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Commission joins port community campaign

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Port St. Joe city commissioners boarded the port bandwagon pushing forward for jobs Tuesday night.

Commissioners unanimously approved a request from Commissioner Rex Buzzett to carve out \$10,000 from the city's settlement with BP — which totaled more than \$500,000 — to provide operational funds for the Port St.

Joe Port Authority.

"If we get that port going... it will be all about jobs," Buzzett said. "They need our help ... I think it will come back to the city many times over if we get that port going."

Commissioners earmarked that the funds be spent on dues to the Florida Ports Council and to pay the liability insurance for the Port Authority board.

The dues for the Florida Ports Council, the lobbying organization for state ports, are crucial,

said Port Authority chairman Leonard Costin.

The Port Authority still owes half its \$13,000 in dues from the last fiscal year, and the key to being at the table for state funds, and in turn any federal funds those state dollars can leverage, is as a dues-paying member of the council.

With a Ports Council meeting coming soon, Costin said, the Port of Port St. Joe was better positioned not going "hat in hand, so to speak."

"We are down to the point where we are trying to raise any money we can," Costin said, speaking about a community outreach campaign to fund a bare-bones budget for the current fiscal year. "The only thing we have going right now in economic development is the port."

"We have to stay the course, and any support you can offer is greatly appreciated."

Costin said there was a two-year window during which the port will strive to accomplish

dredging of the shipping channel to maximize some \$17 million in infrastructure that exists along the 300 acres the Port Authority owns.

"After that, I think you will see quite a bit of activity and exponential growth," Costin said.

Commissioners Phil McCroan and Bo Patterson expressed skepticism, noting the investment that has occurred at the port in the past decade without

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Veterans Day programs honor those who served

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Veteran's Day arrives Monday, Nov. 11. The federal holiday will honor and celebrate those who served in the armed forces.

Gulf County Schools, however, are among the few districts in the state that celebrate the holiday by keeping schools open to formally honor veterans.

At Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, its 20th annual program will kick off 9 a.m. ET Monday. The NJROTC will welcome veterans as they enter the building and patriotic artwork prepared by students in grades kindergarten through 12.

During the program, students who participate in the 21st Century after school enrichment program will perform a tribute that includes the songs, "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Yankee Doodle," and "God Bless America."

The after school program is made up of students in grades kindergarten through third.

The artwork displayed during the event comes from art classes taught by Julie Hodges. These works, crafted in mediums ranging from water colors to colored pencil, were created under the theme "Tour of America" and had to feature a place and incorporate an American flag.

Hodges used the opportunity to expand the thinking of her students when choosing a location to draw or paint.

"America's not just about landmarks," said Hodges. "We're also representing small towns and everyday America life."

Several hundred pieces of art will line the hallways and serve as a salute to the veterans making their way to the gymnasium.

While creating the artwork, it allowed elementary students to understand the significance of the stars and stripes on the American flag and the humble beginnings

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'A walking miracle'



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Two months ago Greg Burkett could not put a single weight on any machine. Here he has 90 pounds on a calf lift machine.

Man fighting back after facing life in wheelchair

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In November 2011 Greg Burkett came to fully grasp the lack of guarantees in life.

On a night that November Burkett fell from his bed.

His forehead struck a nightstand, hard.

Burkett immediately knew it was bad.

"I knew I couldn't move my arms, my legs, anything," Burkett said. "I knew it was serious, but I didn't know how serious."

He laid there in his bedroom next to that nightstand for 10 hours, not moving.

In hindsight, the willingness of Burkett's brain to listen to the lan-

"When people started telling me what I couldn't do, that is when I decided I could."

Greg Burkett

guage from his body — don't move — likely saved his life.

A friend, concerned that Burkett did not show up for work the next day found him, or actually heard his cries for help, when checking Burkett's Port St. Joe home.

He was rushed to Sacred Heart

Hospital on the Gulf where it was determined Burkett suffered a broken neck.

He was quickly en route to Bay Medical Center.

That day, after being prepped for surgery, Burkett's doctor was stark with Burkett's family — no guarantees Burkett would survive surgery.

And if Burkett survived the surgery, there were no guarantees he would not be paralyzed, relegated to learning to live in a wheelchair.

For more than a week, Burkett, heavily medicated had little clue about his condition or prognosis.

When he was lucid enough, his doctor remained just as blunt as with his family.

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Pitts to lead dredge permit work

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Tommy Pitts is moving from port director to helping direct the port's future.

Pitts, who has worked much of the past year on a salary of \$1 per month as the Port St. Joe Port Authority

wrestled with scant revenues, has taken a position with the engineering firm spearheading the work on the Port of Port St. Joe's application to dredge the shipping channel.

Dredging the shipping channel, said Port Authority board member Eugene Raffield, is the key to unlocking the port's potential.

Pitts will be the project manager

on the dredge permit work for Hatch Mott MacDonald, formally contracted two weeks by the Port Authority to undertake the nearly \$800,000 task of securing the dredge permit.

"While this concludes my employment/volunteer status with the Port Authority I will obviously still be

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Butler pretrial delayed again

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The Walt Butler murder trial looms, and the pretrial process remains incomplete.

During Tuesday's session at the Gulf County Courthouse, Judge John Fishel rescheduled the pretrial for 9 a.m. CT on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the Bay County Courthouse.

The pretrial was rescheduled after Butler's public defender Mark Sims told Fishel that he was still waiting to review several items of discovery.

Further, he had previously filed a motion and was still awaiting a response.

Additionally, Sims mentioned that he was unable to review a lab report/medical record that was listed on the docket but wasn't available for review.

Whether the medical record went missing or was simply not available to Sims is unknown.

"We need that document made available, as it could affect my client's trial," said Sims.

Assistant State Attorney Robert Sombathy said that he was aware of the record Sims sought and would ensure access was given.

Fishel also noted that Butler was hard of hearing and asked Sims if he had requested a hearing aid be made available during the trial.

Sims said that he looked into it, but reported that Gulf County courts do not provide hearing aids.

Fishel insisted that a request could be made and both parties agreed to look into it further.

Butler's trial is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 18 at the Gulf County Courthouse, less than one week after the pretrial.

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

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Raffield back, Shoaf appointed to Port Authority

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Some new blood and a familiar face were Gov. Rick Scott's choices for appointment to new terms on the Port St. Joe Port Authority.

Last week Scott reappointed Carl "Eugene" Raffield to the Port Authority while appointing Jason Shoaf to replace Patrick Jones.

The terms of Jones and Raffield expired more than two months ago and there was considerable

interest in the appointments, with nearly a dozen applications.

Raffield, 51, returns for another four-year term which will end July 20, 2017.

A vice president of Raffield Fisheries, Inc. Raffield brings a wealth of knowledge about maritime activity but also has deep, generational roots in the community.

"I am glad the governor had the faith in me to put me back on the board," Raffield said. "I thank him for that."

"I am very passionate about the county and the town I grew up in. When I am dead and gone I want them to remember my name as someone who helped bring jobs to this county."

Raffield has been outspoken in his quest for dredging of the shipping channel to open up development of the Port of Port St. Joe.

Having been among board members that unanimously approved contracts to move the dredge permit application forward two weeks ago, Raffield re-

affirmed that a dredged channel is critical.

As a natural, deepwater channel, Raffield noted that more than half of the channel is in good condition despite no maintenance dredging since the last 1980's.

"I do feel if we can get that channel dredged that will solve a lot of things and end the talk about this and that," Raffield said. "That is the heart line of the port. It is the deepest and most natural channel in Florida. The cost to maintain that channel will be

very low compared to places like Miami."

Shoaf, 34, is vice president of St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. and was appointed for a term ending July 27, 2017. He also brings deep community roots to his position on the Port Authority.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to help bring jobs and development to Gulf County," Shoaf said. "That is what gets me excited, to be able to work on behalf of the community to bring industry and jobs to the area."

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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.



WALT BUTLER

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

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involved in the effort to revitalize our seaport, a project that is important to all of us," Pitts said.

Pitts will continue to be a fixture at Port Authority meetings, now in the role of updating the board on the progress of the permitting effort.

Pitts will continue to live in Port St. Joe while his office with Hatch Mott is in Panama City. He said much of his work will be in Gulf County.

"We will be assessing dredge material disposal sites, perform sediment sampling and coordinate with the county and (Tourist Development Council) on potential beach renourishment sites among other duties associated with the dredge permit work," Pitts said.

Hatch Mott approached Pitts some weeks ago, noting that Pitts' extensive knowledge of the port and channel could be invaluable to the work on the dredge permit application.

However, Pitts and the

company would not consider any decision until consulting with the Florida Department of Transportation, which provided the grant to fund the dredge permit application.

"Ethically, Tommy is above reproach," said Port Authority chair Leonard Costin.

A review by Samuel J. Henderson, district chief counsel in the Office of the General Counsel for the FDOT, indicated that the Port Authority and Pitts would not violate any ethical state laws in his employment with Hatch Mott MacDonald.

"From the information given to me, it appears that Mr. Pitts is not an officer, partner, director or proprietor of Hatch Mott MacDonald at this time and does not now, nor is it contemplated that he, his spouse or his children will have a material interest in Hatch Mott MacDonald," Henderson wrote Costin.

Further, Pitts had never been employed previously by Hatch Mott and did not participate in the selection of the company on a continuing engineering contract in 2007 - a decision made by the Port Authority board.

Therefore, Henderson

concluded, there would be no violation of the grant agreement for the dredge application work by Pitts going to work for Hatch Mott MacDonald.

Costin said if there was a person responsible for the Port of Port St. Joe being on the cusp of potential development it was Pitts and he added he was pleased that Pitts, in his new job, would still be an integral part of the port's future.

"Tommy has his heart in that port," Costin said. "His leadership has gotten us to this critical stage. His hard work and dedication to making the Port of Port St. Joe a reality is now coming together. He will be greatly missed as our port director but I take comfort in knowing he will still be involved in making the dream a reality."

"I also thank him for all the countless volunteer hours he contributed to the port's efforts after our financial status precluded further payment of salaries. He stayed the course and helped the port get through a very critical stage in the process that leads towards future dredging of the channel."

Gulf County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. executive director Barry

Sellers will take a larger role in promoting the port and work with the Port Authority in administrative issues where possible.

"Tommy is a class act and a man of integrity in a world where there are too few of them," Sellers said.

Guerry Magidson, president of the EDA, added, "Tommy is a tremendous asset to the community and has conducted himself as a true professional during trying times. I look forward to helping see the port succeed."

And as he departs one job aimed at that success, Pitts enters another aimed at bringing to fruition the commitments of two energy firms to ship wood pellets through the Port of Port St. Joe.

"I am particularly pleased that I can stay involved with the port development project," Pitts said. "In fact, I can now be more focused on the major task before us and that is the timely permitting of the maintenance dredging in order to secure the wood pellet commitments."

"After many years of the port being a community and personal dream, I have gained confidence that it will become a reality in the foreseeable future."

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Three arrested, charged with dealing drugs

Star Staff Report

Three Wewahitchka residents were arrested last week on charges related to the selling of marijuana and methamphetamine.

Joshua Aaron Causey, 30, Shannon Dwayne Causey, 33, and Haylee Ferry Johnson, 26, were arrested after felony warrants were served on the three by

investigators and deputies from the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

The three were subsequently arrested, according to Sheriff Mike Harrison.

All three were transported to the Gulf County Jail.

Joshua Causey was charged with the sale of marijuana and is being held on \$5,000 bond.

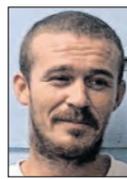
Shannon Causey was charged with the sale of methamphetamine and is being held on \$10,000 bond, according to Harrison.

Johnson was also charged with the sale of methamphetamine and is also being held on a \$10,000 bond.

The arrests were part of an ongoing investigation leading to the issuing of the felony arrest warrants.



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Juvenile justice establishes presence in PSJHS

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When it comes to the juvenile justice system, prevention is the name of the game. The newest face at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School is Kelly Faircloth, Juvenile Probation Officer for Gulf County.

The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice System aims to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.

It's not uncommon for youth to act out in school, but rather than have a student face arrest, suspension or expulsion, Faircloth's goal is to help kids on the front end by being able to address situations immediately, before they have the potential to get worse.

Faircloth said that a student acting out is typically an indicator of bigger problems at home. He said that often, students just need a friend and he's happy to be there for them. While occasionally there are bigger issues that may require law enforcement to get involved, the cause of the bad behavior can be something as simple as a bad breakup.

"These kids are teenagers and they have different problems than adults," said Faircloth.

By being on campus, Faircloth can sit one-on-one with students and assess their needs and identify the source of the bad behavior.

"Because I'm at the school, I can assess them quickly and help them make



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Juvenile Probation Officer for Gulf County, Kelly Faircloth, will spend several days a week at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School with an eye toward prevention.

a better judgment call," said Faircloth. "We can see what's best for them."

When "bad kids" face expulsion, it affects the educational process. Faircloth would rather have students do community service, and work alongside them, to truly understand what's causing the student to make poor choices.

