

Meningitis, tuberculosis, syphilis, yellow fever

13) In the early 1900s about what

percentage of American homes had bathtubs?

5%, 20%, 33%, 40%

14) If someone is aphonic, what is lost?

Keys, Soul, Voice, Mind

ANSWERS

1) George. 2) Dalmatian. 3) Bette Midler. 4) DeSoto. 5) \$20. 6) 31. 7) Billie Jean. 8) Long. 9) White. 10) Denver. 11) Halle Berry. 12) Yellow Fever. 13) 20%. 14) Voice.

# Webelos, Cub Scouts attend summer camp

Star Staff Report

Several of Port St. Joe's Webelos and Cub Scouts attended the Spanish Trail Scout Reservation's resident camp in Defuniak Springs. During the four-day camp scouts participated in numerous skill-building activities.

Weblo Scout Tyler Guthrie received the following for his outstanding dedication: BB shooting belt loop and pin; Swimming belt loop and pin; Chess belt loop; Ultimate belt loop; Map and Compass belt loop; Sportsman Activity badge; Naturalist Activity badge; Aquanaut Activity badge; Outdoor Activity badge; and Leave No Trace award.

Also during the camp, Cub Scout Fisher Van Der Tulip received the following for his outstanding dedication: Ultimate belt loop and badge; BB shooting belt loop and badge; Chess belt loop; Map and Compass belt loop; Outdoor Activity award; and Leave No Trace award.

During a separate Cub Scout Day Camp at the Bay County Fairgrounds in Panama City, two of the local scouts earned awards. Van Der Tulip and Gavin Haddock received belt loops for the following for their outstanding work during the five-day camp: Badminton, Flag football, Wildlife conservation, music, communications and map and compass.

# HAM IT UP; GET ON THE AIR

Gulf Amateur Radio Society to provide amateur radio license exams

Star Staff Report

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.

Become part of the emergency response in your community. When all other communications fail in a disaster, there is the

Amateur Radio Service.

To get your initial license or upgrade an existing license or if you need assistance in obtaining a license, contact C.H. Tillis (AJAXJ) at 648-8251.

Monthly meeting Interested in becoming a Radio Amateur or commonly called a "ham"?

The Gulf Amateur Radio Society (GARS) will



hold their next meeting at 7 p.m. ET on Thursday, Aug. 1 at the Gulf County Operations Center (EOC)

building in Port St. Joe. Come on out to meet some local "ham" and see what's going on.



## Karate School holds summer camp

Star Staff Report

The Karate School will be holding its annual summer camp, July 29 through August 2. Drop-off time is 7:30 a.m. ET, pick up time is 5:15 p.m. ET.

The only experience needed is the ability to have fun. For more information, call The Karate School at 850-527-4691. Space is limited.

## Events at the Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka

Star Staff Report

Following are current and upcoming events at the Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka.

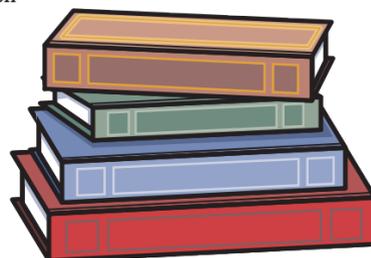
At 3 p.m. CT on Aug. 6, Linda Bannister and James E. Hurd, Jr. will be signing copies of their book "Turpentine Jake".

Story time for students in K through fifth grade will be held 3:30 p.m. CT on Aug. 13.

Story time for students K through fifth grade will be held again Sept. 10.

Wee Read for pre-school age children is held at 9:30 a.m. CT each Monday.

For more information on these and other events at the library contact 639-2419.



## PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

Paige is a 60# 3yr Black Lab/Mix. She is very friendly and outgoing. Paige walks well on her leash and knows the command of sit. She likes playing with other dogs and will even tolerate cats even although they scare her. Paige adores attention from kids and adults alike. If you can give this great dog the forever home she deserves please let us know.

If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a Donation. All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com or adoptbajstjoe@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Applications are available at www.sjhumaneociety.org We require all potential adopters to complete an application form. Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations.



Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Faith's Thrift Hut is always in need of donations also, and all the proceeds go directly to support the animals in our care! The hours for the store are Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome at both our store and our shelter! Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!

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## Author publishes second locally based book

Special to The Star

Pineapple Press announced last week the publication of Secrets of St. Vincent, the second book in its popular Florida Secrets trilogy by award-winning author Charles Farley.

