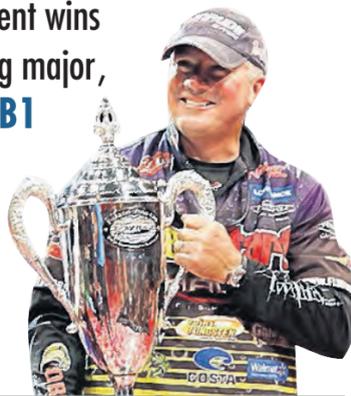


St. Joe Beach resident wins fishing major, B1



## BOCC ends jail discussion — for now

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The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday voted to keep the Gulf County Jail operations intact.

Commissioner Joanna Bryan said she would continue to look at the \$1.2 million jail budget and liability issues as the county budget continues to contract.

Jail administrator Michael Hammond said he had been “blindsided” by the discussion of two weeks before, during which Bryan, for the second time, raised the issue of jail inspections, liability and jail costs.

Since being requested by Commissioner Warren Yeager to “think outside the box,” something Yeager again championed Tuesday, Bryan has examined ways to possibly cut jail costs.

Hammond said he wanted to bring some history to the issue and to “set the record straight.”

He disputed figures published in the newspaper last week regarding costs and jail operations, figures that had been provided to Bryan by county administrator Don Butler, in consultation with Hammond, in July after Bryan first raised issue regarding the jail population and operating expenses more than a month ago.

He also disputed conclusions made by Bryan based on those figures and published last week, saying farming out the male population at the jail — as is currently policy on females, who are housed in Bay County — would not represent a cost savings.

Hammond also noted that the board policy, adopted several years ago, was to not bring the jail up to Florida Model Jail Standards because of the costs, over

\$1.3 million.

That decision came after a review of the jail by a contractor hired by the BOCC.

He said Bryan’s suggestion at the last meeting to have the jail inspected was in direct conflict with board policy, which he had reiterated twice during the last meeting in saying he would refuse a commissioner and

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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

At left, South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department joint chief Nick Vacco patrols the bay on of the department’s jet skis. At right, the department contends with structure and wildfires each year.

## ‘Our vision is community’

South Gulf County volunteer fire department offers more than protection

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If you’ve ever been in an accident, had an emergency on the beach or attended a local fundraiser, then you’ve probably met one of the 30 volunteers who make up the South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department.

Joint fire chiefs Melissa Larsen and Nick Vacco take community involvement as seriously as they do fighting fires.

“Each of the previous fire chiefs had their own vision,” said Larsen, an eight-year volunteer. “Our vision is ‘community.’”

With two stations on Cape San Blas, one near Salinas Park and the other outside T.H. Stone St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, the department covers 50-60 miles of beach each day and utilizes a combination of beach rescue, aerial pumper, brush trucks, all-terrain vehicles and jet skis to serve the Cape, Simmons Bayou, Jones Homestead, Money Bayou and Indian Pass.



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The South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department’s joint chiefs are Melissa Larsen and Nick Vacco. Below, the department considers itself well-equipped for any type of situation.

Members are able to respond to local emergencies in 3-5 minutes and are able to fight fires and perform other first response duties such as CPR.

Vacco, a three-year member, reported that 97 percent of his firefighters are FF1 certified, which calls for more than 365 hours of training in firefighting, first response and equipment operation.

In addition to tackling flames, water emergencies and the occa-

sional stingray barb, the department’s members spend hours a day maintaining a presence and patrolling the beaches, where they hand out flyers and give away hats and glow sticks while building a rapport with visitors to the area.

Vacco estimated there are 1,500-1,600 visitors to the Cape each week during the summer months. That’s more people than

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## Affordable housing might be in Port St. Joe’s future

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The Paces Foundation, which operates out of Smyrna, Ga., went before Port St. Joe city commissioners to present plans to build 50-70 single-family apartment homes to create affordable housing in North Port St. Joe.

The need for such housing was spearheaded for months by County Commissioner Tan Smiley, and during the Wednesday workshop, Paces President Mark du Mas detailed the plans for a parcel of city-owned land off of Clif-

ford Sims Road.

Paces would pay for the community using a tax credit program that would require the foundation to go to Tallahassee to compete for housing credits. Once awarded, Paces sells those credits to banks in order to fund their communities. After 15 years, ownership of the housing communities reverts to Paces can be sold to residents interested in purchasing their homes. During the 15-year period, the communities can be expanded based on the needs of Port St. Joe.

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Betty Price, a 31-year resident of St. Joe Shores, has fought floodwaters for the last four years because of lack of drainage in the area.

## When it rains it floods for St. Joe Shores resident

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While the constant summer rains might have proved to be an inconvenience for tourists and beach-goers this summer, for area resident Betty Price, rain is a nightmare. Price has been a 31-year resident of Watermark Way in the St. Joe Shores community outside of WindMark Beach, and for the last three years, her backyard, garage and utility room have all flooded each time it has rained.

This summer’s weather made her day-to-day routine especially irksome.

It all started four years ago when a holding pond was installed for WindMark Beach.

There wasn’t any form of drainage on the county land behind Price’s household and thus nowhere for the water to go as the rain continued to fall. She noted that as the water levels rise, it spills out of the pond and down onto her property.

“I would watch the water

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inspector access to the jail without a board vote.

"I totally agree ... you should not adopt the policies (of Model Jail Standards)," Hammond said.

He said the board should vote not to outsource the jail operations to address concerns by the 15 full-time employees.

Hammond said the discussion was personal and an effort to have him fired.

Bryan said there was nothing personal and that she was doing what Yeager had asked of commissioners: think outside the box.

She said the discussion was hardly a "blindsided" because she had long ago requested information from Butler and Hammond, information published last week that Hammond is now disputing.

"This is a business decision," Bryan said. "I would not want us to take on something that would not save us money."

She said there was a statutory requirement for jail inspections, though no enforcement of that requirement is in statute. She said an inspection would show where the county jail fell short of Model Jail Standards.

"It does not increase liability," Bryan said. "We need to strive to meet Model Jail Standards. You can not inspect your facility."

"When we incarcerate, we take over people's lives. We need to ensure the inmates our safe and our employees have the right to be safe. The (MJS) are ... a minimum."

She said the county needs to operate more fiscally efficiently, and examining all phases of the budget is the way to ensure that efficiency. She added that there were cost savings to be had; Yeager disagreed, saying it might cost the county more to send male inmates to Bay County.

"It will cost more," Hammond said. "The jail is better today that it has ever run. It is not rational to have this discussion."

Commissioners Carmen McLemore and Tan Smiley framed the discussion in terms

of jobs; they each said they want to create jobs, not cut them.

The board expressed support for current jail operations and Bryan said she would continue to perform research and would bring the issue back to the BOCC if necessary.

## Tipping fees

Responding to comments from Port St. Joe officials regarding a county increase in tipping fees, Butler explained that when the county approved a half-cent sales tax in 2009 to be earmarked for landfill costs, the cities of Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka were given a choice.

Accept the proceeds — 21 percent to Port St. Joe; 12 percent to Wewahitchka — and pay tipping fees at Five Points or turn the cities' share over to the county and pay no tipping fees.

The cities took the money. For Port St. Joe, that meant roughly \$130,000 last year compared to the city's \$60,000 in costs to the landfill. Therefore, Butler said, the city was actually assessing its citizens twice, not the county, on yard debris and garbage collection, through the half-cent sales tax and landfill fees.

The city had also made a profit on the deal.

Yeager recommended and the board approved providing the same deal to the city, which had protested an increase in tipping fees which would not be borne by county residents, as had been offered previously.

## Americus ditch

Citizen Bill Koran and Bryan renewed discussion and questioning about the Americus Ditch project, which cost \$1.2 million, has been repaired more than 130 times in the past several years and continues to be a problem.

Koran faulted the way the project was bid and awarded, saying the contractor was not qualified and the county erred in having Preble Rish Engineers design and inspect the job.

Bryan said the job should not have been awarded to a contrac-

tor that submitted an incomplete and unqualified bid.

"This is poster child for the wrong way to do business," Bryan said. "It concerns me about how many other projects have been done this way and the exposure for liability."

## Beacon Hill sign

Bill Williams has notified the county he wished to have the sign at Beacon Hill, which formerly advertised the Beacon Living facility, be taken down and stored for sufficient time to allow him to find a suitable location.

The county will bring down the sign and store it at the Public Works yard. If Williams claims the sign, he must reimburse the county for the cost of razing it. If not, the county will sell the sign for scrap.

## FWC vehicles

Also addressed was the recent letter sent to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission requesting the agency to remove seven boats and trailers parked on county property.

Butler said the issue was not recent, but had been raised in 2010, though at the time former Commissioner Bill Williams intervened and allowed the FWC to return the boats.

Butler said the issue was layered, with the costs of water use by the FWC, use of a county dumpster and the rutting of county land also in play.

He said there had been ongoing dialogue, though when questioned by Bryan the only written correspondence had been the letter from over three years ago.

Bryan suggested, and Yeager agreed, to intervene with FWC officials, that the county should be working with state agencies and law enforcement.

The FWC has questioned the timing of the most recent request, coming shortly after the agency launched an investigation into the possible illegal taking of two alligators, which involves several county-paid employees.

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flowing from the pond back into my yard," Price said.

Since then, her backyard has flooded continually during the summer months, and as water levels continued to rise, it invaded her car port and utility room.

Four years later, the utility room is now covered in what Price believes to be black mold, and she reported the smell as "horrendous." Her son Stan had to put her washer, dryer and two freezers up on blocks just to keep them out of the water.

Fed up with the situation, Stan went before the Gulf County Board of Commissioners in September 2009 and asked for drainage to be added to the area. He didn't seek an immediate answer, but rather a commitment to solve the problem.

Former Commissioner Bill Williams motioned for a feasibility study and cost estimate to be conducted.

It passed 3-2, but no additional records on the topic were available. In February 2010, the BOCC showed interest in putting together a stormwater committee, and Williams requested Stan to be on it, though no additional information was available.

The commissioners recommended the Price family invest in a pump while the studies could be completed, but having already paid for her dryer vent to be moved up after water levels got too high, Price didn't want to incur the additional expense of a pump and the electricity to run it.

Unsure what to do, Price reached out to District 3 Commissioner Joanna Bryan to seek

assistance.

Unsuccessful in reaching Bryan and frustrated, she reached out to District 1 Commissioner Carmen McLemore, who put her in touch with Jake Lewis at Public Works.

When water levels got too high, Price called Lewis, who brought the city's pump to her residence.

"Jake has been very helpful through it all," Price said.

This year, as the summer rains continued, Price asked Lewis to leave the pump on her property, and she puts on thigh-high rubber boots to wade through the water and pump the yard in the morning and evening, a process that takes roughly 2-3 hours.

"I need help," Price said. "The flooding happens consistently every time it rains."

Price said she never had the problem before the WindMark holding pond was dug. She has spoken with attorneys in Tallahassee who have recommended she take action against the county.

Price would prefer not to take legal action; she simply wants a drain installed to keep the water at bay.

"Something has got to be addressed out there," said County Commissioner Ward McDaniel, who also has visited Price. "Those people can't continue with that."

County Commissioner Warren Yeager agreed. "We need to help them because it is a safety issue."

Star News Editor Tim Croft contributed to this report.

## DEPOSITION CLARIFIES ALLEGATION

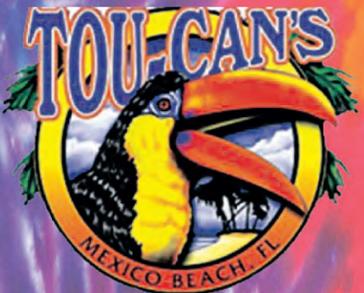
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A deposition in a federal lawsuit filed against the city of Port St. Joe, two police officers and a local businessman has clarified one of the allegations in the suit.

According to the deposition, Lynne Carr did not actually see a gun in her ex-husband

Billy Carr's waistband during the day in question, contrary to allegations in the formal complaint.

Lynne Carr acknowledged her husband had a concealed weapons permit and could have legally had the gun, but said she never saw the gun, but relied on statements of others.



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## Fatal disease could threaten Florida's wildlife

The idea of sick, salivating and zombie-like deer invading Florida sounds like the plot of a low-budget horror film.

But this could become reality if the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) does not adopt a rule to prevent it. To protect Florida's wild deer, the FWC's proposed rule aims to prevent chronic wasting disease, an incurable illness which infects deer, elk and other cervids. Similar to mad-cow disease, CWD attacks the animals' brain and nervous systems. While Florida does not have a documented case of CWD, 22 states do, and that number continues to grow.

The rule which the FWC will consider at its Sept. 6 meeting in Pensacola would prohibit people from bringing live deer into Florida. Although we don't have a shortage of deer in the state, some want to import deer and elk to stock their captive hunting ranches. These facilities concentrate animals in unnaturally high densities, which increases the opportunity for diseases like CWD to spread. On captive hunts, animals ranging from whitetail deer to exotic and endangered African antelope are enclosed by high fences ensuring that they cannot escape, and then shot for guaranteed trophies.

CWD is a dangerous, highly infectious disease. Unlike a virus or infection that can be cured, CWD is caused by prions — abnormal proteins transmitted through saliva, urine and other bodily fluids. Once shed, these prions can live in the environment for years, which means the prions will remain active and can continue to infect new animals even after infected animals have been removed.

