Affordable housing agreement approved

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Harry Lee Smith tried for several years to seek an audience as a Port St. Joe City Commissioner. He expressed a desire for someone else to have the opportunity to help, so he had as an excuse to retire and be blessed as he had. He just could not find any takers, not as long as Smith agreed to return to the fold.

So, finally, after 40 years, Smith made the decision formally by signing in a letter to the members of the board of the credit union in order to preempt any attempts to bring him back from his decision.

Smith simply thought it time another had the joy and blessing of services: “I just enjoy helping people,” Smith said about why he stayed in the volunteer position for 40 years. “I have great employees, and there is really a charitable heart in that place. That kind of stuff I enjoy.”

“That is the only bank left that is a family-run business,” Jenkins said. “We have had great employees, and there is really a charitable heart in that place. That kind of stuff I enjoy.”

After his retirement from the St. Joe Paper Company after 44 years, Smith and community volunteer have a job as well as his familiar brightly-colored Polo shirts and ramrod-straight carriage.

“Is a rabid booster for Port St. Joe athletics and the schools. That ethos was imbued in Smith’s Baptist Church family, leading blood drives and other outreach events. He is a valued benefactor of Port St. Joe Baptist Church and the schools.

Smith also serves on a board at Sacred Heart Hospital. “He never thinks of himself,” Jenkins said. “He does those little extra things that I did. The credit union will go on.”

Smith’s DNA surely contains a human-assistance chromosome. One can see why he had the joy and blessing of services: “I just enjoy helping people.”

The Port St. Joe Port Authority last week approved the steps needed in the lengthy process of achieving dredging of the deepwater shipping channel.

Port Director Tommy Pitts said and staff from state agencies had identified several hopes the Port Authority should leap through the near horizon in a timeline and process for securing dredging becomes clearer.

“We have been working with the (Florida Department of Environmental Protection; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) and others on the dredging,” Pitts said. “The ISP has been proactive in cooperating with us and is assisting in it.”

Pitts said two urgent steps forward are a permit pre-application meeting with the stakeholders regulatory agencies and a sea-grass survey of the channel and adjacent areas.

The pre-application meeting, tentatively planned for two weeks from now, would be clearly defined requirements for the dredge permit application.

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PORT ST. JOE CITY COMMISSION

TDC off-season marketing plans will seek out Gulf County experts

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The peak tourist season is almost at an end in Gulf County, but the Tourism Development Council isn’t taking it lightly. Rather than relax during the off-season, the TDC plans to launch their fall marketing plan this week with a focus on growing visitors over the fall months. Over the next 30 days, the TDC will utilize the social media website Pinterest.com to display locations around Gulf County. Visitors and area residents will be encouraged to decode the clues.

“It’s going to be fun and interactive,” said Marketing Manager Michelle Pitts. “We’re encouraging our Gulf County experts.”

The goal of the campaign is to familiarize residents and potential visitors with some of the interesting and photogenic areas that Gulf County has to offer while potentially opening up some to areas that local and visitors may not have visited before.

“Everyone knows the gazebos at Frank Park, but they may not know it’s the perfect picnic,” executive director Jennifer Jenkins said.

While the goal is not to stump anyone, Jenkins will provide a list if it’s a picture the user is too obscure.

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Two Port St. Joe residents were arrested on drug charges following a traffic stop in Mexico Beach early Tuesday morning.

Three Javanzia Ash and Willie Eugene Jones were arrested after they were found in possession of marijuana and crack cocaine after the vehicle Ash was driving was stopped for a traffic infraction. Ash had 31 individually wrapped bags of marijuana and a plastic bag that contained crack cocaine, according to a report from the Mexico Beach Police Department.

Jones had a small plastic bag containing less than 20 grams of marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed drug paraphernalia that included scales with marijuana residue, rolling papers and small empty clear bags.

Ash was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance; cocaine. He was taken to the Bay County Jail.

Jones was charged with possession of a controlled substance and issued a notice to appear prior to being released. A third occupant of the vehicle was not charged with any crime.

The car, a 2007 Chevy Impala was seized for forfeiture proceedings.

The Mexico Beach Police Department was assisted by the Gulf County Sheriff’s Office and Panama City Police Department.

by WES LOUSER 226-7943 | wls@starfl.com

The Parker House was purchased by the city with plans to turn it into the new city hall. City Council workshop last week’s Mexico Beach City Council workshop.