Though Faircloth has provided services for Gulf County since September 2012, he was stationed in Panama City and made the trek to Port St. Joe several times a week in order to effectively interact with the kids. He knew that he wanted to be closer and kept looking for opportunities to do so. Eventually he decided to approach Superintendent of Schools, Jim Norton with his idea to be located where the juveniles were rather than miles from those who needed his help.

"I wanted (Norton) to understand that we could work together on this for our kids," said Faircloth. "He saw my vision and understood what

I was looking for. I really wanted to be there with the children I worked with."

After receiving Norton's blessing, high school Principal Jeremy Knapp accommodated Faircloth with office space right next to the cafeteria, the biggest common area in the school.

Prior, the space was called the "trophy room," an area that hadn't been used in the last decade. The move also put Faircloth right next to School Resource Officer Stacy Strickland, allowing them to work together for the safety and well-being of the student body. When the new school year began in August, Faircloth had an office and the students were pleased to see him.

"We thought it would be a great idea, and it was perfect timing," said Norton. "Kelly is a great resource to have right there and he's able to see the kids during the school day, which is great since one-third of a student's day is spent in school."

"By being at the school, Kelly has unfettered access



Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary, Wansley Walters, discussed the importance of community in preventing juvenile crime at a public meeting last week in Port St. Joe.

to answers to his immediate questions and we're very happy to have this partnership."

To further build prevention awareness, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice held a road tour last week that visited various cities throughout the state and hosted an open dialogue for the public to inform the DJJ staff what resources and services were needed in their communities.

The stop in Gulf County was held at Gulf Coast State College Gulf/Franklin Campus was open to the public and DJJ secretary Wansley

Walters told attendees that a strong community can keep kids from ending up in the court system.

She said that more than 100,000 kids go into the court system each year; though only a small number of those are serious or violent offenders. With the DJJ's new focus on prevention, there has been a 25 percent reduction in juvenile delinquency in the past two years for the state of Florida.

"A vast majority of kids are troubled in some fashion," said Walters. "Intervention at an early age is important."

In Gulf County, the DJJ works with the teen court and holds prevention-oriented presentations in schools to discuss domestic violence with students and reinforce the importance of respect and the negative effects of bullying.

Walters also discussed the addition of after-school programs which include Project Connect which works with youth who are exiting the court system to provide vocational and mentorship services, help provide transportation, assist in locating employment and even help kids set goals.

Wansley Walters is a nationally recognized leader in juvenile justice. She pioneered juvenile justice services in Miami-Dade County from 1995 until Gov. Rick Scott appointed her to lead the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in January 2011. During her tenure, Miami-Dade not only had the lowest youth incarceration rate in the state, but also boasted one of Florida's lowest juvenile crime rates.

"Our goal is to ensure that we have the right combination of services and sanctions, in the right place, at the right time as we care for each youth and keep the public safe," said Walters.



FILE PHOTO

Gulf County schools will hold programs to honor area veterans. All events will be open to the public.

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of our nation.

"It makes the students feel important," said Hodges. "They're contributing something to honoring the veterans."

The program will cover the Revolutionary War as well as recognize the veterans of the Vietnam War, who were never officially welcomed home. A reception will immediately follow the program. Thank you letters written by elementary school students and the patriotic artwork will later be sent to soldiers abroad.

"We want to show the kids that the United States started with a major war that established a democratic country," said event organizer, Linda Wood. "Now, we have soldiers policing countries all over the world."

"We want kids to see the magnitude of what we require these men to do."

At last year's event Kesley Colbert honored WWII veteran Howard Rogers, whose unit saved a group of POWs on the Island of Biak. Among the soldiers rescued was Colbert's father.

At Wewahitchka Elementary School, the 30th annual Veteran's Day Celebration will take place inside the cafeteria.

Third graders will pay tribute to past and present veterans with a program of poem readings and patriotic songs that include service hymns.

This will mark the seventh year that the Veteran's Day program was organized by third-grade teacher John Huft.

Huft said that in a time of shrinking budgets, the local veterans have been gracious in helping the school where they can. The annual program is his way of giving back to the men who not only served their countries, but serve their communities as well.

"I want this to be something that students can look back on and have positive memories," said Huft. "It's something that they've given to the veterans and brightened their day."

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. CT. A reception will immediately follow.

Both events are free and open to veterans, their families and the public.

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Use your IRA to purchase real estate

By Alan Potts
Special to The Star

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Like many Americans, you may have an IRA or 401(k) rollover account to make your retirement years more comfortable. Many consumers have grown tired of the daily financial roller coaster ride and the general risk of the current market. Wild market swings have increased and tend to happen because of a combination of our inept government and the fact that major financial institutions now use high speed computers to create the majority of transactions. The buying and selling strategy is generally based on price spreads, not long-term market value. This puts brokers and everyday IRA holders at a timing and knowledge disadvantage. This, in turn, leaves IRA holders feeling like their efforts are "too little too late" as they now find that their accounts are finally back to where they were 10 years ago.

Many IRA holders are asking, "Why can't I take advantage of today's real estate market and use my IRA to purchase real estate?"

The answer is - you can!

In 1974, Congress passed a set of federal laws and regulations called the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). This act allowed IRA holders to invest their IRA accounts in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other approved investments. Importantly, these approved investments included real estate.

If you want to invest some or all of your IRA in real estate, you must first be aware that Real Estate IRAs are an IRS approved investment alternative. Then, you must understand how Real Estate IRAs can

provide you return and risk management possibilities.

Once your decision is made, you will rollover some or all of your IRA account to a real estate friendly custodian. Since most IRA custodians are equity investment firms, they promote, sell and make commissions on these types of products. The new real estate friendly custodian will provide educational materials, the necessary paperwork, and guidance through the administrative process.

Today, there are more Real Estate IRA custodians, but deciding which custodian is right for you will require some research.

When you consider using your IRA to purchase real estate there are three major steps.

First, determine the property you want to purchase. There is an old saying about the 3 most important things when buying property. They are "location, location, location." You should also consider how the property will be used, how long the holding period is, and how this will affect your short and long-term objectives. These are critical to the enjoyment of your purchase and the financial results that will occur when you sell your property.

Second, decide how to structure the Real Estate IRA transaction. When someone structures their IRA to purchase real estate there are two different ways in which the IRA can be used. In Method #1, the real estate is titled so that the IRA owns the property. Because the IRA holds title, certain guidelines and rules apply as to how the property can be purchased and how the property can be used and not used. This approach is used when the IRA holder wants to invest for investment purposes only.

With Method #2, the property is titled individually and is owned outright. When the individual holds title,

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Twenty-One Guns Ain't Near Enough!

I never served one day in the Armed Forces. It simply was not my destiny. Sometimes, even now, I lay awake long into the night and wonder what if ... And I have always, deep down, been just a little ashamed that someone else was sent off to do my fighting for me.

Maybe that is why I so admire, appreciate and love, in the truest sense of that word, every single man and woman that ever suited up on my behalf!

My first encounter with veterans started way back in grade school. On the eleventh day of the eleventh month the whole school turned out by the flag pole to see these old men line up behind a little cannon they'd brought with them. Miss Carolyn said they were from World War I. They'd wait till exactly eleven o'clock, fire off that cannon, and then step back, rather smartly I thought for old guys, and salute while the high school band played the Star Spangled Banner. Most of them would wear their uniform jacket or an old green army hat. Some were tall and skinny; others short and fat. They looked pretty ordinary to me. I couldn't picture those old guys fighting anybody!

We called it Armistice Day back then.

Daddy was a veteran. He never said a word about World War II. And I mean not one word! Me and David Mark couldn't believe it when we found that old uniform in the closet. We had never heard of the South Pacific, and had no clue where it was. Mother wouldn't let us ask him hardly anything about the war. Dave and I did take those bright colored ribbons and arrowheads off that dress uniform and pinned them on our t-shirts. We promptly lost them playing army down at the big ditch. If Dad ever noticed the missing

awards, he never said a word. You'd a' thought the whole war was just something to forget about and move on. Dad was about as ordinary as anybody you'd ever seen.



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

I knew Chandler King was at Pearl Harbor. I remember Peajacket Lawrence served in the Navy. Mr. Ben Gaines had fought in Italy. Anne Alexander's father was in the service. As was Yogi's and Ruth Ann's. Almost all the merchants around town had served in one branch or the other. They seemed like such ordinary men to me.

I was in the seventh grade before I realized there might be more to this veteran thing than meets the eye. You understand how silly and immature you can be at that age. I came home one day limping along and moving my head about, mocking an old man that lived just outside of town.

In my own defense here, I knew nothing about shell shock or post-traumatic stress disorder. I made a couple of passes across the porch when it dawned on my Father who I was making fun of. Folks, he leaped across a rocker and two swings and lifted me off the concrete steps with one hand. He was literally shaking he was so mad! I could make fun of the ladies and their big hats at church and he never said a word. I could "preach" with my hand up in the air like Brother Hatcher and that was o.k. I picked on the wrong guy. "Son, you don't know what that man has gone through. You have no idea of the nightmares he has seen. You don't have a clue as to the sacrifices he has made. You wouldn't know a real hero if he ran over you in a lighted hallway!"

It was the only war related speech Dad ever gave. I think my youth and utter stupidity was all that kept me from being killed right there

on the front porch! And, you'd better believe, I got the message loud and clear; a message of love, sacrifice and duty that knows no bounds or limits.

By the ninth grade, I noticed half of the World War I guys that came out to celebrate the 11th with us were gone. I remembered Miss Belle telling us that every World War I veteran in town always participated in the event. What was left of them still fired the cannon and stepped back as spritely as ever.

I took notice for the first time of those ordinary men around town. Come Fourth of July at the parade, when our small high school band struck up The National Anthem, those men came to a ram rod straight position. Their chins were up. Their moist eyes fixed on the American flag. Undoubtedly, they were transported to another place and another time. And I can only imagine the horrors of war and the remembrances that must be streaming across their collective minds ... especially of the ones they personally knew that didn't come back.

Ordinary men, I don't think so! We've sent the same caliber of people, including David Mark, to Viet Nam. We have them now in Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan.

By November 11th, 1964, my senior year in high school, there were only four World War I veterans left. One was in a wheel chair. It had snowed and those men were standing in the freezing temperature to fire that old cannon. As the band hit the first note, the man in the wheel chair struggled to his feet. His lifelong friends got him erect. Everyone stood for the presentation of the colors!

That was the day I shed my first tears for an American veteran.

Most Respectfully,
Kes

The Process

If you are a college football fan, chances are you are familiar with the University of Alabama's domination under Coach Nick Saban, having won three National Championships in the past four years.

If you are not an Alabama or football fan, don't stop reading, because this is not just about football.

Talking heads on television, newspaper columnists and radio know-it-alls talk about "The Process" when referring to Nick Saban's reason for success at the University of Alabama and Louisiana State University, having won four total National Championships for the two schools.

Barrett Jones, a former All-American at Alabama who now plays for the St. Louis Rams in the NFL has been asked to describe The Process on several occasions. Jones usually notes something to the effect of, "The Process means not focusing on the results, but focusing on how you get there." In other words, The Process is about doing the little things right and letting the big things take care of themselves.

My understanding of the real meaning of The Process came as a result of the Alabama-Tennessee game that took place on Saturday, October 26, 2013.

That being said, I would like to say that The Process does not belong to Nick Saban - he didn't invent it. He seems to just do a good job of what his parents taught him to do.

This "Process" is prevalent throughout the Southeastern United States and I'm pretty sure it is elsewhere because Coach Saban himself

came from West Virginia. I don't think West Virginia is in the South or the north; it's in the mountains or something.

Coach Saban learned under the legendary Coach Don James who recently passed away. Coach James coached for many years at the University of Washington and before that, Kent State University, in Ohio.

Is The Process Coach James?

No, Coach James was born in Ohio and I'm pretty sure he had good parents who taught him The Process.

It's common sense. Work hard, help people reach their goals, be kind and generous and raise a family that thinks the same way.

That is what I think The Process really is.

I'm willing to bet that Coach Saban would agree. My most recent

experience with The Process was in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on the weekend of the Alabama-Tennessee game, but didn't involve anything that Coach Saban did before or during the game.

It involved me getting inside to see the game. Therefore, I'm very sure that it (The Process) was at the University of Alabama before Nick Saban was.

Living out of state, I can generally get to one Alabama game each year. My main reason for going is not to see the game, but to see my oldest daughter who is a junior at the University of Alabama. (She presently has a 4.0 and I want to say "Summa Cum Laude Mercy" more than I want to say "Roll Tide.")

We paid too much for our four tickets back in July from one of those online ticket sales places. If you want to go to just one game, you almost have to do that. We paid about double what the tickets were worth. In other words, we invested somewhere around \$600 just to be able to see



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the Alabama-Tennessee game. A couple of nights before our flight South, we realized we could not find the tickets. We were sick, there was yelling and there was crying. It was the Alabama-

Tennessee game and we did want to go and it was \$600 down the drain.