Many ask why the deer can't just be tested before importing them, however currently there is no live test for this disease. Meaning, there is no way of knowing if live deer coming to our state are sick or healthy. Since CWD has a long incubation period, some deer do not show symptoms for several years. An animal



**KATE MacFALL**  
Florida State Director  
The Humane Society  
of the United States

can appear healthy, while still being infected with this fatal disease.

Florida is one of the few remaining states that can avoid this disease because none of our bordering states have found CWD. All of them

already prohibit live importation of cervids. Admitting an infected animal is the only way CWD will enter our state. A complete ban on importation is the only way to protect Florida from this devastating disease.

It would be wise to act now to prevent a costly outbreak. We don't want to be like Wisconsin which learned the hard way just how high the price tag of a CWD outbreak can be. In fact, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources had to pay nearly half a million dollars to purchase land that was previously a privately-owned CWD-positive deer farm, just so they could ensure that their wild deer herd wasn't exposed to the CWD-contaminated soil. That was in addition to the whopping \$45 million the agency spent from 2002 to 2011 responding to the disease.

Floridians cannot afford the cost a CWD outbreak would bring to our state — both the biological damage to our wild deer herds, and the devastating economic impact a disease of this magnitude would have. Approving the ban on live importation of cervids should be a no-brainer for the FWC. When there is the threat of a fatal disease that cannot be tested on live animals, preventing an influx of potentially infected deer is the proper first step to protect the state. The Humane Society of the United States urges the commissioners to pass this necessary rule at their upcoming meeting to protect Florida's wildlife.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission meets Sept. 5 & 6 at the Crowne Plaza Grand Pensacola Hotel, 200 East Gregory Street. The meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. The rule referred to in this article is on the agenda for Sept. 6.

## Unborn Child Gets Jump On Me

Unborn Child Gets Jump On Me  
“Daddy, we're going to run in the 5 K race on St. George Island. How about running with us?”

I declined as politely as I could. Jess and his wife have taken up running. And they are pretty serious about it. I just run enough to be able to eat anything I want to.

“Come'on, dad, you've never entered a race. You'll like it. Everyone is so friendly—”

Never entered a race! Is he kidding me? He should have been out there at the end of Stonewall Street in 1959 when me and Terry Kennon dug our toes into the gravel and raced from the mailbox down to the telephone pole where the Como Road turned toward Archie Moore's house. He should have come out at recess when I was in elementary school. It was a race every day to keep Vicki Fields from chasing you down and laying the “caught by a girl” stigma on you. Jess had no way of knowing every time I sneaked a drink of Leon's Coca-Cola and he caught me, the race was on!

Bobby Brewer and I would race to the picture show for the Saturday matinee. We both wanted that front row, center seat to see Lash LaRue chase down the cattle rustlers. The winner of that race won the “Bloody Eyes-Stiff Neck Award” from looking straight up, without blinking, through a cartoon, the Movietone Newsreel, previews of coming attractions and the double feature.

Shoot, the Stonewall Street gang would race home after school “just because”. We'd run against each other across the swimming pool parking lot for “bragging rights”. Me and Larry Ridinger would race to Pat Houston's Grocery when we got word the new baseball cards had arrived. Millicent Blackburn

tried to beat me to the front of the lunchroom line every day in the seventh grade.

Coach Scott honed our running skills in high school whether we wanted them enhanced or not! He ran us at football practice until my head began to swim, lights glimmered from distant places, visions of arid desert regions stretched before me and my heart was pounding “Wipeout” against my ribcage. He'd make us race somebody after calisthenics, before the tackling drills, after the last scrimmage and during study hall if he could catch Mrs. Ingram not looking.

I raced two brothers to the bathroom for years!

So Jess, I have my share of run-offs. I've won a few and seen the back side of such luminaries as Joe Gooch, Martin Paschall and Bobby King as they sped by me. But that was yesterday....

I'm just running now for fun. I try to stay out of everybody's way and ease along at a leisurely pace. And I've certainly reached the age that I'm not going to train for anything!

Jessica called. “KK, do you want me to enter you in the 5 K on St. George Island.” Well, you now how special and sweet those daughter-in-laws can be. I was thinking no and I meant no and I aimed to say no..... but yes popped out!

Folks, some real diabolical running people held this race at six pm, in August, in Florida! It was a hundred and ten in the shade! Except there weren't no shade! It was hotter than blue blazes. I'm thinking riding over they are going to call this whole thing off because ain't nobody going to show up and run in this heat.

Three hundred and seventeen people lined up beside me! There were eleven year old girls loosening up. A gentleman that had to be

older than baseball hobbled in behind me. He had skinny legs, a GI haircut and T.R. tattooed on his arm. I figured him to be an army officer that had plunged up San Juan Hill with Teddy Roosevelt. “I like your shoes”, the elderly lady beside me made polite conversation as the starter raised his hand. I instinctively looked down; she had on some kind of painted socks instead of shoes! What have I gotten myself into—

Somebody yelled, “Go”. I had to run.....or get run over! I took off like Vicki Fields was right on my heels! My chest was pounding before I reached the half mile mark. Sweat was stinging my eyes. My knee hurt. By the second mile marker I was seeing desert sands stretching out before me. Lights were shining from somewhere far off. The air was so hot and humid I absolutely could not breathe. My heart was beating so ferociously I couldn't hear my good sense yelling for me to stop! It became abundantly clear why they call this race The Sizzler!

How long is a 5 K anyhow?  
I staggered to the finish, proud to still be on my feet. And I appreciated the cheering crowd as I crossed the line. I didn't see them mind you, I had passed out about a mile back!

It was fun and a special treat to share with Jess and Jessica. They waited till after the race to share another special event with us. They are expecting! Wow! Right in the middle of the celebration something dawned on me—

Danged if I hadn't just got outrun by my son, my daughter-in-law, an eleven year old girl, a lieutenant-colonel from the Spanish American War, a grandmother wearing socks.....and a child that hadn't even been born yet!

I've got to find a new hobby.

Respectfully,  
Kes



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kesley Colbert

## Awkward moments and inflatable alligators

There are so many wonderful places to see on the Florida Panhandle. At least once per year, I make it down to enjoy the beautiful beaches and all of the other things that have drawn folks here for as long as most of us can remember.

Originally, this geographic area was a British colony, then a Spanish colony. During this colony business, “West Florida” included modern-day Florida west of the Apalachicola River as well as small chunks of what are now Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

As I stand in one of those stores that sell beach towels and inflatable alligators, I think about things like this or at least I would rather think about things like this.

There was this Spanish conquistador named Narváez who wandered around the Florida Panhandle back in the early 1500's looking in gold and other neat stuff. He got discouraged after stumbling into an Indian village where the folks were dirt-poor and barely getting by. What was discouraging to the Spanish fellow in the fancy steel helmet was that these folks supposedly lived in the most prosperous village in the area.

It would be similar to someone showing up in Detroit now and saying “Is this all you have?” It's not funny, it's discouraging. What I was imagining was this fellow in the fancy steel helmet, most definitely with a feather plume that once stood proud but probably now was a little wilted, walking into one of these beach

stores with all of these “treasures.”

He could have very well gotten so excited that it would have made his feather plume look happy again.



**CRANKS MY TRACTOR**  
BN Heard

In 1527 Narváez had received a “royal commission” to subdue and plunder Florida. Just think of all the nice things he could have taken home.

In addition to the inflatable alligators, sharks, killer whales and ducks, he could have taken home loads of orange, yellow and lime green T-shirts and hats. The Mexican jumping beans, sand crabs, shells imported from the Philippines and little bottles of sand art would have also been hits with the royalty and empire builders back home.

Why do they need to import shells from the Philippines to sell in the Florida Panhandle beach stores?

I'm sure they would have been impressed that Narváez got a free sand crab with every cage he purchased. I do wonder if he would have gotten a mile or two offshore and decided that the sand crabs needed to be set free as I often have.

The beer opener key chains could have been puzzling at first, but I'm sure they would have figured out something nifty to do with them. The refrigerator magnets could have been stuck to their helmets and other armor I suppose.

I can just see Pánfilo de Narváez showing up with an airbrushed T-shirt with an “I Heart Maria” artistically and tastefully painted on it and one in a

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plastic bag saying “Pánfilo Cranks My Tractor” for his wife.

All the Spanish conquistador fellows on the boat would be wearing cheap sunglasses and flip-flops carrying bamboo back scratchers that had a way of hitting all the right places under their armor.

Unfortunately, it didn't work out that way. Narváez was a miserable failure. It is not certain where and the exact date that he died in 1528. If I were to assume, I would have to think that he got too far out in the Gulf of Mexico on one of those inflatable alligators and his sword or lance pierced the plastic.

It is important to note that it is plainly noted on all of those inflatable things that they are “Not to be used as a lifesaving device.” In my opinion, none of them should be trusted outside of one of those blue plastic pools they sell outside of the Wal-Mart or K-Mart.

My historical thoughts were interrupted inside of this beach store when I looked over to see my two teenagers holding and discussing what was obviously a coffee cup that looked like a female front body part/headlight.

My daughter, who is 17, was holding this thing by the handle arguing with her 15 year-old brother. She said, “No it's not, it's a shell.” My son started laughing saying something to the effect of “Look where the hole is.”

My daughter, who did incredibly well on the SAT and can have her pick of colleges turned a sunburned shade of red. She was not sunburned; the weather had been rather rainy, cloudy and yucky since we arrived.

Then they both looked at me....

It was one of those priceless moments...

My son then made the observation that our candy store back home also carried the edible bathing suit looking things made out of the little rings of candy my Grandmama used to sell as “candy necklaces” in her ten cent store.

Grandmama would not have been amused, Papa would have.

I love the Florida Panhandle, memories are made here.

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# Regional planning council expresses support for port

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Citing the progress of the recent past and the potential for the future, the Apalachee Regional Planning Council recently unanimously passed a resolution supporting ongoing efforts to develop the Port of Port St. Joe.

The ARPC planning area includes Gulf County.

The council also urged, as the Board of County Commissioners has, for other counties in the region to get on board to support development of the port.

“(The planning council) encourages all the communities of the Apalachee Region to pledge their support and cooperation in these efforts,” read the resolution signed by council chair John S. Jones Jr. and executive director Charles D. Blume.

The resolution is part of region-wide effort to support the work of the St. Joe Company and Port of Port St. Joe officials in development of the port.

The ARPC has long championed the Port of Port St. Joe as a fulcrum for economic development in a region that includes

Gulf, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Calhoun, Liberty, Gadsden and Wakulla counties and the 28 municipalities in those counties.

“The Council seeks to continue its long history of support for the development of the Port of Port St. Joe through its partnerships with the St. Joe Company and other cooperatives of both public and private investment for the growth and promotion of the deepwater port as a gateway to international trade,” the ARPC resolution begins.

The resolution details the financial, marketing and capital outlay infrastructure in place to promote and develop the port.

The ARPC highlights St. Joe’s promotion and marketing of the port, and its strategic positioning in global exporting and importing markets, to national and international companies.

St. Joe has engaged one of the top infrastructure investment teams in the hemisphere in the Bank of Montreal, which is marketing the across a variety of platforms in the private sector.

The ARPC also highlights the infrastructure amenities, in-

*“The Council recognizes the emergence of the Port of Port St. Joe through its partnership with the St. Joe Company as a primary catalyst to the future business and jobs growth of the Apalachee Region. The Council recognizes the unique and abundant opportunities that will be created for this and future generations from the success that is accomplished in the development of the Port of Port St. Joe.”*

## Apalachee Regional Planning Council resolution

cluding bulkheads of 1,900 linear feet at the ship channel turning basin and 900 feet along the Gulf County Canal.

The Port of Port St. Joe is also one of the closest and most accessible deepwater ports to the Panama Canal, the expansion of which will be completed in 2015.

With 260 acres of property adjacent to the bulkheads and 5,000 surrounding acres for ad-

ditional business development and expansion, the port is also poised for growth.

Located 21 miles from the Apalachicola Regional Airport and 57 miles from the recently opened Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport, and with direct access to the Intercoastal Waterway — which serves as a navigable inland waterway of 1,050 miles from Carrabelle to Brownville, Texas,

and provides access to the inland river system to locations such as Chicago, Pittsburgh, Memphis, Tulsa and other major U.S. cities — the port is a true regional gateway.

A gateway, the ARPC, enhanced by direct and immediate access to rail through the AN Railway, owned by St. Joe and operated by Genesee & Wyoming Inc., providing connection to the CSXT Class I mainline, as well as road access to U.S. I-10 and State 71.

“The Council recognizes the emergence of the Port of Port St. Joe through its partnership with the St. Joe Company as a primary catalyst to the future business and jobs growth of the Apalachee Region,” the resolution reads, “The Council recognizes the unique and abundant opportunities that will be created for this and future generations from the success that is accomplished in the development of the Port of Port St. Joe.”

The ARPC resolution comes at a time when the Port St. Joe Port Authority is crafting an outreach campaign to solicit support for port development from the public and private sectors.

## HOUSING from page A1

Paces recently opened the Panama Commons community, which received a LEED Platinum status from the U.S. Green Building Council, the highest housing status in the panhandle, in energy efficiency. The Panama City community is a four-story, family-oriented apartment building that features high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances, close proximity to public transit and drought-tolerant trees and shrubs, and Paces aims to bring these same efficiencies to Port St. Joe.