The first book, Secrets of San Blas, is based on events surrounding an actual murder at the Cape San Blas Lighthouse near Port St. Joe in 1938. Old Doc Berber, Port St. Joe's only general practitioner, is dragged into a murder investigation, a romance,

Charles Farley will be in town to sign copies of his books during the Scallop Festival.

Farley will sign books 1-4 p.m. ET Saturday, Aug. 10, at 155 Capt. Fred's Place (the old Maddox house) at Shipyard Cove

and a series of intrigues that even he can't diagnose.

Michael Lister, author of The Big Goodbye, called the novel "an unforgettable journey through Florida's Forgotten Coast ... a delightful dance of history and mystery, an intriguing interplay of fact and fiction." Now, in Secrets of St.

Vincent, bluesman Reggie Robinson has been wrongly arrested for the gruesome murder of Sheriff Byrd "Dog" Batson. Doc Berber and his best friend, Gator Mica, mount a quixotic search for the sheriff's savage killer on equally savage St. Vincent Island. If they survive the frightening

adventure, they'll return with the shocking secrets that will shatter the town's tranquility forever.

A Kansas native who now lives in Huntsville, Alabama, Charles Farley has written for American Libraries, Library Hi Tech, Library Journal, and Living Blues. His first book, Soul of the Man, was a biography of the great soul singer Bobby "Blue" Bland. In 2012 he won first place in the fiction category in the Alabama Writers' Conclave Writing Competition. His website is www.charlesfarley.com.

## VARIANCE NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe Planning and Development Review Board will hold a Meeting to discuss a Request for a Variance on August 13, 2013 4:00 pm EST, at City Hall at 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St Joe, FL for Nathan Peters, III located at 403 Hodrick Street Parcel # 05815-000R. The reason for the request is Per Section 3.04 (1)F of the Land Development Regulations. The proposed plans can be reviewed at the Building Department located at 1002 10th St. and can be reached for questions at (850) 229 -1093.

All persons are invited to attend this meeting. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Development Review Board with respect to any matter considered at said meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The Planning and Review Board of the City of Port. St. Joe, Florida will not provide a verbatim record of this meeting.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing special accommodations to participate in these proceeding should contact Charlotte Pierce, City Clerk, City of Port St. Joe, at City Hall, (850) 229-8261.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Florida delegation shows off the T-shirts they wore in honor of Ryan Flowers.

## Students take trip to Washington, D. C.

Special to The Star

Seth Goodwin and Chandler Vines recently traveled to Washington, D. C. as Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative's representatives at the Rural Electric Youth Tour that electric cooperatives across the nation participate in.

Each year, the Cooperative sponsors the Youth Tour contest for eleventh-graders whose parents are members of GCEC. Contestants are interviewed by a panel of three judges from the electric cooperative industry, and two students are selected to travel on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D. C. in June.

While in Washington, the students toured the numerous museums; Arlington National Cemetery; the Iwo Jima Monument; the U. S. Capitol area; the Korean, Lincoln, Vietnam, FDR, Jefferson and World War II Memorials; Mt. Vernon; and the National Cathedral. They also enjoyed the U. S. Marine Corps Sunset Parade; a boat

cruise and dance on the Potomac River; and ended their trip by seeing a show at the Kennedy Center.

A highlight of the trip was the National Youth Day rally, where they joined other eleventh graders from across the nation. It was on this day that the Florida delegation honored the late Ryan Flowers. Flowers was to attend the Youth Tour as a representative for Gulf Coast Electric, but died tragically in an automobile accident less than six weeks before the trip. The Flowers family established a scholarship fund in his memory and sold T-shirts as a fundraiser. On June 17, the 32 students and nine chaperones from Florida wore the T-Shirts and shared Ryan's story.

The Washington, D. C. Youth Tour Program has been in existence since 1958 when 34 students from Iowa and a handful of chaperones visited Washington for a weeklong study tour. By 1964, the program was catching on, and



Seth Goodwin and Chandler Vines, who represented Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative at the Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, take a minute to pose for a picture outside of the White House.

the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association began to coordinate the efforts of the co-ops. Since then, thousands of young people have experienced this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit our nation's capitol and learn about our government.

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 We-wahitchka, Ebro, Lynn Haven, White City, Fountain and Southport.

