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BOCC conditionally OKs courthouse lease

NFCD to operate within historic building

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Having worked since early last year to save the historic County Courthouse in Wewahitchka,

Sharon Gaskin received a huge boost Tuesday.

During their regular bi-monthly meeting, members of the Board of County Commissioners approved conditionally a lease agreement with Gaskin and her company North Florida Child Development Inc.

The lease will allow NFCD to maintain its operations within the courthouse, moving from the upper floor to a space yet to be formally mapped out toward the front of the first floor.

The BOCC still must decide how to remediate water leaking and mold issues in the rear, where a jail was later added to the original courthouse.

The county would provide a 10-year lease at \$1 per year, with an annual renewal of the lease coming before the BOCC each October, county attorney Jeremy Novak said.

There is also an economic development component of the lease under which NFCD must maintain a specifically identified

number of full-time employees in Gulf County, Novak said.

The courtroom and chambers on the upper floor, a significant part of the courthouse's registry onto the National Register of Historic Places, will continue to be available for BOCC and public use.

There will be a 90-day transition to finalize the lease as NFCD addresses required federal and state audits — the company operates Head Start, Early Head Start and other programs in five coun-

ties — in the next few months.

In return for the lease, NFCD already has transferred utilities into its name and has agreed to make certain improvements during the first 90 days of the lease, Novak said.

As the tenant, it would carry costs for maintenance and repairs to the portion of the courthouse it is leasing while county work crews would continue maintenance of the grounds.

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After rehabilitating a sub-adult loggerhead sea turtle, employees of Gulf World Marine Institute released the turtle at Beacon Hill. Below, after some encouragement from the crowd of 50, Taylor the turtle headed back out to sea.

Rehabilitated loggerhead sea turtle released at Beacon Hill

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It was a close encounter of the monofilament kind.

Gulf World Marine Institute successfully rehabilitated a sub-adult loggerhead sea turtle, which was released at the Bay/Gulf County line last Thursday.

More than 50 attendees gathered to watch Taylor, named for the county in which it was rescued, head back out to sea.

Boaters in Perry found Taylor entangled in fishing gear.

"The monofilament restricts their flippers and then constricts

when they move," said Stephanie Nagle, an Education Coordinator with GWMI. "If not treated, the line can cut off the turtle's circulation."

Not expecting a crowd, Taylor appeared apprehensive about getting back in the water. After some encouragement from Nagle, the turtle headed out on its next adventure.

Taylor was considered a teenager and thus the sex of the turtle was unknown. Loggerheads don't typically reach maturity until age 30.

Another turtle, an endangered juvenile green sea turtle found stranded on Panama City Beach, was scheduled to be released but

hadn't yet received the "all clear" from the GWMI veterinarian.

The green sea turtle was also found tangled in monofilaments. A release will be rescheduled once the turtle has been medically cleared to return to the water.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, improperly discarded monofilament fishing line can cause problems for marine life and the environment.

Marine mammals, sea turtles, fish and birds become injured from entanglements or ingest the line, often dying as a result.

The FWC started the Monofilament Recovery & Recycling Program now provides recycling bins to more than 40 Florida counties.



New motions delay Butler pre-trial hearing

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The waiting game continues.

Walt Butler stood silent but attentive during his pre-trial hearing on Tuesday as public defender Henry Sims told Judge John Fishel two more motions needed to be filed.

According to Sims, those motions were expected to take 2-3 hours to complete.

Butler's trial date is set for Nov. 18, and Fishel said he had limited availability before the trial is expected

to take place.

The judge booked three hours across three days to allow Sims to enter the motions. The hearings will take place from 3-4 p.m. ET Oct. 17, 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 29 and 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 14.

Sims filed a motion in September for Fishel to reconsider Butler's bond status, but no decision had yet been reached.

According to Sims and prosecutor Robert Sombathy, the trial next month is expected to last 2-3 days.

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WALT BUTLER



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The Centennial Building will become a factory of love Oct. 19 for the annual Semper Fi Sisters Beach Blast Packing Party.

'We love what is behind us'

Semper Fi Sisters bring Beach Blast, Boxes of Love next week

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To understand the importance to a deployed soldier of receiving a touch of home, maybe we have to understand what brings that soldier to a far-off land.

To put one's body in harm's way, to lose friends and loved ones on the battlefield and beyond.

To volunteer to put life on line, to stand and be counted when the job is literally life and death and the benefits less than ideal.

Laura Williams resides at that particular nexus.

She is an Army veteran with two tours in Afghanistan physically behind

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New kiosks add to Gulf County brand

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Building a brand is no easy feat.

The Tourist Development Council rolled out its new visitor's guide in March, launching a new brand for Gulf County that focused on the natural beauty of the area. The latest marketing strategy is a series of eight wooden kiosks stationed at area parks that will display information, important events and alerts for visitors and residents.

TDC director Jennifer Jenkins approached the county commissioners with the idea for the kiosks. Jenkins was inspired by similar kiosks planned for Salinas Park that would be updated with water conditions and operated by the South Gulf County Volunteer

Fire Department.

While the fire department ended up with a digital display, there was still value in setting up an information booth at the park.

Joint Fire Chief Melissa Larsen said that there is regular communication between the fire department and the TDC. Any time Larsen changes the colored flags that signify water conditions the TDC updates the flags on the Welcome Center website.

Larsen said that the TDC kiosks will add another form of communication for visitors and should be very helpful.

After Jenkins, with Larsen's support, received approval from commissioners for the kiosks, strategic locations were chosen and the structures were built over the course of a month by the county maintenance team.

"It's another touch point for visitors and they fit our brand," said Jenkins.

The kiosks can be found at Frank Pate Park, Salinas Park, Gaskin Park, Highland View, Indian Pass, White City, the Dead Lakes and Beacon Hill.

These kiosks are not for paid advertisers and will be used exclusively for TDC-sponsored events and important information regarding seasonal fishing or riptide advisories.

Along with listing the "do's and don'ts" for the area in which the kiosks sit, posted signage will encourage tourists to visit the Welcome Center in Port St. Joe. The kiosks will be actively updated once a month by TDC staff.

"These kiosks will allow us to continually communicate with visitors and relay the same message



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The Tourist Development Council has created eight kiosks with area information at parks around Gulf County.

and same types of branding," said Jenkins. "It's been great working with the city and county and we're very excited."

TDC celebrates successful fall marketing campaign

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Bed taxes are up and the Gulf County Tourist Development Council advisory council was feeling good.

During last Friday's regular meeting the council celebrated a bed tax revenue increase of 26.8 percent in August over the same month last year.

The current 4 percent tax collected \$747,254 year-to-date over the 2011-12 total of \$661,372.

Beach nourishment plans for the new fiscal year include signage for Indian Pass, Cape San Blas and St. Joe Beach to warn visitors and residents to not walk on the dunes, though council chairman David Warriner worried that too many signs may be unattractive to Gulf County visitors.

"I have a problem with 'don't' signs," said Warri-

ner. "I don't want to say no to everyone."

The council agreed to monitor the public's response to the signs and revisit the verbiage in the future if needed.

TDC director Jennifer Jenkins mentioned that the budget had undergone a final adjustment from \$600,000 to \$650,000 for the new fiscal year. Jenkins said that this number was still conservative.

Jenkins reported on the TDC's recently wrapped month-long Pinterest campaign that had visitors and residents identifying places around Gulf County through photographs posted online. The campaign raised awareness of the Forgotten Coast by spotlighting the beaches and other out-of-the-way gems.

"It was a fabulous promotion," said Jenkins. "It's all about getting the word out."

Jenkins reported that the campaign led to a 40 percent increase in website traffic and a 273 percent increase in fans for the TDC's Facebook page.

So far this year, 54,557 visitor guides had been shipped or distributed and visitation to the Welcome Center was up 14 percent from last year.

Jenkins said that she attributes the success of the campaign to showing potential visitors and residents the natural beauty that the area has to offer.

"We really captured the essence of Gulf County," she said.

The marketing campaign led to other media exposure from Panama City news stations and travel bloggers.

A new TDC website is currently being developed and is scheduled to be live in mid-February of next year that will allow traffic

to be directed to specific areas of the webpage that visitors may find appealing or helpful.

Another marketing endeavor saw eight wooden kiosks built around Gulf County to list upcoming TDC-sponsored events, important information and to invite guests to the Welcome Center.

They were constructed by the county's maintenance team and have been erected at area parks that include Frank Pate, Indian Pass, Salinas, White City, Gaskin, Beacon Hill, Highland View and the Dead Lakes (see related article).

Scheduled appearances at the council meeting included Brenda Garth of the Semper Fi Sisters.

Garth asked the council for a special adjustment that would allow her to have \$2,500 up-front for the ship-

ping of the "Boxes of Love" that will be put together during the group's annual packing party at the Centennial Building, for which the city of Port St. Joe has waived its rental fee.

The funds, allocated annually, would allow the Sisters to ship 200 packages.

Pat Hardman, coordinator of the Shells and Tales storytelling event, sought \$1,600 to pay professionals to come in for the 2014 installment in February.

At last year's event, yarn spinners included Panama City humorist Pat Nease and Tallahassee's Robyn A. Rennick. The council awarded the funds in hopes that the event could ultimately rival the 10,000 person events held in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Patrick Jones appeared on behalf of the Port of Port St. Joe. He explained that

until the Port is operational, funds are not available for operating costs. In order to raise money, the Gulf County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. decided to host a golf tournament in December and sought \$1,500-\$2,000 to purchase signage, banners and flyers to market the event.

"Less than two months to pull off a golf tournament is a recipe for disaster," said Warriner.

The council agreed that they would help promote the event through their online presence, but no money was awarded and the request was tabled while Jones explored other avenues for funding.

Prior to adjournment, Warriner revealed that County Commissioner Warren Yeager, also a member of the TDC council, would serve for the 2014 year.



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October 10, 2013

Connie Parrish
City Clerk

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her, and yet, she will say, not so much mentally and emotionally.

She is also sister to a Marine with deployments in Afghanistan, preparing to re-enlist, as well as the wife of another soldier who, after surviving one IED attack with injuries considered "minor" only in the military, will also soon redeploy.

She is the daughter of a Semper Fi Sister who against the most mortal of obstacles willed herself to last year's Beach Blast, an event Williams' mother missed three years running because of the deployment of her children and was not going to miss another, even in the face of grave illness.

Why do young men and women volunteer to face death?

"It is just one of those weird situations," Williams said. "We don't hate the enemy. We don't hate what is in front of us; we just love what is behind us."

And with that, Williams, a resident of Freeport, took a moment to collect her emotions; to reclaim her voice, to fight off the tears.

That love of what is behind is behind the love that is packed together each year by the Semper Fi Sisters — wives, daughters, sisters, grandmothers and aunts of deployed military personnel — during their Packing Party for Boxes of Love.

The ultimate event during the ultimate getaway for loved ones of those on the fields of battle will take place Oct. 19 at the Centennial Building.

The Sisters turn the building into a factory of love, parceling items from home, in variety that would make Target envious, into boxes to be sent to the deployed soldiers for whom those boxes mean so much.

"It means a lot," Wil-



COURTESY OF LAURA WILLIAMS

Walton County's Laura Williams has several local campaigns to raise goods and shipping dollars for Boxes of Love. She set up a donation station, in the rain, in front of Wal-Mart this past weekend.

Williams said. "It's a taste of home. It is a reminder that people remember why we are there and that we are there."

"In particular the Army, which can be a refuge for many. They come from tough backgrounds, or they have no family. To have something come from home, from somebody they don't even know, that will make their week."

There is also a bottom-line admiration and gratitude from members of the military.

"In the military, the pay isn't what maybe it should be," Williams said with tactfulness beyond her years. "When you take into account what all goes into those boxes and you know the funding that goes into those care packages and that people are willing to use their own hard-earned

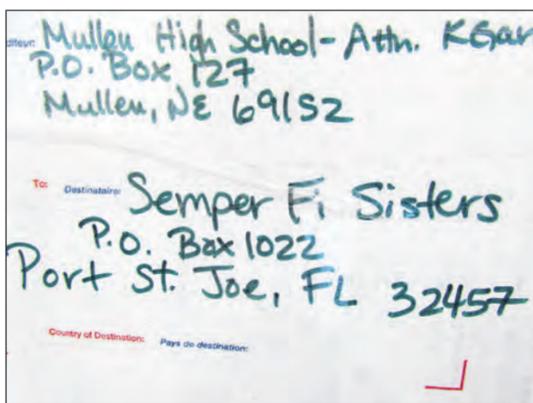
money; that is pretty humbling."

Now a "full-time vet" pursuing schooling for a criminology degree, Williams is among those pouring her own, her friends' and strangers' now strangers no more resources into the Boxes of Love.

"My mom raised us right," Williams said and we'll return to mom, Samantha Cochrane, shortly. "She taught us if we have everything we need we don't have to be frugal about helping others without as much, who were not as fortunate."

"With all the selfish things going on in Washington, watching money being spent in ways it should not be, there is still hope. That is what this is about, hope. People caring for other people."

As a volunteer for the



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From Honolulu, Hawaii to Mullen, Neb., to Long Island, N.Y., packages have been arriving from around the country with items to be packed in the Boxes of Love for troops overseas.