Ron Thomasson, President of Accrue Planning in Panama City, is a consultant for Paces and has a certification in land use, housing and economic development.

“We can’t do anything without the community’s support,” he said. “There are benefits other than affordable housing.”

Thomasson said the land in North Port St. Joe was chosen because it is close to the Commerce Park and can act as a gateway as new jobs are created with the opening of the port.

Residents have the potential to walk to the industrial sites, and green technology will save costs on utilities, making more funds available to be spent locally.

According to the foundation’s plan, the city would deed the land to Pace after all grants necessary to build were approved, a process that would take approximately one year.

City attorney Tom Gibson said the project might face potential issues if the number of homes on the parcel climbed above 100 because of zoning restrictions.



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The Panama Commons affordable housing community in Panama City was constructed by Paces and awarded a LEED Platinum status for energy efficiency.

The parcel is currently zoned as R1, which allows for a maximum of five units per acre.

“That is sufficient for phase one,” Thomasson said.

Rick Haymond, a development associate with Paces, showed off past projects completed in the Panhandle as well as Georgia, Tennessee, Texas and South Carolina.

Each community includes a swimming pool, computer lab, fitness center, picnic area, playground and outside grills. All properties are professionally managed by Royal American Hospitality out of Panama City. Contractors for projects are hired third-party vendors.

“The market is strong enough to make this project work,” Haymond said.

Projected rent levels for the units will start at \$419 a month for two bedroom homes, \$468 for three bedrooms and \$508 for four.

Rent will be calculated according to the occupant’s income and budget. Potential renters will also be required to undergo a credit and background check, though occupant decisions will not be made solely from the results.

Mayor Mel Magidson was supportive of the idea but wanted some time to factor the latest city budget numbers to his decision.

“It’s a great project,” the mayor said. “We need it.”

Though the project will cost the city \$2,500 to get the paperwork and grant process started,

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Magidson asked city manager Jim Anderson to work with Gibson to ensure the paperwork didn’t call for any additional out-of-pocket costs.

Once the contracts had been explored by the city, a vote could be held at future official meeting.

The Housing Credit program is governed by the U.S. Department of Treasury and awards each state an allocation based on the per capita amount of \$1.75 times the state population plus the state’s share of the national pool annually.

Since its inception in 1987, Florida Housing’s Credit program has allocated \$201 million in credits toward the production of more than 53,000 affordable rental units across the state.

The mission of the Pace Foundation, a not-for-profit, is to provide affordable housing to communities in need.

The group is not underwritten by a large corporation and

is not faith-based. The development fees they collect on each project are rolled over to the next project.

“We’re here because we made a successful development fee somewhere else,” du Mas said. “We’re a tool in your toolbox.”

Numbers presented showed Paces’ ability to find grants and tax credits to build their properties and boasted \$300 million in collected tax credits, \$22 million in home loan funds and \$5 million in Affordable Housing Program loan and grant funds since the group became incorporated in 1991.

The foundation is also part of the Community Housing Development Organization, which requires a third of their board to be low-income residents from within their communities.

The foundation is ready to break ground on a 92-unit senior housing community in Pensacola and a 26-unit community for the mentally ill in Covington, Ga.

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## Labor Day to offer license-free fishing

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**TALLAHASSEE** — Gov. Rick Scott and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announced a saltwater license-free fishing day for Sept. 1. On this day, Florida residents and visitors can experience Florida's saltwater fishing opportunities first-hand without being required to have a recreational saltwater fishing license.

"The license-free fishing day on Sept. 1 is a great way for families to enjoy Florida's incredible saltwater fishing opportunities during the Labor Day holiday," Scott said. "Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World, and this license-free weekend is a great opportunity to introduce friends and family who may have never experienced Florida saltwater fishing to enjoy the

Sunshine State's bountiful waters and historic fishing communities."

The FWC will consider adding four additional license-free fishing days to the calendar at the Sept. 5 meeting in Pensacola. If approved, there will be two more saltwater and two more freshwater license-free fishing days before the end of 2013. All other regulations still apply.

An annual license for residents can be purchased at 1-888-FISH-Florida or at [License.MyFWC.com](http://License.MyFWC.com). All fishing license fees are used to support Florida fish and wildlife conservation and help attain additional funding for Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration projects.

All bag limits, seasons and size restrictions apply on these dates. For fishing tips, locations and rules, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing).



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The Bluewater Predator took home first place in the 2013 MBARA Kingfish Tournament. Pictured are Miss Kingfish Taylor Gallagher, Mike Chavez Jr., Jim Rent, Phillip Cochran, Michael Lodge and Jack Hittinger.

## Georgia crew wins MBARA kingfish tourney

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Saturday marked the 17th year for the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association's Kingfish Tournament. The event registered 139 boats, of which 121 were recreational and 18 professional.

"This event is our biggest fundraiser, and we have raised over a million dollars used to build over 200 new artificial reefs off of Port St. Joe, Mexico Beach and Panama City," Tournament Director Ron Childs said.

"We had boats from Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, Kentucky and Florida. Over 60 percent of our anglers came from outside Florida, with the majority coming from Georgia. These visitors do so much to support our local economy — we all win."

First place, and the \$3,000 prize, went to the Bluewater Predator's crew with a weigh-in of 43.95 pounds. The team included Mike Chavez, Jr., Jim Rentz, Phillip Cochran, Capt. Michael Lodge and Jack Hittinger.

The \$2,000 second place prize went to the crew of the Sea Ment with a weigh-in of 33.2 pounds. The team was made up of Andy Williams, Capt. Keith Carraway, Rod Prince and Rocky Greene.

Third place and \$1,000 was awarded to the crew of the Reel Natural. The team, which included D. L. Scoggins, Capt. Bill Connally and Bird McBride, weighed in with 32.1 pounds.

In the professional Kingfish Division, Capt. Thomas Cardenas and the crew of the Sword-A-Crazy had a weigh-in of 48.5 pounds and took home a \$1,440 prize. The crew also included Butch Cardenas, Marvin Glasgow, Ben Dover and Blake Campbell.

In the Spanish division, Capt. Hayes Woodward and Dell Jordan of the Random Chance won \$500 for their 4.9 pound catch.

Robert Hutson, Jr., Bonita Thompson and Capt. Robert Hutson III of the Peggy Sue took home \$1,000 for their Wahoo catch of 36.65 pounds.



**TOP:** The Sea Ment crew, made up of Andy Williams, Keith Carraway, Rod Prince and Rocky Greene took home second place. **ABOVE:** The top wahoo was caught by Robert Hutson Jr., Bonita Thompson and Capt. Robert Hutson III of the Peggy Sue. The fish weighed in at 36.65 pounds, and the three took home \$1,000. **LEFT:** Capt. Hayes Woodward and Dell Jordan of the Random Chance won \$500 for their 4.9 pound Spanish mackerel.

In total, 555 fish, 22 kings, 11 Spanish, and 3 wahoo were weighed, along with an amberjack weighing 64 pounds.

The annual Kingfish Tournament helps MBARA raise money for artificial reefs. Since 1997, MBARA has built more than 160 reefs worth more than \$1 million. The annual

tournament is their main source of funding, and those monies are often used as seed money for grants from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and private foundations.

To view photos of the winners and official weigh-sheets, visit [www.mbara.org](http://www.mbara.org).

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Aug. 29	89°	76°	10 %
Fri, Aug. 30	87°	76°	10 %
Sat, Aug. 31	87°	76°	40 %
Sun, Sept. 1	86°	75°	30 %
Mon, Sept. 2	86°	75°	30 %
Tues, Sept. 3	85°	75°	50 %
Wed, Sept. 4	85°	74°	0 %

## 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
29	Th	4:34am 1.8		3:47pm 0.3	
30	Fr	5:40am 1.8		4:31pm 0.2	
31	Sa	6:43am 1.8		5:06pm 0.3	
1	Su	7:39am 1.8		5:33pm 0.3	
2	Mo	8:30am 1.7		5:53pm 0.4	
3	Tu	9:20am 1.7		6:05pm 0.6	
4	We	10:13am 1.6		6:08pm 0.7	
5	Th	11:12am 1.3		6:00pm 0.9	
6	Fr	12:10am 1.1	12:24pm 1.2	4:56am 0.9	5:34pm 1.0
7	Sa	2:09pm 1.1		6:27am 0.8	4:30pm 1.0

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
29	Th	12:47am 1.4	9:21am 1.8	3:24am 1.3	6:40pm 0.4
30	Fr	2:10am 1.4	10:28am 1.7	5:10am 1.3	7:42pm 0.4
31	Sa	2:54am 1.5	11:44am 1.7	6:46am 1.4	8:32pm 0.3
1	Su	3:26am 1.5	12:58pm 1.7	7:55am 1.3	9:15pm 0.3
2	Mo	3:53am 1.6	2:02pm 1.8	8:48am 1.2	9:51pm 0.4
3	Tu	4:15am 1.6	2:56pm 1.8	9:32am 1.1	10:21pm 0.4
4	We	4:33am 1.6	3:45pm 1.8	10:10am 1.0	10:47pm 0.5
5	Th	4:49am 1.7	4:31pm 1.8	10:45am 0.8	11:10pm 0.6
6	Fr	5:04am 1.7	5:19pm 1.8	11:18am 0.7	11:32pm 0.7
7	Sa	5:21am 1.8	6:08pm 1.7	11:52am 0.6	11:55pm 0.9

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### Inshore

St. Joe Bay is clearing up, but slowly still this week. Just when we thought the rain was over, we got flooded out again last weekend. Our local streams, lakes and rivers are at the cresting level and hopefully will start to recede soon, returning us to our fish. Scallopers are still hunting good sized shells in St. Joe Bay and with good results as well. The shallow waters near Presnell's channels are holding plenty of shells, but pay close attention to find them in this thick grass.

### Offshore

Last weekend was the 17th annual MBARA kingfish tournament in Mexico Beach. This event has raised more than a million dollars in recent years and has contributed over 150 artificial sites that are a staple in our local fishery, both for diving and fishing. Good kingfish are still hanging around.

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Learn the skills to successfully cast your line into the sea by attending the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Women's Fishing Clinic in Panama City Beach on Sept. 7.

Participants will not only take home a lifelong hobby, they will leave with a new appreciation for the marine environment. They will learn the basics

of environmental stewardship, fishing ethics, angling skills, safety and the vulnerability of Florida's marine ecosystems in a fun, laid-back atmosphere.

The free, day-long clinic is from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. CT at St. Andrews State Park, 4607 State Park Lane, in Panama City Beach.

Advance registration is required, and the event is capped at 20 participants.

Lessons include knot tying, cast netting, rod-and-

reel rigging, boating safety, how to be a responsible marine resource steward, marine fish and habitat identification, catch-and-release techniques and more.

If conditions allow, women will have the opportunity to practice their newly learned skills by fishing from a pier. This event is a catch-and-release activity. All participants must have a valid recreational saltwater fishing license unless

exempt. Saltwater fishing licenses can be purchased at your local tackle shop or online. Learn more by visiting [MyFWC.com/License](http://MyFWC.com/License).

Fishing equipment and bait will be provided during the clinic, but participants are encouraged to bring their own gear.

To register or get more information, email Jennifer Saranzak at [Jennifer.Saranzak@MyFWC.com](mailto:Jennifer.Saranzak@MyFWC.com), or call 352-543-9219, ext. 216.

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Port St. Joe travels to face county rival Wewahitchka in the regular-season opener for both teams. Kickoff is 8 p.m. ET Friday at Gator Field.

## Size matters for Tiger Sharks in Classic

By TIM CROFT

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The Port St. Joe Tiger Sharks received an early taste of what 2013 will be like during last Friday's Kickoff Classic in Blountstown.

Facing two opponents, the host Tigers and Vernon, with a distinct size advantage in the trenches, the Tiger Sharks absorbed some lessons about survival as the regular season begins 8 p.m. ET Friday at county rival Wewahitchka.

"We don't think we played as well as we could," said Port St. Joe coach Chuck Gannon. "We were kind of outmanned upfront.

"And while we thought some of the younger kids played better than we thought they could or gave them credit for, some of the older kids, our juniors and seniors — though not all of them — did not play as well as we thought they could."

The Tiger Sharks faced the bigger, deeper Tigers in the opening half of play.

Gannon said before the game that staying with Blountstown would significantly rest with the defense's ability to put up points. That was prophetic as Natrone Lee provided the lone Port St. Joe points when he returned a fumble for a touchdown and an early 7-0 tie.

Blountstown went on to dominate the 24 minutes, posting a 20-7 win.

"We had some good signs, but there are definitely things we have got to

work on," Gannon said. "We had a couple of big plays, but we are going to have to be a team that picks up the five, seven, three yard gains.

"We are going to have to move the chains and melt the clock to have success."

What impressed Gannon were some younger players, primarily seventh- and eighth-graders, who Gannon thought might be intimidated by the larger Tigers, but who played hard and tough.

"I thought some of our younger players played pretty hard," Gannon said. "They responded to the challenge. We were just overmatched.

"But on the other hand, I am very disappointed that some of our older players did not respond to the challenge and did not play well."