## Gulf Coast State College registration begins Aug. 19

Star Staff Report

Classes for Fall Semester 2013 at Gulf Coast State College will start on Aug. 19. Registration for this semester is open now.

Gulf Coast State College and the Gulf/Franklin Campus provide many opportunities for individuals to obtain the knowledge and skills needed to continue their education and to pursue exciting, well-paying careers. These opportunities include bachelor's and associate of arts degrees, as well as, workforce associate of science degrees and certificates. By offering a wide range of programs and services to assist individuals to become well-educated, productive citizens, all students can gain the knowledge and skills needed to become successful and go anywhere.

Registration for the 2013 fall semester is open now and students can register online at [www.gulfcoast.edu](http://www.gulfcoast.edu). First-time students or others needing to meet with an advisor may schedule an appointment with Loretta Costin at the Gulf/Franklin Campus in Port St Joe by calling 850-227-9670, extension 5503 or by emailing [lcostin@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:lcostin@gulfcoast.edu).



Special to The Star

**SENIOR PORTRAITS:** Senior portraits will be taken Aug. 7-8. Senior parents should have received an appointment card and information in the mail. If not, call the photographer at 769-6277 (Panama City) to find out the times and information.

**SCHOOL'S OPEN:** On Aug. 5, teachers will return to prepare for the upcoming school year. Students return on Monday, Aug. 12.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Port St Joe Jr./Sr. High School will conduct open house on Aug. 8 beginning at 6 p.m. EDT. More details to follow.

**VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS:** Volleyball officially begins on Aug. 5. Time will be from 3-6 p.m. The players will receive information concerning tryouts. JV and Varsity tryouts begin Aug. 7. Tryouts are open to all girls going into grades seven to 12. You must have a current FHSAA physical and release forms on file with the volleyball coach before being allowed to tryout.

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## Quality, not quantity

**Special to The Star**  
If you watch the news or read popular magazines you may notice conflicting information about what constitutes a healthy diet. From low-fat to low-carb, from juice fasts to vegetarianism, it's difficult to sort out fact from fiction about how to eat for good health.

Whether you're trying to lose weight or just establish a healthy lifestyle, keep this simple phrase in mind: Think quality, not quantity. While we are bombarded by warnings to "watch calories" and "eat smaller portions", this advice is not as important as eat real food. Real food is the foundation of good health and an ideal weight. Real foods are those that are closest to their natural form: lean meats, poultry, fish, fruits and vegetables. When we purchase and prepare these foods, the calorie content becomes nearly irrelevant - ever met someone who got fat eating chicken breasts and broccoli? I thought not!

Too much of the foods we eat today are convenience items that are commercially prepared and contain lots of unpronounceable ingredients and unhealthy amounts of fat, sugar and sodium. Even if you count and limit your calories while consuming these products, your diet will still not be as nutritious as a diet comprised primarily of real foods. Think about it this way, even if you limit

your diet to 1200 calories (widely accepted as the lowest caloric intake for an adult female without medical supervision) but consumed only 1200 calories of French fries, doughnuts and sodas each day, your diet would be extremely poor and chances are, you wouldn't even lose weight. Instead, don't worry so much about calories but focus on eating whole, nutritious foods. Eating a diet comprised of real food is appropriate for everyone - kids, adults, those looking to lose weight, people looking to lower blood pressure or cholesterol and those trying to maintain healthy blood sugars. As Hippocrates said, "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food."

If you would like to learn more about how to create a healthy diet, 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 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. ET 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 RSVP at 227-1276 x 132 to let us know you plan to attend.

# Stigma of mental illness explored at Lifetree Café

**Special to The Star**  
Society's response to those who suffer with mental illness will be discussed at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, July 29 at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "Mental Illness: Breaking the Silence, Overcoming the Shame," explores the isolation often experienced by those with mental ill-

ness—and by their loved ones.

The program features a filmed interview with Amy Simpson, author of the book "Troubled Minds." She grew up with a mother who was later diagnosed with schizophrenia.

"My family needed help, and we didn't know where to get it. My whole family

felt alone," says Simpson, who equates mental illness with other physical illnesses. "I should no more be ashamed of mental illness than I should be ashamed of a broken leg or asthma," says Simpson.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is lo-

cated 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 coffee-house-type setting. More information contact Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwlifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

### How bright is your light?

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Billy Johnson

## Faith BRIEFS

### Annual Youth Day at Zion Fair

Pastor Wilson Hall and First Lady Margarete Hall, the youth and the entire members of Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to come and worship with us as we celebrate our 74th Annual Youth Day Program on Sunday, July 28th, at 11 a.m. We are located at 280 Avenue C., Port St. Joe, Florida.