Walton County Sheriff's Office Auxiliary Posse, Williams established a couple of campaigns for goods and dollars within the Posse.

Her captain found out, wondered about expanding it department-wide and got the sheriff to sign off, and before long, Williams' efforts garnered attention in local weekly and daily newspapers.

She received emails from officers at the Walton County Correctional Facility with questions from inmates wondering what they might be able to do.

This past weekend, she set up a donation table in front of a local Wal-Mart and collected almost \$300 worth of items.

One man asked, because he didn't have goods to donate, would money be alright? Yes. He passed over \$50.

"You hear a lot of people say they support the military, but when it comes to action, they aren't so positive," Williams. "I've met a lot of people who follow their words with action."

As the contact for her local campaigns, Williams also has received her share of calls that, she said, just

took her aback.

One woman called about her son, a 14-year-old. He was concerned about members of the military having sufficient modes of entertainment in far off lands.

Could he donate his Xbox and games?

"My goal is to get everything collected and back home and know that I will have to go into my pocket for a U-Haul trailer," Williams said with a chuckle.

A couple of Posse members without the financial means to donate want to donate time to help load it all up.

The fifth of the Beach Blasts, the fifth of the Packing Parties are imbued with particular importance, and particularly bittersweet emotions for Williams.

By her estimation, she and her husband have lost four or five dear friends in battle during the past year.

"It takes its toll," Williams said. "It is not something you can walk away from. Even though you get out you never get out, if you know what I mean. You still have friends who are deployed. You have loved ones that will deploy. In a way, I am still deployed."

In addition, her aforementioned mother spent her final days at last year's Beach Blast.

Determined to attend after missing the first three, Cochrane had been ill — dealing in part with lupus and its wide spectrum of symptoms — but had only told her deployed children she had seen the doctor a few times.

Not a word to worry the kids.

But three days into last year's Beach Blast, Cochrane suffered a massive heart attack and passed away.

"When something like that happens, you reflect on your own life and about getting things done because there might not be a tomorrow," Williams said. "Some people regret things they didn't do. Going to the Beach Blast was something she was going to do, not regret. She was going to have a list of things like that."

In Cochrane's honor, this year's and future years' Boxes of Love Packing Party will be dedicated to Cochrane.

Williams cashed in some flier miles banked while in the military to ensure her mother's two best friends among the Sisters attend the special Blast and Packing Party.

"I am honored and I thank God mom could impact somebody so much," Williams said, adding that many of us fear death not so much for what is on the other side, but because, "We don't want to be forgotten. For my mom, that will never happen."

"This has been an emotional roller coaster. One minute I will be smiling and laughing, and the next thing something will get me off guard. It has been more of an anxious wanting to go. It was a group my mom relied heavily on and a group she really believed in."

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Shutdown: Teachers keep on teachin'

By KEVIN CARSON
Special to The Star

Cory Doctorow, guest of honor at the upcoming FenCon science fiction convention in Dallas, notes ("During the shutdown, some scientists can't talk about science," Boing Boing, Oct. 4) that some of his fellow speakers will be unable to speak if the government shutdown continues. Because they're government space scientists, they fall under the purview of the 19th century Antideficiency Act, which prohibits government workers from volunteering to do their own jobs — including talking about science to the public.

The law "was aimed at stopping fraudsters who did 'government' business, then presented a bill for services that hadn't been contracted but had nevertheless been performed — a kind of Civil War era version of red-light windscreen squeegeeing."

There's a great deal of hostility toward government workers in some libertarian circles. And some of what government workers do — for example cops who enforce drug laws or brutally shut down Occupy protests — is illegitimate per se. But much of it is stuff — delivering mail, putting out fires, protecting people from actual assaults on their persons and possessions — that there would be a need for even in a free society.

In the end, what we call "the economy" is just people doing stuff, engaged in productive activity, providing goods and services for each other. Over the centuries, the state, along with the corporations and other rent-extracting economic institutions it upholds, have hijacked a major share of this productive activity and preempted the channels within which it takes place, so that many people produce goods and services for their fellows within an exploitative institutional framework. Their production of goods and services, which would naturally be governed by cooperative labor and peaceful exchange, is instead subject to the control of states and rent-extracting institutions whose monopoly powers derive from state coercion.

These people are not our enemies. Many of them are simply people who find it fulfilling to teach kids, save homes from fires, and the like, and just take the existing system and its self-proclaimed naturalness and inevitability at face value.

Corporate-state capitalism is in a terminal crisis. Subsidized production inputs cause corporate demand for such inputs to increase exponentially, and result in both natural resources and government fiscal resources becoming exhausted. The ever worsening boom-bust cycle requires ever-increasing

government expenditure to utilize excess capacity and soak up excess investment capital. And the technologies of radical abundance are destroying the artificial scarcity on which most profit depends.

The state, likewise, is just groups of people doing stuff. Some of what they're doing is necessary and productive activity; they're just doing it in a distorted, state-like way. Our goal, when the present system reaches its limits, is not for these people to stop doing what they're doing. We want them to keep right on doing it as voluntary associations of producers. These individuals and groups of producers working within the bowels of state and corporation, as the long collapse proceeds, will increasingly respond to the exigencies of collapse by working around the rules of their nominal state and corporate bosses by using their own common sense. For example, the smarter police forces and sheriff's offices will — perhaps quietly and unofficially — stop expending resources on evicting mortgage defaulters and shutting down squats.

This is all what Pierre-Joseph Proudhon, in "General Idea of the Revolution in the Nineteenth Century," called "dissolving the state in the social body." And dissolving the state in the social body will require them to disregard legal barriers like the Antideficiency Act.

As the progressive hollowing-out of corporation and state continues, it's likely that at some point people performing services for the public get fed up with rolling paycheck delays combined with bureaucratic interference, just ignore the authority of the government agencies or CEOs they're supposedly taking orders from, reorganize themselves as p2p networks or cooperatives, and start performing services directly for the public in return for some informally negotiated form of compensation. That compensation may very well be some sort of commons-based support from a larger social unit that includes the people they're providing services for.

A decade ago, when the Argentinian economy collapsed and bankrupt capitalists tried to board up the factories, workers just showed up, unboarded the doors and kept right on producing under self-management. They kept right on what they'd been doing, right where they'd been doing it before — but their work took on a fundamentally different character. One of these days, government workers will respond to a government "shutdown" in the same way.

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Dad Wasn't Playing With Someone Else's Money!

I near 'bout wrote the book on government shutdowns. I've seen the money flow slow to a trickle. And then dry up altogether! I've protested and moaned and got mad and blamed it on the hog market, them big shots out of Memphis and Jimmy Hoffa. I got so desperate in 1959 I took a job picking up Zag Nut and Moon Pie wrappers at Roe Alexander's swimming pool.

We didn't have a clue back in the pre Beatle days about central government bellicose, trickle down economics or congressional stalemate. We were also not up to speed on White House bargaining, staged press conferences or beltway power brokering. We didn't know that you could have "essential" jobs still funded right through a shutdown. When the spigot got turned off up above me, I didn't get nothing!

We all liked Ike but we didn't depend on him.

Daddy was the government as far as we were concerned in the fifties and early sixties. Oh, we had heard of Sam Rayburn and Lyndon Johnson. But we didn't know if the speaker of the house and the powerful senator from Texas liked each other or not. We were not privy to their private meetings or behind the scene negotiations. They acted stately enough and I'm fairly certain they passed some very important laws ... but none of them ever reached out to the end of Stonewall Street.

Dad was our president, congress and Supreme Court all rolled into one. When he passed a law it wasn't overruled, out voted, defied or even debated. Me, Leon and David Mark might whisper about it very low, under our breath ... but really, they most always worked out to the good of all.

Dad made the money so he

also rightfully set the budget. And here's where the government shutdown came in. Mom didn't work. She would get up before daylight, cook breakfast, clean the house, make the beds, hang out a load of wash, get lunch started, dig a few Irish potatoes, make a dress or sew a shirt together, fry a chicken and take it to a sick neighbor, sweep off the porch, have dinner ready when we got in from football practice, go over our homework and keep the fire going, but none of that brought any money into the house. If Dad didn't work the soup got a little thinner.

I remember one year the Tri-County Stockyards closed down for a spell. Dad's work, trucking hogs and cattle down to Tupelo, came to a screeching halt. The first thing that went was the quarter for the picture show. We lived without Roy, Hoppy and Gene until the crisis was over. We also ate a few more turnip greens and a tad less meat. Dessert became crumbled up cornbread in a glass of buttermilk. Somehow Mom just "categorized" things in their importance to the good will of the family and we all kept going.

You could complain to the high heavens but it wouldn't help. Folks had problems of their own. I understood from an early age that the universe didn't revolve around me. And nobody expected something for nothing! Since I couldn't go to the movie, I galloped down to the big ditch and fought the Indians single handed. Listen, life becomes a lot more colorful when you have to make up your own pictures!

Somewhere in the mid fifties a driver wrecked one of Dad's trucks. And in the very same week another truck, due to some faulty wiring, caught fire and burned. There was no insurance. You talk about a government shut down! I



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

White sweater vests and sticks that shoot

I remember the box.

There was a little boy and his father sitting at bluish green Formica topped table. The son had on a white shirt and blue sweater or perhaps it was a blue shirt with a white collar. One thing is for sure, the father was looking rather sporty in his bright red shirt topped with a white sweater vest.

The walls of the room were covered with blondish colored wood paneling. The picture on the box tells you a lot.

As the father and son sit playing "the game" at the table, the mother and daughter can be seen in the background standing and smiling in the kitchen. *The girls were doing the dishes.*

It was the 1960's, it was billed as "the game for men and boys."

In red letters you can see the words the son and father are saying...

The little boy on the box calls "G-4" and his father says, "It's a hit." The red-shirted, white sweater-vested man also has his hand behind his head and seems to have hit the right collar of his shirt on the way up because it's trying to stand up, salute and help the Father Knows Best looking fellow ask his son, "It sure is good to be a man isn't it son?"

The son probably would respond, "It sure is dad, I wish mom and sis would hurry up and get those dishes finished, so they get started on the floors."

Goodness gracious, I'm a little scared about looking at the image of the box on the computer. The powers that be might keep a list of folks that look at this box. I may be asked at some time in my life, "Have you ever looked at the original 1967 Battleship game box?"



CRANKS MY TRACTOR
BN Heard

As you would expect, the design of the box changed from its original 1967 version. The Milton Bradley Company would soon put a little girl on the cover playing with her brother.

I'm just presuming they are sister and brother, maybe they are neighbors. One thing is for sure — the little girl is playing the game with the little boy and she is not holding a dish towel.

I will note that there's just something about that 1967 box that makes me want to find a red shirt and a white sweater vest and put them on! Not to feel like a male chauvinist, but simply to be sporty and perhaps to put my hand behind my head and say, "It's a hit."

Maybe I'll even smoke a pipe and get some of those manly house slippers...

Do you think that kids would be allowed to play the game Battleship at school?

It's doubtful.

I still play by myself, against the computer; I enjoy it and it involves a little math and logic and it's simple. Before the plastic game boards, little ships, pegs and box that featured the sporty fellow with his collar standing at attention, the game was played using grids on paper as you would imagine.

Battleship is one of the simplest board games to learn and was a lot of fun for a little boy and still is for a grown man (who can wash dishes). You place your five ships of various sizes on a grid and your opponent does the same. Players take turns calling out grid coordinates in an attempt to be the first to sink all their opponents' ships.

The commercials for the game almost always had the game's clever marketing line "You sank

can't remember any "woe is me", lamentations or throwing up the hands. We also didn't, and wouldn't, take a handout from anybody. My Dad would have died first! He just kept on working.

I don't know that we "circled the wagons" or had the ole "we're all in it together" talk. We just kept on living. And sharing. And growing. And laughing. I look back on it from the vantage point of a lot of years and realize those tough times might have been the greatest days of all for us.

Sometimes we had so little that a shutdown was hard to perceive.

It got a little tougher in high school when the teamsters union went on strike and Dad couldn't drive. Billie Jean wanted me to wear those Penguin shirts and take her to the Dairy Bar every night for hamburgers and cherry cokes. I was a little embarrassed for my situation. But I rightly figured dating was important, but it wasn't essential! And I found a girl that liked to take long walks and swing on the porch.

A shutdown by any government is a set back. I've been there. But it is not the end of the world. If we've got the wrong people in charge, let's shut them down. It's hard to follow OUR money because of all the finger pointing ... by guys that don't own the money! And I can't understand how you pay some folks during a shutdown and not pay others. That doesn't sound like "we're all in it together" to me. Who's to say one job is more important than another? What's happened to compromise, civility, leadership and "truth, justice and the American way"?

Daddy would just work harder. That was always his answer to any problem. 'Course, people not working got us into this mess in the first place.

Respectfully,
Kes

my battleship" integrated into their television spot.

OK, when I put the red shirt and white sweater vest on, you know that phrase will be the first thing out of my mouth.

In my opinion, strategy games, whether having a military theme or not have a lot of value when approached with the right spirit.

Now if the boats were catching on fire and there was graphic violence or something, I could see how there might be a problem.

However, what if the game sprayed water on you when someone sunk one of your ships? That would be pretty cool...