We came to the conclusion that the envelope containing the tickets had been thrown away by mistake.

There was still sickness, yelling and crying.

From the time we realized this to the time we were about to board the plane, I was on the telephone begging and trying to find a way to have the tickets reissued. If I talked to the online ticket folks once, I talked to them at least twenty times (or more).

The online ticket folks were just middlemen for the person who sold us the tickets. It turned out the person who sold us the tickets was just a middleman for the person who sold him the tickets. It didn't stop there.

There were a lot of "middlemen."

So many, the folks from the internet ticket place couldn't get it figured it out.

We were out of luck and it was our fault.

Without the original purchaser's permission, the University of Alabama ticket office couldn't just reissue tickets. They were kind, but they had a policy that had to be followed.

We were going to see our daughter and were just going to see what we could do when we got there.

The Friday before the game, my second daughter had an official visit scheduled to tour the University of Alabama with her mother. She wants to study history and through her hard work and excellent test scores she has been offered a full academic scholarship to the University of Alabama.

She loved her visit and the people there showed her The Process of working hard, helping people reach their goals, being kind and generous and exhibiting these qualities to others.

After hearing our story, those folks at the Office of Admissions gave us four tickets. A fellow named Paul just put them in an envelope and gave them to us.

The next day was game day and even though we had been given four tickets, the \$600 still was eating at me. Tim, the fellow who runs the ticket office had told me to stop by and see him at "Gate 32" before the game and he would see what he could do.

I did.

Tim was kind and told me to wait for ten minutes.

Tim went upstairs to talk to the Tennessee ticket fellow and they figured out that the tickets I had originally purchased were from a Tennessee fan who was unable to travel

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Losing to live

By **TIM CROFT**
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Janice Keeler remembers the black blouse.

Keeler moved to Gulf County two years ago from Houston and in January 2012 she needed to renew her driver's license.

She put on one of her favorite black blouses and got in her car. She could barely breathe.

"That blouse was so tight I had to unbutton the bottom few buttons so I could breathe," Keeler said. "I decided right then I would go on a diet."

Keeler was 130 or so pounds when she was a young adult and did not put on weight until after having her children and her marriage broke down.

She was tipping 300 pounds. As a diabetic, that weight brought additional issues.

And she had been down the dieting road before with little success, even tried Weight Watchers for a time.

"I would start out hot and heavy but I didn't keep to it," Keeler said. "It is easy to fall off the wagon. This is hard."

"But this time I needed to get off the 300 mark."

Her diet was dramatic. She counted calories and began to restrict herself to 700 a day.

She eliminated the bread she loved so much, the pasta, the rolls — the carbohydrates that so easily turn to fat.

"I concentrated on eating meat and fruits and vegetables," Keeler said.

The first four months, she said, were hard.

She found herself traveling down the cookie and snack aisles of the grocery store. She would stare at what she knew she couldn't and shouldn't have.

She visited the Health Department who provided a coach, Debbie, and doctor, Kevin Murphy to monitor Keeler's progress and her health.

The weight started melting off — dramatically.

Twenty, thirty, forty pounds slipped away. Today Keeler is 63 pounds lighter.

"It really came off fast early but now every two weeks or so I am losing two to three pounds," Keeler said. "That is not discouraging. I am still losing weight and feeling better."

"I really feel good. I don't huff and puff. I have energy. I can fit into a lot of clothes I couldn't before."

She joined One Way Fitness Center and spends each morning at the gym. She will ride a stationary bicycle for 45 minutes and perform some weight training.

She is religious about her routine. If it is 10 a.m. ET during the week, Keeler is in the gym.

"I am on a routine and I need to stick to it," Keeler said. "I really want to get my weight down. I am never going to be 160 or 170 but I can lose more. The thin people at



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Janice Keeler works out at the gym religiously five days a week.

the gym don't bother me. They are thin, I am heavy. It's no big deal.

"I am here to do what I need to do to lose weight. I just need to keep plugging along."

She has learned more about proper diet, trying to "buy right" and eat sugar free where possible.

"I am 65 years old and I need to

take care of myself," Keeler said.

"It is hard but I never thought I would lose 60 pounds. It's a struggle. You just need to set your mind to it."

"I'm shocked by myself. When I try on my thin clothes I know this works. I just needed to learn that (the way I ate and lived) was not a good thing for me at this time."

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"He could not guarantee anything," Burkett said.

Over the span of 18 months there have been seven more surgeries and rehabilitation from each and every one.

He was relegated full-time to a wheelchair.

He has, his doctor described, a "condominium" for a neck.

Much of it prosthesis with his upper vertebrae steadily growing around and to it.

He spent months with a halo screwed into his head, unable to move his head freely, unable to sleep other than upright.

"That I wouldn't wish on anyone," Burkett said.

His family, he said, "sacrificed a lot."

Two brothers and two sisters helped transport Burkett to and from doctor's appointments in Bay County three to four times a week.

They looked after him, took him in.

With the help of a home nurse, who still comes three times a week, they helped Burkett as he regained control of his bodily functions.

"It affects every part of your body," Burkett said. "I didn't realize how much."

In time, he moved onto HealthSouth in Bay County for rehabilitation.

The staff at HealthSouth encountered a fighter.

"They really tend to rehabilitate you to acclimate you to be in a wheelchair because that's where they think you are going to be," Burkett said. "I wasn't going to stay in no wheelchair."

"When people started telling me what I couldn't do, that is when I decided I could."

He drew inspiration from Wounded Warriors, such as those who visit Bay and Gulf counties.

He listened to televised speeches and read written words from those warriors who had survived horrific injuries and somehow found the purpose to rise above limitations.

"I kept hearing, 'You are as disabled as you want to be,'" Burkett said.

He transitioned from HealthSouth to Sacred Heart on the Gulf to continue his rehab under the direction of Kimberly Thomas.

"She would get me out of that wheelchair and we'd walk and walk," Burkett said. "I came there in a wheelchair and I came out

walking."

Thomas, Burkett said, is the reason he is now riding a bike five miles a day, has whittled his daily medications from nine to two and is working with weights three days a week at One Way Fitness Center.

Burkett spent eight months under the care of Thomas, who pushed, cajoled and celebrated each milestone.

Burkett said he also took inspiration from friends and neighbors, folks in the community who reached out and put him on so many prayer lists at churches.

And two months ago, Burkett walked stiffly into One Way and began a workout routine.

"I couldn't put any weight on any of the machines," Burkett said. "I used to be 275 pounds and I was down to 180. My legs, you could see the bones they were so skinny."

Now, they have the appearance of fire plugs. From no weight on the leg press Burkett now pushes 300 pounds. He does a full circuit three days a week, working his arms, his legs, his core muscles.

"I never would have thought I'd be doing this,"

Burkett said. "But after the first month I knew the sky was the limit. I don't like anybody telling me what I can't do. But I will tell you, this has been hard work."

"There have been a lot of days I get out of bed and said no I ain't going in there. But the improvement gives me encouragement. As long as you see improvement that keeps you going."

While he still has nerve issues with his hands — one operation at Shands was unsuccessful due to a staph infection and Burkett has another scheduled next year — he can open anything he wants.

He is a "self-sufficient cook."

He has returned to one of his great loves fishing.

"They used to say I was the best at throwing a cast net in the county," Burkett said, his face brightening when recalling the first time he set a hook with a cricket. "I can still throw it, but I can't turn it loose."

Burkett is philosophical about the journey of the past two years.

There has been education.

"I needed something like this before it happened," Burkett said. "This was ab-



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Burkett does a full circuit of training with weights less than two years after suffering a broken neck and the prognosis of spending the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

olutely a walk-up call for me."

And he is trying to find sense for others from the tragedy of similar circumstances.

There is the young man from the community who recently broke his neck in a freak accident.

Asked by his father to speak to the young man, Burkett did, telling him nothing will hold him back but his own will.

The father called last

week to say the son had his best week of rehab — ever.

"I'm trying to give back what the community gave me," Burkett said. "I can tell people things nobody else can tell them because I have been there."

"I am a walking miracle. You can't give up and you can't let people tell you what you can't do. Every night I thank God I am laying down and every morning I am thanking God I am getting up."

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different guidelines and rules apply as to how the property is purchased and how the property can be used during the purchasing period. This approach is used when the IRA holder wants to invest for personal use.

The pros and cons of each method should be carefully studied and understood before you make any changes to your IRA.

Third, decide which custodian is best for you. Your custodian/advisor must be able to help you decide which purchasing approach is best for you and help structure your transaction so that you will use the proper documents and correctly purchase the property. In addition, your advisor/custodian should provide ongoing service and compliance reviews to keep you informed of any tax law changes.

Real Estate IRAs are similar to 1031 Tax Deferred Exchanges; both have been around since the 1970's and real estate investors must carefully learn about these financial transactions before either can be used. Knowing that Real Estate IRAs are an option can help real estate investors / IRA holders take advantage of today's buyer's market, provide risk management opportunities and create something they did not previously know was possible.

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to Alabama for the game.

They just printed me four new tickets. Please note that I had proof of paying for these and what the seat numbers were, etc.

Tim handed them to me outside the ticket window. I hugged Tim.

Good people in Alabama and Tennessee (and Ohio, West Virginia and Washington). When I say Washington, I am referring to the state where Don James was a college football coach.

Now I had eight tickets and I felt a little bad. We decided the best thing to do was to find someone who needed them.

Folks were standing outside the stadium scalping tickets for a lot of money. We had no right to sell tickets that were given to us, thus I had to interview some folks.

The first fellow I met was there celebrating his 56th birthday, he was a minister of sorts who runs a program that uses sports for mission type work. His mother had given him the money to buy tickets for him and his wife for his

birthday.

I told him to just put the money in the collection plate at church, or use it for his mission work or give it back to his mama. He hugged me.

The other two tickets were given to a man and his son from Daphne, Alabama. We watched folks walk up to them and the daddy just kept shaking his head "no." I asked the little boy how old he was and he said, "Twelve." I said, "Someday you are going to be old like me and I want you to do something nice for someone."

The little boy just smiled. The game was great. Well, if you were an Alabama fan, it was great. The Tennessee folks around us were nice, as were the Alabama fans.

So, The Process does not belong to Nick Saban, it can and should belong to all of us. It involves working hard, helping people reach their goals (and find their tickets), being kind and generous and raising a family that thinks the same way.

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much if any progress.

"People just want to see some action," McCroan said.

Costin replied that the key difference now was the collaboration agreement with the St. Joe Company.

Until the Port Authority and St. Joe signed a formal agreement, the company and Port Authority had butted heads on how the port and surrounding lands would be developed.

St. Joe is now committed to developing the 5,000 acres it owns along the Intracoastal Canal as well as the old mill site and bulkhead, and is collaborating in the development of the 100 acres owned by the Port Authority.

"St. Joe, that is the changing factor in what we are doing now," Costin said.

And as the government entity to which state and federal funding would flow, the Port Authority plays a pivotal role simply by remaining active.

Costin noted that port director Tommy Pitts has taken other employment (see "Pitts to lead dredge permit work" on Page A1) and administrative assistant Nadine Lee was working strictly as a volunteer.

"We (the Port Authority) are pitching in any way we can," Costin said, adding the Port Authority was also receiving considerable in-kind assistance from the Economic Development Alliance. "They are helping us any way we can."

"I just think we all need to think together on this, the city, the county and as a region."

Tax Roll NOTICE

By **SHIRLEY JENKINS**
Tax Collector

Notice is hereby given that the 2013 Tax Roll has been delivered by the Gulf County property appraiser to the Gulf County tax collector.

The 2013 Tax Roll is open for collection beginning Nov. 1.

The tax collector's office is located in the Gulf County courthouse, room 147 at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., in Port St. Joe. Office hours are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Real and personal property taxes will be collected as levied by the following taxing authorities: Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, Gulf County School Board, Northwest Florida Water Management District, City of Port St. Joe, City of We-wahitchka, St. Joseph Fire Control District, Tupelo Fire Control District, Howard Creek Fire Control District and Overstreet Fire Control District.

The discount schedule is as follows: 4 percent discount if paid in November; 3 percent discount if paid in December; 2 percent discount if paid in January; 1 percent discount if paid in February, payable without discount in March and taxes delinquent April 1.

Watch out for manatees migrating to warmer waters

Special to The Star

Florida manatees are beginning their annual migration to warmer waters, which is their instinctual response to winter's approach and surviving the cold.

As these slow-moving aquatic mammals migrate along rivers, canals, bays and coastlines, the FWC cautions boaters to slow down and watch out for manatees. The average adult manatee is 1,000 pounds and 10-feet long but may be difficult to spot despite its size.

"You can help manatees by slowing down and following posted speed zones when operating boats or personal watercraft. Manatees often feed in shallow seagrass beds adjacent to deeper waters," said Carol Knox, the FWC's Imperiled Species Management Section Leader. "Wearing polarized sunglasses helps you spot a manatee underwater. Also watch for circular wave patterns on the water's surface, called manatee footprints, indicating a manatee's presence below."