The defense, in general, played well, Gannon said, but the offense, led by quarterbacks Drew Lacour (4 for 7 for 66 yards with two interceptions) and Dwayne Griggs (who finished with 27 rushing yards on seven carries), failed to maintain consistency.

"I thought Griggs played hard; he showed toughness we didn't know he had," Gannon said. "That was a positive."

The offense finally responded during the second half as the Tiger Sharks faced Vernon.

The Yellow Jackets employed a Veer on offense, a scheme Gannon said Port St. Joe did not work on de-

fending much in practice, and also came out fresh after Port St. Joe had battled Blountstown.

After Vernon scored the first touchdown, the Tiger Shark attack awoke.

"We were worn down a little bit and they were fresh, but after they scored, we responded with a nice long drive," Gannon said.

Lacour finished the drive by scoring on a quarterback sneak.

The Tiger Sharks did not score again while Vernon added a second touchdown for a 14-7 decision.

For the night, Carter Thacker has two receptions for 28 yards and Aaron Paul had a 36-yard reception.

Jak Riley had 12 rushing yards on one carry, Lee carried seven times for 10 yards and Jasmin Thomas had 12 yards on four carries.

The Tiger Sharks finished with 66 yards passing and 64 yards rushing.

Port St. Joe had one penalty for five yards.

Port St. Joe enters the first week of the regular season in relatively good health, Gannon said. Jacobie Jones, who tweaked a knee two weeks ago in practice, was held out of the Kickoff Classic but should be ready Friday.

"We know Wewa is big, they have the (Rashard) Ranie kid and their big back (Javar Hill) and they are going to try and stuff it down our throats," Gannon said. "We have to be ready for the challenge."

## Gators rip Franklin County 54-0

By TIM CROFT

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Understanding last Friday's Kickoff Classic in Franklin County is as simple as considering one statistic.

Over the first 14 minutes of the game, Wewahitchka ran just three offensive plays, the host Seahawks 20.

The score was 21-0 Gators.

Wewahitchka opened the 2013 campaign with what amounted to a glorified scrimmage as the Gators ran over Franklin County 54-0.

"I expected it to be a lot closer than it was," Wewahitchka coach Dennis Kizziah said. "But we'll take it, and we came out of it healthy and everybody got to play, we got everybody on film, and that is a positive.

"Franklin County is rebuilding everything: new coach, new system and a lot of new players."

The Gators sprinted to the lead behind junior quarterback Rashard Ranie.

Ranie had three carries in the opening quarter and converted them into touchdown runs of 80, 76 and 86 yards.

"What is that, about an 80-yard per carry average?" Kizziah said with a chuckle. "That would be pretty good to maintain this season, but I really don't think it will.

"We had to dial it back pretty quickly. We did not run up the score on them. We played our junior varsity and reserves from the second quarter on."

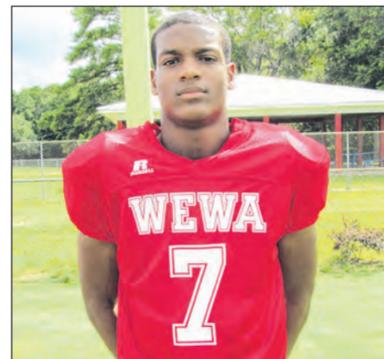
The big plays weren't entirely Ranie's.

Javar Hill, the tight end turned fullback, had 30 yards in just three carries and backup quarterback Hunter Hysmith dashed 50 yards for a score. Brett Satterfield had a 59-yard touchdown run.

Ranie also hit all three of his passes.

Even as the Gators tried to run out the clock on the game's final play, they couldn't help but score as Kaleb Shiver scampered 50 yards for a touchdown.

"We played hard," Kizziah said. "We had a lot of mistakes like lining up in



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Rashard Ranie had 240 yards and three touchdowns on just three carries.

the wrong spot or shooting through the wrong gap on defense, but those are fixable

"I also learned we get after it pretty good on defense. We swarmed to the ball pretty good all night."

The Gators quickly dialed it back against Franklin County, but they will dial it up this week as the Classic is rendered to the rear view mirror as Port St. Joe comes calling at 8 p.m. ET Friday night at Gator Field.

"That's over with," Kizziah said of the Kickoff Classic. "It was a good scrimmage for us and we got to go after another team.

"They don't need any motivation for Port St. Joe, or at least I hope we don't."

The county rivals again begin the regular season on opposite sidelines, a familiarity that resonates through the rivalry.

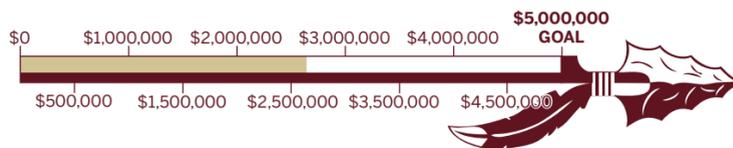
"We play each other every spring, and we play each other enough that we know each other pretty well," Kizziah said. "It comes down to who will make the fewest mistakes and which team makes the plays, like it always does.

"We have a little bit of size, they have a little bit of speed. If we can neutralize their speed, that is key. I think it will be a whale of a ballgame."

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## PSJ volleyball season underway

Star Staff Report

The Lady Tiger Sharks played their season opener last Tuesday night at Ruthersford. Both JV and varsity won their matches. The JV won their match with a score of 2-0 in sets. JV was led in serving by Georgia Lee, who went error free from the service line. As a team, the JV was 92 percent from the service line.

Teiyahna Hutchinson had five kills while Brooklyn Quinn had three, and

Shaye McGuffin led the JV team in assists with six.

The varsity ladies won their match with a score of 3-2. Senior Nicole Endres led the team in kills with nine while Callie Fleshren led with assists at nine. Defensively, Endres had two solo blocks and shared team blocks with Addison Rice. For a more detailed list of statistics, check us out at maxpreps.com.

The home opener was Tuesday night versus West Gadsden.



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Please contact director Megan Lamb at 927-4412 for more information, or if you would like to audition but can't make the audition dates. Crew and behind-the-scenes help also needed!

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**Nick Vacco**, joint chief

*"It's unlike any place I've ever lived. It's an unbelievable community to live in."*

**Melissa Larsen**, joint chief

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full-time residents living in Port St. Joe.

"In some cases, that means 1,600 people who have never seen the water before," Vacco said.

The joint chiefs see their role in accident prevention as being just as important as responding to an accident scene.

"We try to be there for the people who are on vacation," Larsen said. "Their friends are all back at home, and in the event of emergency, we can be their support group."

Lots of tourists return to the area year after year, and Vacco and Larsen do their best to build relationships with the visitors, even if it's only for a few short days during the summer.

Additionally, members of the fire department are heavily involved with community efforts that include food banks, Toys for Tots, creating and distributing Easter baskets, turtle patrol, Halloween events and numerous fundraisers with the Coastal Community Association and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf.

The department's biggest fundraiser, the annual Memorial Day Butt Roast, is a time of food and fun that allows the department to raise funds to put back into the community.

Auxiliary members also work the event each year to help make it a success.

In firefighting, any day without fires is a good day, and the department uses any free time to escort turtles and gators across the road, watch for rip tides and answer visitor's questions. They soon will launch a flag system on the Cape's beaches to alert guests to current water conditions.

Volunteers are regularly invited to visit area schools to discuss fire prevention and show students the ever-popular fire trucks.

"We go from one extreme to the other," Vacco said. "We're part of the community, and the community is our No. 1 priority."

The chiefs keep an open-door policy at the stations and invite tourists and residents to visit if they need directions, emergency assistance or have simply lost a pet in the area, as dogs tend to make the station a temporary home while their owners are located.

Even though all members of the fire department are volun-



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

**LEFT:** The aerial pumper is the standard for dousing flames. **ABOVE:** The brush truck has hoses on the sides and front in order to put out flames as it rolls closer to the source.

teers, it's not uncommon for Larsen and Vacco to spend 50-60 hours a week at the station.

Trucks must be maintained and washed regularly to prevent sand and salt from corroding their fleet and firefighting gear is checked regularly to ensure everything is in working order at a moment's notice.

Larsen handles all administrative duties as well which include the daunting task of ordering proper supplies.

The department shares a budget with the rest of the stations in the county, all of which are volunteer-driven, and because of limited funds, smart shopping becomes necessity.

It takes Larsen time to find the best price on needed supplies, but in the end, she's able to save hundreds of dollars on their gear.

Vacco said to train a new firefighter, they're looking at roughly \$3,000, and once the crewmember is trained across all response disciplines, they will have spent almost \$10,000 on training classes and equipment for each firefighter.

The South Gulf Coast Fire Department relies on equipment donations from other departments along with donations from the private sector.

"If a paid fire department came in and looked at our equipment and saw what we had, they'd say 'Wow!'" Vacco said. "And we're operating on roughly the cost of a new car."

Spending 60 hours per week fighting fires, organizing and operating fundraisers and handling

all of the paperwork is no easy feat, though Larsen revealed the department's secret to success.

"We have fun," she said. "It's a big family, and I think that's pretty awesome."

Larsen first met that "family" while vacationing to the area from Gainesville. During one of her many trips, her son John was bitten by a shark while swimming off the Cape, and members of the department were the first responders.

She said her son received amazing treatment, and they were treated like family.

Once they moved to Gulf County full time, her son was the first to join the department as a volunteer. In addition to her son, Larsen's husband and daughter are also members.

"It's unlike any place I've ever lived," Larsen said. "It's an unbelievable community to live in."

Vacco and his wife had visited the area numerous times over the course of seven years. His wife had always wanted to live on the beach and after making great friends with some families on the Cape, they made the jump to full time residents.

He joined the department when he saw how involved the volunteers were with the community.

"They were much more than just here to put out fires," he said.

Seeing Larsen and Vacco interact is similar to watching a brother and sister pick on one another, but you know that deep down, there's nothing but respect between them.

The department's fun and lighthearted attitude led the members to shoot a notorious photo calendar as a fundraiser last year. To prove they took fighting fires infinitely more seriously than they did themselves, the calendar features volunteer members scantily clad, using perfectly-placed equipment to cover up their ... well, you get the idea.

That same sense of humor got them noticed over the summer by a producer from New York City who was interested in filming the department and pitching it to television networks as a reality television show. The producer had planned to spend a day with the joint chiefs and their crew but had so much fun he stayed for a week and filmed a "sizzle reel" that he would pitch to several TV stations.

It's too soon to know whether or not the show will make television history, but it won't keep the department from serving the community as they always have.

"People are calling you on their worst day," Larsen said. "They're thankful for your help, and I can't think of anything more rewarding."

"If you don't like what you're doing, it shows," Vacco said. "We're all volunteers. You either like it, or you don't have to work here."

The department is always on the hunt for new blood and has members as young as 20 all the way up to those in their 70s. Anyone interested in joining can call or visit the station, but Vacco

warned that despite the fun factor, fighting fires isn't a walk in the park.

"You can't just come in and jump into a fire," he said. "There's training — and it's hard."

Members are assigned pagers, and in the event of emergency, the Gulf County Sheriff's Department sends out a call. Volunteers use their own transportation and show up if they're available or are in the area.

"We've never not had someone show up to an emergency," Larsen said. "I can't remember ever being short-handed."

The chiefs applauded their fellow volunteer firefighters for their commitment to the role. Because the department is a not-for-profit organization, members have to pay their own expenses, and they never know just what they'll see when they arrive on scene as a first responder.

"Our primary goal is firefighter safety," Larsen said. "During a fire, the job is to get people out of the house. Everything else can be replaced."

"The dedication is beyond what people could understand," Vacco said.

This year, the department has had 120 calls and expects to have close to 180 by the end of the year. Of those calls, 1-2 will be structure fires, 10-12 will be wild-fires and the rest will be assisting Emergency Medical Services as first responders for beach and bay rescues.

For more information, the station can be reached at 227-7338.

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## In search of the 'perfect dog'

### DAWGS in Prison reaches 300 saved

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Sandi Christy spent last week's DAWGS in Prison graduation detailing the perfect dog.

That perfect dog, Christy concluded, is strictly in the eye of the owner.

Christy, co-director of the

Developing Adoptable Dogs with Good Sociability (DAWGS) in Prison program at the Gulf Forestry Camp considered the perfect dog while interviewing New Jersey newlyweds interested in adopting a dog.

In addition to her work with DAWGS, Christy volunteers to place dogs at the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society through several rescue groups. One of those missions led her to the couple from New Jersey.

While describing the prospective dog for the couple, the husband interrupted.

"He said, 'We don't expect a perfect dog, we just want a nice dog who will be part of our family,'" Christy said. "I thought that was wonderful and then, what is the perfect dog?"

Ten people, Christy said, would

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The 28th graduating class from the DAWGS in Prison program at the Gulf Forestry Camp. The program has now saved 300 shelter dogs and provided life/work skills to more than 320 inmates.

## A plunge pays off

Local man fishes to world title six years after turning pro

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Six years ago Randall Tharp took the bait.

An accomplished angler in local tournaments in Alabama, Tharp decided to divest himself of a successful construction business to follow the siren's song of the professional fishing circuit.

He was, pardon the pun, hooked. Line. And. Sinker.

And today Tharp is reveling in the glow of a "major" championship, the winner two weeks ago over 150 other pros of the Forrest Wood Cup at the Red River (LA) presented by Walmart, the World Championship of the FLW Series.