We often lose sight of the value of some of the simplest games that children play. Whether it is a board game with a military theme like Battleship, or pretending to be a cowboy or soldier or fireman or policeman, there are a lot of good things to be learned.

If you want to complain about the box and the girls smiling and doing the dishes while the boys play the game, I will agree with you. However, if you want to keep everyone from playing the game or pretending to be a cowboy, I have a problem with that.

In 2012, the board game gave birth to the movie, "Battleship." As you would imagine, Hollywood messed it up with aliens and some NASA stuff.

If you like NASA movies, watch "The Right Stuff," "Apollo 13" or "October Sky." They are the real deal.

A simple game is sometimes best left a simple game and a child's imagination should be a place where they can pretend a stick is a gun, a sword or a just a stick.

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County work crews recently placed fill dirt over this break in the Americus Ditch pipe that popped to the surface after heavy recent rains.

Property owners seek answers on Americus Ditch

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St. Joe Beach property owner Bill Koran came to the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday with more questions and information about the Americus Ditch project.

Commissioner Joanna Bryan said answers might be coming soon.

The ditch, which according to records from the Clerk of Courts, has cost county taxpayers more than \$1.2 million to date, including more than 130 repair jobs, including a recent filling in of dirt around an above-ground break in the pipe continues to be a problem, Koran said.

The line, in some sections, is 20-24 inches out of grade, Koran said.

At previous meetings commissioners have said a job bid out six years ago and finished more than five years ago was in the past and of little interest to them, but Koran and Bryan have pushed back, saying the ditch continues to be an issue.

"There are 40 or 50 homes out there that are affected by that ditch," Koran said. "So it is in the future. We could have had some homes washed out if that storm (Tropical Storm Karen) had come this way last week."

Koran said commissioners had just raised taxes by more than \$1 million, and he had been personally attacked at meetings by members of the audience while trying to bring pressing county business to the BOCC.

"I came here to discuss a real problem, and I have been personally attacked," Koran said. "I am here to show the public the truth."

But, he said, his own research backed up funda-

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Bill Koran, St. Joe Beach property owner

mental assertions.

First, the company that was contracted for the job was not, as required under bid specifications, a Florida Department of Transportation pre-qualified contractor, contrary to statements made by Brad Bailey, owner of Bailey and Sons.

According to correspondence from Darlene Anderson, prequalification supervisor of the FDOT, agency records do not show Bailey and Sons was prequalified to perform road or bridge work.

Koran also noted that Bailey and Sons drew its final payment for the job, indicating all had signed off on the job and "everyone was happy."

This was despite obvious problems from the outset on a job contracted for 120 days that took almost 10 months to complete and, most importantly, without a final inspection report, which should have been filed.

Those reports, he said, could not be located by the clerk's office.

"Either no reports were done or reports were removed from the file," Koran said.

Koran also questioned discrepancies in billing for the job from Preble Rish Engineers, which designed and inspected the job.

Under original invoices obtained from the clerk's office, the job started as a \$1 million project and was a \$1.1 million job later in the year.

He also noted that some

\$220,000 worth of pipe burned in 2008 and said public records do not indicate who absorbed that cost.

In an email between the clerk's office and county administrative staff, Koran noted, two invoices from Bailey and Sons could not be located by the clerk's office, and employees were told administrative staff would handle the issue.

Koran also wondered how Bailey could have submitted an invoice in January 2008 before the commencement of the project the following month and the securing of a construction bond by his company.

"We have a building problem," Koran said. "We could save the taxpayers money. We should look at all projects. The county needs to get what it paid for."

Bryan said that Ralph Rish, president of Preble Rish, had appeared before the BOCC and pledged to work with the county to fix any problems.

She said she had reached out to Rish and they were "working toward remedying problems with this ditch."

Commissioner Tan Smiley, expressing an opinion diametrically opposed to prior meetings when Americus Ditch was deemed old news, said the board would also assist.

"If we do have a problem I know we can fix it," Smiley said. "That Americus Ditch, if we do have a problem, Ms. Bryan, if you need anything let us board members know."

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"We think it is a good lease," said NFCD financial officer Gerald Thompson.

Given that the item was not on the agenda and she had not had time to fully review the lease, Commissioner Joanna Bryan suggested tabling the issue until the next regular meeting to ensure the process was "done right" and allow for any public input.

"I am grateful that Ms. Gaskin and her company have agreed to take this on," Bryan said. "This is a great way to save this building. I'd just like a little more time to review this and the public may want to weigh in."

Novak and Commissioner Warren Yeager said the final lease would still need to come back to the full board, the footprint for NFCD had yet to be determined and in order to move ahead the BOCC should provide "conditional" approval of the lease pending a full vetting of the final document.

"I have been working 18 months on trying to save this building and take the burden off the taxpayer," Commissioner Ward McDaniel said. "It's a historic building."

Novak said county and NFCD staff will undertake an air quality to ensure the safety of the NFCD footprint before the company signs the lease.

The BOCC must still arrive at a plan and dollars to remediate issues in the back and upstairs of the courthouse, including leaks in the walls and basement and mold, issues that led to the BOCC moving all county offices in the courthouse into other facilities, particularly the old Health Department building.

Another jail debate

For the second time in as many months, Michael Hammond, administrator of the Gulf County Jail and deputy county administrator, took strong issue with comments made about the jail by Bryan during a previous meeting, this one the BOCC's final budget hearing.

Saying Bryan had provided faulty facts and acted "irrationally" about the jail and potential savings, or in Hammond's view no savings in farming inmates to Bay County, Hammond took issue with Bryan's description of the jail.

Hammond said Bryan had never set foot in the jail and had no basis to label it a "disgrace" during the budget meeting.

Bryan used the word in the context that it was a disgrace that county maintained a \$1 million jail — Hammond said Bryan's numbers change by the week and the jail budget is \$1.1 million, not \$1.2

million — that had not been inspected in several years.

Each county commissioner was sent correspondence from the office of the Florida Sheriff's Association, which oversees the Model Jail Standards program, that indicated the jail should be inspected annually. Gulf County's had not been in two years and was out of compliance at that time.

Hammond faulted the inspector at that time, called his report "bogus" and incorrect on a number of levels and that it had been a BOCC decision, years before, to not spend the money to maintain the jail to Model Jail Standards.

He said having such an inspection was "asinine."

As he had the previous month, Hammond also had Capt. Sonya Farmer on hand, and this meeting also brought along the bulk of the employees at the jail.

Hammond said he and staff had been putting time into putting down rumors about the jail closing and probation services returning to a private contractor while making the county money by taking over probation services.

Hammond said Bryan was being personal about the issue and seeking to have 15 employees laid off.

"I am proud of the jail, the people I work with, and the continued discussion of closing the jail has left a bitter taste," Farmer said.

Bryan said she had nothing against employees and did not wish to see jobs lost, but noted the issue is far broader.

Florida Sheriff's Association officials were asking the BOCC why the jail had not been inspected in several years and said the possibility existed for a circuit court to remove the inmates and close the jail if it was not in compliance.

"I have no issues with the employees," Bryan said. "My concern is not only safety for the inmates but (for the employees). That is our responsibility. I want them in a safe, clean jail."

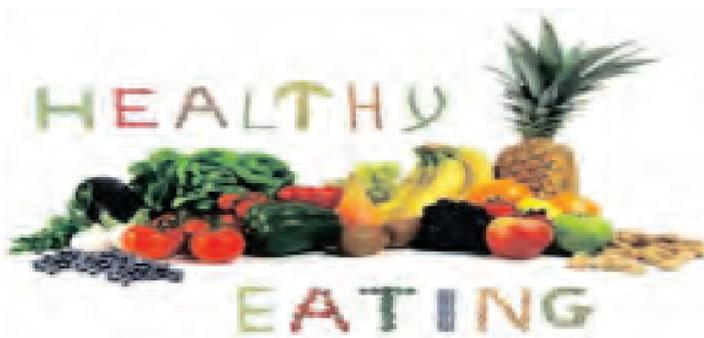
"What is a disgrace to me is this board does not want to look at this. We should operate within the law."

The discussion, growing ever more heated, veered into budgetary philosophy and that the BOCC just raised taxes, continues to put more work on fewer employees and, as Bryan said, "We cut and cut without operating more efficiently."

Yeager took exception, noting the cuts the BOCC has made to the budget in recent years and saying proposals for alternative sources of revenue gained "no traction."

"Let's start moving forward," he said.

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"Sometimes they go faster than you think, sometimes slower," Sims said.

Butler is charged with shooting and killing Everett Gant in July of last year in Port St. Joe.

Gant approached Butler's Pine Ridge apartment after Butler had been accused of using racial slurs directed at children in the apartment complex. Butler shot Gant between the eyes with a .22 rifle and left him bleeding on the doorstep before calling 911 and sitting back down to finish his dinner.

He expressed inconvenience at being arrested for shooting a "(racial epithet)," according to the arresting affidavit.

Six weeks after the shooting, Gant died from the injuries.

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Life on the beach dunes

By TOM BAIRD
Special to The Star

In 1955, Rachel Carson wrote, "The edge of the sea is a strange and beautiful place." We all know this is true since this is a community by the sea and shaped by the sea, and the fall of the year is a perfect time to enjoy the magnificence of our shoreline. The air is getting cooler making it an ideal time to view life on the sand dunes that have built over the summer, and to enjoy the plants and animals typically found there.

Cape San Blas boasts some of the nation's highest coastal dunes and the last remaining habitat for coastal sand pine scrub, and the dune plants are ablaze with flowers this time of year attracting their major pollinators – migrating butterflies. These shore communities exist in zones that one can readily observe. Each has its own distinct set of plants and animals.

The most notable plants to greet the eye as you wander off the beach are, of course, the sea oats (*Uniola paniculata*), those tall, iconic grasses rustling in the wind that every photographer and painter includes in their images of panhandle seashores. Sea oats and bitter panicgrass, *Panicum amarum*, are the primary dune-building grasses. These pioneer

grasses occupy the upper beach and first dune, with sea oats occupying this zone on sandy coasts throughout the state. Sea oats are very drought tolerant and burial of the plant's base by blowing sand actually stimulates plant growth and helps the plant spread via rhizomes.

Since sea oats protect Florida's coastline from erosion due to tides, storms and winds, they are legally protected. Although some like to use dried sea oats in decorative arrangements, it is unlawful to dig, cut or possess sea oats. They can be obtained for planting only from licensed nurserymen. Since the sea oats are our first line of defense from coastal erosion, Florida takes protection of sea oats seriously.

Also within this zone and easily noticed are shoreline sea purslane (*Sesuvium portulacastrum*), runners of railroad vine (*Ipomoea pes-caprae* ssp *brasiliensis*), and beach morning glory (*Ipomoea imperati*).

This is also the critical zone for nesting shore birds. Many of these birds build nests that are little more than depressions scraped out in the sand. These birds are particularly sensitive to disturbance. Hurricanes frequently destroy colonies, and coastal development has eliminated favorite nesting sites. Dogs and human



traffic create problems each spring and summer. A dog running through a colony of nesting seabirds can cause all the birds to panic, consequently leaving their eggs or chicks dangerously exposed to the hot sun. We are lucky to have dog friendly beaches in Gulf County, but dogs should be kept on a leash and not allowed to run in the dunes.

Behind the front dunes a coastal grassland community develops if it is protected from salt spray by the fore dunes. As the beach dunes build outward and higher, the pioneer grasses are replaced by other grasses in the coastal grassland community. These species do not range along the entire coast but change as one goes southward. The acid sugar sands of the panhandle coastal grasslands are dominated by Gulf bluestem (*Schizachrium maritimum*). This is a grass endemic to the northeast Gulf coast from Florida to Mississippi. Other grasses dominate the coastal grasslands of peninsular Florida.

At Cape San Blas, this classic pattern occurs on

the south facing beach from Money Beach westward to the tip of the Cape. The situation is different on the north-south arm of the peninsula (west-facing beach). There the beach dune community (sea oats, etc.) transitions straight to scrub, with scrub oaks, like myrtle oak, sand live oak, Chapman's oak, and rosemary, smilax, etc. This is where people build their houses. There are a few isolated pockets of coastal grassland community plants here and there on the north-south arm, but by and large the transition is straight from dune to scrub habitat.

The coastal grassland community and the beach dune community are unique habitats that harbor several endemic species, including an endemic mammal. Cape San Blas has the St. Andrews beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus peninsularis*). Westward along the coast are populations of the Perdido Key beach mouse, Santa Rosa beach mouse, and the Choctawhatchee beach mouse. The pallid beach mouse on the Florida east coast is extinct and

the Anastasia Island beach mouse survives only in a few places. These populations are descended from a land-based species. After the last ice age, as sea levels began to rise, populations of these mice became stranded on barrier islands and developed into distinct species. All are threatened by development, hurricanes, feral cats, and free-ranging domestic house cats. Increased traffic on sand dunes is also a threat for the beach mouse, since increased traffic damages vegetation on dunes that the beach mice depend on for food and shelter. All are listed as either threatened or endangered.

As you walk to the beach this time of year, note the profusion of yellow asters in bloom in the coastal grasslands zone. The pink and pale rose petals of purslane (*Sabatia stellaris*) offer a visual delight from spring to fall in wetter areas of this zone. Two species of blazing star are showing off their maroon and lavender petals now, and in winter, seaside goldenrod will display its bright yellow flowers.