Throughout the state,



many seasonal manatee protection zones go into effect Nov. 15. Look for signs posted on the water indicating boat speed zones. A "slow speed" zone means a

boat should be completely settled in the water, not creating an excessive wake. Go to MyFWC.com/Manatee, and click on Data and Maps to see FWC manatee protection zones.

November is also Manatee Awareness Month, a time to celebrate Florida's official state marine mammal.

The FWC asks people to report sick, injured, orphaned, entangled or dead manatees by calling the Wildlife Alert hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922), texting Tip@MyFWC.com or calling #FWC and *FWC via

cellphone.

Floridians can support manatee conservation efforts by purchasing a manatee license plate at BuyaPlate.com or through their local tax collector's office when obtaining or renewing a vehicle tag. They also can get a manatee decal at those offices or by visiting MyFWC.com/Manatee and clicking on "Decals."

For "A boater's guide to living with Florida Manatees," go to MyFWC.com/Wildlife.

More manatee information is available at MyFWC.com/Manatee.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Inshore/Bay

Local waters are coming back to life after the cold snap and the rain. Good reports from the Brothers and around Howard Creek are abuzz with good bream catches. Scipio Creek is also producing nice speckled trout since the cold snap.

Offshore/Bottom

Good flounder are being caught around the old channel marker towers at the mouth of the bay. Most anglers are finding fish deeper this month due to the fall feeding patterns that are emerging.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Nov. 7	81°	53°	67 %
Fri, Nov. 8	71°	58°	9 %
Sat, Nov. 9	74°	62°	18 %
Sun, Nov. 10	78°	58°	23 %
Mon, Nov. 11	75°	50°	17 %
Tues, Nov. 12	75°	52°	0 %
Wed, Nov. 13	77°	55°	1 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide				
7	Th	1159pm	1.9	957am	-0.2				
8	Fr			1051am	-0.1				
9	Sa	1256am	1.7	1136am	0.0				
10	Su	203am	1.4	1206pm	0.2				
11	Mo	342am	1.1	817pm	0.9	1213pm	0.4		
12	Tu	628am	0.9	715pm	1.1	108am	0.8	1138am	0.7
13	We	707pm	1.3			241am	0.4		
14	Th	722pm	1.4			345am	0.2		
15	Fr	747pm	1.7			440am	0.1		
16	Sa	817pm	1.8			532am	-0.1		

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide				
7	Th	433am	1.8	836pm	1.5	1256pm	-0.1		
8	Fr	527am	1.7	927pm	1.4	1223am	1.3	155pm	0.0
9	Sa	634am	1.5	1011pm	1.4	147am	1.2	259pm	0.1
10	Su	800am	1.4	1049pm	1.4	327am	1.1	405pm	0.3
11	Mo	951am	1.2	1123pm	1.4	457am	0.8	509pm	0.5
12	Tu	1152am	1.2	1154pm	1.4	608am	0.6	607pm	0.7
13	We	134pm	1.3			706am	0.3	659pm	0.8
14	Th	1223am	1.5	248pm	1.3	757am	0.1	743pm	0.9
15	Fr	1251am	1.5	346pm	1.4	843am	0.0	822pm	1.0
16	Sa	118am	1.6	435pm	1.4	925am	-0.2	857pm	1.1

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Life in the High Marsh

By TOM BAIRD
Special to The Star

The seasons are turning, and while elsewhere people are enjoying the autumn foliage, we can witness impressive seasonal changes in the bay and gulf. Nowhere is this more dramatic than the plants of the upper salt marsh. The upper marsh responds to the seasons and the sea's touch with varying colors. Seaside goldenrod displays bright bits of color and sea oxeeye daisy (*Borrchia frutescens*) and salt marsh aster (*Aster tenuifolius*) create bands of color in the zones where they grow. The salt pannes or salt barrens now blaze red with glasswort and these same salt flats may have purslane in bloom. Sea lavender has sent up sprays of delicate purple flowers that make the upper marsh look like it is covered by a lavender mist. The marsh plants tell the seasons as clearly as the trees in a forest.

Irregularly flooded by the highest tides and visited by many terrestrial animals, the upper marsh is intimately linked to the regularly flooded lower marsh and eventually to the sea beyond. Plants of the upper marsh contend with extremes of salinity and drying. The majority are halophytes, salt tolerant plants that exhibit modifications and adaptations to their habitat. Succulents and plants with a thick waxy cuticle keep water loss to a minimum. In some marsh plants, salt glands secrete the excess salt taken in from the soil and tides. Salt crystals sparkle from their leaves on dry sunny days. Other plants resolve the salt problem by preventing salt uptake by the roots.

Definite zonation patterns based on their abilities to tolerate salt and drying characterize upper marsh plants. The plant dominating the irregularly flooded high marshes of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts is needle rush or black rush (*Juncus roemerianus*). Growing on higher ground and generally behind the more productive cord grass, this is the plant that often looks dead and brown. In some sections of the bay, the high marsh is characterized by salt-meadow hay



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LEFT: Seaside goldenrod MIDDLE: Sea lavender RIGHT: Sea oxeeye daisy

(*Spartina patens*) and spike grass or salt grass (*Distichlis spicata*). More birds nest in this zone than anywhere else in the marsh.

Growing mixed with the salt grass in the same zone is the more attractive, but less abundant plant, sea lavender (*Limonium carolinianum*). Salt glands on this perennial herb help it withstand submersion in seawater. During most of the year the plant is low growing and inconspicuous; then, in a period of less than a week, it flourishes into a showy, delicate, multi-branched spray of tiny lavender blossoms. The high marsh glows with purple flowers, and the migrating butterflies love the nectar.

Parts of the marsh receive such little tidal flooding or run-off from the land that evaporation causes the soil salinity to become excessively high. Only a select few plants are adapted to these harsh salt barrens. One of the few plants able to grow in the salt barrens is glasswort (*Salicornia*), found worldwide in tropical and temperate regions. The plant is composed largely of succulent, salt-filled, oppositely branching, jointed stems. The genus name, *Salicornia*, is derived from the Latin *sal*, meaning "salt" and *cornu*, meaning "horn," referring to the plant's saltiness and horn-shaped stems. Its reduced scaly leaves make the plant appear to the leafless. Glasswort is edible – snap off some and try it – and is used for making pickles or in salads, but is also valuable simply for the variety it adds to the marsh with its fire-red autumn coloration.

Other plants often found on or near salt barrens are saltwort (*Batis maritima*), and sea purslane (*Sesuvium portulacastrum*). Saltwort may cover the ground almost exclusively in very saline areas, and can be

found in profusion on some of the low islands in St. Joseph Bay. It flowers from spring to late fall and produces a berry. Sea purslane, like glasswort, is edible. The pinks and purples of sea purslane flowers add color to the browns and greens of marshes.

Along the inland fringe of the salt marsh occur species of plants associated with coastlines but growing in areas that are flooded only during the extreme storm surges. This group includes sea myrtle (*Baccharis halimifolia*), marsh elder (*Iva frutescens*), seaside goldenrod (*Solidago sempervirens*) and Christmas berry (*Lycium carolinianum*), as well as various willows and sumac. It is the cottony flowers of sea myrtle and the small blossoms of marsh elder that attract and feed so many migrating butterflies each fall. Both can be seen on US 98 just east of town and along the edge of the marsh. If you see a bush covered in butterflies during this time of year, it is likely either sea myrtle or marsh elder. Christmas berry brightens the high marsh with bluish flowers and bright red fruit. Blending into upland hammocks is the beautiful and poisonous coral bean (*Erythrina herbacea*). In the spring, the bright red blossoms of this plant are conspicuous along the marsh edge, as well as, along the roads along St. Joseph Bay. Coastal Indians once made beads from its poisonous red and black seeds, and it is these red seeds that are visible now.

Relatively few animals can endure the extremes of the upper marsh. The clapper rail both feeds and nests in the upper marsh. The diamondback terrapin, the only turtle in the world that lives in brackish and saltwater marshes, hibernates in the marsh muds, but lays

its eggs in the sandy areas above the high tide mark. The rough green snake and the salt marsh snake (*Nerodia clarkii*) live in this zone. Rarely seen, the salt marsh snake is strictly nocturnal. Besides rails, marsh wrens and seaside sparrows are some of the birds that inhabit this zone. Scott's seaside sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus peninsulae*) is the race found locally and is picky in terms of habitat. It is a salt marsh obligate.

Besides resident populations of fiddler crabs, rails, wrens, and terrapins, the marsh vegetation supports many migrants. Raccoons, opossums, deer and mice visit the upper marsh for food.

Considerable research has been conducted on the regularly flooded low marshes, where nutrients and metabolic wastes can be exchanged on each high tide. Only spring tides, storm tides, and wind-driven tides ever cover the upper marshes, where nutrient exchanges are less well understood. Yet, the high marsh plants function as a buffer between polluted water run-off from land and the highly productive lower marsh. Construction set-backs are necessary to protect this critical transition zone, which is not only an important wildlife habitat but a protective buffer for the regularly flooded salt marsh.

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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PSJ dominates Liberty County

By **TIM CROFT**

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PORT ST. JOE — The team of scant chances when the 2013 football season began took full advantage of another one last Friday night.

A Port St. Joe squad that has seemingly played against the odds each week dismantled Class 1A fourth-ranked Liberty County 24-7 at Shark Field to claim the District 4-1A title and a home game when the playoffs begin in two weeks.

In a defensive struggle — the Bulldogs enjoyed a yardage advantage of 200-180 — Port St. Joe made the key defensive stops while Dwayne Griggs scored three touchdowns, including an electric kickoff return.

The second half was emblematic of the whole.

The Bulldogs marched 65 yards in six plays early in the fourth quarter to score, but surrounded the drive by giving up the ball on downs three times and having two other drives ended by the only turnovers of the game, a fumble and interception.

“I thought we came ready to play,” said Port St. Joe coach Chuck Gannon. “We were really focused in all week in practice. The kids remembered last year when they came from 19 points down.”

“You keep telling them they are playing the fourth-ranked team in the state. We have to make a statement. I thought our kids did that tonight.”

With the district title within grasp the past two weeks, the Tiger Sharks (7-2 overall, 3-0 in district play) outscored West Gadsden and Liberty County 41-10.

“They just outplayed us,” said Liberty County coach Grant Grantham. “They were the better team. We missed some things tonight offensively, but we also did not block well. I don’t know what we could have done differently, they just outplayed us.”

The Tiger Sharks struck on their first drive, taking advantage of a 4-yard punt that gave them the ball at the Bulldog 41.

Port St. Joe drove to a 6-yard touchdown run by Griggs in seven plays, punctuated by a 35-bolt from Jarkeice Davis (a game-high 75 yards rushing) on third-and-16 from



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Dwayne Griggs, shown against Franklin County, scored three touchdowns, including an electrifying kickoff return, to help Port St. Joe clinch the district title.

the 45.

Drew Lacour added the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Liberty County marched into Tiger Shark territory on its next drive but sputtered behind a holding call, and Port St. Joe took over at its 34 after stopping the Bulldogs on downs.

Consuming 15 plays and more than 6:30 of the clock, the Tiger Sharks marched to the 1 before Griggs scored on a jet sweep, barely sneaking inside the pylon.

Griggs fueled the drive with a seven-yard run on fourth-and-6 at the Bulldog 24, and Davis added spark when he weaved 13 yards through the middle of the Liberty County defense on a third-and-eight from the 15.

Lacour’s extra point made it 14-0, and the teams traded punts before heading into the locker room at intermission.

Gannon said after the game that Liberty County was a good comeback team, but the hill got much steeper on the second-half kickoff.

Having deferred after winning the coin toss to open the game, the Tiger Sharks got first crack in the third period, and in 13 seconds,

Griggs turned the kickoff into a 86-yard sprint to the end zone, breaking clean through the wedge before heading down the right sideline untouched.

Lacour made it 21-0.

“That return was big,” Gannon said. “We know they can come back, they did last year, and that allowed us to take a bit of wind out of their sails.”

Liberty County pulled to 21-7 on a 9-yard run by William Hayes in the first minute of the fourth period.

But on the Bulldogs’ next drive, following a 50-yard punt by Griggs that pinned them at their 1, Hayes was stripped of the ball by Davis with T.J. Williams recovering to set up an 18-yard field goal by Lacour.

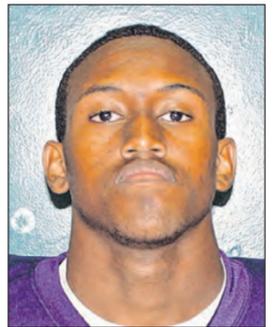
Marcell Johnson ended Liberty County’s final possession when he intercepted Micah McCaskill (7 of 18 for 116 yards) near midfield.

Less than a minute later the Tiger Sharks were dancing as a group, celebrating a district championship.

Port St. Joe finishes the regular season next Friday at Arnold and hosts South Walton next week in a region semifinal. Find ticket information on **Page A8**.