### Breakfast fundraiser at Philadelphia Primitive

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church will sponsor a breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, July 27. For a \$5 donation, breakfast can be eaten in or taken out from 8 - 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 259 Avenue D. Anyone wishing to order ahead can call 229-6692 on the morning of the event.

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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
	Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 - 7:30 pm
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# Wheeling around with Rotary

**Special to The Star**  
The members of the Port St Joe Rotary are busy finalizing the details for the Gulf County Health and Safety Fair.

This free event is open

to the public from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Centennial Building in Port St Joe.

This is a great time to get free health screening for blood pressure, cholesterol, vision, hearing, HIV,

glucose, etc. Many community services will also be available.

This Health and Safety Fair is sponsored by Gulf County Senior Citizens Center and your local Rotary Club.

The PSJ Rotary Club

meets at noon on Thursday at Sunset Coastal Grill. If you are interested in more information regarding service projects or membership, please contact Patti Blaylock at 227-7900 or Father Tommy Dwyer at 227-1845.

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# Local unemployment lower than the state, national rates

## Panama City showing fastest growth in manufacturing employment for all metro areas in Florida

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The unemployment rate in the Gulf Coast Workforce region (Bay, Franklin and Gulf counties) was 6.5 percent in June 2013. The June 2013 rate was 1.5 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 8.0 percent and 0.9 percentage point below the June 2013 state rate of 7.4 percent. Out of a labor force of 102,099, there were 6,658 unemployed Gulf Coast residents.

"Along with all 67 counties in Florida, Bay County saw a slight increase over the month in the unemployment rate mainly due to seasonal factors in education. Locally, we are seeing positive indicators including growing job opportunities in the manufacturing and construction industries, two of the hardest hit sectors during the economic downturn," said Kim Bodine,

executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board.

The June 2013 unemployment rates in the counties that comprise the Gulf Coast Workforce region were:

In June 2013, there were 72,800 nonagricultural jobs in the Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach metro area (Bay County), down 1,600 jobs over the year. The Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach metro area experienced an annual rate of job loss of 2.2 percent, while the state gained jobs at a rate of 1.6 percent.

According to numbers released by the Department of Labor, the Panama City metro area lost jobs over the year and had the highest rate of job losses for all metro areas in Florida.

"We question the accuracy of these numbers," Bodine said. "We've seen higher bed tax collections and increased taxable

sales over the year along with strong employment opportunities in retail trade and leisure and hospitality sectors."

Two out of 10 industries gained jobs over the year and six industries lost jobs over the year. Manufacturing (+200 jobs), and mining, logging and construction (+100 jobs) were the only industries that gained jobs over the year.

The industries losing jobs were professional and business services (-500 jobs); leisure and hospitality and government (-400 jobs each); trade, transportation and utilities (-300 jobs); education and health services (-200 jobs); and financial activities (-100 jobs). Information and other services remained unchanged over the year. The Panama City metro area had the fastest growth rate (+6.1 percent) in manufacturing employment for all metro areas in Florida.

### Unemployment Rates (%) not seasonally adjusted

	JUN-13	MAY-13	JUN-12
Bay County	6.6	6.3	8.0
Franklin County	5.5	5.3	6.6
Gulf County	6.9	6.6	8.4



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Students in the 21st Century Summer Enrichment Program took pictures in the community to inspire their art.



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The completed art and student photographs hung in the Student Art Gallery alongside the Timeline Display throughout the Centennial Celebration.

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## SUMMER from page B1

taken, Rish hosted a step-by-step watercolor class where students painted the historic Port Theatre on Reid Avenue. From there, the students painted various buildings throughout the community.

At the end of the two-week program, the centennial events were in full swing and the art was on display alongside the timeline at the Event Welcome Center.

Rish's display painting of the Indian Pass Raw Bar was so popular that she worked with Coast2Coast Printing to create a limited number of prints which she later sold at the Salt Air Farmer's Market.

Hodges praised the program for bringing the elementary and high school students together which created a surprising and unexpected bond between the age groups.