Behind the coastal grasslands community are the big relic dunes that took centuries to build. Because they are higher ground, this is where houses are built. These ancient dunes, besides offering protection from storm surge, support the rosemary scrub habitat. Rosemary Scrub is so named because it is dominated by Florida rosemary, *Ceratiola ericoides*. This dark green

scrub is needle-leaved; an adaptation for dry soils, and is one of the first shrubs to colonize coastal dunes in the panhandle. False Rosemary, *Conradina* sp., also an inhabitant of sand pine scrub, flowers spring, summer, and fall, and is very aromatic. It's pale lavender blossoms are a favorite of the migrating butterflies this time of year. Gulf coast lupine, *Lupinus westianus*, seems fairly inconspicuous until spring when it will then send up big sprays of purple flowers.

As we stroll to the shore and back, we are passing through distinct zones. Each zone contains plants and animals highly adapted to the conditions of that zone. Some of these plants and animals exist nowhere else in the world. We should take care to protect and appreciate these habitats. Cross only at designated points or on boardwalks to prevent damage to the dunes and the associated flora and fauna. Rachel Carson got it right; the edge of the sea is certainly a strange and beautiful place.

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

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Oct. 10	82°	65°	3 %
Fri, Oct. 11	83°	63°	7 %
Sat, Oct. 12	84°	65°	8 %
Sun, Oct. 13	83°	63°	10 %
Mon, Oct. 14	81°	59°	14 %
Tues, Oct. 15	81°	62°	3 %
Wed, Oct. 16	80°	62°	25 %

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East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27

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Bald Point	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03
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APALACHICOLA

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
10	Th	642am 1.9	1106pm 1.5	106am 1.4	313pm 0.2
11	Fr	739am 1.8		210am 1.4	435pm 0.3
12	Sa	1218am 1.5	854am 1.7	404am 1.4	553pm 0.4
13	Su	106am 1.5	1035am 1.6	557am 1.3	701pm 0.4
14	Mo	141am 1.5	1227pm 1.5	716am 1.1	759pm 0.6
15	Tu	209am 1.6	203pm 1.6	815am 0.8	847pm 0.7
16	We	233am 1.6	317pm 1.6	905am 0.6	929pm 0.8
17	Th	255am 1.6	417pm 1.6	950am 0.4	1004pm 0.9
18	Fr	316am 1.7	509pm 1.6	1032am 0.3	1034pm 1.1
19	Sa	337am 1.7	557pm 1.6	1111am 0.2	1100pm 1.2

CARRABELLE

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
10	Th	517am 3.0	941pm 2.4	100pm 0.3	1157pm 2.2
11	Fr	614am 2.9	1053pm 2.4	222pm 0.5	
12	Sa	729am 2.7	1141pm 2.4	151am 2.2	340pm 0.6
13	Su	910am 2.6		344am 2.1	448pm 0.6
14	Mo	1216am 2.4	1102am 2.4	503am 1.8	546pm 1.0
15	Tu	1244am 2.6	1238pm 2.6	602am 1.3	634pm 1.1
16	We	108am 2.6	152pm 2.6	652am 1.0	716pm 1.3
17	Th	130am 2.6	252pm 2.6	737am 0.6	751pm 1.4
18	Fr	151am 2.7	344pm 2.6	819am 0.5	821pm 1.8
19	Sa	212am 2.7	432pm 2.6	858am 0.3	847pm 1.9

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How to prevent bedbugs in your home

Bedbugs are not a pleasant subject but they need to be discussed, especially by people who travel.

Cleanliness and a high price tag provide no guarantee that a hotel room won't come with unwanted occupants. Bedbugs are found in five



BUDS 'N' BUGS
Lois Swoboda

star resorts as well as cheap motels. At a recent convention of the national Pest Management Association in Hawaii, conventioners were alarmed to discover wicker deck chairs in an ocean view bar were crawling with bedbugs.

Just so you will know, bed bugs are not microscopic or invisible and you can save yourself a world of trouble by inspecting a room or short-term rental house when you arrive.

Thoroughly check the bed linens, seams, piping or ruffles, including the dust ruffle for the bugs or dark stains that indicate their presence. In hotels, the headboard is a popular hangout for these nasty critters. They are also



frequently found between the corner of the box spring and its plastic guard and under the label of both the box spring and mattress.

Inspect the rest of the furniture and other items close to the bed like pictures, and mirrors.

Place luggage on the luggage rack or on the top of the dresser or table. Never put a suitcase on the bed, the floor or any piece of upholstered furniture. That's like asking bedbugs to hitch a ride home with you.

If you find bed bugs in your room, immediately report it to the management and ask for another room. Make sure the new room is not adjacent to, above or below the infested room as bed bugs can travel through wall cavities and air ducts to infest other rooms.

To ensure no bed bugs come home with you, bag all luggage in a large

trash bag before being placed in your vehicle. This precaution will keep any infestation out of your car. Once you and your family arrive at home, visually inspect all items you plan to bring into the house. Place clothing and cloth material in the dryer on high for 20 minutes to kill any live bed bugs or eggs that may have traveled home with you. Items that cannot be placed in the dryer can go into the freezer for a period of 5 days to ensure there are no live bed bugs or hatchable eggs at the end of the 5-day period. Steam cleaning luggage provides an added measure of precaution.

If you own rental property, can you take precautions to prevent bedbugs from making it home? Not really, but one precaution is to purchase

moats for the legs of the beds. These are plastic cups that trap bedbugs when they crawl in. The moat will give your cleaner early warning that there is a problem; however, most are rather unattractive. One new brand, Blackout, is more discrete than earlier models.

Bags are available for mattresses and box springs but these are more for use after the bed is infested.

There are also monitors of various kinds that can be deployed around a bed. These range from simple sticky traps to complicated devices that use pheromone and carbon dioxide as lures. The downside is that most of the better monitors are expensive. They cost from \$20 to \$40 each and monthly recharging will run \$30 per trap or more.

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Inshore/Bay

Fall feeding patterns are starting to produce nice trout and redbfish. With the rain from last week, sight fishing will be more challenging this week. Use darker colored jigs and grubs in deeper water this week to find the fish fast.

Offshore/Bottom

Our 2013 fall red snapper fishing got off to a slow start last week with rough seas and high winds. We only have until Oct. 14 in federal waters and fishing will continue in state waters until the Oct. 21. Good-sized snapper are still close to shore, and the MBARA sites in Mexico Beach are producing good numbers and size right now.

Port St. Joe routs Franklin County

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The host Tiger Sharks ensured last Friday that the Franklin County Seahawks' two-week swing through Gulf County was a bumpy one.

One week after losing at Wewahitchka, the Seahawks ran into a buzz saw at Shark Field, dominated in every phase in a 49-6 loss.

The win improves Port St. Joe, which was celebrating Homecoming, to 4-2 overall and 1-0 in District 1-1A entering a bye week.

The Tiger Sharks will face Tallahassee FAMU in two weeks then host consecutive district tilts against West Gadsden and Liberty County that likely will determine playoff positions.

The Seahawks dipped to 0-6, 0-1.

"We got to play everybody, get a lot of younger guys some action, which is a nice thing," said Port St. Joe coach Chuck Gannon. "It may just be me, but I think a lot of coaches see the distractions of Homecoming as a necessary thing they would like to see get over."

"But I think our kids were focused, though not as much as I would like them to be. It was a good ending to a nice Homecoming week."

The Tiger Sharks controlled every facet of the game and inserted the junior varsity en masse before the first half ended 35-0.

Port St. Joe chewed up 191 total yards in the first half — 293 for the game — while limiting the Seahawks to 46. Franklin County only first down against the Tiger Shark varsity came courtesy of a roughing the passer penalty.



COURTESY OF WAYNE TAYLOR

Dwayne Griggs scored the game's first touchdown on a 7-yard run.

The Tiger Sharks also transformed a long punt return and a blocked punt into points and allowed Franklin County to score only on the final play of the game, the second half played while the clock ran continuously.

"We will keep working, and we'll get better," Franklin County coach Aaron York said. "I saw improvement tonight."

"We are a young team, and we just need to keep working to get better every week, which we have since the season started."

The Tiger Sharks wasted little time getting on the scoreboard.

Port St. Joe stopped the Seahawks on downs on the opening drive, took over at the Franklin County 34 after a punt and Dwayne Griggs did the rest in two

carries, the touchdown coming from the 7.

Drew Lacour nailed the first of his six extra-point kicks.

The roughing the passer penalty extended slightly the next Seahawk drive, with Port St. Joe taking over at its 24 after a punt.

Three plays later Aaron Paul, on his only carry of the game, sprinted around right end and

threaded through the defense on a 62-yard touchdown jaunt and Lacour made it 14-0.

Franklin County went three-and-out again, and Griggs returned a rolling punt that got over his head 34 yards to the Seahawks 31.

After an offside penalty against Franklin County, Lacour found Chad Quinn Jr. on a perfectly placed 26-yard pass to the right flag, and the extra point made it 21-0.

The Tiger Shark defense stopped Franklin County in its tracks, and Umstead Sanders blocked a punt, Port St. Joe taking over at the Franklin County 27.

Two plays later, John Simpson broke a trap play for a 19-yard touchdown, and Lacour again did his thing with his right foot.

The Port St. Joe coaching staff at that point inserted the junior varsity — the team suited 40-some players for Homecoming instead of the typical 23-25 — and Jak Riley scored from the 1 on the Tiger Sharks' final drive before intermission.

Trey Sanders, a seventh-grader who despite not entering the game until the second half, was Port St. Joe's leading rusher with 65 yards, scored from the 7 midway through the third period.

After Jasmin Thomas recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, Antonio Moree swept left end from the 12 for the final Tiger Shark touchdown.

The extra point came from Isaac Rocha, one of six seventh-graders the Tiger Sharks played.

The Seahawks' Cole Wheeler, the game's leading rusher with 73 yards, scored from the 5 as the clock ran out.



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Wewahitchka's Jarvar Hill rushed for 211 yards and five touchdowns in the Gators' 34-13 win over North Bay Haven. **Below**, Rashard Ranie had 128 yards on the ground in Wewahitchka's Homecoming triumph on Friday.

Hill leads Wewahitchka past North Bay Haven



Halifax Media Group

Jarvar Hill and Wewahitchka were dangerous when holding on to the football Friday.

The senior atoned for two fumbles by scoring five touchdowns in leading the Gators past North Bay Haven 34-13. Hill finished with 211 yards rushing and Rashard Ranie added 128 on the ground in Wewahitchka's second win in a row despite four turnovers.

The Buccaneers couldn't capitalize on early opportunities and dropped to 2-2.

Wewahitchka scored 14 unanswered points to settle

the outcome. The Gators scored 27 points in the second half after being stymied with three turnovers in the first 24 minutes.

"For us to turn the ball over like that and have a shutout in the first half was big," Wewahitchka assistant and head coach in-waiting David Barnes said. "In this offense we want to run the football and we did that well."

Hill scored all of Wewahitchka's touchdowns. The Gators needed the last two to finally convince the Buccaneers.

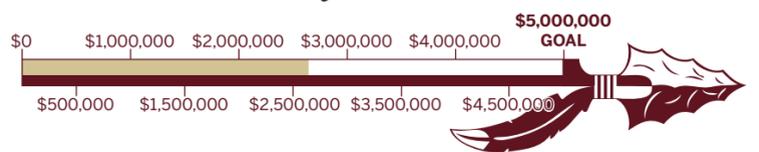
NBH pulled within a touchdown twice. The first time came on a Braiden Hardesty touchdown grab

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North Bay Haven's David Smith passed for 124 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

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from David Smith in the third quarter to pull to 14-7. The Buccaneers also trailed 20-13 after Corey White's 80-yard interception return for a score early in the fourth.

Hill answered the latter tally with a 6-yard run to cap a 10-play drive and give Wewahitchka a 27-13 advantage. He broke free for 60 yards on Wewahitchka's next possession to cap the scoring.

Wewahitchka (2-4) led 7-0 at the half despite the three turnovers, including two lost fumbles by Hill. He had 59 yards rushing in the first half and also grabbed a 66-yard scoring reception from Ranie midway through the second quarter.

Wewahitchka punted on two first-half possessions and Ranie threw an interception on its last.

North Bay Haven also lost a fumble on its first series and had the deepest penetration in the opening half. The Buccaneers drove to the 12 on their fourth possession, but the 16-play march stalled on fourth down. NBH also turned the ball over on downs at the Wewahitchka 23 on its final possession of the second quarter.

The Buccaneers had 60 yards of total offense on its first two drives of the second half after amassing 196 in the first. The lack of execution and Wewahitchka wearing down the Buccaneers late was

too much to overcome.

"We were moving the ball up and down the field," NBH coach Jared Hale said. "We came out strong, but you need to come away with points and we didn't."

Devante Garland led NBH with 73 yards rushing. Smith was 8 for 17 for 124 yards and two interceptions. Hardesty had four catches for 110 yards.

Wewahitchka is at Tallahassee Maclay on Friday.