MARCELL JOHNSON



NATRON LEE



DEWAYNE GRIGGS



JACOBIE JONES



DREW LACOUR

FACA all-District 1A teams announced

Star Staff Report

Given the mantra of “team-first” that has fueled Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School the entire football season, it is fitting that only a handful of Tiger Sharks were recognized on the Florida Athletic Coaches Association All-District 2-Class 1A team.

The FACA District 2 encompasses teams from Walton County to Jackson County.

The 1A team represents the small schools within those boundaries. Port St. Joe placed just one player, sophomore linebacker Marcell Johnson, on the All-District team for players regardless of grade.

State top-ranked Blountstown, represented by the

Coach of the Year Greg Jordan and district Most Valuable Player Hunter Jordan, placed the most players on the team with eight.

Chiplely had five and Sneads and Vernon four apiece.

The district All-Senior squad included Drew Lacour, Jacobie Jones, Natron Lee and Dwayne Griggs from Port St. Joe.

Griggs finished third in the MVP voting behind Hunter Jordan and running back Kobe McCrary from Chiplely.

All players selected to the all-District seniors team are eligible to play in an all-star game in late December.

Nominations for those players will be made later by coaches from the district.

Sports fan nirvana next week

By **TIM CROFT**

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Sports fans will enjoy a bountiful feast next week.

Two basketball tournaments, the opening of the regular season in soccer and a Class 1A regional football semifinal, are on tap during a week in which sports fans will have plenty to be thankful about.

The week gets started with the Boutique By the Bay Tip-Off Classic, a varsity basketball tournament hosted over two nights by Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

On Tuesday, Port St. Joe will face Blountstown at 7:30 p.m. ET immediately after a contest between Tallahassee FAMU and Franklin County that tips off at 6 p.m.

The teams will switch on Thursday, Nov. 14, when Franklin County faces Blountstown at 6 p.m. ET followed by Port St. Joe versus FAMU.

Port St. Joe basketball coach Derek Kurnitsky noted that FAMU has a shooting guard who recently verbally committed to play next year at Ole Miss.

“It has been six or seven years since we hosted a preseason tournament, and I was tired of going on the road,” Kurnitsky said. “We like basketball here, and we will have two nights of very good basketball.”

“It is preseason so the games don’t count, but we wanted to host a tournament. It should be some good basketball. And we have a Division I signee who will be playing.”

The first night of the Tip-Off Classic coincides with the opening regular season games in soccer as Port St. Joe hosts Malone.

The Tip-Off Classic will lead into the opening of the Region 1-1A football playoffs, which will have the Ti-



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School will host varsity and junior high basketball tournaments this week sandwiched around the Tiger Sharks football playoff game against South Walton.

ger Sharks hosting South Walton.

“It’s kind of neat,” Kurnitsky said. “Football gets the years started, and the way the football team has played, it feels like Port St. Joe is relevant again. We haven’t been down long, just two years, but this has worked out perfect.”

“When football wins it just starts the school year right, lifts the spirit and just gets everybody excited. I think it is pretty neat we are going to have a week of nothing but football and basketball.”

The sweet sports week is iced Saturday by the annual Port St. Joe Hoopfest, which will bring 12 teams to town for a junior high boys’ and girls’ basketball tournament sponsored by Centennial Bank.

“We are having teams from all over the Panhandle,” Kurnitsky said. “We have so many games and teams that some of the games will spill over to the Washington Gym, which I think is pretty special.”

The Hoopfest gets started at 9 a.m. ET next Saturday.

Entry to the Tip-Off Classic is \$5 per night, the same for the all-day Hoopfest. The Florida High School Athletics Association requires ticket prices for playoff football to be \$8.

“A lot of people paid \$200 to see Miami and Florida State this past weekend, and they are going to be able to see some good basketball and football for just \$23,” Kurnitsky said. “That’s a pretty good deal.”

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Autumn Action swinging success

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The eighth annual Autumn Action Golf Tournament to raise funds for summer internships for students in High School High Tech of Port St. Joe had to be delayed because of stormy weather, but the golfers finally got off on a beautiful crisp fall Sunday afternoon and had a great time. Players came from as far away as Maine, Tallahassee and Panama City with many locals supporting the tournament and making it a success for the kids.

The winning team was Andrew Rowell, Debbie Ashbrook, Tina LaCourse and Matt LaCourse from Panama City with a 60. Coming in close behind in second was a mixed team of visitors and locals, David Warriner, Gary Suttle, Kamen Woolery and William Woolery with a 62. Third was

a local group, Andy Smith, Jay Rish, Bo Springs, and Michael Hammond with a 62. It was a close race with second and third decided by a tie breaker.

Closest to the line for men was Andy Smith and for women was Penelope Evanoff. Closest to the pin for men was Kenny Wood and for women Tina LaCourse. Unfortunately, no one won the "Hole in One" prize of the Chevrolet but Bill Cramer Chevrolet but two players came within inches.

The players feasted on Gant's Barbecue while door prizes were being drawn. Everyone got a door prize because of the generosity of our local businesses many donations.

Students from High School High Tech and some of their parents came out to register the players and meet and greet.

They were John Keigans, Howard Townsend, Deontae

George, Preston Burkett with the club's sponsor Melissa Behee from Port St. Joe. Robyn Rennick from Dyslexia Research Institute in Tallahassee, the HSHS sponsor that administers the grant from the ABLE Trust helped out and Chandler Gilbert, a local St. Joe fellow who attends Woodland Hall Academy in Tallahassee came down to help out as well.

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Many local businesses donated great door prizes for the tournament.

Through the sponsors' donations, at least 10 students will have paid summer internships.

Auction, golf tourney to benefit museum

Boyer Band to perform during salute to veterans

Special to The Star

The third annual Silent Auction/Golf Tournament to benefit the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum will be Nov. 8-9 at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club.

As part of a full weekend event, a reception will be at 6 p.m. ET Friday, Nov. 8, with hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, for a \$10 entry fee.

A cash bar for spirits will also be available and live music by The George Boyer Band.

A silent auction will take place with auction items including limited edition prints of historic military and cultural events, gift baskets and area hotel stays. Other items are requested. A variety of items will be available

A benefit golf tournament will be Saturday, with proceeds to support the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum and the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club.

The club is open to the public, and the tournament will be a four-player, scramble format, kicking off at 12:30 p.m. ET with a short ceremony to honor America's veterans and a 1 p.m. shotgun start. A meal and awards ceremony will follow. Cash prizes for the tournament will include \$400 to the first place team, \$350 for second place and \$200 for third place. A Hole-In-One Challenge will offer a \$10,000 cash prize.

The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum has been honored by Smithsonian Magazine for seven straight years and is dedicated to preserving the memories of the amphibious soldiers who trained at the camp, which is located in Carrabelle. The museum houses more than 10,000 square feet of artifacts, vehicles, photos, memorabilia and memories of the soldiers, sailors, and other military, as well as civilian personnel who trained at the camp during the WWII years.

Hole sponsorships are available and tournament registration information can be found at www.stjoe-ebaygolf.com or by calling 227-1751 or Dan Van Treese at 227-8138.

Special lodging packages are available starting at \$69.99/single, \$89.99/double. Call the Mainstay Suites at 229-6246 for a reservation.

The event is being supported by the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

Port St. Joe soccer unbeaten in jamboree

Star Staff Report

With gorgeous weather and great competition, the boys' soccer season got under way last Saturday as Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School hosted a preseason jamboree.

The action opened with Port St. Joe beating Tallahassee Godby 3-1.

Rocky Bayou Christian followed with a 5-0 win over Godby, and the day's action was completed as Rocky Bayou and Port St. Joe battled to a 1-1 deadlock.

With the jamborees behind both Port St. Joe squads, the 16-game regular season gets underway next Tuesday when Port St. Joe hosts Malone High School beginning at 5 p.m. ET.

The teams will compete in what Coach Gary Hindley described as a "difficult" District 1-1A.

District foes include Tallahassee Maclay, Tallahassee John Paul, II, Lafayette Mayo, East Gadsden, Rocky Bayou and Franklin County.

Each district team will face every other squad once, and Port St. Joe and

Franklin County will meet in out-of-district competition.

For the first time, the program will host an in-school contest versus Baker on Tuesday, Nov. 26 with the girls starting at noon ET and the boys following at 2 p.m.

Baker is off that entire week for Thanksgiving; Nov. 26 is the last day of classes for Gulf County schools before the break.

The district tournaments will be hosted by Maclay, the girls Jan. 13-17 and the boys Jan. 20-24.

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The Nov. 15 home semifinal regional game between the Port St. Joe Tiger Sharks and South Walton will begin at 7:30 p.m. ET. The Florida High School Athletics Association sets ticket prices for all State Series games. Prices for all fans will be \$8 for all ages. No passes, No Gold Cards. The only passes that can be accepted are the FHSAA State Series pass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bridge at St. Joe honors residents, community members

In a ceremony last week, Louie Jefferson Little Jr., right, was inducted into The Bridge at Bay St. Joe Hall of Fame for his years of military and community service.



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The Bridge at Bay St. Joe hosted a Hall of Fame Café celebration to honor residents at the local nursing home.

During the Friday ceremony, the Rev. Louie Jefferson Little Jr. was honored for distinguished military service and volunteerism, and former resident Ruth Schoelles was inducted for personal achievements, profes-

sional accomplishments and public service.

Little is a member of the Ministerial Association and acts as a fill-in for the facility's chaplain as needed.

For the past six years, Little has volunteered at The Bridge every Saturday. He leads the facility's 20-member congregation, where he conducts live music, provides gospel lessons and visits with residents.

Raised in Troy, Ala., Little moved to Port St. Joe with his

wife, Jean, who grew up in the area. He served in the National Guard for more than eight years and later worked in the Air National Guard as an air traffic controller.

"It's a great gesture," Little said of the Hall of Fame recognition. "We get more out of it than we put in. It's uplifting for us, and we feel blessed."

Little now serves as the Priest in Charge at the Church

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A little salt and pepper made Halloween better during the annual Ghosts on the Coast event.

A Halloween spooktacular

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The 13th annual Ghosts on the Coast celebration packed Reid Avenue last Thursday for the biggest Halloween celebration in Gulf County.

Hundreds of revelers in colorful costumes ranging from the classic ghosts and ghouls, to superheroes, to pirates and police officers dotted Port St. Joe's City Commons Park for costume contests, live music, a fish fry, street games, interactive art and of course, trick-or-treating.

More than \$2,000 worth of candy was donated to the Chamber of Commerce and distributed to 50 area businesses that participated in the event.

Business owners handed out candy right from their doors or in the case of off-Reid businesses, the pavilions that were setup along the street.

"Everyone one plays such an important role in making events like Ghosts on the Coast happen, and it truly is a community event," Chamber director Paula Pickett said.

Marketing for the event has handled by the Tourist Development Council, and

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Above right, Mayor Mel Magidson takes part in the interactive art exhibit on Reid Avenue. At right, hundreds of contestants lined up for the chance to show off their duds on stage.



Blast on the Bay songwriters Bob Regan, Wil Nance and Tim Buppert played for patients at Sacred Heart Hospital before their scheduled performances.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Nashville songwriters perform for Sacred Heart patients

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Some believe music has healing abilities, and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf in Port St. Joe saw it first-hand.

Before this year's Blast on the Bay songwriters' festival even started filling Port St. Joe and Mexico Beach with songs straight out of Nashville, visiting writers Tim Buppert, Bob Regan and Wil Nance paid a visit to the hospital to perform for patients who wouldn't be able to make it out to the weekend's festivities.

At a previous festival, Buppert told Paulina Pendarvis, Physician and Volunteers Services advocate for Sacred Heart, that he'd be interested in playing for the patients. This year, before the Blast could begin, Pendarvis reached out to take Buppert up on his offer.

Buppert enlisted the help of some of his friends, and they arrived at the hospital with guitars and fiddles in tow.

"It was a great experience, and the people were wonderful," said Bob Regan, a Grammy-nominated Nashville songwriter whose tunes have been recorded by Hank Williams Jr., Reba McEntire and Keith Urban.

The festival brought Regan to Port St. Joe for the first time, and he accompanied Buppert and Nance to the hospital, where they visited five patients and played a mix of cover songs that included Motown hits and even some Western swing. Regan also wrote original one-verse songs for

each patient.

"I remember being in the hospital a few years back, and it can get a little boring," Regan said. "Hopefully we broke it up."

In addition to being a full-time songwriter and musician, Regan spends one day a week playing music for veterans in the Nashville area with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries.

"I've seen first-hand the therapeutic benefits of music," Regan said.

"They spent about 20 minutes with each patient, making them forget about where they were, and making them feel so very special," Pendarvis said. "It's a testimony to the healing power of music."

Pendarvis praised the Blast on the Bay event and said she's seen an increase in songwriters showing interest in giving back to the community while they are in town. One patient sang along with the writers while staff gathered outside the doors to listen in on the performances.

"We were the first ones to benefit from the songwriters' amazing talent," Pendarvis said. "How often do we get artists of their caliber in our area, more or less getting personal concerts with three of them?"