In winning a title that escaped him in 2012, Tharp cashed a winner's check of \$500,000, boosting his career winnings over \$1.4 million.

Tharp is 12th in points among 172 FLW competitors for "Angler of the Year" and a year-end financial bonus.

Also sponsored by a heavyweight array - EverStart Batteries, Ranger Boats, Chevy Trucks, Evinrude, Power-Pole, Lowrance, GAMMA, Halo Fishing, 4X4 Jigs and Bass Boat Technologies among others - the St. Joe Beach resident lives with proof that his plunge paid off.

He has done so on his own, fashioning his career a step at a time without the backing of a huge corporate sponsor.

"It certainly validates your career," Tharp said of the Forrest Wood Cup title. "I would compare it to golf. A lot of professional golfers don't win a major. I won a major in our sport and I don't think it will be my last.

"I had finished well last year and had fished Red River in the spring and finished fourth. I feel like in the big tournaments like that I rise to the



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Above: Randall Tharp's affinity for fishing in shallow water, what he calls "power-fishing," was instrumental in winning \$500,000 and the Forrest Wood Cup title two weeks ago. Left: Randall Tharp and his wife Sara have come to love St. Joe Beach and their life on the fishing circuit.

occasion. I had a feeling when I left here for the tournament that I was going to have an opportunity."

Tharp, known for his acumen in shallow-water fishing, started strong with a stout bounty of over 12 pounds on the first day of the four-day tournament.

He maintained his position near the top of the leaderboard over the next two days, snagging roughly 10 pounds per day, and then clinched the tournament with his heaviest catch of bass on the final day, over 14 pounds.

"After three days this calm came over me," Tharp said. "There were all the boats around, the cameras and people, and I was just 100 percent fo-

cused on what I was doing.

"The other competitors and what they are doing can influence what you do dramatically. That's when strategy comes in and you have to make decisions. You win tournaments by making great decisions."

Those decisions, Tharp said, focus on the many variables in play - when to fish, where to fish, getting a feel for what is going on with the fish and your competitors.

For example, Tharp attributed his blazing final day to his observation that fish were biting big in the afternoon, when the temperatures had

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Mexico Beach Marina owners Bill Mulligan (left) and Nate Odom (right) dedicated an artificial reef to Congressman Steve Southerland and his family for his longtime support of local fishermen.

## Rep. Southerland honored with memorial reef

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The annual Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association Kingfish Tournament took place last weekend and to kick off the event, a Captain's Party was held on Friday night at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Beacon Hill.

In addition to gathering locals together for some pre-tournament food and drink, Mexico Beach Marina owners Nate Odom and Bill Mulligan dedicated an artificial reef to U.S. Representative Steve Southerland and his family.

Southerland represents Florida's District 2 and has been an active advocate for local fishermen.

Each year, the Mexico Beach Marina dedicates a reef to someone in the fishing community.

"Steven Southerland has done a tremendous job for our district," said Odom. "He's done a lot for

local fishermen and we're dedicating this reef to his family."

Southerland accepted the dedication to thunderous applause and thanked Odom and Mulligan for the privilege to name the reef after his family.

"I could not ask for better support," said Southerland. "I'm part of a family that fishes and I will continue to fight for all seafood"

After accepting the award, Southerland told the crowd that he hoped his family's reef produced a lot of "good days" for area fishermen.

Since 2011 Southerland has served on House committees for natural resources and transportation and infrastructure. He currently serves on subcommittee for fisheries, wildlife, oceans, and insular affairs along with Coast Guard and maritime transportation.

Money raised from the Kingfish Tournament goes toward funding various MBARA reef building and research projects.



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Miss Kingfish 2013, Taylor Gallagher of Pensacola, awarded raffle prizes and took photos with her fans.



### Trivia Fun

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1) What's a Japanese paper or silk wall-hanging with a roller at the bottom?  
Kakemono, Kabuto, Koseki, Kodomo

2) NASA says it takes most of us how many days to recover from jet lag after crossing five time zones?  
2, 3, 4, 5

3) Of these which is not one of the three Van Pelt kids in "Peanuts"?  
Lucy, Linus, Franklin, Rerun

4) What role did Janet Jackson play on older TV's "Good Times"?  
Penny, Buffy, Thelma, Willona

5) Which "sauce" is also known as plum?  
Duck, Lobster, Alfredo, Hollandaise

6) What are artists who record for the same label?  
Chummers, Labelmates, Dubbers, Bedmates

7) Whose theme song included, "Darling, I love you, but give me Park Avenue"?  
Hart to Hart, Green Acres, McCloud, Jeffersons

8) What "generation" are you in if you're caring for parents and

supporting kids?  
Jet Age, Quicksand, Garden Party, Sandwich

9) Which Soviet republic was first to declare independence from Moscow in 1991?  
Armenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine

10) In 1999 what was the first computer "worm" to travel by email?  
Melvin, Melinda, Marvin, Melissa

11) The Mason-Dixon Line forms the border between?  
NC & VA, MD & VA, WV & PA, MD & PA

12) What is a superficial good looking man?  
Lume, Tremper, Himbo,

Sardo

13) Alopecia is the medical condition for?  
Gout, Baldness, Athlete's foot, Headache

14) What was the name of Roy Rogers' dog?  
Silver, Bullet, Shemp, Daisy

### ANSWERS:

- 1) Kakemono
- 2) 5
- 3) Franklin
- 4) Penny
- 5) Duck
- 6) Labelmates
- 7) Green Acres
- 8) Sandwich
- 9) Lithuania
- 10) Melissa
- 11) MD & PA
- 12) Himbo
- 13) Baldness
- 14) Bullet

## Anniversary

# Jim and Wilma Brewer celebrate 66 years

Jim and Wilma Brewer, married August 29, 1947 in Atlanta, Ga., celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Wilma Langley, from West GA met Jim when he got out of the Navy. He

then practiced pharmacy from 1950-2002.

They had three children, Ann (deceased) Jane and Reese III. They also have five granddaughters and one great-grandchild.



## Birthday



SHYLAH MARLO THOMAS

# Look who's turning 2

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Billie Cronan donated 10 inches of hair to Locks of Love.

# Local gives to Locks of Love

Star Staff Report

Billie Cronan donated 10 inches of hair to Locks of Love. Cronan's hair was cut by Kandi Rollins of Kandi's Country Kuts in Howard Creek who then mailed the donation to the organization.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada who

suffer from long-term medical hair loss from various illnesses. The organization uses donated hair to create the high quality hair prosthetics.

Most children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair because of the medical condition alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses made restore a child's self-esteem and confidence.

# Baileys to renew vows

Star Staff Report

The honor of your presence is requested at the renewal of wedding vows of Deacon and Mrs. Raye Bailey, Sr. at 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, Aug. 31.

The ceremony will be

held at the New Bethel Baptist Missionary Baptist Church at 208 N. Park Avenue in Port St. Joe.

Reception will immediately follow at the Senior Citizen Center across from the Gulf County Jail.

# Wheeling around with Rotary

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On Sept. 12, Tommy Pitts will be attending the Rotary Club meeting at noon to discuss some of the plans and opportunities for the Port of Port St Joe. The public is invited to attend. If you would like to attend, call 227-7900 to reserve a place for lunch. Cost

is \$11 and includes tax and tip.

The PSJ Rotary Club meets at noon on Thursday at Sunset Coastal Grill. If you have an interest in some of the service projects or becoming involved with the Rotary Club of Port St Joe, contact Patti Blaylock at 850-227-7900 or Fr. Tommy Dwyer at 850-227-1845.

# Port St. Joe Garden Club news

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Garden Club will begin its 65th season at noon ET Thursday, Sept. 12, with a potluck luncheon and program.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of this vivacious club

should contact a member or leave a message on the Port St Joe Garden Club Facebook page. The Garden Club meets in their garden center on Eighth Street, a building on both state and national historical site registries.

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# PET OF THE WEEK

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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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# GCSC commits to supporting veterans

## GCSC joins initiative to improve access, affordability for veterans, families

**PANAMA CITY** — On Aug. 12, Gulf Coast State College signed on to the “8 Keys to Facilitating Veterans’ Success on Campus,” a national initiative to promote veteran-friendly policies at colleges and universities. The college will participate in the initiative to better help veterans, active-duty service members and their families achieve educational and training goals.

GCSC, alongside the 28 Florida College System institutions, joined more than 250 colleges and universities from across the nation to support the critical elements as endorsed by the U.S. Departments of Education, Veterans Affairs and Defense.

“I’m excited to see this commitment toward our veteran students from the national, state & local level,” said Pam Hiller, military/veteran liaison. “These students have gone above and beyond in their service to our country and these ‘Eight Keys to Success’ are one way we can repay them for all their sacrifice.”

“The program assists our veterans, military service members and their families in breaking barriers that may otherwise overwhelm them as students,” said Melissa Lavender, vice president of student affairs. “Pam Hiller has been a tremendous addition to our campus in building the infrastructure to respond to the needs of veterans and military service personnel. Our college has always been military-friendly, but after Pam joined us last

year, we have redoubled our efforts to serve the needs of our military students.”

### 8 KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. Create a culture of trust and connectedness across the campus community to promote well-being and success for veterans.
  2. Ensure consistent and sustained support from campus leadership.
  3. Implement an early-alert system to ensure all veterans receive academic, career and financial advice before challenges become overwhelming.
  4. Coordinate and centralize campus efforts for all veterans, together with the creation of a designated space (even if limited in size).
  5. Collaborate with local communities and organizations, including government agencies, to align and coordinate various services for veterans.
  6. Utilize a uniform set of data tools to collect and track information on veterans, including demographics, retention and degree completion.
  7. Provide comprehensive professional development for faculty and staff on issues and challenges unique to veterans.
  8. Develop systems that ensure sustainability of effective practices for veterans.
- “We fully support the keys to success,” said Dr. Jim Kerley, GCSC president. “Gulf Coast is 100 percent committed to serving and helping veterans on their road to success. Our College is ranked as one of the top military-friendly institutions because we are passionate about our service to the military community. They have sacrificed so much for us, and now it is time we give back and help them.”



### The Lion's Tale

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Every child deserves the opportunity to become a good reader. Open enrollment for new students has begun for the 2013-2014 school year. Class sizes are limited, so early registration is recommended. Call 229-6707 or visit [www.FaithChristianPSJ.net](http://www.FaithChristianPSJ.net) for more information.

## Education BRIEF

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### Lewis receives master's degree from Valdosta State

Kayleigh Danielle Lewis recently graduated from Valdosta State University with a Master of Education in communication disorders. The Port St. Joe resident is one of more than 400 students recognized for meeting the qualifications for graduation during Summer 2013 Commencement.

Valdosta State University is a premier comprehensive university, characterized by outstanding instruction, a wide range of student life opportunities and a close connection to the community. Established

in 1906, the institution's mission is to prepare students to meet global opportunities and challenges through excellence in teaching and learning; to expand the boundaries of current knowledge, and explore the practical applications of that knowledge, through excellence in scholarship and creative endeavors; and to promote the economic, cultural, and educational progress of the community and region, through excellence in service outreach. VSU seeks to accomplish this mission in a dynamic, student-centered learning environment marked by a respect for diverse abilities by all members of the university community.



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Happy New Year to all students, staff and supporters of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School. Our school year is off to a great start thanks to the outstanding efforts of all hands. Thanks to all who made these first two weeks the best.

### Tiger Shark Football

Football season is back, and our Tiger Sharks will be opening their regular season on the road against cross-county rival the Wewa Gators. The Clash of the County Classic will be at 8 p.m. ET Friday, Aug. 30 at Gator Field. Support the tradition and come cheer on the Tiger Sharks. We open at home against Bay High at 7:30 p.m. ET Sept. 6. Go Sharks.

Port St Joe Homecoming Plans are being made for this year's homecoming festivities. Homecoming falls on Oct. 4 with the football team pitted against neighboring Franklin County. Festivities kick off with the traditional parade through downtown. Any group or business interested in participating in the parade can contact LCDR Jarosz at [mjarosz@gulf.k12.fl.us](mailto:mjarosz@gulf.k12.fl.us).

Please be ready to provide the following information: group or business name, type of participation (float, walking, golf cart, etc.), number of participants.

Information on start time and positions will be sent at a later date. If any classes are celebrating anniversaries, we would love to have you as part of our celebration.

### MEDS program gains experience and exposure

Students from the PSJ MEDS program toured the Pensacola State College Medical Simulation Lab, where they took part in skill building simulations that included drawing blood, delivering a baby, performing an EKG and transporting patients. It was a wonderful learning experience. They also toured Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, gaining first-hand experience of the inner workings of a large hospital.

### Senior news

Seniors, fees of \$77 are due to Coach Taylor in September and cover cap and gown, dues and senior T-shirt. Go Class of 2014!

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## St. Peter's Anglican Church breaks ground

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On Monday, Aug. 19, St. Peter's Anglican Church of Port St. Joe had a groundbreaking ceremony for a permanent home on Garrison Avenue.

A 4,900-square-foot facility will be built on the site to include a sanctuary, office and fellowship hall. St. Peter's Church first met for services on Nov. 1, 2006, at the United Pentecostal Church on Sixth Street. The church purchased a 9.1-acre tract of land on

Garrison Avenue from Long Avenue Baptist Church in 2009. St. Peter's Church currently meets at the Stiles Brown Senior Citizens Center with Fr. Lou Little as the Priest-in-Charge.