NORTH BAY HAVEN 0 0 7 6 - 13 WEWAHITCHKA 0 7 13 14 - 34

Second quarter

WHS - Hill 66 pass from Ranie (Setterich kick) 5:52, 7-0 WHS

Third quarter

WHS - Hill 3 run (Setterich kick) 9:59, 14-0

NBH - Hardesty 37 pass from Smith (Bingham kick) 7:32, 14-7

WHS - Hill 6 run (kick failed) 3:25, 20-7

Fourth quarter

NBH - White 80 interception return (kick failed) 10:03, 20-13

WHS - Hill 6 run (Setterich kick) 4:46, 27-13

WHS - Hill 60 run (Setterich kick) 2:06, 34-13

Port St. Joe volleyball falls to South Walton

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School volleyball team traveled to South Walton High School last Thursday and the junior varsity and varsity each lost district games.

"The coaches don't know if the fact that it was homecoming week in Port St. Joe or that they had a week between matches, but the teams came out flat and just couldn't handle the intensity level of the Lady Seahawks of South Walton," said Port St. Joe coach Wayne Taylor.

Tonight the team travels to Bay High.

Dig Pink

At 6 p.m. ET Oct. 17 the Lady Tiger Sharks will host their fifth annual Dig Pink Event.

The game will be the final regular-season match of the season, pitting Port St. Joe against county rival Wewahitch-

ka Jr./Sr. High School.

The game will also mark Port St. Joe's Senior Night.

The game is played to support the Side-Out Foundation's Dig Pink National Breast Cancer Awareness Rally to promote breast health information as well as raise funds to further research.

Dig Pink events give spectators the opportunity to become involved by making donations to the cause and by pink-ing-out (i.e. donning pink in support) and event t-shirts will be sold.

The proceeds from all donations, the gate and t-shirt sales will benefit the Side-Out Foundation.

The foundation is a non-profit established in 2004 to unite volleyball players and coaches from across the country to work toward the goal of making a significant and identifiable difference in the lives of breast cancer patients and their families.

The organization works to advance clinical trials, increase patient support services and educate communities.

Sports SHORTS

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639-2228 or Kerri Barlow at 832-8659.

Ryan Teall memorial scholarship fundraiser to be Nov. 1

The Ryan Teall Memorial Scholarship fundraising event will be Friday, Nov. 1, at Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School.

The event will include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, which will begin at 5 p.m. CT; a 3-point shooting contest between tournament games; Bunko and a concession stand.

Cost of the 3-on-3 tournament is \$20 per team; the 3-point shootout will be \$5 to enter; and the Bunko will also be \$5 per person.

To register call Adele Paul at



RYAN TEALL

Dixie Youth Baseball board needs members

We encourage everyone to participate in this organization to create a strong program that will directly benefit children in our community. The following positions need to be filled and are very important for the success of our program: president; AAA vice president; Ozone vice president; secretary; equipment manager; and concession manager.

The league returns three officers. The board meeting will be at 3 p.m. ET Sunday, Oct. 13 at the STAC House on Eighth Street in Port St. Joe.

If you have any questions or would like to participate and cannot attend the meeting, please contact Bobby at 527-3707 or Carly at 481-6631 or Carly. Pickels@gmail.com.

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Ghosts on the Coast to haunt Reid Avenue

By WES LOCHER
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A classic Port St. Joe Halloween spooktacular is on the horizon.

This year will mark the 13th anniversary of the Ghosts on the Coast celebration, which takes place on Oct. 31 all along Reid Avenue in Port St. Joe.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. ET at City Commons Park with a scary costume contest. The contest is open to kids, adults, families and pets. Prizes will include gift cards from local merchants.

During the costume contest, a fish fry to benefit the Gulf County Public Library will serve up fresh mullet.

Once the contest is complete, live music acts will be stationed on each end of Reid Avenue.

Freddie D and Lola will perform near Hannon Insurance while the Boyer Band will perform in the City Commons gazebo.

Police sirens will give the go-ahead for eager trick-or-treaters to grab a bag and fill up on candy goodies from the businesses.

"Street games" will be set up down the middle of Reid Avenue that will encourage kids to take a break from their sugar-induced dashing and enjoy some family-friendly activities.

"We want to slow kids down a little and engage them more," said Chamber of Commerce director Paula Pickett, who organized this year's event. "We're amping it up this year and making it fun for the entire family."

Fall festivities will include hay bale bowling, ring toss and a cake walk, and Panama City storyteller Pat Nease will be on hand to share a round of scary stories.

The cake walk is a fundraiser for the Merchant's Association to purchase Christmas lights for the trees along Reid, and a surplus of 5,000 glow sticks left over from the Centennial Celebration in July will allow kids to build an interactive art installation.

"We're likening it to a family-friendly Bourbon Street atmosphere," Pickett said.

Area businesses and churches not directly on Reid won't be left out and will have pavilions along the street so they can pass out candy. Restaurants along the street will be open and ready to feed hungry revelers.

Pickett said there was a "major need" for candy donations from the community. Bags can be dropped off at any Reid-based business or at the Chamber for distribution. Donations from the private sector will ensure kids get sufficiently sugar-buzzed and businesses don't have to come out of pocket. The chamber can be reached at 227-1223.

"Ghosts on the Coast takes a lot of effort to put on, and the community always steps up to the plate," Pickett said.

Strung along

Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theater visits PSJ Elementary

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Students at Port St. Joe Elementary might have told their parents this week their school was invaded by goats, trolls and puppets.

Those weren't Halloween decorations, but rather the Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre's musical adaptation of the classic Norwegian folktale the Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Bits 'N Pieces, a not-for-profit organization from Dover, doesn't do typical puppet shows. Instead of socks and hands colliding for the sake of entertainment, the troupe uses 9-foot-tall homemade puppets and changing sets for its musical shows.

The Monday morning presentation was brought to the school through grants from the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The grant was for underserved counties, eligible for those who don't have full-scale art and music programs. The grant provided two-thirds of the money to bring an approved company to the school, and a second grant from the Target Corporation was used to cover the remaining amount.

"Structured art is not in our general curriculum," Guidance



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Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre players treat Port St. Joe Elementary students to a musical version of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. The troupe, which uses 9-foot-tall homemade puppets, was brought to the school with a culture and diversity grant.

Counselor DeEtta Smallwood said. "This is an opportunity to let kids be exposed to cultural activities."

Through their Arts in Education programs the Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre players are dedicated to influencing children through positivity.

Each play contains its own

unique life lesson and morals. Through the performance of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, Bits 'N Pieces reinforced the message that kids can do anything, even when there are obstacles in the way.

Bits 'N Pieces artistic director and actress Holli Rubin makes the puppets and after the goats had

successfully outsmarted the troll and crossed the bridge showed the students how the gigantic puppets worked and encouraged them to try to build their own puppets with bits and pieces that they have at home.

"We're limited on cultural exposure, but the students were very engaged," Smallwood said.



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

1) Who were the wisecracking robots on "Mystery Science

Theater 3000"?
Buck/Bucko, Crow/Servo, Salt/Sally, Jake/Snake

2) What was the first hotel built on the now famous Las Vegas strip?

Aladdin, Ritz, Sands, Flamingo

3) Which dog was originally bred in England to catch rabbits?

Pit Bull, English Setter, Beagle, Dalmatian

4) What's a rugged waterproof fuse used to light fireworks?

Brocade, Salute, Visco, Willow

5) From surveys what's the most popular response to name a sport that's graceful?

Ice skating, Golf, Gymnastics, Swimming

6) The average fashion model weighs what percentage less than the typical American woman?

7%, 11%, 23%, 32%

7) Which Shakespearean play introduced, "It's all

Greek to me"?
Othello, Julius Caesar, The Tempest, King Lear

8) What's the poke in the saying "a pig in a poke"?

Bag, Cornfield, Mud bed, Frying pan

9) Of these which has a town named Difficult?

Indiana, Oregon, Tennessee, Wisconsin

10) Generally speaking if you divide your weight by 3, you'll find out how much what weighs?

Head, Arms, Legs, Organs

11) Of these which did Alexander the Great introduce to Europe?

Dog fighting, Eggplant, Silverware, Pears

12) From surveys what's the most popular response to name a word containing "play"?

Playboy, Playdoh, Playground, Playtime

13) What year marked the births of Bob Hope, John

Dillinger, and Red Grange?
1900, 1903, 1906, 1909

14) In Italy who's known as "Mr. Kiss-Kiss-Bang-Bang"?

Simon Cowell, James Bond, Harry Potter, Owen Wilson

ANSWERS

1) Crow/Servo. 2) Flamingo. 3) Beagle. 4) Visco. 5) Gymnastics. 6) 23%. 7) Julius Caesar. 8) Bag. 9) Tennessee. 10) Legs. 11) Eggplant. 12) Playground. 13) 1903. 14) James Bond.

Tips on growing strawberries in the home garden

Strawberries can be grown in home gardens throughout the state. Temperatures between 50 to 80° F (10 and 27°C) and day lengths 14 hours or fewer are required for the development of flowers and fruit on most strawberry varieties. In the U.S. these conditions occur only for a short period in late summer or fall, and again briefly in spring. In our area, however, this combination of day length and temperature exists for much of the fall, winter and spring. Single-crown (stem) strawberry plants are planted in Florida during the fall, from late September to early November. Flowering and fruit production generally begins in November and continues into April or May. Fruit production over this period is not constant,

but occurs in two or three cycles, and can be interrupted by freezing weather. Because the highest quality fruit are produced on relatively young plants with not more than four or five branched crowns, plants are usually tilled under at the end of the fruiting season, and new plants are planted the following fall. Currently, we suggest three varieties for the Florida home garden: Camarosa, Sweet Charlie, and Festival, all three varieties produce attractive, flavorful berries suitable for eating fresh or for freezing. Camarosa has been the most productive variety in North Florida, while Festival has been



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

the most productive variety in Central Florida. These varieties are capable of producing 1 to 2 pints of fruit per plant over the season. Strawberries grow best in a location receiving at least 8 hours of direct sunlight per day. If a full sun location is not available, try to choose a spot that is sunny during the morning and early afternoon. The soil should be well drained and slightly acidic (pH 5.5 to 6.5). IFAS specialist recommends planting strawberries on raised bed which are two feet wide and spaced two feet apart. The beds should be mounded so they're six inches high along the edges and about eight inches high in

the middle. In preparing the beds you begin with fertilization. For a ten-by-ten foot strawberry patch, broadcast about two-and-a-half pounds of 8-8-8 fertilizer and till it into the soil. Then from the beds and apply another two-and-a-half pounds of fertilizer this time in a narrow band about six inches deep down the middle of the beds. If you're just starting to grow strawberries you should also include a complete mixture of minor elements in the first season fertilizer application. When the bed is properly formed, fertilized and moistened, cover with a sheet of landscaping mesh fabric which will block weeds and allow water to penetrate. The, cut slits in the fabric where the plants will be

inserted. Plants should be set in double rows, one row on each side of the bed about six inches from the edge. Plants should be spaced 12 inches apart in the row. Be sure that no plants are set directly over the fertilizer band down the middle of the bed because this can lead to salt burn. Be sure to use certified, disease-free plants. Keep them moist before planting and plant in moist soil. Spread the roots in a fan shape, set the plant at the correct depth in the soil, and pack the soil firmly around the roots. For more information on growing strawberries contact the Gulf County Extension Service @ 639-3200 or visit our website: <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu> or [www.http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu) and see Circular HS 1154.

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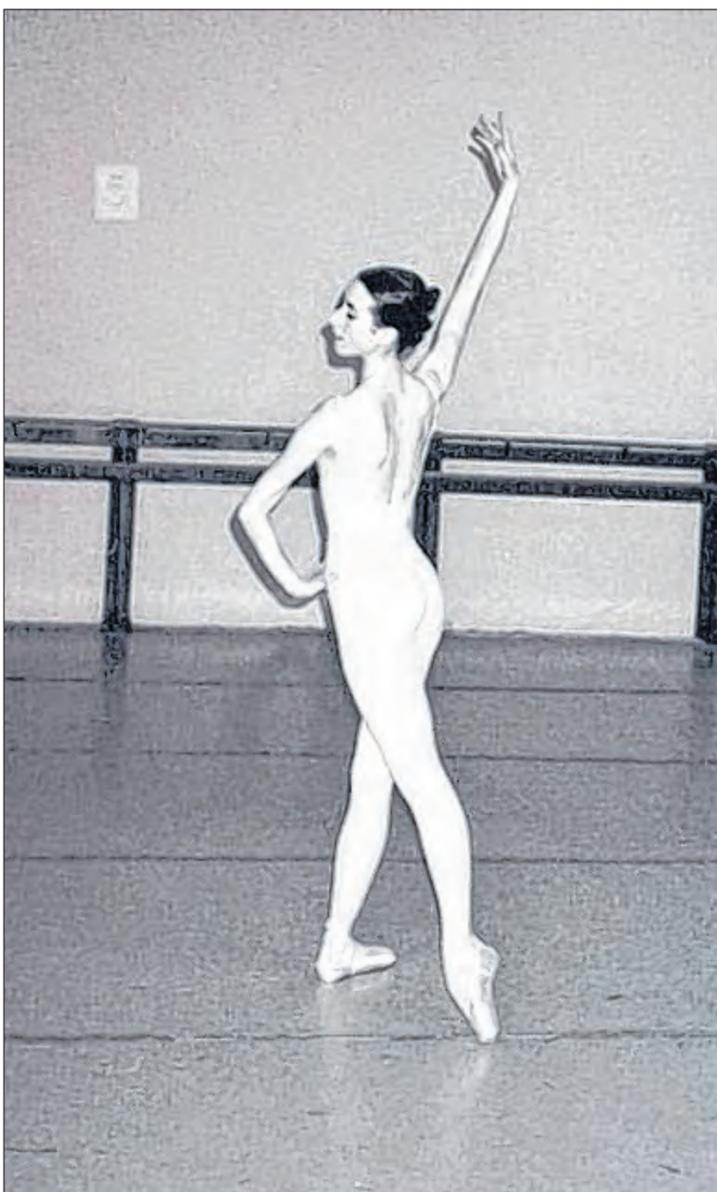
Emerald Dance Academy in Port St. Joe has launched a new ballet class specifically aimed at the adult dancer. The classes take place Saturday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. ET at the studio at 317 Williams Avenue and are open to adults with all levels of experience — from beginner to advanced.