Pendarvis is on the hunt for a musician to visit Sacred Heart to play music for patients on a regular basis. Those interested in volunteering can download an application online at www.sacred-heart.org or contact her at 229-5627.

"Music has the power to help us forget our pain for the moment and to put us in a happier place," she said.



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Washington, Tyler, Coolidge, LBJ

2) What was the main surveillance plane used in the Persian Gulf War?
E-3 AWAC, C-140, B-2 Spirit, RM-81

3) Where was America's first-ever opera performed in 1735?
Boston, MA; Charleston, SC; Baltimore, MD; Albany, NY

4) What state is the "Toothpick Capital of the World"?

Georgia, Montana, Oregon, Maine

5) A work published without a copyright is in "what"?
Tort, Public domain, Encumbrance, Binder

6) What is caprock commonly found above?
Artesian well, Talus, Glacier, Iceberg

7) What soldiers used "We're Off to See the Wizard" as a marching song in WWII?
British, Australian, Canadian, Brazilian

8) During the final "Seinfeld" each 30-second advertisement sold for an estimated how much?
\$100K, \$500K, \$800K, \$1.5 million

9) What did the Austrian physicist Christian Johann Doppler study?
Sound waves, Global warming, Einstein's theory, Mothman

10) Which is in the same city as Dome of the Rock and Mount Zion?
Stonehenge, Wailing

Wall, Christ the Redeemer, Kremlin

11) What were 19th century Latin American dictators called?
Cigarillos, Ocotillos, Caudillos, Bonillos

12) During the American Revolution many brides wore what color of wedding gowns as a sign of rebellion?
Red, Blue, Green, Yellow

13) When Picasso died in 1973 what was the official appraised worth of his estate?

\$2,000; \$135,000; \$7 million; \$250 million

14) According to the Wilson Sporting Goods Co., how many basketballs can be made from one cowhide?
2, 5, 11, 15

ANSWERS

1) Coolidge. 2) E-3 AWAC. 3) Charleston, SC. 4) Maine. 5) Public domain. 6) Artesian well. 7) Australian. 8) \$1.5 million. 9) Wailing waves. 10) Sound waves. 11) Caudillos. 12) Red. 13) \$250 million. 14) 11.

Society BRIEFS

Amateur radio license exams

The Gulf Amateur Radio Society will sponsor amateur radio license exams at 10 a.m. ET on Saturday, Nov. 9. The location will be at the county EOC building in Port St. Joe, located behind the Robert Moore Annex.

Get your license and get on the air or upgrade a present license. For registration and/or assistance contact C.H. Tillis, AJ4XJ at 648-8251.

The Gulf Amateur Radio Society meets at 7 p.m. ET the first Thursday of each month at the EOC building. Visitors are welcome.

Sea Oats and Dunes Garden Club meeting

Join the Sea Oats and Dunes Garden Club at its next monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. ET on Tuesday, Nov. 12. The meeting will take place at Beach Baptist Hall, 311 Columbus St., in St. Joe Beach.

Senior Citizens needs your help

Gulf County Senior Citizens, 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 and chicken, soup or vegetables. Small inexpensive bingo prizes are always needed for our clients who 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 older. Transportation might 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 can call Debbie at 229-8466.

Call for volunteers to annual Thanksgiving dinner

Star Staff Report

The Oak Grove Church at 613 Madison Ave. in Port St. Joe is again the proud host for this year's annual dinner. We are asking for the wonderful volunteers that helped make this such a success in 2012 to help again this year. With the help of the men, women and children who helped, we were able to prepare, cook, package and deliver 800-plus meals to needy people in every area of Gulf County and Mexico Beach. We will be gathering to start preparing for the Thanksgiving dinner at noon ET on Nov. 27. We will need help putting boxes together, packaging cakes, slicing turkeys and setting up tables and supplies for Thanksgiving morning. An early crew and volunteers will be needed at 6 a.m. to warm up food and assist with other food preparation on Thanksgiving Day. There will be many positions to fill on Thanksgiving morning when the dinners are assembled, boxed and delivered.

Anyone who would like additional information is asked to call Jerry Stokoe at 348-9108 or Jim Gainey at 227-1272.

DAR Veterans Day program

Star Staff Report

The St. Joseph Bay Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will observe its Veterans Day Celebration and Patriotism Education on Monday, Nov. 11 at the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School. Members will meet at the school at 9 a.m. EST for a Veterans program and move to the Sunset Coastal Grill for a business meeting and lunch.

Anyone interested in more information on the DAR can call Sherrill Russ, 229-8574.



Past Regents Betty Ann Owens and Virginia Harrison were recognized for their service to the chapter.



DAR Charter Members Mazie Stone, Eda Ruth Taylor, Frann Smith and Bobbie Marshall were honored at the October meeting.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Garden Club presents Christmas in the Garden

Special to The Star

Do you love the garden and Christmas? Combine both on Nov. 16 at the Garden Club Center for Christmas in The Garden. The address is 216 8th Street and the time is 1-3 p.m. ET.

As a special guest, David Goodson from Bayside Florist will present a program all about making your holiday center piece. All kinds of holiday goodies will be served, so you can start your Thanksgiving and Christmas munching early.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from any Garden Club member, or

you can call Betty Lewis at 229-6005.

As more news, the Garden Club met for the regular meeting on Oct. 10 with decorations and center pieces with a fall theme. Hostesses Elaine Jackson and Lynda Bordelon treated all attendees with soup and sandwiches.

The outstanding program was presented by David Goodson from the Bayside Florist. He demonstrated all the details for making a burlap fall wreath.

We welcome anyone interested in joining the club or just wanting to visit a meeting.



David Goodson from Bayside Florist presented a program demonstrating how to make a fall wreath from burlap at the Garden Club October meeting.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Skipper named Ms. Guysie Mule Roundup Queen

Special to The Star

Hometown lady Sharon Linda (Bunge) Skipper was not expected to live 41 years ago. Not only did she survive, but was named Ms. Guysie Mule Roundup Queen forever.

Skipper is a resident of Twin Oaks Convalescent Home at 301 S. Baker St. Alma, Ga., 31510.

A card or letter to her would be something she would cherish forever.



Sharon Linda (Bunge) Skipper (standing) was named Ms. Guysie Mule Roundup Queen in Alma, Ga.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

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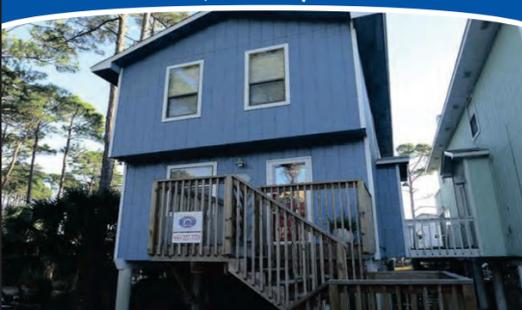
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Faith Christian School
The Lion's Tale

Special to The Star

The week of Nov. 11-15 Faith Christian School is hosting its annual Book Fair. There will be a wide variety of books to choose from ranging from preschool reading levels to advanced reading levels. Do you like crafts, cooking, mysteries, or jokes? This book fair will have it all! Thursday, Nov. 14, will be a special day for

grandparents. A special grandparent breakfast is at 8 a.m. in the auditorium and each class will give a short exhibition. The students are so excited to show their grandparents what they have learned so far this year.

Everyone is invited to visit the fair between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thank you to the Parent Teacher Organization (PTP) for sponsoring this week long event. Reading can take a child to all kinds of places where he or she can meet all of characters, take countless adventures, and maybe even learn something.

GCSC launches online career coach tool

Special to The Star

Gulf Coast State College's Career Development Center (CDC) is pleased to announce the launch of Career Coach, a free online tool designed for students and community members to explore potential careers and career-oriented educational pathways. Through a simple keyword search, students and visitors to the College's website can learn about the employment prospects associated with any occupation.

The real-time information is customized to GCSC's geographic region (Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties) and includes detailed wage estimates, projected annual job openings, up-

to-date local job postings and Gulf Coast's corresponding programs and training for any specific career.

For those who are unsure about careers they want to pursue, interest and personality tests are available through the CDC on campus, and based on the results of the tests, a list of potential jobs are provided.

"Once I sit down with a student, Career Coach enables us to see the statistics for their results with one click," said Denise Murks, Coordinator of Career Development. "They can start by looking at a specific career field and Career Coach will take them right to our college catalog, showing what courses they would need to take to actually go into that

field of study."

If a career doesn't look like the right fit, individuals can view similar jobs. They can also search for careers based on the College's top training programs — or the program or major they are interested in. Career Coach also includes a built-in resume builder to help students and jobseekers quickly and efficiently put together an updated resume with key skills and job experience highlighted.

Career Coach can be accessed by visiting www.gulfcoast.edu/careercoach

For more information, please contact Denise Murks at (850) 872-3835 or email dmurks@gulfcoast.edu.

DAZZLING DOLPHINS



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

FRONT ROW: Ethan Thompson, Kiyleh Parker, Lily Wockenfuss, Hunter Ard. **BACK ROW:** Estevan Angel, DJ Davis, Ashley Eubanks, Celeste Hamm



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Port St. Joe Tiger Shark mascot, seen with Dylan Harris, visited the elementary school last week. The mascot will be given a name by a lucky student.

Name that shark

By WES LOCHER
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At long last, the Port St. Joe Tiger Sharks have a mascot.

The as of yet unnamed shark mascot made its debut at the elementary school last week where it interacted with students and then showed its dorsal fin in public at the football game last Friday.

So what's this shark's name? That's a question that can only be answered by a student at Port St. Joe Elementary or the high school.

The student bodies of both Port St. Joe schools have been asked to play a vital role in naming the mascot and will be encouraged to submit suggestions until Friday, Nov. 15, after which a group of faculty judges will narrow down the options to the best six.

Once the finalist names are chosen, students will be able to vote for their favorite during their lunches in return for a small donation that will go toward helping a school-affiliated group to be determined.

The mascot will officially be given its name at a future event.

DOH: School flu vaccination campaign success

Special to The Star

Flu season has arrived and the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County (DOH Gulf) has already made successful strides in providing influenza (flu) vaccinations to youth. Each year, the DOH-Gulf School Health Team partners with the Gulf County School District to kick off a flu vaccination campaign. The campaign provides seasonal flu vaccinations to students during regular school hours at each school location.

"Each year, our student flu vaccination numbers continue to increase," said Amy Driggers, School Health Coordinator for the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County. "When

more children are vaccinated against the flu, flu cannot as easily spread through the school system and into the community."

This year, the campaign began at the Wewahitchka Elementary School. Permission forms were sent home and returned, making this initiative convenient for parents and caregivers who are not able to take off work or schedule an appointment for their child. The school health team provided 107 flu vaccinations to students in grades pre-k through 6, at the school. The school health team plans to continue the campaign, by offering vaccinations at Wewahitchka Junior and Senior High Schools and Port St. Joe schools.

"The flu is more dangerous than the common cold for children," said Marsha Lindeman, Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County. "The single best way to protect your children from the flu is to get them vaccinated each year. Our School Health Program is committed to protecting the health of this community through prevention of communicable diseases in our children and their families."

DOH protects, promotes and improves the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. For more information, contact the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County at 850-227-1276 or visit www.gulfchd.com.

GCSC VPA presents 'Les Misérables'

Special to The Star

The Visual and Performing Arts Division of Gulf Coast State College will present the Broadway musical "Les Misérables," on Nov. 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. CT and on Nov. 17 and 24 at 2:30 p.m. CT in the Amelia Center Theatre.

The musical is based on Victor Hugo's 1862 novel and takes place 43 years after the French Revolution. It

explores the themes of redemption, conscience, idealism, justice, passion, loss and love.

The now legendary musical, written by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg, first opened in 1980 in Paris and since then, it has been performed in many different languages all over the world.

The box office opens an hour and a half before each performance. Advanced ticket purchase is strongly

recommended. Reservations can be made online at www.gulfcoast.edu/arts. Adult tickets are \$20 and tickets for anyone younger than 18 are \$10. Because of the subject matter and length of the show, the production is recommended for mature middle school teens and older.

For more information, visit the website or call Tiffany Fraioli at 872-3886 or email tfraioli@gulfcoast.edu.

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Today

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And only I can determine
What kind of day it will be.
It can be busy and sunny,
Laughing a gay,
Or it can be boring and cold,
Unhappy and grey.
My own state of mind
Is the determining key,
For I am the only person
I let myself be.
I can be thoughtful,
And do what I can to help,
Or I can be selfish
And think just of myself.
I can enjoy what I do,
And make it seem fun,
Or gripe and complain
And make it hard on someone.
I can be patient with
Those who may not understand,
Or belittle and hurt them
As much as I can.
But I have faith in myself
And believe what I say,
And I personally intend to
Make the best of TODAY...
Walking with My Lord!