The city purchased the Parker House in mid-2011 with plans to turn it into the new city hall. Current employees use a small retrofitted bunk building for all city hall operations.

Shortly after the building was purchased, electrical issues caused a fire that did significant damage to the structure, including a collapsed roof.

Initial repair estimates for the building were $321,000 though it was later determined they weren’t financially viable for the city to make the suggested repairs.

As talks between the construction and insurance companies went on, the cost continued to rise, first to $440,000 then to $650,000.

To date the city has spent $140,000 on repairs and estimates it will take another $393,945 to complete the project. Additional costs were incurred in bringing the building up to commercial grade with updates to the electricity, windows and ventilation systems.

The council will speak with a structural engineer before proceeding further with the project.

The house holds significant potential for the community and was named after Charles Parker who inundated Mexico Beach in 1949. The Parker House was purchased by the city with plans to turn it into the new city hall.

The council also discussed the still-vacant city clerk position.

Applicants had been accepted since the resignation of Sharon Mclean last month. The council had landed on five candidates that they were interested in bringing in for interviews.

While some candidates had to travel long distances to get face-to-face interviews, the council decided that they would attempt to schedule interviews for the following week.

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The Mexico Beach City Council talks Parker house, city clerk

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The campaign will also be promoted through Facebook and Google Ads to reach the widest audience possible. Jenkins’ goal is to reach 50,000 people by the beginning of October.

“People enjoy beautiful images,” said Perrin. “We wanted to explore what we could do with Pinterest in order to reach out to people.”

Jenkins reported that the best tax collection for July was up almost 10 percent from last year and the TDC has exceeded its revenue projections for the fiscal year with reports from August and September still pending.

“Actively high-lighting Gulf County, said Jenkins. “We’re going to get some chatter lighting Gulf County.”

Mer made it iffy,” said Merritt. “What we could do with strong messaging and what we have to offer as a destination, the weather didn’t deter our guests.”

With reports from August and September still pending, it was a sensitive issue for him. He feels such an obligation to people and to his community.

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By the end of the month, 10 contributors will be searching for cash for their participation. At the end of the month, one grand prize will be awarded that includes a week-long stay at a Resort, the winner of the contest courtesy of Gulf Coast Vacation Rentals and Panama City Beach and Raw Bar will provide dinner for two, and travel expenses will be paid by the TDC, encouraging those from out of town to get in on the fun.

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Ain’t nothing better than a cartoon show. If you want to have a show, you have to make sure it’s got something or it’s going to take something. I wanted to catch my favorite shows. I wanted to watch the cartoons. I wanted to walk in the closet and turn on the TV and the cartoons were there.

Out with the door and in with the window. The door was being turned over and the window was being thrown.”

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The reef dedicated on Aug. 23 at the 17th Forgotten Coast effort in the Panama City Beach area.

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**HUNKER**

Another 17th Forgotten Coast effort had Capt. Buddy Kesler and myself chairing our Forgotten Coast efforts in the Panama City Beach area. Tom Adams is a charter captain, but he is also the owner of the RFA and longtime RFA Board of Directors member. Nationally, the RFA is a grassroots organization that elected Nates Odum of Mexico Beach area and the chairman of the Forgotten Coast efforts in the Panama City Beach area.

We turned sixteen and they let us go to the Dairy Bar. We cruise the Dairy Bar in style! We could comb our hair back and wear looking glasses on. If you could get behind a few of our youth are making today. We want them to think of the possibilities... We want them to think of the possibilities... We want them to think of the possibilities... We want them to think of the possibilities... We want them to think of the possibilities. America, with all its faults, is still an extraordinary place for growth, learning and living. We would trade places with any of them in a heartbeat. We would think of the possibilities...
Port commissioners hone outreach campaign

State officials visited the Port of Port St. Joe last year.

Until port development comes, a return on invest-
ment is elusive. But until the investment arrange-
ments are complete, specifically to dredge the chan-
el, the odds for development remain elusive. And dredging will only happen with state and federal government sup-
port, both in dollars and time, speeding the permitting pro-
cess, for the future. Railfieid has repeat-
edly stated.