The classes are a great workout — with movements utilizing body weight as resistance and building long and lean muscles. Practice begins with small exercises of the feet, legs and torso at the barre and continues in the center with stretching, jumps and turns all set to classical piano music.

Class instructor, Erin Payner, is a former semi-professional ballet dancer who has trained with such notable companies as the American Ballet Theater in NYC, and the Boston and San Francisco Ballets and performed as a guest artist in numerous classical ballets such as the Nutcracker and Don Quixote. Additionally, in 1998 she represented the US in what is often referred to as the "Olympics of Ballet" — the International Ballet Competition — and has over 10 years of teaching experience.

Erin and her husband Major Joseph Payner relocated to the Port St. Joe area last fall from Atlanta. Classes are \$10 each and to keep this cost low, Erin is teaching on a volunteer-basis as a service to the Port St. Joe community.

Emerald Dance Academy is a premier dance studio with excellent dance facilities including sprung marley flooring and an experienced and caring faculty offering classes in ballet, tumbling, lyrical, hip-hop, jazz and tap. The performing company regularly competes across the Southern US in national competitions and has won many awards. Be on the lookout for dancers around town over the



next few weeks at Saturday soccer games and bake sales, fundraising for their upcoming trip to a dance convention for advanced training and performing opportunities. The

dancers very much appreciate your support. Visit Emerald Dance Academy on Facebook or contact owner Barbie Sabins at 229-1413 for more details.

Wheeling around with Rotary

Special to The Star

On Oct. 17, Marsha Lindeman from the Gulf County Health System will be our guest and speaker. A discussion about the effects of Obamacare and lack of state and federal funding for the local healthcare system will be the topic. If you are interested in hearing Marsha speak, please contact

Sunset Coastal Grill at 227-7900 to reserve a seat at lunchtime.

The PSJ Rotary Club meets at noon on Thursday at Sunset Coastal Grill.

If you are interested in more information regarding service projects or membership, please contact Patti Blaylock at 227-7900 or Father Tommy Dwyer at 227-1845.

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 juice, canned tuna & chicken, soup or vegetables. Small inexpensive bingo prizes are always needed for our clients that love to play bingo several times a week. Also needed

are donations of items for arts and crafts.

We provide a hot nutritious noon meal Monday through Friday to seniors 60 and over. Transportation may be available to our meal sites. Anyone interested in coming to our sites in Port St. Joe or Wewahitchka for meals and activities or who would like to donate any of the items noted above may call Debbie at 229-8466.

Salvation Army Christmas program schedule

Star Staff Report

The Food and Toys Assistance Program through the Salvation Army has announced its schedule for applications and distribution of gifts to the community.

Application will be taken 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. ET on Monday, Oct. 21 in Port St. Joe at the STAC House located on 610 Eighth Street.

In Wewahitchka, applications will be taken 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. CT Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Gulf County Public Library lo-

cated at 314 N. 2nd Street.

All applicants must bring all identification cards for family members and copies of bills and proof of income. Senior citizens and adults single and married may apply.

All applicants must meet income guidelines.

Distribution of gifts in Port St. Joe will take place 2-5 p.m. ET Dec. 17 at the STAC House.

Distribution of gifts in Wewahitchka will be 9 a.m. until 12 noon CT Dec. 17 at the Gulf County Public Library.

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



Meet Denise, a 40lb 2yr Terrier/Mix. She walks very well on her leash and will sit with some treat encouragement. Denise is very attentive and willing to learn. She loves to play, kid friendly and looks forward to visitors. Denise is looking for a safe, forever home where she will have the love she deserves. This great dog likes the company of other dogs and even tolerates cats. Denise qualifies for a Pets for Patriots assisted adoption.

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

Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm!

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

If you are missing a pet or want to adopt a new pet, please check with your local Humane Society or Shelter. Follow us on Facebook: St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

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The value of music education



The Lion's Tale

By JANICE EVANS
Special to The Star

Although everyone is not given the opportunity to have formal music lessons, they in some way are touched daily by music. Music comes to us in many forms: instruments, the voice, the rhythm of the rain, a bouncing ball, and clapping hands.

Each sound presents its own rhythm.

Children learn new information by adapting it to a familiar song. Toddlers learn to sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and later learn the alphabet by singing the same tune. Formal music lesson,

whether individually or in the classroom, teach many other concepts. Music includes math skills, hand-eye coordination, language skills, reasoning and reading skills, and develops memory.

Learning to play an instrument helps a person to think creatively and solve problems. Music teaches discipline and requires focus. Hard work and perseverance are rewarded by an excellent performance. The excellent performance, in turn, brings about confidence and builds self-esteem. Performances also help the student to conquer fear and take risks.

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control for the reason that everyone must play the same rhythm in order to bring synchronization and a pleasing sound to the listening ear.

Music education is taught at Faith Christian School. Students in grades K3 through six are learning

life skills through music that are beneficial regardless of the career path each student chooses. The FCS staff believes that music theory is priceless.

Call 229-6707 for more information about enrolling your little musician at Faith Christian School today!

Special to The Star

Friday, Oct. 11, will be a big day on the campus of Faith Christian School. There will be trucks

galore! The show begins at 9 a.m. ET and will include the PSJ City Police Dept., PSJ Fire Dept., Gulf County Sheriff's Dept., Florida Highway Patrol,

Division of Forestry and EMS Services. Students and parents will enjoy learning about the jobs, equipment, of each department, and learn

some safety tips too. This will be an exciting event and FCS is thankful to all of these departments for helping to keep our children safe.



Special to The Star

Tiger Shark Football: This is an Open Week for our Tiger Sharks, coming off a Homecoming victory over Franklin County. Our gridders next take the field against FAMU High on at 7 p.m. ET Thursday, Oct. 17 in Tallahassee. The JV's are pitted against host Riversprings in at 7 p.m. ET on Oct. 15. GO SHARKS

Tiger Shark Volleyball: The Lady Tiger Sharks are home next week with matches against Rutherford on Tuesday the 15th and the Dig Pink Game supporting Breast Cancer Research on Thursday the 17th. Both matches start with the JV's at 6 p.m. ET. GO SHARKS : Beat Breast Cancer

Cross Country: Scheduled for a District Meet at Altha on Tuesday the 15th at 4:00 PM. GO SHARKS

Port St Joe Homecoming: Congratulations to all who made this year's Homecoming a rousing success. The SGA and sponsors did a marvelous job making this past weekend a truly memorable time. Congratulations to Homecoming Queen

Lexie McGhee and her Court including Shatiara Zaccaro, Dantasia Welch, Maya Robbins, Katerina Nelson, Cailyn LaPlante, Christian Laine, Anna Haynes, Lauren Costin, Amy Butler and Kristen Burkett. Congratulations also to the Senior Class for their winning float. "They built a Time Machine out of a Sunbird?" Hello McFly!

Junior Class News: Help support the Junior Class and their efforts to raise money for this year's prom by visiting the concession stand at every JV and Varsity home game.

Port St Joe Soccer: Girls soccer started practice this week with the boys starting on Oct. 14. The season kicks off with the Girls Jamboree at home on Saturday, Oct. 27. GO SHARKS

End of Quarter Early Dismissal and Report Cards: Friday, Oct. 11 is the end of the 1st Quarter. Students will be released from school at 12 p.m. Lunch will be served in the Main Cafeteria Line. The Shark Hole will be closed. Report Cards will be distributed by 7th period teachers on Friday, Oct. 25.

Fall Break: Gulf County Schools will be closed for Fall Break on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21-22. Classes will resume on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

DAZZLING DOLPHINS

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The first grade classes of Wewahitchka Elementary School participated in an afternoon of Johnny Appleseed Relays on Sept. 27. The event was formed around apple relays as students raced to the finish line competing in team events. This was a fun and exciting afternoon for the students, as one student mentioned, "This was the best day ever!"

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Wrongful imprisonment explored at Lifetree Café

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The consequences of being too quick to judge will be examined at 7 p.m. CT Monday at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "Wrongly Accused: A Rush to Judgment Destroys a Life," features an exclusive filmed interview with Tim Masters, who spent 10 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit.

Masters tells how he was targeted as a suspect, how the justice system failed him and what it was like to serve a life sentence as an innocent man.

"I was a law-abiding citizen. I gave up eight

years of my life serving this country in the Navy. But there I was, locked up for something I didn't do, and people would shoot me if I tried to leave," Masters said.

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

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwlifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

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Do you criticize other Christians, yet do the same things too? Do you think this will draw us together in peace, by doing the things they do? It's very doubtful but it's done somewhere every day. To promote peace within, we have to live a different way. Like when we want to speak our mind, first, take a little time to pray.

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WOMEN AND MEN'S DAY
New Bethel Baptist Church will host a women and men's day on Oct. 20.

Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. ET with a morning worship service to follow at 11:30 a.m. ET.

Elder Donald Nickson will be the guest speaker, and everyone is invited to come and live up the colors; royal blue, silver and white in the name of Jesus Christ.

REVIVAL FOR SURVIVAL 2013

New Bethel A.M.E. Church, 146 Ave. C in Port St. Joe, will hold a Revival for Survival 2013 at 7 p.m. ET nightly Oct. 23-25.

Guest Evangelist will be Bishop Lonnie Mitchell from New Beginnings Assembly of Saints in Panama City.

Psalms 138:7-8 (Amplified Bible):
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me. The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy and loving kindness, O Lord, endure forever - forsake not the works of Your own hands.

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Obituaries

Billie Jean Snellgrove

Billie Jean Snellgrove, 69, of Panama City, passed away Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013. Ms. Snellgrove's wishes were to be cremated and

a graveside service will be held at a later date. Wilson Funeral Home, Panama City, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Glynn K. Stitt

Glynn K. Stitt of White City passed away accidentally at home on Oct. 4.

Glynn leaves behind a loving husband, Derrick B. Stitt of 38 years, the two being sweethearts since their teens. Glynn leaves behind two brothers, one from Panama City, the other from Jacksonville, and two sisters, one from Port St.

Joe, the other from Texas. Comforter Funeral Home in Port St. Joe will be in charge of the arrangements. Viewing will be held on Friday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon ET at Hope Family Worship Center at 201 Garrison Ave.

Interment will be at Pine Memorial Cemetery off of Highway 71, Blountstown at 2 p.m. ET.

Cora Lee Ayers

Cora Lee Ayers was born in Beartown, W. Va., on Nov. 19, 1921. She moved to Mexico Beach in 1959 with her family. She passed away on Oct. 4, 2013, at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by her husband, John D. Ayers, Jr., and her daughter, Shirley A. Brogdon.

She is survived by her three children, Ella Parson, John Ayers III and Bonnie Keigans, all from the Port St. Joe area. She lived to see and enjoy 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and nine

great-great-grandchildren. She was a great mother and grandmother.

She will always be remembered for homemade quilts, biscuits and gravy and her applesauce cake with peanut butter icing. No one will forget her love of coffee and family. She will forever be loved and missed.

Funeral services were at 4 p.m. ET at Holly Hill Cemetery on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013.

Services were under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home.

Randall Dean Everett



RANDALL DEAN EVERETT

Randy Everett passed away on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, at the age of 62, after a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, companion and soul mate of 32 years, Barbie.

After graduating from Leon High School in 1969, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Upon completing his service, he spent time touring the United States on his "chopper" before returning to Tallahassee to attend and graduate from Florida State University.

After retiring from the United States Post Office, Randy continued his love for education by becoming a Master Gardner, a substitute teacher and caregiver for his brother Jimmy Everett in his fight against ALS. Randy's spirit in his fight against cancer did little to affect his positive approach to life. Always optimistic and caring, he never gave up his fight until the end. He died the way he lived, with dignity and grace. The things he enjoyed most were his friends, nature and family. He so enjoyed

the fellowship of his comrades, from watching his beloved Florida State Seminoles to supporting local music in Tallahassee, Indian Pass and Port St. Joe, and he always did so

in the company of his friends. In nature, he was passionate about the environment and its safe keeping. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially the waters of Cape San Blas and St. Joe Bay where he spent his life scalloping, spear fishing mullet, and enjoying a life that can only be provided by the sea. Above all else, he loved his wife. Rarely would you see Randy without Barbie. They were inseparable, sharing the kind of partnership that clearly passed the test of time.