Jackie M. Hodge

Don't compromise

Thank you Lord for shedding the light, on one of our creatures, hidden in the night.
After my name was written in the Book, within a year or so, you could find me in a juke.
At first I ran around with the ones that did the drinking. I was going to witness to them, or at least that's what I was thinking.
Little did I know then, it doesn't work that way.
When you compromise with Satan, he has a real field day.
Satan did his thing, as he did with Adam and Eve. He sure is a hard worker, when he starts to deceive. I can just hear you now, I know what some are thinking.
I would have been stronger than him, and not ever started drinking.
Here's hoping you don't try to see, just how strong your will can be.
I have the love of Jesus, and also a praying Mother.
If it hadn't been for that, I wouldn't be here, brother.

Billy Johnson

Personal histories explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

The life-long impact of a tumultuous past will be discussed at 7 p.m. CT Monday at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "Getting Past ... Your Past: And Making the Most of Your Future," features a filmed interview with author and actor Michael Fosberg, creator of the one-man show, "Incognito."

At the age of 32, after growing

up in a middle-class white family, Fosberg contacted his estranged birth father and discovered a fact that had been kept from him: Fosberg's father wasn't who he thought he was.

"Imagine discovering you're not the person you thought you were," says Fosberg. The discovery prompted Fosberg to consider how the past shapes us and what might allow us to change directions.

Admission to the 60-minute event

is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located at 1602 U.S. Highway 98 in Mexico Beach across from El Governor Motel.

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

Faith BRIEFS

St. John's annual Bazaar

St. John's Episcopal Church of Wewahitchka will hold its annual Bazaar from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT on Saturday. Features include a homemade turkey-and-dressing dinner for only \$7 (dine in or carry out); \$100 VISA card tickets for \$1 each; vintage and new jewelry; and, of course, the yearly favorites - bake sale, craft sale and huge yard sale. The church is about six miles north of Wewahitchka at 4060 N. State 71. Proceeds go toward scholarships for needy students. Please come out lend us your support!

7 a.m. until noon CT and the bake sale will begin at 8 a.m. CT. The chili cook-off will begin at 10:45 a.m. and run until noon CT. Attendees may sample, judge and vote on a winner for \$1. Chili will be sold for \$3 a bowl.

The pancake breakfast will run from 7 a.m. to noon CT. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee will be sold for \$5 a plate.

All proceeds will go toward the gymnasium building loan.

Pastor's Anniversary

New Life Christian Center Church would like to invite everyone out to the anniversary of Pastor's Johnny and Shirley Jenkins at 11 a.m. ET on Sunday.

Even will be held at New Life Christian Center Church where the speaker of the hour will be Minister George (Toby) Thomas of New Life Christian Center East of Tallahassee. Come and experience the power of God. Food and

fellowship to follow service. Theme: "Keep on Working." Hebrews 6:10

Long Avenue Baptist fish fry/yard sale

Long Avenue Baptist Church in Port St. Joe will hold a yard sale/mullet fish fry from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. ET on Nov. 16.

The event is a fundraiser for the church's mission trip to Guatemala. The church is at 1601 Long Ave. Fish fry tickets are available at the church office or walk up on Nov. 16.

Dinners will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

New Bethel Baptist Harvest Day

New Bethel Baptist will observe Harvest Day at 11:30 a.m. ET on Nov. 17. Pastor Rev. Cyril Mills will oversee the festivities and Sister Lawanda Smiley will speak.

Obituaries

Matthew L. Walker

Matthew L. Walker was born on Nov. 22, 1967, at Gulf Pines Hospital in Port St. Joe, Fla., and passed away suddenly in Texas on October 25, 2013, after a tragic accident while riding the motorcycle that he loved.

Matt, as he was known to his family and friends, was a 1985 graduate of Port St. Joe High School and a member of the First Baptist Church in Port St. Joe. He also served briefly in the United States Air Force. Most recently, he was excelling as a supervisor at



MATTHEW L. WALKER

Motiva Bechtel, a worldwide energy company based in Texas.

Matt is survived by his parents, Donna and Tommy Walker of Port St. Joe. He was a gift to them from God, and he is now at peace with

his Heavenly Father. A graveside service was held at Holly Hill Cemetery on Monday, Nov. 4, 2013, under the direction of Comforter Funeral Home. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for all of the many prayers and acts of love and kindness during this difficult time.

Robert Clifton 'Clifford' McCleary

Robert Clifton "Clifford" McCleary, 67, passed away on Oct. 29, 2013 in Miami.

Born in Mobile, Ala., the son of Leola Elizabeth Gathers and Stephen Gathers, Jr., he was a former resident of Port Saint Joe, educated at George Washington High School and served his country in the Army in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He now rests from the labor of the world. His dedication and genuine love of his family and friends will live forever in the hearts of those who know him best.

Survivors include his loving wife, Doris Jean McCleary; two daughters, Angela Jackson and

Latasha McCleary; siblings, Yvonne Landrine, Caroline Sims (Thomas), Doris (Pastor Morning), Gwen Dawson (Darion), Sandra Addison, Tressie Ross (Fred), Patricia Williams, Steve Gathers, III.

Preceding Robert in death were his siblings: James Earl Gathers, Jimmy Gathers and Wanda Jean Gathers; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, at New Bethel A.M.E. Church conducted by the Rev. Johnnie Jenkins. Interment followed in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home.

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Girls Night Out... holiday survival

Special to The Star

Do memories of holidays conjure up images of an idyllic painting or a nightmare wrapped in social demands, to-do lists, overeating, and guilt? Expectations and the pressure to create the perfect holiday turn the season of goodwill into a marathon of survival.

Have you considered a lighter, more flexible, holiday with an attitude that can go the distance from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day with your health and sanity intact?

This holiday season give special foods and gifts a magical touch.

Holiday Survival, a program sponsored by the UF/IFAS Extension Gulf County office will show you how to make the holidays extra-special using a pinch of spirited imagination and a dash of creative ideas.

Fill your kitchen with holiday cheer using a selection of shopping tips and healthy, creative holiday dishes. Do It Yourself

(DIY) gifts are a great way to personalize holiday gifts, you will learn to make gifts that will be cherished and enjoyed by all.

And, plan to learn some ideas to creatively address the stressors of the season.

Come join us for a fun-filled evening of guiltless holiday cooking, DIY holiday gifts, and de-stressing strategies.

The HOLIDAY SURVIVAL program will be held from 6-8 p.m. CST on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Gulf County Extension office, 232 E. Lake Ave, Wehahitchka, FL 32465 (Old Health Department).

Cost for the program will be \$12, which covers taste testing samples, DIY gift items, and handouts.

Due to limited seating, please pre-register no later than Nov. 12 by calling the UF/IFAS Gulf County Extension office at 639-3200. Pre-registration is necessary to make sure enough supplies, etc. are provided.

Space is limited. First registered, first served.

International films featured at local film fest

Special to The Star

Creative films from around the globe will be showcased at the International Lifetree Film Fest at 6 p.m. CT on Nov. 16.

The event will take place at Sunset Park in Mexico Beach.

The overarching theme of the festival's short films is people who are "doing life" or "doing good." According to festival plan-

ners, audience members will have an opportunity to choose their favorite film of the evening. A dessert reception will follow.

Sunset Park is located at the west end of the El Governor Motel.

While the event is free, it is being held in support of the Beaches Community Care food drive and donations of canned and dry goods are welcome. (In case of inclement weather,

the Lifetree Film Fest will be held in Living Water's facility at 1602 U.S. 98 in Mexico Beach.)

Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Advance sponsors from the community providing door prizes include: Port Saint Joe Salt Air Farmers Market, Cathey's Ace Hardware, It's All About the Oils, Mango Marley's, and Melody's Paintings.

The event is sponsored

by Lifetree Café—a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Lifetree Café is hosted weekly at Living Water's facility at 1602 U.S. 98 in Mexico Beach at 7 p.m. CT on Mondays.

Questions about the Lifetree Film Fest can be directed to David Gieseking at (850) 648-1151 or livingwater@fairpoint.net.

THE LIFETREE FILM FEST FEATURED FILMS

"SPAGHETTI FÜR ZWEI" ("SPAGHETTI FOR TWO")

Directed by Matthias Rosenberger
A likable but lonely man on his way to lunch encounters a world swarming with would-be crooks, hussies, and criminals. A whimsical portrayal of misperceptions meeting reality. (Germany, 19 min.)

"GUANG"

Directed by Quek Shio Chuan
The moving story of Wen Guang, an autistic adult with an unusual obsession. See his challenging quest for a job, his daily routines, and his secret passion as he searches for what will bring him a simple, pure, hard-earned, fleeting moment of joy. (Malaysia, 14 min.)

"TITANIC LOVE"

Directed by Mark Pressdee
Lucy wants a Titanic Love cruise to relive her Hollywood dream. Jack does not. He thinks they can't afford it, and Lucy is furious. Their relationship hits rough waters, so Jack calls on his clever friends for a cheap alternative. (UK, 22 min.)

Celebrate healthy holidays

By THE STAFF AT MYGULFCARE
Special to The Star

During the holiday season, much of our attention is turned towards the table. At Halloween, it's the treats, candied apples, popcorn balls and maybe a party or two. At Thanksgiving, we don't just stuff a turkey; we tend to stuff ourselves as well. Then Christmas arrives with those pies and cakes, all the cookies and candy, and a big family dinner, as well. No wonder we ring in the New Year a few extra pounds that we just don't need.

First, think about people, not food. Concentrate on making your celebration reflect what you know and love about those you are sharing it with. Focus on what you are celebrating and what the holiday represents.

Next, plan before you eat. When you arrive at a dinner party or celebration, take time to check out all the food options, and make a plan. If desserts are calling you and you plan to indulge, skip the rolls or potatoes. Develop a strategy that will allow you to enjoy a treat, and not abandon the healthy habits you have formed.

Following are some quick tips that will help you stay on track when eating out or at a holiday party: Don't arrive on an empty stomach. Offer to bring a dish, then you know at least one dish will be healthy. Avoid excessive drinking and the snacks that tend to go with that. Select small portions. Eat slowly. Relax, and enjoy the meal. And finally, leave the table when you are done! The longer you linger, the more you tend to eat.

Local elders to compete in Intergenerational Olympic Games

Star Staff Report

Elders from six North Florida nursing homes, including The Bridge at Bay St. Joe, will gather on Nov. 7 for a heated competition in the Signature HealthCARE Intergenerational Olympics games. The event will be hosted by Chautauqua Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in DeFuniak Springs.

They include: Signature HealthCare of North Florida in Graceville; Signature HealthCare at the Courtyard in Marianna; Washington Care and Rehab in Chipley; Surrey Place Care in Live Oak and The Bridge at Bay St. Joe in Port St. Joe.

Each home will be holding try-outs, from which five elder-athletes will be chosen to compete. Along with the elders competing, students from Freeport Middle School will be joining the elders and competing in the events.

The athletes will spend the weeks leading up to the event in training. Events include: a wheelchair race, bowling, basketball, shot put, golf and horseshoe.

Gold, silver and bronze, and participation medals will be awarded along with a trophy for the overall winning home and the students.

"The competitive spirit is high among staff, elders, and students and we know the Intergenerational Olympics will be an exciting, fun filled day for all," Regional Quality of Life Director Ellie Curry said. "This is our fourth annual event and this is the third year we will be inviting some of our special need children from the surrounding community to join us in the competitions."

For more information about The Bridge at Bay St. Joe visit www.bridgeatbaystjoe.com or information about Signature visit www.LTCRevolution.com.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe is considering the adoption of an Economic Development element to the City of Port St. Joe Comprehensive Plan. The City Commission invites all stake holders to the second public workshop before the City Commission on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 4:00 p.m., EST at the Local Color Building located at 406 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida. As part of the meeting, the Florida Chamber Foundation will make a presentation on its new Florida Trade and Logistics Study.

All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the discussion and public hearing and to provide written and/or verbal comments on the matters under consideration.

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

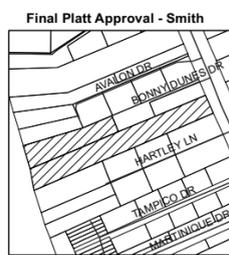
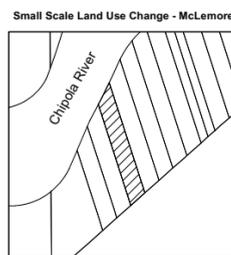
Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at (850) 229-8261 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the hearing.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Approval of October 21, 2013 Minutes
2. Final Plat Approval for a Minor Subdivision - Tyler W. Smith - for Parcel ID #06268-025R and #06268-022R - (Cape San Blas) Located in Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - 2.22 Acres - A 6 unit development with no road infrastructure.
3. Small Scale Land Use Change - Carmen McLemore - for Parcel ID #01045-100R - (Chipola River) Located in Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida - Changing 1 Acre from Conservation to Residential.
4. County Development Regulations and Policies (LDR)
5. Staff, Public and Open Discussion

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



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TOWN HALL FORUM PRESIDENT SEARCH

The GCSC District Board of Trustees is seeking community input in its search for the position of president. Members of the community are invited to a town hall forum to share their ideas and desired qualities for Gulf Coast's next president. The Gulf/Franklin Campus forum is free & open to the public.