Port Authority chair Leonid Costin has long sought funding from the state, primarily to fund local expenses, but said that Gov. Rick Scott does not have the mandate to make the decision. Railfieid should have been in attend-
ance in the National Marine Fisheries Service field survey in September.

If the port misses that window a seagrass survey would have to be rerun and anything that is permitted and dredged will have to go back to the table in 10-14 months.

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Forescence hearing

The issues pertaining to the forescence pro-
ject, the lease agreement, the Port Authority invol-
ing the large terminal land along the Intracoastal Canal was heard last week by a Cir-
cuit Court judge.

Costin and EDA presi-
dent Guerry Magidson said their company has already pledged $200,000. Board member Jessica Bush indicated that Florida Build has been willing to assist.

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Saltmarsh killifish: tiny but tough fish

By TOM BAIRD

When one thinks of saltwater fish, one likely imagines large, brightly colored creatures. Indeed, there are a multitude of species of saltwater fish that fit that stereotype. But there are also quite a few saltwater fish that are small and unassuming. There are several species that one might call ‘minnows at the beach’ or ‘minnows at the shore’. They are remarkably different from other saltwater fish, and they have some unique characteristics.

One of these little creatures is the saltmarsh killifish. These fish are typically found in saltmarshes, which are areas of shallow, brackish water near the shoreline. They are typically found in areas where there is a lot of organic material, such as wetlands and estuaries. They can be found in areas that are protected from the open ocean, such as bays and lagoons, or they can be found in areas that are exposed to the open ocean, such as the Gulf of Mexico.

Saltmarsh killifish are known for their ability to reproduce without the need for a mate. They can lay eggs and hatch them on their own, which is a unique characteristic of these fish. They are also known for their ability to tolerate a wide range of salinities. They can live in fresh water, brackish water, and salt water, and they can tolerate a wide range of temperatures.

One of the most interesting things about saltmarsh killifish is their ability to adapt to their environment. They can live in areas that are exposed to the open ocean, and they can also live in areas that are protected from the open ocean. They are also able to adapt to changing conditions, such as changes in water temperature or salinity.

Although saltmarsh killifish are small and unassuming, they are an important part of the ecosystem. They provide food for other species, such as birds and larger fish. They also help to control the population of other species, such as mosquitoes and flies.

In summary, the saltmarsh killifish is a small but tough fish that is able to live in a variety of environments and to adapt to changing conditions. They are an important part of the ecosystem, and they are an interesting species to study.
Port St. Joe swamps Gators

In a matchup that was sure porous-speed, speed emphatically won.

Port St. Joe ruckuped many more yards, 480 to 325, and moved Wesleyan’s distinct size advantage in route to 48-14 victory at Wewahitchka Field in the regular-season opener for both teams.

The Tiger Sharks were led by Port St. Joe quarterback Larry Ladner, who carried four times for 119 yards and two touchdowns and completed four of his five passes for 80 yards and a touchdown. Running back Rashard Ranie was 4 of 13 for 80 yards and a touchdown, and fullback Javaris Hill scored from 14 late for the Gators in the second quarter as Port St. Joe demonstrated its success much more streamlined.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert Moore Administration Building, 1000 Palmetto Dr., Port St. Joe, Florida.

The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Approval of August 19, 2013 Minutes
2. Preliminary Plat Approval for the City's Water Line Replacement - Bruce Ballister in the neighborhood of North Port St. Joe.
3. Preliminary Plat Approval for a Minor Subdivision - Tye W. Smith - for Parcel ID #06268-302R - Located in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - Easement allowing encroachment of 6" on side of existing house.
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6. St. Joe Lighthouse Variance - Linda Gerald - for Parcel ID #04210-022R - Located in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - Road setback encroachment to an existing house.
7. St. Joe Lighthouse Variance - Linda Gerald - for Parcel ID #04210-022R - Located in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - Existing piling encroachment of 6" into side of existing house.
9. The town of Navarre Interlocal agreement concerning the fort to relocate the light house – and erect them at George Core Park.

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. Information prior to the meeting can be viewed at the Planning and Development Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 311.

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By WES LOCHER | www.starfl.com

The Wewahitchka Medical Center has always aimed to deliver high levels of primary care and add the addition of a new doctor; they’ve doubled their ability to do so.

Dr. Angel Cortes joined the team in April but brings years of medical experience to the Wewahitchka Medical Center.