"The younger kids fell in love with the high school volunteers," Hodges said. "The older kids formed a bond with people they wouldn't normally spend time with."

Hodges' goal is to seek out grant opportunities and show students that they can have an art program on par with those offered at larger schools.

"There's this grant money hanging out there," Hodges said. "We'll take any opportunity to help the students."

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe is considering the adoption of an Economic Development element to the City of Port St. Joe Comprehensive Plan. The City Commission invites all stakeholders to a public workshop before the City Commission on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida. All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the discussion and public hearing and to provide written and/or verbal comments on the matters under consideration.

If a person decides to appeal any decisions made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such person will need to record the proceeding and, for such purposes, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at 850-229-8261 at least five(5) calendar days prior to the hearing.



# Controlling vegetable diseases in home gardens

Plant diseases often cause big problems for home vegetable gardeners. In many cases, once plants are infected, there is no available means of control. In fact, an entire crop can be wiped out before any vegetables mature. On the other hand, if the infection is spotted early enough, some diseases can be controlled with fungicides. The big question is prevention, or treatment?



**ROY LEE CARTER**  
County extension director

In this article we'll talk about how to control vegetable plant diseases which will respond to treatment and how to prevent others from getting into your garden in the first place. My information was provided by Extension Vegetable Specialist, Dr. Stephen Olson, of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

First, let's consider those problems which can't be controlled such as some races of nematodes, and soil borne diseases, seedling blights, root rots, stem rots, and wilts. If one of these infests your garden, you'll probably have to remove the affected plant and start over, by moving to a new location in the garden.

That may sound like harsh advice, but the only way of coping with soil borne disease and nematodes is to never let them get established in your garden. The key is prevention. This means starting with freshly turned soil. This should be done at least 30 days before planting.

Next, plant disease-free seeds. Those produced in the Western United States are more likely to be disease free than those from plants grown in the Southeast. Also, most garden centers sell seeds that have been treated with a protective fungicide, which guards the seeds from infectious organism in your garden soil. These will be brightly colored red, orange, blue, or green from dye mixed

with fungicide. When starting with transplants, buy the healthiest you can find. Ask if the plants have natural diseases resistance, and if they were grown from threatened seeds. Many resistant varieties are available, and you should use them whenever possible.

Choosing a good planting site also will help inhibit the growth of diseases organisms. Good drainage is especially important, because poorly drained soil can cause a host of disease problems. You also can reduce disease damage by crop rotation, (by not planting the same crops in the same spot year after year).

Now let's talk briefly about those plant diseases which can be controlled, providing they're treated early enough. These are foliar diseases, ailments like rust, mildews, and leaf spot. When properly selected and correctly applied, fungicides are usually effective against such problems. Consult your garden center or County Extension Office concerning which chemical to use for specific foliar disease infestations.

In summary, remember that the damager of both soilborne and foliar diseases can be greatly reduced in your start your vegetable garden with disease free, well drained soil, and use treated seeds and healthy transplants of resistant varieties. If caught in time, foliar diseases usually respond to fungicidal treatment. The good gardening practices I have mentioned are your only protection against soil borne ailments, because these must be prevented, rather than controlled.

For more information on Controlling Vegetable Diseases in the Home Garden contact the Gulf County Extension Service @ 639-3200 or visit our website [gulf.ifas.ufl.edu](http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu) or [edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu).



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Tax Sale Certificate No. 1341  
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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,

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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 to the Northeast corner 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.

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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

91814S  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 13-33-PR  
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNIE FOLMAR LITTLE F/K/A, ANNIE D. FOLMAR, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ANNIE FOLMAR LITTLE, F/K/A, ANNIE D. FOLMAR, deceased, whose date of death was April 1, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER

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THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 25th, 2013.