In addition to his wife, Randy is survived by his stepson Nicholas Maxwell; granddaughter, Reagan Ella Maxwell, the love of his life, who affectionately called him Randaddy; his mother, Virginia Everett, Havana; sister Geni Everett, sister-in-law Sondra Everett, mother-in-law, Patt Jones, all of Tallahassee; sister,

Nancy Everett Boettcher, Lilburn, Ga.; brother, John Everett, Jackson, Ga.; sister-in-law, Janet Jones Rogers, Mount Dora, Fla.; brother-in-law, Scott Jones, Ocoee, Fla.. He also leaves many cherished memories to his nieces, nephews and lifelong friends from Tallahassee and Cape San Blas who participated in his journey to fight cancer. Randy was predeceased by his father, Peter Everett; his brother, Jimmy Everett; and his niece, Jennifer Brown.

Friends will be received on Thursday, October 10, 2013, at the home of Kenny and Erin Ayers, 6040 Pickwick Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32309, from 4-7 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at a later date, one in Tallahassee, Florida, and one at The Raw Bar in Indian Pass, Fla.

His ashes will be released into nature and the estuary that he so compassionately loved.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308. Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Sister Gillie Lee McNair desires to extend their sincere appreciation to friends, neighbors (near and far), and New Bethel A.M.E. Church for various acts of kindness shown to the family. We pray God's rich blessings upon you ALL.

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Members of the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School Homecoming Court include, from top, Katerina Nelson, Cailyn LaPlante, Anna Haynes, Lexie McGhee and Christian Laine. **Below**, from top, Lauren Costin, Amy Butler, Maya Robbins, Kristen Burkett, Shatiara Zaccaro and Dantasia Welch.

Homecoming honors



At left, Lexie McGhee was crowned Homecoming Queen for 2013. **At right**, homecoming royalty in Wewahitchka were King Seth Godwin and Queen Chelsea Cook. **At top**, the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School Homecoming Court and their escorts smile for the camera.

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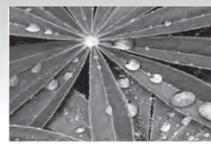


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The Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School court senior representatives were Hunter Bailey, Jakob Bidwell, Braden Buckalew, Caitlin Burch, Morgan Fisher, Abriale Kemp, Issac Madrid, Josh Mayer, Nicole Morrill and Chandler Vines. Junior representatives were Rashard Ranie and McKenna Waters. Sophomore representatives were Hunter Hysmith and Tara Walding. Freshmen representatives were Alexis Brinkmeier and Adam Strange.

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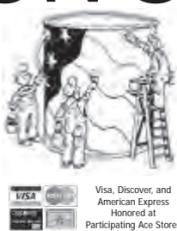


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Acute stress is related to a shocking, terrifying, or traumatic event. Acute stress is most frequently unavoidable. Sudden illness, accidents or frightening events are all examples of what creates stress or shock. Each event has its own negative impact and may ruin your day; although once the illness is treated, or the event is past, the stressful effect lessens immediately, fading completely in a relatively short period of time.

Chronic stress is a state of prolonged tension from internal or external stressors, which might cause various physical manifestations. Chronic stress is an on-going negative event, physical or environmental occurrence that causes a negative impact on the mental or physical well-being of the recipient. Examples of chronic stress can be a difficult job, a rocky relationship, a chronic illness.

Chronic stress takes a more significant toll on your body than acute stress does. It can raise blood pressure, increase the risk of heart attack and stroke, increase vulnerability to anxiety and depression, contribute to infertility, and hasten the aging process. For example, results of one study from 2006 published in the Journal of Behavioral Medicine, demonstrated that "individuals

who reported relationship conflict lasting one month or longer have a greater risk of developing illness and show slower wound healing. Similarly, the effects that acute stressors have on the immune system may be increased when there is perceived stress and/or anxiety due to other events. For example, students who are taking exams show weaker immune responses if they also report stress due to daily hassles." Chronic stress can affect growth and development of children, wound healing, hormone and immune responses, as well as psychosocial well-being.

Stress management is defined as any event or activity that a person participates in as an attempt to reduce the mental or physical effects of stress. There are workshops, training events, classes, online courses and a library of articles that all claim to be the cure for stress. As you can see, there is no "one size fits all" cure for stress. What causes stress for someone else may not be so stressful for you. Some rules that will help, no matter what the cause of the stress is, include learning when to say "no", and setting limits and sticking with them both at home and on the job. Find ways to keep your chronic conditions, such as blood pressure or blood sugar, under control, and make time to take care of yourself. Listening to music, reading a book, a walk by the water or in the woods or a hobby are all ways of relieving stress. Find one that works for you, and enjoy!

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GCSO BRIEFS

From staff reports

Woman arrested for allegedly stealing from Thrift Hut

A Panama City woman was arrested last week by the Gulf County Sheriff's Office on allegations of stealing from the St. Joseph Humane Society's Faith's Thrift Hut.



CAROLYN EVANS

Carolyn Evon Evans, 55, turned herself into authorities last Friday. Investigators received a report regarding the theft of donated goods from the facility located on 10th Street in Port St. Joe.

Faith's Thrift Hut helps raise funds for the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society. Surveillance equipment captured a white female, identified as Evans, stealing a flower pot from the donation drop area outside of the business. Investigators located Evans at her home in Bay County and recovered the flower pot.

Evans admitted stealing donated goods from Faith's Thrift Hut and told investigators she has been taking items from businesses with after-hour donation drops for quite some time.

Evans turned herself into authorities on a charge of theft and was released the following day on her own recognizance.

were captured on a surveillance camera of a vehicle.

The passenger was positively identified as Art Lanier. Investigators conducted an interview with Lanier and he confessed to the burglary and identified his accomplice as Brogdon.

Lanier was arrested and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Investigators obtained a search warrant for Brogdon's residence and were able to recover most of the stolen property.

Prior to executing the search warrant Brogdon fled the area. Investigators obtained an arrest warrant for Brogdon and he was apprehended the following day.

Brogdon was interviewed by investigators and confessed to the burglary.

Brogdon is being held on a \$5,000 bond. Lanier is being held without bond.

Man arrested for theft charges after 9-1-1 call

A man with an active Bay County warrant was arrested on theft charges after a 9-1-1 caller alerted authorities to a theft from a residence on State 71 in Wewahitchka.



NICHOLAS PRICE

Nicholas Andrew Pierce, 35, was arrested Sept. 28 after the Gulf County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call in reference to a person stealing items from a residence.

The caller was able to provide a detailed description of the vehicle and its occupant, which led Deputy Paul Williams to Pierce.

During the investigation Pierce provided a false name and date of birth when asked to identify himself. It was later determined Pierce had an active warrant out of Bay County.

He was placed under arrest for the out-of-county warrant and providing false information to a law enforcement officer.

As the investigation continued, Williams located the stolen property from the residence abandoned in a wooded area.

Approximately \$4,500 of stolen property was recovered, including two small boat motors. More charges are pending.



ELLIS BROGDON



ARTHUR LANIER

Wewahitchka men arrested on daytime burglary charges

Two Wewahitchka men were arrested last week on burglary charges.

Ellis Doyle Brogdon Jr., 48, and Arthur Lanier, 20 were arrested on one count of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling.

Investigators began a residential burglary investigation Oct. 1 and during the course of the investigation images

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Costin, Sr. Blvd, Port St. Joe, FL 32456, on October 24, 2013, the following described property:</p> <p>LOT 15, BLOCK 6, LAKE ALICE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, TRADE NAME- ANNIVERSARY, MODEL YEAR 2005, MODEL NO. 6763 AND MANUFACTURER'S ID NO. GAFL407A53417AV31.</p> <p>Property Address: 237 RHODES AVE, WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32465, Gulf</p> <p>ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Dated: September 30, 2013.</p> <p>Rebecca Norris Clerk of Court</p> <p>By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Attorneys for Plaintiff Marinosci Law Group, P.C.</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>PC. 100 W. Cypress Rd, Suite 1045 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 Phone: (954)644-8704 Fax: (954)772-9601 ServiceFL@mlg-default-law.com ServiceFL2@mlg-default-law.com File No. 11-09236 October 10, 17, 2013</p> <p>95597S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 232012CA 000188CAAXMX</p> <p>NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>RICHARD D. BARFIELD ET AL Defendant(s).</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>To: Estate of Robert L. Holland and Unknown Heirs and/or Beneficiaries of the Estate of Robert L. Holland RESIDENCE: Unknown</p> <p>LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 447 Pineview Drive</p> <p>DATED: September 17, 2013.</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>Wewahitchka, FL 32465</p> <p>YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Gulf County, Florida:</p> <p>Lot 8, in Block "A", of Circle "J" Estates, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, at Page 10, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.</p> <p>has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Gladstone Law Group, P.A., attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 1499 W. Palmetto Park Road, Suite 300, Boca Raton, FL 33486, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before, either before October 28, 2013 or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.</p> <p>DATED: September 17, 2013.</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>Rebecca Norris Clerk of Circuit Court</p> <p>By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk of Court</p> <p>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 ADA Coordinator at 850-747-5338, fax 850-747-5717 or at ADA Request@jud14.flcourts.org, P O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 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.</p> <p>October 3, 10, 2013</p> <p>95599S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 1300064CAAXMX</p> <p>AMBERS BANK, A GEORGIA BANK, f/k/a</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>CENTRAL BANK OF GEORGIA, 97 South Broad Street Butler, GA 31006 Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>THE ESTATE OF JOHN CLAY SIMPSON, DECEASED; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF WILLIAM A. SIMPSON, DECEASED.</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF WILLIAM A. SIMPSON, DECEASED,</p> <p>YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:</p> <p>LOTS TWO AND SIX, BLOCK FOUR, BEACON HILL AC, SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2 OF</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THE 1983 MOBILE HOME WITH TITLE NUMBERS S/N HMST7309AGA AND S/N HMST309BGA LOCATED THEREON.</p> <p>Commonly known as: 9211 OLIVE AVENUE, PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA 32458</p> <p>You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Timothy D. Padgett, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, Florida 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.</p> <p>Dated this 17th day of September 2013.</p> <p>Rebecca Norris CLERK OF COURT</p> <p>By: BA Baxter</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Attorney for Plaintiff Timothy D. Padgett, PA. 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203 Tallahassee, FL 32313 Phone: (850) 422-2520 Fax: (850) 422-2567 October 3, 10, 2013</p> <p>95671S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA CASE NO.: 13-25-CA</p> <p>CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>NATHAN PETERS, III and CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA Defendants.</p> <p>CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45</p> <p>NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Partial Summary Judgment of Foreclosure and Order on Report and Recommendation on Motion for Partial</p>
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Summary Judgment dated September 26, 2013, in Case No.: 13-25-CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 a.m. EST on October 24, 2013 the following described property:

Lots 14, 16, 18 and West 1/2 of Lot 20, Block 1005, City of Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida.

DATED: September 27, 2013

REBECCA L. NORRIS, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FL

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
October 3, 10, 2013

95673S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 13-86-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES E. NORRED, Defendant.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered September 24, 2013, in the above-styled cause, the Clerk of Court for Gulf County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder at the Gulf County Courthouse Lobby, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, on October 24, 2013, at 11:00 AM, EST the following described property:

Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block A of Chipola Landing, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 60, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as Lots 5, 6 & 7, Block A, of Chipola Landing Subdivision, Wewahatchka, Florida 32465. Parcel ID Number 01041-125R; Parcel ID Number 01041-130R; and Parcel ID Number 01041-135R

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 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 or email ADARequest@jud4.flcourts.org.

Dated: September 27, 2013.

Rebecca Norris
As Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter
As Deputy Clerk
October 10, 24, 2013

95679S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY
CASE NO.: 13-62-CA

TYNDALL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Plaintiff,

vs.

BILLY ELLIS FORRESTER and MARION W. FORRESTER, A/K/A MARION FORRESTER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, entered in this cause, the Clerk of this Court shall sell the property at public sale at 11:00 A.M., Eastern Time, on the 7th day of November, 2013 at the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, the following described real property lying and being in Gulf County, Florida, to-wit:

EXHIBIT "A"

LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 7, DOUGLAS LANDING UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 25, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ALONG WITH A 1988

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MOBILE HOME ID# PSHG3679 WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO SAID PROPERTY.

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.

This Notice dated this 27th day of September, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FL

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
October 10, 17, 2013

95689S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 08-505-CA

AMERIS BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARILYN THEUS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment entered in the above-styled cause on the 20th day of April, 2009, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 24th day of October, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), at the courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard in Gulf County in Port St. Joe, Florida the following described real property and personal property situated in Gulf County, Florida, and set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Real Property: LOTS THREE (3), FOUR (4), AND FIVE (5), BLOCK C, FOREHAND'S SECOND ADDITION ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 50.

Personal Property: That certain 2004 single wide mobile home located on said property having identification Number CJ83306GAJFBF0146 and Title Number 91134281.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Court, on this 30th day of September, 2013.