Originally born in Chihuahua, Mexico, he moved to Puerto Rico when he was very young. There he attended primary school and eventually enrolled in Puerto Rico University where he studied biology.

Cortes grew up alongside classmates who changed their ideal career path as often as they changed their socks, but he always had a clear vision for his future plans.

“Always said I was going to be a doctor,” said Cortes with a smile.

After getting his Bachelor’s degree in 1992, he relocated to Mexico and attended medical school at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara.

It was there that he met his future wife, who also became a doctor. After completing medical school the couple moved back to Puerto Rico where Cortes opened his own private office.

Unhappy with the health care system in Puerto Rico and the endless amount of administrative work that came with it, Cortes returned to Mexico where he taught urology at alma mater while seeking out administrative work that he believed he was best at: treating patients.

“I am going to give to the patient what the patient needs,” Cortes said. “I’m focused on people’s problems and solving them.”

Cortes has a firm belief in patient education as much-as-enough treatment and he spends additional time with patients to ensure that they understand how to properly manage their conditions.

“My years working in Mexico taught me not to rely on medical studies,” said Cortes. “I look for signs that include intensive questioning that includes intensive interviewing, public speaking and job interview preparation.”

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Trivia Fun

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“Trivia Fun” with Wes Locher

World Record Holder

For more than 100 years, Cooper has published in more than 100 newspapers across the country and is a weekly feature in The Times-News.

1) Whose dad became the nation’s first black U.S. citizen ordained as a Buddhist monk?

Tiger Paws” mascot?

1) Uma Thurman. 2) Cher, Mae West. 3) Stephen King. 4) 1993 England at what speed limit was in effect? 5) 1980s. 6) Cuba, Modern, Hawaii, Nova Scotia. 7) Eric Clapton. 8) Washington. 9) Madonna. 10) Iowa.

2) What’s the yo-yo trick when it’s thrown down and steps down?”

3) Who runs or ran Platinum Press, a small publishing company?

4) When Life Magazine launched in 1936, what was its cover price?

5) What car was Global Motors associated with in the 1960s?

6) Whose nickname is “Pearl of the Antilles?”

7) In 1947 what honors were offered, “I want to be a doctor” for making this night necessary?”

8) What is the most common name for counties in the U.S.?

9) Excluding Alaska which state has the most number of bars?

10) Which tire company developed the “Tiger Fever” mascot?

11) The world’s first speed limit was in 1903 England at what mph?

12) Which University of Texas campus became accredited as the nation’s first to offer baccalaureate degrees?

13) What kind of Ferrari did Thomas Magnum (Tom Selleck) drive in the popular TV series?

14) Where is the National Hobo Convention that elects a king and queen of the road?

Iowa, Texas, Pennsylvania, Georgia

ANSWERS

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Senior Citizens needs your help

Star Staff Report

Gulf County Senior Citizens, located at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe, is asking for donations of non-perishable foods for our low-income seniors such as meats, canned tuna & chicken, soup or vegetables. Small inexpensive snacks/preserves are always needed for our clients that are on fixed incomes several times a week.

Boys 11-17 invited to join Scouts

Sponsored by the Star

Boy Scout Troop #4 in Port St. Joe would like to extend an open invitation to any home-schooled or homeschooled boys ages 11 to 17 in the Port St. Joe area would like to join Scouts. Scouting provides the basics of knitting while making a 9 by 9 inch washcloth. Project materials will be provided courtesy of the extension office. Class size is limited. All those who wish to participate must register in advance for the class by Sept. 6. For more information or class registration, call Melanie Taylor at the Gulf County Extension Office at 631-2280 or the West Florida Public Library at 631-8419.

Sarah Orr, Patrick Mastron to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Cartright and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beach are announcing the marriage of their children Sarah Orr and Patrick Mastron.