The builder is Tim Tucker of Rock Solid Design & Construction Inc. of Crawfordville.

It will be an ICF block structure with construction taking approximately eight months to complete. Financing was made possible through Capital City Bank and bank President Amy Geiger.

After a short ground breaking service at 11:15 a.m., everyone adjourned to the Sunset Coastal Grill for lunch. In attendance were current and former members of the church, Tim Tucker, builder and staff, Amy Geiger and Kim Knight of Capital City Bank, Mitch Burke and Dan Christie of the Gulf County Property Appraisers office and other friends of the church who attended the event.

Many thanks to all who made this day possible for St. Peter's. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

## Obituaries

### William 'Bill' Preston Allyn

William "Bill" Preston Allyn, 58, of Port St. Joe went to be with the Lord early Tuesday morning, Aug. 20, 2013. Bill was born and raised in Palatka, Fla., to William and Mary Allyn. He was a member of Faith Bible Church of Port St. Joe, Fla.

Bill completed a degree in electronics and began his career with the St. Joseph Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1980. Bill continued his career by answering a call to serve his country in 1987 by joining the United States Coast Guard Reserves. He retired in 2008 as a chief petty officer. He received several awards during his career, including: Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, a National Defense Service Medal and multiple Coast Guard Commendation Awards.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Mary Ellen (Davis) Allyn; his daughter, Crystal Ayers (husband, Mark Ayers) of Virginia Beach, Va.; and his son, William Preston Allyn III (wife, Kristen Allyn) of Panama City, Fla.

He also had three grandsons, William Peyton Allyn, Colton Brown Allyn and Mason Daniel Ayers; a sister, Norma Jean Tyler (husband, Buddy Tyler); and brother, Richard Lee Allyn, of Palatka, Fla. He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

A memorial service was held at Faith Bible Church on Aug. 24, 2013, at 11 a.m. ET. A burial at sea by the United States Coast Guard will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his memory to Faith Bible Church.

### Eddie Joe Moses, Sr.

Mr. Eddie Joe Moses, Sr., was born Aug. 15, 1951, in Port St. Joe to Jim and Martha Gray Moses. He made his grand entrance into Heaven on Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, at the age of 62.

Mr. Eddie Joe was a lifelong resident of Apalachicola. He graduated from Chapman High School and later joined the Florida National Guards, where he served our great nation for 13 years. Mr. Eddie Joe was later employed with the Apalachicola Northern Railroad and most recently our local Ace Hardware Store, where he could be found assisting and greeting guest with humor and a smile. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and wood working.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years: Wanda Hardee Moses of Apalachicola; two daughters: Candi Moses Rosamond and husband, Chad, and Joellen Paige Moses and Ronnie Joseph; one son: Eddie Joe Moses, Jr. and wife,

Traci; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and three sisters-in-laws Sandra Moses, Oleta Moses and Glenda Newell; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Martha Gray Moses; and three brothers Jimmy Moses, Lovett Moses and Lonnie Moses.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Susan Hardin and the staff of Weems Memorial, the staff of Bay Medical Center, Dr. Nancy Chorba and the staff of Big Bend Hospice.

The funeral service was at 11 a.m. ET Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, at the Living Waters Assembly of God Church, conducted by the Rev. Scotty Lolley. Interment followed in Magnolia Cemetery.

He lay in state at the church from 7-8 p.m. Friday evening, and for an hour Saturday prior to the service.

All services are under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home.

## FAITH BRIEFS

Special to The Star

### Highland View Baptist Homecoming

The Highland View

Baptist Church will have its 33rd annual Homecoming at 10:30 a.m. ET Sept. 8.

The church will be celebrating 62 years of

ministry. All are welcome.

Former interim pastor Brother Charles Scott will be the guest speaker, and there will be several musical presentations.

There will be a covered dish lunch in the Church Fellowship Hall after the service.

The church is at 310 Ling St. in Highland View.

### Lifetree to discuss homeless children

The impact of homelessness on children will be explored at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CT Monday,

Sept. 2.

An estimated 1 in 50 children is homeless. Approximately 40 percent of those children are 5 years old or younger.

"We see children who have lived in a car or outside, or who have spent time living from shelter to shelter, or hotel to hotel," said Jennifer Herrera, executive director of Colfax Community Network, a homeless outreach agency.

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

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Worship Service..... 10:30 am  
Choir..... 6:00 pm

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Dinner..... 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
AWANA..... 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Surrender Student Ministry..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm  
Prayer/Bible Study..... 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Nursery..... 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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# Whiteflies can cause major damage to ornamentals

Whiteflies are common pest on many ornamental plants. Some of the most economically important species in Florida are the silver leaf whitefly, fig or ficus whitefly, citrus whitefly, and the rugose spiraling whitefly. The most frequently attacked plants include allamanda, chinaberry, citrus, fig, fringe tree, gardenia, ligustrum, various palms, persimmon, viburnum and many annuals.

Adult whiteflies look like tiny white moths, but are most closely related to scale insects. Most are about 1/16 inch long and have four wings. The wings and body are covered with a fine white powder wax. Reliable identification is based on the

adults. The immature whiteflies (nymphs) typically occur on the underside of leaves, and flat, oval in outline, and slightly smaller than a pin head. Some species are light green to whitish and somewhat transparent. Others are black in the center and have a white waxy fringe around the edge.

Like soft scales, mealy bugs, and aphids, whiteflies excrete large amount of honeydew, a sweet substance that provides an excellent medium for the growth of sooty mold. Besides being unattractive, this black fungus may retard a plant's growth



**ROY LEE CARTER**  
County extension director

by interfering with photosynthesis.

Fortunately, once the insects are controlled, sooty mold usually weathers away. You can get rid of it faster by applying a cooper spray. In fact, by mixing copper with an insecticide, you can solve both problems at the same time.

Of course, you must apply the recommend products correctly, according to directions, and with the right equipment. You can use a pump-up or hose attachment sprayer. If you use a hose attachment until, be sure it's designed for ornamentals not laws. Spray plants to the point of

run off, covering the undersides of leaves thoroughly, and spray again about two weeks. This should solve your problem until the next major broad emerges.

Of course, you shouldn't spray at all until you're sure whiteflies are the real villains. May other problems can cause plants to decline. So, carefully examine the undersides of leaves for the presence of the whitefly nymphs we've already described. If you confirm that whiteflies are infesting you plants, don't try to control the adults. After large numbers of adults are seen, wait about two weeks before spraying. This two week delay will allow the eggs to hatch. The small nymphs, which are the most damaging to

plants, are the easiest stage to control. You should concentrate your efforts on them rather than the mature whiteflies.

Chemical control the first type of product to try is an insecticidal soap or horticultural oil spray. Some other chemical that are labeled for homeowners are: Bifenthrin, Imidacio Prid, Malathion, Neem Oil, Permethrin, Potassium Salts and Pyrethrins. Remember these are active ingredient that may be sold under different trade names.

For more information on whiteflies and their control contact the Gulf County Extension Service @ 639-3200 or visit <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu> or <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>.



**APRIL DENISE STRICKLAND**

## Three arrested for meth offenses in separate incidents

Star Staff Report

In two separate incidents, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office arrested three Wewahitchka residents last week on charges related to possession and manufacture of methamphetamine.

April Denise Strickland, 41, and Sabrina M. Wakefield, 22, were at 301 Lake Alice Drive last week on two counts of sale of methamphetamine (Strickland) and a single count of being a principal to sale of methamphetamine (Wakefield).

Strickland was issued a \$15,000 bond at first appearance; Wakefield a \$7,500 bond. The same day investigators arrested Anthony Bryan McDaniel, 29, at his residence at 210 Lucy Circle.

After a search warrant was served, yielding chemicals and items used in the manufacture of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia used to ingest the drug as well as a quantity of methamphetamine, McDaniel was arrested and charged with attempting to manufacture methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of listed chemicals, Bryan was first appeared and released on \$8,000 bond.



**SABRINA M. WAKEFIELD**



**ANTHONY B. MCDANIEL**

## Tennessee suspect arrested in child molestation investigation

Star Staff Report

U.S. Marshals arrested a Tennessee man after a Gulf County investigation into child molestation charges.

Dennis J. Weaver, 66, of Marysville, TN and formerly of Gulf County, was arrested last week on one count of lewd or lascivious molestation of a child under 16 and three counts of lewd or lascivious battery on a child under 16.

Both charges are second degree felonies. Weaver faces up to 15 years in prison on each count.

The investigation began in early August after allegations were made against Weaver. Gulf County Sheriff's Office investigators conducted several undercover operations and determined there was evidence against Weaver.

Weaver was arrested in Knoxville last week. He is custody in Tennessee awaiting extradition to Gulf County.

### PATRON AT LOCAL BUSINESS NABS BURGLAR

A Wewahitchka man was arrested last week after he was caught stealing items from several vehicles at a local tavern.

Simon Samuel Hathaway, 41, was arrested on charges of burglary, grand theft and providing a false ID to a law enforcement officer. His bond on those charges was set at \$10,000.

He is also being held without bond

for violation of probation and on a warrant out of Bay County.

According to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office, Hathaway was observed inside a vehicle outside the Tuckedaways Tavern in Wewahitchka on the evening of Aug. 8.

The patron pursued Hathaway and brought him back to the parking lot to wait for deputies. Property from two other vehicles was found in Hathaway's vehicle.

Hathaway had active warrants out of Bay County for burglary of a structure, grand theft and uttering forged instruments.

Gulf County also had a warrant for Hathaway for violation of probation for burglary.

Two days later, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office notified GCSO investigators that the vehicle driven by Hathaway and used during the vehicle burglaries in Wewahitchka was stolen from the PCSO Aug. 7.

### PORT ST. JOE MAN ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES

A Port St. Joe man was arrested last week on several charges including the sale of crack cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.



**DENNIS WEAVER**



**SIMON HATHAWAY**



**PAUL OHARA**

Paul Ohara, 27, was arrested after a search warrant was executed at his 509 Hodrick Street residence.

The search warrant was the culmination of a lengthy investigation by the Gulf County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit.

GCSO deputies and officers from the Port St. Joe Police Department executed the warrant.

Ohara was served with two arrest warrants for sale of crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of a church. A search of his residence yielded evidence of illegal drug activity and charges.

Ohara was also charged possession of crack cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also charged with living in Gulf County without registering as a convicted felon.

Ohara was also served on a warrant out of Taylor County for failure to appear in court on charges of driving with a suspended driver's license.

Ohara is in the Gulf County Jail on \$70,000 bond for the two sale of crack cocaine counts, \$10,000 for possession of crack cocaine, \$2,500 for possession of drug paraphernalia and \$2,500 for failure to register as a convicted felon.

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## In search of the 'perfect dog'

### DAWGS in Prison reaches 300 saved

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Sandi Christy spent last week's DAWGS in Prison graduation detailing the perfect dog.

That perfect dog, Christy concluded, is strictly in the eye of the owner.

Christy, co-director of the

Developing Adoptable Dogs with Good Sociability (DAWGS) in Prison program at the Gulf Forestry Camp considered the perfect dog while interviewing New Jersey newlyweds interested in adopting a dog.

In addition to her work with DAWGS, Christy volunteers to place dogs at the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society through several rescue groups. One of those missions led her to the couple from New Jersey.

While describing the prospective dog for the couple, the husband interrupted.

"He said, 'We don't expect a perfect dog, we just want a nice dog who will be part of our family,'" Christy said. "I thought that was wonderful and then, what is the perfect dog?"

Ten people, Christy said, would

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The 28th graduating class from the DAWGS in Prison program at the Gulf Forestry Camp. The program has now saved 300 shelter dogs and provided life/work skills to more than 320 inmates.

## A plunge pays off

Local man fishes to world title six years after turning pro

By TIM CROFT  
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Six years ago Randall Tharp took the bait.

An accomplished angler in local tournaments in Alabama, Tharp decided to divest himself of a successful construction business to follow the siren's song of the professional fishing circuit.

He was, pardon the pun, hooked. Line. And. Sinker.

And today Tharp is reveling in the glow of a "major" championship, the winner two weeks ago over 150 other pros of the Forrest Wood Cup at the Red River (LA) presented by Walmart, the World Championship of the FLW Series.

In winning a title that escaped him in 2012, Tharp cashed a winner's check of \$500,000, boosting his career winnings over \$1.4 million.

Tharp is 12th in points among 172 FLW competitors for "Angler of the Year" and a year-end financial bonus.

Also sponsored by a heavyweight array - EverStart Batteries, Ranger Boats, Chevy Trucks, Evinrude, Power-Pole, Lowrance, GAMMA, Halo Fishing, 4X4 Jigs and Bass Boat Technologies among others - the St. Joe Beach resident lives with proof that his plunge paid off.

He has done so on his own, fashioning his career a step at a time without the backing of a huge corporate sponsor.

"It certainly validates your career," Tharp said of the Forrest Wood Cup title. "I would compare it to golf. A lot of professional golfers don't win a major. I won a major in our sport and I don't think it will be my last.