Rebecca Norris
Clerk of Court
Gulf County, Florida

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
October 10, 17, 2013

95707S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY
CASE NO.: 2013-33CA

EMERALD COAST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES G. NORRIS, a/k/a JAMES G. NORRIS, SR., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 24, 2013 and entered in Civil Case No. 2013-33-CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for GULF County, wherein EMERALD COAST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, is Plaintiff and JAMES G. NORRIS, a/k/a JAMES G. NORRIS, SR., is Defendant, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., ET on the 24th day of October, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment.

Lot Seventeen (17) of Jonesville Subdivision of the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 19, T8S, R10W, as per official plat on file in Plat Book 1 at Page 57, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

DATED this 30th day of September, 2013.

REBECCA NORRIS
Circuit Court Clerk

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
October 10, 17, 2013

95715S
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL, CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 23-2012-CA-000068
Division

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,

vs.

MARTHA J. TIDWELL, JAMES P. TIDWELL, AND UNKNOWN TEN-

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ANTS/ OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on August 7, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida described as:

LOT 1, SAWMILL ESTATES UNIT NO. 1, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 108 CHARLIE GASKIN DRIVE, FL 32465; including the building appurtenance and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales held in front lobby of courthouse, on October 24, 2013 at 11:00am ET.

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 30th day of September, 2013.

Rebecca L. Norris
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
October 10, 17, 2013

**95799S
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Gulf County Enterprise Zone Development Agency will meet Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 12:00 noon, E.T., 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., of the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex in Room 307.

The public is welcome to attend.
October 10, 2013

**95801S
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS**
BID NO. 1314-01

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will receive bids from any person, company or corporation interested in providing the following:

Uniforms and cleaning of same for the Public Works Department

Specifications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office in the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456. Interested parties should contact Lynn Lanier for additional information at (850) 229-6106.

Please indicate on the envelope YOUR COMPANY NAME, that this is a SEALED BID and include the BID NUMBER.

Proposals must be submitted to the Gulf County Clerk's Office at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456, by 4:30 p.m., E.T., on Friday, October 25, 2013. Bids will be opened at this location on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., E.T.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: TYNALIN SMILEY
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: REBECCA NORRIS, CLERK
October 10, 17, 2013

**95811S
PUBLIC NOTICE**

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS
RFP 2013-09

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe Phase II Water Bores will be received at City Hall, 905 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 4:00 PM EST, Friday October 25, 2013. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday October 25, 2013, at 4:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and bid number for "Phase II Water Bores".

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The City of Port St. Joe is accepting bids for underground bore work as part of our Phase II water line project. The work shall consist of six (6) inch, three (3) inch and one (1) inch bores. A complete bid package is available at www.cityofportstjoe.com

For questions concerning this project, please contact John Grantland at 850-229-8247.

The City of Port St. Joe reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Statements of Bids in whole or in part, to waive informalities in the process, to obtain new Statements of Bids, or to postpone the opening pursuant

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to the City's purchasing policies. Each Statement of Bid shall be valid to the City of Port St. Joe for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening.

The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer
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**95821S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 1381
Application No. 2013-39
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
R.E. No: 05793-000R

Description of Property:

Lot Ten (10), Block 1006, according to the Official map of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, as the same appears on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida. Being same property filed for record in Gulf County, October, 1959, 1:42 PM, in Deed Book No. 36, Page No. 179, in Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed:
Billy Charles Quinn

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 2013. Dated this 8th day of October, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
Oct10, 17, 24, 31, 2013

**95823S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 100
Application No. 2013-38
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
R.E. No: 00517-002R

Description of Property: COMMENCE at the NW Corner of Original Government Lot 4, Section 16, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, and extend a line southerly along the western boundary of said Lot 4, for 420.3 feet; then turn 64 Degrees 21 Minutes left for 793.36 feet; then turn 67 Degrees 28 Minutes right for 542.23 feet, thence turn 90 Degrees 00 Minutes left for 35 feet; thence turn South 310 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From this POINT OF BEGINNING, continue the line last above described for 75 feet; thence turn 90 Degrees 00 Minutes left for 125 feet; thence turn 90 Degrees 00 Minutes left for 75 feet; thence turn 90 Degrees 00 Minutes left for 125 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Name in which assessed:
John Whitehorse & Lori Adams (dec)

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 2013. Dated this 8th day of October, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
Oct10, 17, 24, 31, 2013

**95825S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 1319

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Application No. 2013-37
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
R.E. No: 05015-003R

Description of Property: Lot 14, Block 45, of Re-subdivision of Block 45, in Unit Number Three of Saint Joseph's Addition of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the Plat as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 34, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed:
C Q Developments, LLC

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 2013. Dated this 8th day of October, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
Oct10, 17, 24, 31, 2013

**95827S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 1514
Application No. 2013-36
Date of Issuance: May 25, 2011
R.E. No: 06319-060R

Description of Property: Lot 2, Block C, Marrie's Island Preserve, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 22 and 23, and as amended in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed:
Winston Williams

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be

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redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 2013. Dated this 8th day of October, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
Oct10, 17, 24, 31, 2013

95829S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 13-000075-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, successor in interest to Bayside Savings Bank, Plaintiffs,

vs.

ERIC B. RAMSEY and MELISSA N. RAMSEY, and The Owners Association of Southgate, Inc., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 24, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 at 11:00 a.m. EST on October 24, 2013 the following described property:

Lot 29, Southgate Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page(s) 17, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

AND

Lot 25, Block 1, Ward Ridge Subdivision Unit 1, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page(s) 3, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Dated: October 1, 2013

Becky L. Norris
Clerk of Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
October 10, 17, 2013

FURNITURE
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NEW TODAY
Cue Furniture
Start your Christmas layaway now! Pickup as late as December 23rd. New mattresses: Twin sets, \$99; Full sets, \$139; Queen sets, \$199. Quality used furniture. 1425 Hwy 71 S. Wewa. 850-639-2343 Text FL68236 to 56654

GARAGE/ YARD SALES
3230
NEW TODAY
1536 Pleasant Rest Rd. 11 miles north of Hwy 98 up Co Rd. 386. Oct. 4th & 5th Also Oct. 11th & 12th 8am (est) - ?????
Huge Yard Sale
Come one Come All, something for everyone!
No early sales. txt FL67490 to 56654

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NEW TODAY
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Legion Fence Co.
Wood Pvc Vinyl & Alumn. Fence/Deck. Free Estimate 250-8275 Text FL68179 to 56654

Creamer's Tree Service
Call Jason @ (850)832-9343

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GARAGE/ YARD SALES
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PSJ: 1018 McClelland Ave. Fri/Sat, Oct 11-12, 8:00am - until
MOVING SALE
Furniture, clothes, toys, tools and more! All must go!
Text FL68040 to 56654

NEW TODAY
St. Joe Beach 354
Ponce de Leon St. Saturday Oct. 19th 8am (est) - ?????
Large Yard Sale
2 elec. wheelchairs, lawn tractor, irg. generator, power washer, lots of jewelry, clothing, furniture and much more!
txt FL67561 to 56654

White City (PSJ)
125 Pidgeon Rd. Off of Hwy 71 at the ICW bridge. Sat., Sun, & Mon Oct. 12th, - 14th 8:30(est) - 4pm (est)
Gigantic 3 Family Yard Sale
Tools, bikes, furniture, housewares, clothes, and much much more!
txt FL67513 to 56654

4100-4130 EMPLOYMENT
4100 - Help Wanted 4130 - Employment Information

HELP WANTED 4100
Admin/Clerical
Receptionist
Needed for very busy medical practice is adding an additional position to our front office in Panama City. Ideal candidate will be fast paced, able to multitask and have a great personality to interact with our patients. Previous medical experience preferred but not required. If you are energetic, a quick learner and ready to join a great team with a company that offers competitive pay and benefits please send us your resume to: Jason Ragsdale at jragdale@eyecentersouth.net Web ID:34267903

GARAGE/ YARD SALES
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NEW TODAY
Mexico Beach 101 40th Street, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 8am central time
Tools, toys, electronics, fishing equipment, etc.
Text FL68292 to 56654

GUNS
3240
GUN SHOW
Santa Rosa County Auditorium: Milton, FL October 12th & 13th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.
(Concealed Weapons Classes- Call: 850-602-6572)
General Admission: \$6 (850) 957-4952 or (850) 261-8407 Text FL63024 to 56654

JEWELRY/ CLOTHING
3270
WE PAY CASH JUNK OR TRASH!
Jewelry, old or new, used or vintage collectibles. We come to you. Please call Monique 850-227-1668 or cell 850-254-3898

4100-4130 EMPLOYMENT
4100 - Help Wanted 4130 - Employment Information

HELP WANTED 4100
Admin/Clerical
Receptionist
Needed for very busy medical practice is

HELP WANTED
4100

RESORT VACATION PROPERTIES
Full Time Office Assistant
Do you have office experience with good customer service & computer skills? Are you attentive to detail & have good follow-up skills? Do you enjoy the challenge of working in a fast paced office & available to work weekdays & weekends? If so, stop by 123 W Gulf Beach Dr, St. George Island between 9-5 weekdays & complete an application. Great benefits. For questions, call Sandra at 850-927-7601.
Web ID#: 34268057

HELP WANTED
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Creative/Design
The News Herald is looking for a **Graphic Artist**. Candidate must have experience in InDesign/Photoshop/Quark or Illustrator (PC Platform preferred) while being open to learning new programs. The ideal candidate should have a creative eye, attention to details, organized, able to meet deadlines, have good communications/ phone skills and be able to work with minimal supervisor. Experience working in or with marketing departments is a plus.
A portfolio will be requested at the time of the interview.
The News Herald offers an excellent benefit package including vacation, sick leave, 401(k), medical, dental, vision, life insurance.
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or send resume to lgrimes@pcnh.com. EOE, Drug-free workplace
Web ID#: 34265884
Text FL65884 to 56654

HELP WANTED
4100

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CIRCULATION District Manager
The Panama City News Herald has an opening for a District Manager.
The District Manager oversees independent distributors in the delivery of newspapers to subscribers within a defined geographical area. Individuals will handle route management aspects such as audits, analysis, and contract negotiations. The ideal candidate will have a focus on customer service. High school diploma or equivalent required.
Prior newspaper experience in circulation as well as a management background is preferred. Must be able to evaluate current and prospective Independent Contractors and provide feedback and a course of action.
Basic computer skills (Excel, Word) a must. Must own and operate a motor vehicle. Must have valid Florida Drivers License, proof of car insurance, and must successfully complete a background check. Must have ability to read and understand a road map. Must be able to work a very flexible schedule.
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Accepting applications until October 14, 2013.
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Sales

The News Herald is seeking an innovative and experienced **Sales Manager**. Who will be responsible for leading and creating integrated multi-media sales strategies to drive revenue across multiple platforms. We are seeking a passionate, highly organized team player who will effectively train and motivate the sales team, using sales planners, the 5-step sales process and consistent accountability to drive their success. The Sales Manager will be creative, yet analytical.
Responsibilities:
• Meets or exceeds sales and revenue goals.
• Advocates the methodical & standardized 5-step sales approach to buyers. This approach includes planning & preparing for the call, needs analyses, building a compelling solution, developing and closing an effective sales presentation, and following up to ensure client satisfaction.
• Communicates and advocates the company's vision for a world class sales team, excelling at building active accounts with solutions from a diverse product and services portfolio. Develops and consistently supports staff development by providing clear expectations, tools and training, sales goals, accountability and frequent feedback.
• Collaborates with other managers to generate new sales ideas and stays abreast of product and platform changes.
• Develops sales team, striving for world class execution and results. This includes training/coaching, use of data in sales presentations, creating a vision and integrated sales campaigns for the client, producing sales presentations, and using analytics to measure the solution's ROI for the client.
Requirements:
• Bachelor's degree or comparable experience.
• Proven record of successful leadership in a goal-oriented, highly accountable environment.
• Successful record of team building and leadership.
• Excellent organizational and analytical skills. The ability to multi-task and manage competing priorities is essential.
• Digital sales experience. Proven digital sales management experiences.
• A deep and broad understanding of the market and competition.
• Strong communication, negotiation and influencing skills.
• Proficient PC skills including Microsoft applications Excel and Word. In addition, must be well versed in digital sales tools, including job boards, search, email, social marketing and analytics.
• Demonstrated innovation, leadership, communication, and staff development skills. Possesses ability to coach and be coached.
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The Panama City News Herald, Halifax Media is seeking an experienced IT Director to manage systems for two daily, five semi-weekly, three weekly newspapers and an internet portal. The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's Degree in computer science or engineering and six to ten years progressive experience. Prior newspaper experience a plus.
General areas of responsibility include: content, management and financial information systems, word processing and office automation, data and voice communications and subsystems particular to the newspaper industry, support for web-based graphics programs.
Specific duties include: analyzes the organizations' information and telecommunications systems as a basis for recommendations to improve and enhance the systems' capabilities; coordinates with the enterprise IT team to implement the selection, and completion of new IS and telecommunications systems to accommodate growing needs of the region; identifying priorities for development, enhancement and maintenance of application areas; developing and implementing a uniform region-wide strategy for equipment, operating systems and communications; developing annual budgets for hardware, software and any capital purchases region-wide; oversees maintenance of servers and computer hardware for the region.
The Regional IT Director hires and oversees system support specialists across the region to ensure they are up-to-date on latest IT developments. Some travel is required.
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• Proficiency with all Microsoft applications
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