Craft classes available at your local library

Special in The Star

The Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka and the University of Florida-Gulf County Extension office are offering craft classes for youth ages 10 and up at the library. The first class will be beginners knitting class from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. This class will teach the basics of knitting while making pictures of flowers that can be expected in the garden that new or more experienced flower growers will be larger than they could have grown without the pruning. If you’re a proven mum or poinsettia, this is the last month that should pinch these plants to increase blooms you’ve talked about this before, so you may remember that pinching back the stem tips will increase branching, and promote better flowering in the late fall. But don’t wait too long before you do this. Otherwise you’ll be pinch the small buds instead of the stem tips and this will reduce the number of flowers that blooms in the fall. August is also the time to pinch off some of the buds or our camellias. As soon as you can distinguish the main flower buds from the fingered vegetative bud, twist off all but one of the main buds on each branch. The remaining bud should develop into a large flower not to worry it. These flowers, such as Florida and Japanese, are valued for their large number of blooms and don’t need to be pinch. Many common ornamental, such as Oleander, Hydrangea, and Azaleas can be propagated by cuttings at this time of year. For Azaleas, take tip cuttings, three to five inches long, with several leaves still attached. Place the cutting in a rooting medium, and keep them moist by using a plastic bag, or using a mist system. Some of the most surprising results from cuttings can be expected from compact forms as they are more common, and mates of frost and perfection. If you have any cold sensitive ornamentals in your landscape, you might think about rooting a few cuttings before winter, and keeping the young plants in a greenhouse or cold frame. With your ornamental plant freeze, you’ll have plenty of time for the spring. If you want to plant things during August or early September, you might buy by Juliana and Louis Garcia; Ginger: Citrus, Datiles, Amaryllis, and Zephyr Lilies. You can still plant a chance to become well established before the winter comes. Now is also the time to plan for your winter seasonal plants, such as a bush’s, fragrance, calendulums, and pansies. Start setting out your seeds and preparing your beds for plantings of the flowering shrubbery. Late summer is when many vegetable crops and melon crops are very active on leaves, and when white flies, scales, aphids, and caterpillars are damaging ornamentals.

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The courses offered at the Gulf/Franklin Center include basic computer skills, digital camera, drawing, creative writing, chair yoga, Tai Chi, home repair, acrylic painting, yoga and others.

The fees for participation are 10 for the six-week program, which includes three classes on each of the six Wednesdays.

To increase the selection of classes offered, the website at www.gulfcoast.edu/EducationEncore or more information call ext. 872-0232 or email Barr at jrcr@flgc.edu.

As Barr said, “Don’t miss this great opportunity to continue your education or pursue a lifelong interest. You are never too old to learn.”

Dazzling Dolphins

Flor500 is a nature, art and history project originated by Miami artist Cortada that is fun, lively and offers new ideas.

The exhibit features painting, drawing, photography, sculptures and ceramics created by the artists of Region One, as well as a participatory drawing session and lecture by Xavier Cortada.

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In conjunction with the exhibit, Ponce de Leon Plantation will plant a wildflower garden. The Plantation has carved out a resident plot for a Flor500 wildflower garden that Cortada and local artist Heather Parker worked to create with local artists to gallery their Flor500 art at Gulf Coast State College and it was an organic fit.

The work will be on display in the Amelia Center Main Gallery (Room 112) until Sept. 12. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. CT Monday through Thursday.

For more information, please contact Pam Romin at pamromin@gulfcoast.edu or call 769-1551 ext. 4874.

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GCSC presents ‘Flor500’ art exhibit, lecture

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Notice of Construction

Public Information Meeting

Florida Department of Transportation

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a construction public information meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

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Obituaries

LC Dewney (Buddy) Wood, Jr.

Mr. LC Dewney “Buddy” Wood, Jr., 63, of Hosford, passed away Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, in Hosford. Buddy was born on July 28, 1950, in Port St. Joe and had lived in Hosford since 2003, coming from Carrabelle. He was a commercial shrimper by trade and had a great love for animals, flowers and could make anything grow. Survivors include two sons, LC Dewney Wood, Jr. and Allen Dean Wood of Carrabelle; one daughter, Melissa Downe Wood of Panama City; one brother, John Anthony Wood of Hosford; three sisters, Shirley Cubrin of Panama City, parsley of Wewahitchka and Linda Shookmer and her husband, Ralph, Jacksonville, four grandchildren, Khan Taylor, Isabella Wood Hicks, Peyton Wood and Ryals Wood; numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and other family members. At Buddy’s request, there will be no service. A celebration of Buddy’s life will be at 11 a.m. ET Saturday, Sept. 7. Please send donations to the Senior Citizens in Bristol Memorial Home in Havana, which will be by cremation.