"I had finished well last year and had fished Red River in the spring and finished fourth. I feel like in the big tournaments like that I rise to the



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Above: Randall Tharp's affinity for fishing in shallow water, what he calls "power-fishing," was instrumental in winning \$500,000 and the Forrest Wood Cup title two weeks ago. Left: Randall Tharp and his wife Sara have come to love St. Joe Beach and their life on the fishing circuit.

occasion. I had a feeling when I left here for the tournament that I was going to have an opportunity."

Tharp, known for his acumen in shallow-water fishing, started strong with a stout bounty of over 12 pounds on the first day of the four-day tournament.

He maintained his position near the top of the leaderboard over the next two days, snagging roughly 10 pounds per day, and then clinched the tournament with his heaviest catch of bass on the final day, over 14 pounds.

"After three days this calm came over me," Tharp said. "There were all the boats around, the cameras and people, and I was just 100 percent fo-

cused on what I was doing.

"The other competitors and what they are doing can influence what you do dramatically. That's when strategy comes in and you have to make decisions. You win tournaments by making great decisions."

Those decisions, Tharp said, focus on the many variables in play - when to fish, where to fish, getting a feel for what is going on with the fish and your competitors.

For example, Tharp attributed his blazing final day to his observation that fish were biting big in the afternoon, when the temperatures had

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Mexico Beach Marina owners Bill Mulligan (left) and Nate Odom (right) dedicated an artificial reef to Congressman Steve Southerland and his family for his longtime support of local fishermen.

## Rep. Southerland honored with memorial reef

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The annual Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association Kingfish Tournament took place last weekend and to kick off the event, a Captain's Party was held on Friday night at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Beacon Hill.

In addition to gathering locals together for some pre-tournament food and drink, Mexico Beach Marina owners Nate Odom and Bill Mulligan dedicated an artificial reef to U.S. Representative Steve Southerland and his family.

Southerland represents Florida's District 2 and has been an active advocate for local fishermen.

Each year, the Mexico Beach Marina dedicates a reef to someone in the fishing community.

"Steven Southerland has done a tremendous job for our district," said Odom. "He's done a lot for

local fishermen and we're dedicating this reef to his family."

Southerland accepted the dedication to thunderous applause and thanked Odom and Mulligan for the privilege to name the reef after his family.

"I could not ask for better support," said Southerland. "I'm part of a family that fishes and I will continue to fight for all seafood"

After accepting the award, Southerland told the crowd that he hoped his family's reef produced a lot of "good days" for area fishermen.

Since 2011 Southerland has served on House committees for natural resources and transportation and infrastructure. He currently serves on subcommittee for fisheries, wildlife, oceans, and insular affairs along with Coast Guard and maritime transportation.

Money raised from the Kingfish Tournament goes toward funding various MBARA reef building and research projects.



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Miss Kingfish 2013, Taylor Gallagher of Pensacola, awarded raffle prizes and took photos with her fans.



### Trivia Fun

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1) What's a Japanese paper or silk wall-hanging with a roller at the bottom?  
Kakemono, Kabuto, Koseki, Kodomo

2) NASA says it takes most of us how many days to recover from jet lag after crossing five time zones?  
2, 3, 4, 5

3) Of these which is not one of the three Van Pelt kids in "Peanuts"?  
Lucy, Linus, Franklin, Rerun

4) What role did Janet Jackson play on older TV's "Good Times"?  
Penny, Buffy, Thelma, Willona

5) Which "sauce" is also known as plum?  
Duck, Lobster, Alfredo, Hollandaise

6) What are artists who record for the same label?  
Chummers, Labelmates, Dubbers, Bedmates

7) Whose theme song included, "Darling, I love you, but give me Park Avenue"?  
Hart to Hart, Green Acres, McCloud, Jeffersons

8) What "generation" are you in if you're caring for parents and

supporting kids?  
Jet Age, Quicksand, Garden Party, Sandwich

9) Which Soviet republic was first to declare independence from Moscow in 1991?  
Armenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine

10) In 1999 what was the first computer "worm" to travel by email?  
Melvin, Melinda, Marvin, Melissa

11) The Mason-Dixon Line forms the border between?  
NC & VA, MD & VA, WV & PA, MD & PA

12) What is a superficial good looking man?  
Lume, Tremper, Himbo,

Sardo

13) Alopecia is the medical condition for?  
Gout, Baldness, Athlete's foot, Headache

14) What was the name of Roy Rogers' dog?  
Silver, Bullet, Shemp, Daisy

### ANSWERS:

- 1) Kakemono
- 2) 5
- 3) Franklin
- 4) Penny
- 5) Duck
- 6) Labelmates
- 7) Green Acres
- 8) Sandwich
- 9) Lithuania
- 10) Melissa
- 11) MD & PA
- 12) Himbo
- 13) Baldness
- 14) Bullet

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likely provide 10 different answers.

Some will insist the perfect dog is AKC registered, but despite pedigrees those dogs also have numerous health issues.

A veterinarian might attest that the healthiest dogs are mixed-breeds, Christy said. She noted however, that her own golden retriever died from one of the worst forms of canine cancer due to an abnormality in breeding lines for golden retrievers.

Others, Christy said, say the perfect dog is the good hunter, the agile dog, the obedient dog.

"But these same dogs may not be good family dogs," Christy said.

Over the past 28 dog graduations spanning four-plus years, however, the DAWGS in Prison program has sent 300 adoptable dogs to new homes, saving a shel-

ter dog and providing what 300 owners might attest as the "perfect dog."

The Sherers from Connecticut, a two-career couple, wanted a canine companion and adopted Ryan.

Ryan was trained to be a certified therapy dog and accompanies the couple to hospitals and nursing homes.

After the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, Ryan was selected as one of the therapy dogs helping children recover from that horrific tragedy.

"For the Sherers, their black lab mix Ryan is the perfect dog," Christy said.

Bob Pellito of Tampa, Christy said, adopted a lab/hound named Dante, "discarded because he was not perfect", one of an average of 7 million dogs abandoned on any given day in the country.

*"We, at DAWGS, do not look for perfect dogs. We look for dogs with potential - the potential to be great companions and family dogs."*

**Sandi Chirsty**

co-director of the

Developing Adoptable Dogs with Good Sociability (DAWGS)

After DAWGS, Dante trained as a diabetic alert dog and became Pellito's constant companion, saving his life one night when Pellito nodded off into a diabetic coma.

"His life was saved that night due to his perfect dog," Christy said.

And Sheila Briggs from Massachusetts was seeking a lab mix that would be good with her small children and cats. A dog that would like the water and playing in the park, Christy said.

She picked Everett, "Who has turned out to be the perfect dog for them - protecting and loving the kids and swimming with them at the lake," Christy said.

"So, perfection seems to be in the eye of the beholder, or adopter," Christy continued. "We, at DAWGS, do not look for perfect dogs. We look for dogs with potential - the potential to be great companions and family dogs."

Perfection is not a pre-

requisite for the inmate trainers, more than 300 strong since the inception of the program, who apply to be part of the program and must meet 24/7 responsibilities in caring for the dogs.

The inmates learn skills that, in a host of instances, they have gone on to apply to become a productive member of society, in several cases working directly with animals.

"We also value their potential," Christy said of the inmates who have made DAWGS a success story. "We value their potential. The potential in the men here to learn and grow. They learn a lot - patience, discipline, teamwork and how to train and care for a dog."

"That is our mission at DAWGS in Prison, to fulfill the potential of our inmate trainers and their dogs - to give them the skills to

be the best they can be. In so doing, maybe they will be the perfect companion, worker or family member in the future."

The graduates of the 28th DAWGS in Prison class were destined to two states, half going to spots around Florida while half were transported to new families in Massachusetts.

Several were still awaiting adoption to "forever homes."

The program has sent dogs to 15 different states.

With the graduation of one class, the next arrived last week at the Forestry Camp to begin the eight-week program to become some person's "perfect dog."

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# THARP from page B1

risen, and in shallow waters.

That research and understanding the competition and waters is a critical part of the process, Tharp said.

There are three days of "practice" fishing prior to every tournament.

"We show up for a tournament and get on the water and fish from morning until night for three days," Tharp

said. "You try to establish a pattern. For instance, I like fishing in really shallow water. I call it power-fishing."

"But you also have to have versatility to win every week."

Tharp discovered small local tournament fishing in the late 1990s.

Born in Miami, he had met his wife, Sara, in Ala-

bama and established a construction company. On the weekends or summer weeknights, Tharp said, he competed in plenty low-dollar tournaments, pocketing his share of "\$20 purses."

But he understood he had much to learn. He began reading voraciously, seeking information wherever he could find it. He also had innate gifts.

He started fishing in satellite series, the Bama and Choo-Choo BFL Divisions, winning points titles in both divisions in 2007 and \$15,000.

He saw a path ahead. "That's when I decided I was going to try this full-time," Tharp said. "I was having fun. I was winning quite a bit of money fishing."

"It was not something

I planned. I'm just real competitive."

He soon realized he could make a go of the fishing gig, winning an EverStart event on Lake Eufaula and the first two B.A.S.S. Opens he entered during his first year as a pro in 2008.

"It hasn't been easy to fish at this level," Tharp said. "I would compare it to golf. You can have all the equipment, knowledge and practice, but you have to have a talent."

"I also found I have another thing the top anglers have. I can go anywhere in the country and the world and dominate."

Tharp has been a BFL Divisional points winner three times, the EverStart Southeast points winner in 2009 and BASS Southern

Open points winner in 2010.

In 2010, Tharp qualified for the Forrest Wood Cup, PAA Championship and Bassmaster Classic, the championships of each circuit he was fishing.

The circuit is a consuming mistress, though. Tharp is currently home for a few weeks, but he will soon hit the road.

He fishes 15 to 22 or 23 events each year. He and Sara "live" out of a recreational vehicle and when on the road it is 24/7. Tharp estimates he has roughly a month off each year.

"It's a different lifestyle but we have come to love it," Tharp said. "It is fun and we have met some of the coolest people all over the country."

A little more than three years ago he and Sara moved

to St. Joe Beach. They had vacationed in the area before and were beckoned by the beaches, saltwater fishing and the opportunity to gaze onto the ocean each morning they are home.

"This is where we wanted to be," Tharp said. "I fell in love with this area and my wife did too."

And on a recent sunny morning, his Forrest Wood Cup home beside him as he gazed out on the Gulf of Mexico, the future seemed quite bright for Randall Tharp.

"People are so passionate about fishing, especially tournament fishing," Tharp said. "There are a lot of people like me who are also competitive about fishing, who love to compete. I think the sky is the limit (for the sport)."

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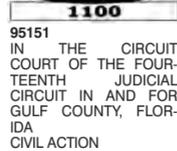
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95151 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2022-CA-000115 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs. ALLAN RICHARDS, et al, Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 14, 2013, entered in Case No. 23-2011-CA-000115 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor in interest to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, NA, is the Plaintiff and Allan Richards, Stephen G. Slade, Ovation on Cape San Blas Homeowners' Association, Inc., Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under, And Against The Herein named Individual Defendants (Who are not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest in Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, OR Other Claimants are defendants, the Gulf County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby, Gulf County Clerk of Court office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 A.M. ET on the 19th day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure.

LOT 18, OVATION ON CAPE SAN BLAS PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A LOT 18 OVATION S/D, PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Gulf County, Florida this 20th day of August, 2013.

Rebecca Norris Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 10-61412

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision



of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711. August 29, September 5, 2013

92164S NOTICE OF SALE BY THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned BECKY NORRIS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Port St. Joe, Florida, will on September 12, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time at the front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Gulf County, Florida, to-wit:

Lots 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, Block D, Beaty Subdivision of White City, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 23, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 02889-000R

At the time of the sale, as set forth hereinabove, the successful high bidder shall post with the Clerk a deposit equal to five percent (5%) of the final bid. The deposit shall be applied to the sale price at the time of payment. The balance of the sale price shall be paid in full to the Clerk by 4:00 p.m., on the same day as the sale.

This sale is made pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, the style of which is:

REGIONS BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. Y. GAMBLE, INC.; JAMES E. ANTOLCHICK; LISA A. ANTOLCHICK n/k/a LISA A. WAILLY; ROYAL FLUSH PLUMBING SERVICES OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT A, 7243 Dahlia Street, Wewahitchka, Florida 32465 and UNKNOWN OCCUPANT B, 7243 Dahlia Street, Wewahitchka, Florida 32465, Defendants.

and the docket number of which is CASE NO. 2012-000004-CA

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe., Florida 32456 at (850) 747-5338 within 2 working days of your receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing impaired, call (1800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (1800) 955-8770.

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THE FINAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT. IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING



AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court on August 14, 2013.