Personal Representative:  
Louie Jefferson Little, Jr  
105 Monica Drive  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
EDWARD A. HUTCHISON, JR.  
FL Bar # 0602655  
Burke Blue Hutchison  
Walters & Smith, PA.  
221 McKenzie Avenue  
Panama City, FL 32401  
Phone: (850)769-1414  
July 25, Aug 1, 2013

94401S  
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

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of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Tax Sale Certificate No. 1754  
Application No. 2013-29  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 06346-925R

Description of Property:

Lot 13, Block C, Sunset Pointe Subdivision, according to the Official Plat thereof on file in the Office of Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Sarah Chappell Edwards

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

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Deputy Clerk  
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94463S  
PUBLIC NOTICE

PSJRA Board of Directors Meeting

Regular Board of Directors Meetings of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency are held on the third Thursday of each month at 10 AM. Specific dates for the remainder of the year are August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 19. Location

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is 406 Marina Drive in Port St. Joe, FL. All persons are invited to attend and participate. Anyone want to appeal an official decision made on any subject at the meeting must have a verbatim record of the meeting that includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based. July 25, 2013

94507S  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 232012CA000092CAAXMX

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,  
vs.  
WARREN LYNN GRIFFIN, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated July 11, 2013 and entered in Case No. 232012CA000092CAAXMX of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for GULF COUNTY, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC., is Plaintiff, and WARREN LYNN GRIFFIN, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at GULF County Courthouse, Lobby Floor, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 22nd day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 10, BLOCK 'S', RISH SUBDIVISION, BEING AN UNRE-

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CORDED SUBDIVISION OF THE North HALF OF THE Southeast QUARTER OF THE Northeast QUARTER AND THE Northeast QUARTER OF THE Northeast QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 4 South, RANGE 10 West, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE Northeast CORNER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 South, RANGE 10 West, THENCE South 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTE 00 SECOND West ALONG THE North LINE OF SAID SECTION 36 FOR A DISTANCE OF 316.96 FEET TO THE Westly RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A 60 FOOT Road AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID North Line South 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTE 00 SECOND West FOR A DISTANCE OF 257.14 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID North SECTION LINE RUN South 01 DEGREE 18 MINUTES 02 SECONDS West FOR A DISTANCE OF 192.93 FEET TO THE Northly RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A 60 FOOT Road; THENCE North 41 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 02 SECONDS East ALONG SAID Northly RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 16.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE Southeast, HAVING A RADIUS OF 206.20 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 48 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 59 SECONDS, AND BEING SUBTENDED BY CHORD BEARING North 65 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 59 SECONDS East, 170.03 FEET; THENCE North easterly ALONG SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 175.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF REVERSE CURVE

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CONCAVE TO THE Northwest, HAVING A RADIUS OF 95.46 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 86 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 04 SECONDS, AND BEING SUBTENDED BY CHORD BEARING North 45 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 58 SECONDS East, 133.46 FEET; THENCE North easterly ALONG SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 147.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE North 01 DEGREE 78.02 SECONDS East FOR A DISTANCE OF 17.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 0.701 ACRES AND BEING SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING 60 FOOT PRIVATE Road, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE Southeast CORNER OF THE North HALF OF THE Southeast QUARTER OF THE Northeast QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 36, RUNNING THENCE S89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 26 SECONDS W ALONG THE South LINE OF SAID North HALF OF THE Southeast QUARTER OF THE Northeast QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 36, A DISTANCE OF 245.25 FEET; THENCE N89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 26 SECONDS E FOR A DISTANCE OF 499.32 FEET TO POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVING CUL-D-SAC CONCAVE TO THE West, HAVING A RADIUS OF 75 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 312 DEGREES 50 MINUTE 37 SECONDS, AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING N00 DEGREE 00 MINUTE 34 SECONDS W, 60.00 FEET; THENCE Easterly, Northerly, AND

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Westerly ALONG SAID CURVING CUL-D-SAC AN ARC DISTANCE OF 409.52 FEET TO A POINT OF NON-TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE S89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 26 SECONDS W FOR A DISTANCE OF 497.94 FEET; THENCE N01 DEGREE 18 MINUTES 02 SECONDS E FOR A DISTANCE OF 456.58 FEET; THENCE S56 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 45 SECONDS E FOR A DISTANCE OF 25.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE Northeast, HAVING A RADIUS OF 150.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 50 SECONDS, AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING S75 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 09 SECONDS E, 99.35 FEET; THENCE Southeasterly ALONG SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 101.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE N84 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 26 SECONDS E FOR A DISTANCE OF 144.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE Northwest, HAVING A RADIUS OF 237.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 92 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 41 SECONDS, AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING N44 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 55 SECONDS E 341.34 FEET; THENCE Northeasterly ALONG SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 381.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE, THENCE N00 DEGREE 00 MINUTE 34 SECONDS W FOR A DISTANCE OF 11.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE Southeast, HAVING A RADIUS OF 40.00