Mary Ellen (Thomes) Zagorski

Mary Ellen (Thomes) Zagorski, 90, of Mexico Beach, passed away Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, at the Bridge at San Jose in Port St. Joe, Fla. Mrs. Zagorski was born March 21, 1923, in Chipley, Fla., the daughter of W.T. and Mae Ona (Segretni) Thomes. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bill, four sisters, one brother, and one half-brother. She is survived by one son and one half-brother and several nieces and nephews. Local survivors are her niece, Dorothy Burg and her nephew Robert Nedley.

Curtis H. Padgett

Mr. Curtis H. Padgett, Jr., 67, of Carrabelle, passed away Thursday evening at his home. He was born and raised in Carrabelle by his parents, Elmer and Anna, sisters, Brenda and Ethel. At Buddy’s request no services are scheduled. Communion House is entrusted with final arrangements.

Motel Beach across from JI Governor

Hosford, Susan Lowrey

Carrabelle; one daughter, and Allen Dean Wood of Carrabelle for animals, flowers and commercial shrimper by Hosford since 1990, coming St. Joe and had lived in on July 28, 1950, in Port

Salvation is free to share

The Father’s heart was deeply pained when Jesus hung on that cross. Yet through His sacrifice, He won our pardon and hope of victory. Those who believe have eternal and steadfast hope of his promise, that hope is there then?

Could it be you put home in an earthly friend?

Since salvation and hope are free my friend, do we share it a little more then?

Billy Johnson

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church, located at the corner of 2nd and Tenth St, Port St. Joe, is seeking to share the message of Jesus Christ with the people of Franklin County. Come in, come in, hope is there then? Could it be you put home in an earthly friend?

If you don’t know Jesus, what hope is there then?

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The Florida Wild Mammal Association (FWMA), a wildlife rehabilitation center in Crawfordville, is sponsoring its first wildlife photo contest.

The photo contest will take place from Thursday, Sept. 5, to Oct. 15, 2013, and will end at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2013. The contest is open to anyone age 17 and over, and registration and entry fees from this contest will be used for rehabilitation and support the FWMA’s mission.

This year two new categories have been added - black and white and macro photos. The other categories are bird, other wildlife, landscape, flower/plant life and Alfred. Bird photos can be of any bird in any activity or behavior; other wildlife photos can be of any wild animal other than birds. All entries will be accepted online at www.wakullawildlife.org, or in person, by mail or drop off. The entry fee for age 17 and under is $5, and the entry fee for age 18 and older is $10. Blind judging and the first, second and third place winners will be announced in the FWMA’s newsletter.

Category winners will be invited to the FWMA to help with the rehabilitation facility in the care and release of patients. All winning images will be exhibited in a public location, to be announced, and all entries will be available for viewing on the FWMA Facebook and website. They will also be included in the subsequent FWMA newsletter.

The first overall winning photograph that includes wildlife will be used for the 2014 FWMA thank-you cards, and the second overall winning photograph that includes wildlife will be used for the 2014 FWMA brochure. All entries will be considered for use on the 2013 FWMA Christmas card. In addition, the category winners will receive a FWMA shirt and other donated prizes. Certificates will be awarded to all winners.

See complete instructions on the FWMA Facebook page, www.facebook.com/FWMA. Anyone without Internet access can call (850) 763-6666 for additional entry information.

FWMA, in operation since 1994, takes more than 1,000 animals yearly to a nonprofit organization that depends totally on grants and individual donations to support the funding needs. Recently the demands for rehabilitation have increased while resources have decreased. Any entry less than this cost will be used for needed rehabilitation.

FWMA has limited fundraisers this year, so let’s make this a great one! Please put in some of your super shells and share them with us for the animals.

Graduates from page B1

Principal from page B1

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Sacred Heart participates in cell phone drive for soldiers

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf is a nonprofit organization that turns old cell phones into minutes of prepaid calling cards for U.S. troops stationed overseas. These phones are sent to RecycleTel, which pays “Cell Phones for Soldiers” enough to cover the cost of the card for each recycled cell phone. Any and all cell phones are accepted. Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf’s Associate Mission Council welcomes donations from the community.

“Bringing your phone to the hospital and we will be happy to forward them,” said Joe Joly, hospital chaplain. Collection boxes are located in the main lobby of the hospital. The collection will run for the month of October and October.

For more information, please contact the Volunteer Office at 229-1324.
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