BECKY NORRIS Clerk, Circuit Court Gulf County, Florida

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

THE NEWSPAPER IS REQUESTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE OCAD 2010-7 TO DELIVER THE PROOF OF PUBLICATION DIRECTLY TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GULF COUNTY August 22, 29, 2013

92168S JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 232012CA 000225CAAXMX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,

TREZIA HUDDLESTON A/K/A TREZIA L. HUDDLESTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TREZIA HUDDLESTON A/K/A TREZIA L. HUDDLESTON; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

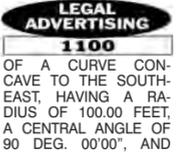
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 13, 2013, and entered in Case No. 232012 CA000225CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida. NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is Plaintiff and TREZIA HUDDLESTON A/K/A TREZIA L. HUDDLESTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TREZIA HUDDLESTON A/K/A TREZIA L. HUDDLESTON; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURT-HOUSE, AT 1000 CECIL COSTIN BOULEVARD, PORT ST. JOE IN GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA 32456, at 11:00 A.M. ET, on the 12th day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 3, BLOCK "I", RISH SUBDIVISION, BEING AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-273-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. ALPHONSO SHEPPARD, HEATHER SHEPPARD A/K/A HEATHER R. SHEPPARD, KASIE M. SHEFFIELD, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45



OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90 DEG. 00'00", AND BEING SUBTENDE BY A CHORD BEARING S 44 DEG. 59'26" W FOR 141.42 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, RUN N 62 DEG. 20'46" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 247.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 85 DEG. 19'08" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 264.35 FEET; THENCE N 01 DEG. 06'05" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 429.15 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PRESBYTERIAN STREET (A PRIVATE 60 FOOT R/W); THENCE N 41 DEG. 15'02" E ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 136.68 FEET TO THE POINT ON THE CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 145.20 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24 DEG. 20' 59", AND BEING SUBTENDE BY A CHORD BEARING N 53 DEG. 28'29"E FOR 61.67 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVING SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 62.13 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CURVING SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, RUN S 11 DEG. 04'17" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 601.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commence at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Gulf County, Florida, said point also lying on the Westerly right of way of North Squirrel Street; thence run along said right of way North 660.00 feet to a re-bar for the Point of Beginning; thence from said Point of Beginning continue along said right of way North 104.97 feet to a rod and cap; thence leaving said right of way run South 89°59'03" West 209.73 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 00°04'17" West 105.00 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 89°58'36" East 209.86 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS As Clerk of said Court

By: BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk

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Submitted by: Kahane & Associates, PA, 8201 Peters Road, Suite 3000 Plantation, FL 33324 Phone: (954)382-3486 Fax: (954)382-5380 Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com File No. 12-04376 NML August 22, 29, 2013

92170S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-273-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. ALPHONSO SHEPPARD, HEATHER SHEPPARD A/K/A HEATHER R. SHEPPARD, KASIE M. SHEFFIELD, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45



NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Replevin and Foreclosure dated July 17, 2013, in Case No. 12-273-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and ALPHONSO SHEPPARD, HEATHER SHEPPARD A/K/A HEATHER R. SHEPPARD, and KASIE M. SHEFFIELD are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on September 12th, 2013, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 3, WHITFIELD ACRES SUBDIVISION, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Gulf County, Florida, said point also lying on the Westerly right of way of North Squirrel Street; thence run along said right of way North 660.00 feet to a re-bar for the Point of Beginning; thence from said Point of Beginning continue along said right of way North 104.97 feet to a rod and cap; thence leaving said right of way run South 89°59'03" West 209.73 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 00°04'17" West 105.00 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 89°58'36" East 209.86 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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DATED: August 14th, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A., 1300 Thomaswood Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32308 August 22, 29, 2013

95029S PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2013-06

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe for Phase II Water Project Materials Purchase will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 4:00 PM EST, Friday September 13, 2013. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday September 13, 2013 at 4:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

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95075S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2010-CA-000474 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES HOWELL, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated July 17, 2013 and entered in Case No. 23-2010-CA-000474 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for GULF County, Florida where WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and JAMES HOWELL; CAPITAL ONE; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURT-HOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 12th day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 5- (UNRECORDED) COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 317.56 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 81 DEGREES 36 MINUTES WEST 552.57 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING SAID POINT LYING ON THE CENTERLINE OF SPRUCE DRIVE. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 31 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 239.03 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED NO. 4440), THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE RUN SOUTH 08 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST 239.03 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED NO. 4889), THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 11.45 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED NO. 7160), THENCE RUN NORTH 03 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST 221.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN INGRESS/ EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITY CASEMENT LYING OVER AND ACROSS THE NORTHERLY PORTION THEREOF AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 200, PAGE 820.

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ADA Coordinator P.O. Box 1089 Panama City, FL 32402 Phone: 850-747-5338 Fax: (850) 747-5717 Hearing Impaired: Dial 711 Email: ADARquest@jud14.flcourts.org F10079591 August 22, 29, 2013

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, Plaintiff,

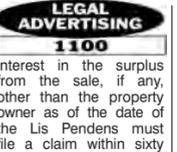
vs. HAL MITCHELL LEWIS, KIMBERLY S. BUSKENS f/k/a KIMBERLY S. LEWIS, and THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 241 COLUMBUS AVE., PORT ST. JOE, FL, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, REBECCA L. NORRIS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on September 12, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, at the Gulf County Courthouse Lobby, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

LOT 10, BLOCK A OF HIGHLAND VIEW SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in a case pending in said Court.



interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August, 2013.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

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95079S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 12-280-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. HAL MITCHELL LEWIS, KIMBERLY S. BUSKENS f/k/a KIMBERLY S. LEWIS, and THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 241 COLUMBUS AVE., PORT ST. JOE, FL, Defendants.

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WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 14th day of August, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk August 22, 29, 2013

95081S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 12-280-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. HAL MITCHELL LEWIS, KIMBERLY S. BUSKENS f/k/a KIMBERLY S. LEWIS, and THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 241 COLUMBUS AVE., PORT ST. JOE, FL, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, REBECCA L. NORRIS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on September 12, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, at the Gulf County Courthouse Lobby, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

PARCEL 2: LOT 8, BLOCK 35 OF PORT ST. JOE BEACH UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in a case pending in said Court.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision



are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, Florida 32402, Phone: 850747-5338 Fax: (850) 747-5717, Hearing Impaired: Dial 711, Email: ADARquest@jud14.flcourts.org at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 14th day of August, 2013.

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95091S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 13-34-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANDY LYNN STEWART Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of ANDY LYNN STEWART, deceased, whose date of death was April 25, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The name and address 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (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 BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING

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**1100**

THE TIME PERIODS 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 August 22, 2013.

Personal Representative:  
Christine M. Stewart  
P.O. Box 516  
Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Charles A. Costin  
FL Bar No. 699070  
P.O. Box 98  
Port St. Joe, FL 32457  
Tel: (850)-227-1159  
email: ccostin@costinlaw.com  
August 22, 29, 2013

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES F. SHELBY Deceased.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of the estate of JAMES F. SHELBY, deceased, whose date of death was December 25, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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449 Haney Circle N.W.  
Charleston, TN 37310

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA  
NOTICE TO RECEIVED SEALED BIDS  
\*RFP 2013-01\*  
**READVERTISEMENT - ALL BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT NEW BIDS**

The City of Port St. Joe will receive sealed bids from any qualified and properly licensed company or corporation interested in providing construction services for the following project:

US-98 LANDSCAPING - North Port St. Joe Gateway

Project is located in the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, and consists of NEW LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION on US-98. Bids will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456 until 3 PM Eastern Time on Thursday, September 12, 2013. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged at that time in the City Commission Chambers. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with the bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and project name/bid number as noted above. The complete Bid Solicitation can be downloaded from the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency website at www.PSJRA.com. August 29, September 5, 2013

**GARAGE/YARD SALES**  
**3230**

M Bch: 111 N 38th St, Aug. 31, 8am-1pm CST  
**Huge Sale**  
Rain cancels.

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**3230**

**NEW TODAY**

Mexico Beach 400 Colorado Dr.  
Sat. August 31st 8:00 am (central) - ?  
Ladies bicycle, outside canopy/tent, running boards, ladies clothing, tools & household items  
Text FL63578 to 56654

**MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT**  
**3280**

**NEW TODAY**

Utility Trailer 4 ft. x 8 ft., all galvanized, barely used. Wide tires for beach use. \$795.  
Call: 647-8245  
Text FL63564 to 56654

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**4100**

**Cleaning People**

wanted, Sat 10-4pm, w/ some Sunday's. Needs to be dependable and detailed oriented. Ref req. Call 850-381-5333

Other

**Parish Administrator**

Small parish in Apalachicola, FL. 25-30 hours/week with benefits. Inter-personal and computer skills important. For full job expectations, go to our website at: www.trinityapalachicola.org. Click on "Administrator's Position" If interested, please email your qualifications and salary requirements to: info@trinityapalachicola.org. Web ID#: 34262381

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**4100**

**Housekeeper**

The MainStay Suites is now accepting applications for a part-time housekeeper. Candidates must be able to work weekends and holidays, dependability is a must! If you have an eye for detail and a passion for service, we want you! Please apply in person at the address below. Make beds, make friends, make money. Inquire about benefits package. E.O.E., D.F.W.P.

MainStay Suites  
3951 E. Hwy 98  
Port St. Joe FL 32456  
4514155



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Competitive wages DOE, and a comprehensive benefits package including: Company paid health, dental, and life insurance, 401(k), attendance & safety bonuses. Normal work week to include overtime.

Qualified craftsmen should apply in person: Mon-Fri, 8am-12pm - 1pm- 4:30 pm  
**HUMAN RESOURCES (2 Locations):**  
13300 Allantont Rd., Panama City, FL 32404 and  
134 S. East Ave., Panama City, FL 32401  
(850) 522-7400, ext. 2285, 2322, or 2302 Fax: (850) 874-0208  
EOE/Drug Free Workplace

**North Florida Child Development, Inc.**

Is seeking Teachers for our 0-5 year old classrooms at our two Gulf County Centers

Pickup Applications at the Centers Or send resumes to smcgill@floridachildren.org (850) 639-5080 ext 10 fax (850) 639-6167

South Gulf Co. Early Learning Center  
176 Field of Dreams Avenue  
Port St. Joe 229-6415

North Gulf County Early Child Dev Center  
131 East River Road  
Wewahitchka 639-6520

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**4100**

Other

The City of Port St Joe is accepting Applications for the following position:  
**Two(2) Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders Preferred**

Please submit an application and cover letter along with 5 references to The City of Port St. Joe, Attn: Charlotte Pierce, POB 278, Port St. Joe, FL 32457. Applications can be found on our website at: cityofportstjoe.com If you have any questions please contact Charlotte Pierce at 850-229-8261. The positions will close on September 20, 2013. The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.  
Web ID#: 34208239

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**Bartender/Therapist Needed**

The Port Inn/Thirsty Goat is now accepting applications for a part time bartender. The ideal candidate will have a thorough knowledge of liquors, beers, wines, and mixology techniques, but we are willing to train the right person. If you have an eye for detail, the highest desire to deliver superior service, and can play well with others, we would love to hear from you! Apply in person at the address below. E.O.E. DFWP

Port Inn  
501 Monument Ave.  
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4514154

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**WEEMS MEMORIAL**

Is now hiring for the following positions:  
CFO (required hospital experience)  
FL Licensed Lab Scientist (Med Tech)  
FL Licensed Paramedic  
Admissions/Registration/Clerical  
Environmental Services

Applications are available at:  
www.weemsmemorial.com & may be submitted to  
Ginny Griner, WMH HR Director,  
griner@weemsmemorial.com  
By mail to:  
PO Box 580, Apalachicola, FL 32320,  
or FAXED to (850)-653-1879

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**Sears Sales**

Need reliable people to set appts at local Sears stores. Earn up to & over \$14-\$16/hr (base + bonus). Part-time. No telemarketing.  
Email:  
In-StoreRecruit@SearsHomeP.com or call 888-830-3892. Seniors welcome! EOE/AA.  
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Text FL63469 to 56654

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**Front Desk**

The Port Inn is now accepting applications for a Front Desk Sales Agent. Weekends and holidays are required. The ideal candidate will have previous computer and guest service skills, but we are willing to train the right person. Health insurance is available after 90 days to all full time employees. If you are great with guests, an excellent problem solver and have a desire to be the best, we want you. Come join our family! E.O.E. D.F.W.P.

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Hospitality

**RESORT VACATION PROPERTIES**

Is accepting application for:  
**Office Assistant**

Full-time, must have prior office experience, attentive to detail and follow-up, be able to quickly learn computer software & have excellent customer service skills. Working weekends is required. Great benefits.

**Inspectors**

Reliable, hardworking with good customer service & teamwork skills. Must have reliable transportation & work weekends.

For more information, call Sandra at 850-927-7601. Qualified applicants may apply 9-5 weekdays at 123 W Gulf Beach Dr., St. George Island. Web ID#: 34263478

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Logistics/Transport

**Job Announcement Drivers Wanted**

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. is accepting applications for Substitute Drivers for the Bay Area Transportation Program to drive less than 20 hours per week.

**DUTIES:** Transport riders to a pre-determined location.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Must be 23 years of age and have at least 5 years driving experience without violations. Must have a CDL Driver's license or be willing to obtain, agree to physical and background screening.

Applications may be obtained at 1021 Massalina Drive, PC. (ask for Vince or Don) (850) 769-2140 or on the agency website at: www.tricitycommunitycouncil.com. Applications must be submitted by August 30, 2013.

Successful applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug test.

Only qualified applicants will be considered.

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**Job Announcement Dispatcher Wanted**

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. is accepting applications for Dispatcher for the Bay Area Transportation Program. Great Benefits.

**DUTIES:** Assist with assigning vehicles to pick-up locations to transport riders to pre-determined location. Perform duties of driver when needed.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Must be 23 years of age and have at least 5 years driving experience without violations. Must have a CDL Driver's license or be willing to obtain, agree to physical and background screening.

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