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Grow bean sprouts 1 of 3 ways

Once thought of only as Chinese vegetables, bean sprouts are now widely used in a variety of dishes. Sprouts are easy to grow, and they're a good source of protein, as well as many vitamins and minerals. In addition to being very nutritious, sprouts are inexpensive, costing only about 5 to 8 cents a serving.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

Many methods of sprouting beans seem to give good results. The three methods we'll discuss in this article are very simple, because they make use of materials most of us already have around our homes. My information was provided by Emeritus Extension Vegetable Specialist Jim Stephens, of The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

The first step in sprouting is the same for all three methods. After buying some beans or seeds sold specifically for sprouting, sort them carefully, choosing only clean, whole specimens. Thoroughly wash about a quarter of a cup of those you select, place them in a bowl or jar, and cover them with lukewarm water. Let the beans stand overnight. By morning, they should have expanded to about three times their dry size. Rinse them well, and pour off all excess water.

To use the first sprouting method, place a couple of tablespoons of the soaked beans in a quart jar, and cover the top securely with nylon mesh or cheese cloth. Turn the jar on its side, so the beans form a thin layer, and place the jar in a warm, dark, humid location.

The next step is very important. At least three times every day, until the sprouts are ready, put lukewarm water into the jar, swirl it around and drain it off. The seeds should be kept moist, but not wet.

Depending on the beans or seeds you're using, sprouts will develop in three to five days. Rinse and drain the sprouts as soon as they reach optimum length, and before rootlets appear. If you're germinating mung beans, the sprout should be 1½ to 2½ inches long when they're harvested. Alfalfa sprouts are best when they're about 1 inch long. Soybeans sprouts should be no longer than ½ inch before they are harvested. And sesame and sunflower sprouts should be used as soon as they're visible.

To employ the second method, spread a couple of tablespoons of soaked beans on several layers of dampened paper towels, fitted into a colander or perforated plastic trap. Wrap the container in a block plastic bag, but leave the opening loose, to allow ventilation. As with the first method, the seeds must be rinsed thoroughly, three times each day. When the sprouts first appear, you can replace the black plastic bag with a clear one, so you'll be able to tell when the sprouts have reached their proper length.

To use the third method, just place a couple of tablespoons of soaked beans in the bottom of a new clay flower pot that's been saturated with water. Place a cloth screen over the bottom hole, and cover the entire pot with a layer of muslin or cheese cloth. As previously described, the beans should be rinsed and drained three times a day, until the sprouts reach optimum length.

Regardless of the method you choose, the sprouts must be used or stored as soon as they reach proper size. Place them in covered containers in the refrigerator. They'll keep three to five days.

For more information, contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200, <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu> or [www.http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu), and see Publication HS 557 & HS 555.

Greensboro Depot grand opening Saturday

Special to The Star

The West Gadsden Historical Society will celebrate the grand opening of the recently restored historic Greensboro Depot at 3 p.m. ET Saturday, Nov. 9, beside the Apalachicola Northern Railroad at 115 Duffie Ave., Greensboro.

At the same time, the newly constructed adjacent classroom building that has been named the Patricia Fletcher Vice Meeting Facility will be dedicated in her memory. Trish was a co-founder and vice president of WGHS and was an ardent, vocal supporter. She can never be replaced and will always be missed by the society.

The Greensboro Depot was built in 1907, the year of the first operation of the AN RR, and is the only remaining original depot on the line that runs from River Junction (Chattahoochee) in Gadsden County to Port St. Joe in Gulf County. About 40 years ago, the depot was moved from its original location between the main track and the side track to a nearby lot. It was then remodeled by Nelson Clark and used as his barber shop as well as a thrift shop operated by area United Methodist Churches.

Several years ago, Progress Energy built a transmission line through this area of Gadsden County, and many



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The restored Greensboro Depot will be debuted at 3 p.m. ET Saturday at 115 Duffie Ave. in Greensboro.

miles of the line follow the AN RR right-of-way. The old depot building site was in the direct path of the transmission line through the town of Greensboro. WGHS saw the need to advocate for the saving of this piece of history.

After many discussions among WGHS, Progress Energy and St. Joe Land Company, a nearby lot was donated by St. Joe Land Company, and Progress Energy contributed a grant defraying the cost of the relocation of the depot.

The depot is once again on a lot adjacent to the tracks. The society is most appreciative of this grant and the

property on which to relocate the depot building. Without the cooperation of these two corporations working with WGHS, this saving of a piece of Florida's history would not have been possible.

West Gadsden Historical Society was fortunate to receive a grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation by which they restored the depot and construct an adjoining classroom building. Concrete Services Inc. of Quincy did a wonderful job with this project. Now the work begins furnishing the depot in order for it to become a first-class railroad museum. The muse-

um will not be only for items pertaining to the Apalachicola Northern Railroad, but will include any railroad items. The society encourages anyone with copies of old AN RR or any train and depot photos, documents, newspaper clippings or other artifacts to contact us about sharing these important pieces of railroad history. Any items you might have that you wish to donate or loan to this museum will be greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact WGHS at info@gadsdenhistory.org, 442-6434 or P.O. Drawer D, Greensboro, FL 32330.



At left, Chamber of Commerce director Paula Pickett welcomed every costume contestant to the stage. Costumes packed the park and street.



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HALLOWEEN from B1

the costume contest was sponsored by Duke Energy.

Prizes for the contest, which awarded kids, adults, families and pets for best costume, were donated by No Name Cafe, Persnickety, Sunset Coastal Grill and Bluewater Outriggers.

Barbara Radcliff, Brenda Miller and Ann Jarosz made the tough calls as judges for the competition.

Coastal Design and Landscaping provided the decorated trailer that perched the 162 costumed contestants high above the crowd and the Gulf Alliance for Local Arts brought Panama City storyteller Pat Nease to town. The yarn-spinner had a nook full of hay bales where she told frightful stories to any children who were brave enough to take a seat.

The street games, which gave kids a reprieve from the candy line that stretched the length of the avenue, consisted of a ring toss, hay bale bowling and a cake walk and was organized by the Merchant's Association to raise additional funds for white Christmas lights that will

hang in the trees along Reid during the upcoming holiday season.

Glow sticks for the interactive art installation were donated by Dr. Tim Nelson, Patti Blaylock and Tommy Lake. Live music for the celebration was provided by the Boyer Band, stationed on one end of Reid, and Freddy D and Lola on the other.

"The live music, fish fry, glow stick art project and cake walk were all new events that engaged the people more," Pickett said. "I am inclined to believe that the crowds simply hung around longer because we provided other things for them to do."

"I did hear from several people that they felt it was the largest crowd yet."

The Reid Avenue Bunco Babes held a fish fry fundraiser that served about 150 meals and raised \$1,000 for the Friends of the Port St. Joe Public Library, a cause the group has donated almost \$10,000 in the past three years.

Those who wish to be on the committee for next year's Ghosts on the Coast can contact the Chamber at 227-1223.

BRIDGE from B1

of St. Peter in Port St. Joe and visits The Bridge as part of the church's outreach program.

He was surprised by the recognition but was happy to have his hard work recognized by both the staff and directors at The Bridge.

"I got suspicious when they wanted to take my picture," he said with a laugh.

Schoelles was born in Apalachicola and was named Miss Apalachicola in 1951 at the age of 17.

She had a career in real estate and later was hired as the executive director of the Apalachicola Housing Authority, where she served for 26 years, meeting the needs of the community.

Schoelles is perhaps best known for a calendar she created with her friends and sold to raise funds that allowed area women to get mammograms. The former resident passed away last month.

Marketing director Terri Nelson has worked in the activities department at The Bridge for three years and spent a lot of time with Schoelles.

"Ruth is being honored for what she gave to the community," Nelson said. "She was amazing."

The Bridge at Bay St. Joe is one of 87 locations operated by Louisville, Ky.-based Signature Health-CARE. Hall of Fame inductees are voted on by the facility's directors in the corporate office.

Launched in 2003, the Hall of Fame event is hosted annually by each Signature home at different times throughout the year. This year, Signature took a different approach by having each center host its Hall of Fame ceremony on the same day, creating a synchronized, company-wide event.

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92990 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 13-17-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. JUDY DARNA, HENRY DARNA, MARVIN DARNA, II, MELODY POWELL, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) I, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) II, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 11, 2013, and an Order Reopening Case and Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered in Case No. 13-17-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and JUDY DARNA, HENRY DARNA, MARVIN DARNA, II, and MELODY POWELL are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on December 5, 2013, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of the intersection of Bonita Street and Trout Avenue for a Point of Beginning; thence proceed North along the East boundary line of Trout Avenue a distance of 135 feet; thence make a 90 degree turn and proceed 300 feet East to the East boundary line of Government Lot 14; thence make a 90 degree turn and proceed South along the East boundary line of Government Lot 14 a distance of 135 feet; thence make a 90 degree turn and proceed West along the Northern boundary line of Bonita Street a distance of 300 feet to the Point of Beginning. This property being located in the South half of Government Lot 14 in Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

DATED: October 29, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq. Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, PA. 1300 Thomaswood Dr Tallahassee, FL 32308 November 7, 14, 2013

92894S NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Animal Hospital of Port St. Joe, located at 300 Long Ave., in the County of Gulf, in the

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City of Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456 intends to register the said name with the Divisions of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at St. Joe, Florida, this 21st day of October, 2013.

Coastal Veterinary Group 2, Inc. November 7, 2013

92916S THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2012-CA-000003 DIVISION: SENIOR

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

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

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 17, 2013, and entered in Case No. 23-2012-CA-000003 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which PNC Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Jacob Richards, Capital City Bank, Michelle Richards, et al, are defendants, the Gulf County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby, Gulf County Clerk of Court office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 A.M. ET on the 21st day of November, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 4, BLOCK F, FOREHANDS SECOND ADDITION TO HIGHLAND VIEW SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS: A 1995 SINGLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER GAFLR39A01949VH AND TITLE NUMBER 0067967502 A/K/A 2481 PARKER AVE, PORT ST JOE, FL 32456

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

Dated in Gulf County, Florida this 21st day of October, 2013.

Rebecca Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court Gulf County, Florida

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 fax eService: servealaw@albertelliaw.com File No. KB-11-92633

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92962S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2012-CA-000003 DIVISION: SENIOR

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CHARLOTTE ODOM A/K/A CHARLOTTE M. ODOM A/K/A CHARLOTTE MONIREA ODOM, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 23-2011-CA-000210 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A., is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Charlotte Odom a/k/a Charlotte M. Odom a/k/a Charlotte Monirea Odom, deceased, Angel Monirea Sewell f/k/a Angel Monirea Thomas f/k/a Angel M. Thomas f/k/a Angel M. Earp, as an Heir of the Estate of Charlotte Odom a/k/a Charlotte M. Odom a/k/a Charlotte Monirea Odom, deceased, Kerry Monirea Odom a/k/a Kerry M. Odom a/k/a Kerry A. Odom, as an Heir of the Estate of Charlotte Odom a/k/a Charlotte M. Odom a/k/a Charlotte Monirea Odom, deceased, Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under, And Against The Herein named Individual Defendant(s) Who are not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest in Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants are defendants, the Gulf County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby, Gulf County Clerk of Court office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 A.M. ET on the 21st day of November, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

THE WEST 60 FEET OF LOT 3 AND THE EAST 8 FEET OF LOT 2, BLOCK 6 C.L. MORGAN'S ADDITION TO WEWAHITCHKA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH 2004 FLEETWOOD OAK KNOLL 28 X 52 DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBERS: GAFL334A766710K31 AND GAFL334B766710K31, WHICH PERMANENTLY AFIXED AND LOCATED ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY. A/K/A 127 JM GRIFFIN DRIVE, WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32465

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

Dated in Gulf County, Florida this 25th day of October, 2013.

Rebecca Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court Gulf County, Florida

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1989 FLEETWOOD EAGLE TRACE MANUFACTURED HOME - VIN #GAFLK35A01708ET & GAFLK35B01708ET; TITLE NUMBERS 47602846 & 47598114

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Dated this 25th day of October, 2013.

REBECCA NORRIS As Clerk of said Court

By BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

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92964S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 23-2012-CA-000230

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs. SHANNON D. WHITFIELD; GARY A. WHITFIELD; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 18th, 2013 and entered in Case No. 23-2012-CA-000230, of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and SHANNON D. WHITFIELD; GARY A. WHITFIELD; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE, AT 1000 CECIL COSTIN BOULEVARD, PORT ST. JOE IN GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA 32456, at 11:00 A.M., ET on the 21st day of November, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6 BLOCK "C" COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°55'18" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 3 FOR 1130.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89°55'18" EAST FOR 163.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°33'20" EAST FOR 254.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58°25'12" WEST FOR 191.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°33'20" WEST FOR 354.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING SUBJECT TO A 33.00 FOOT WIDE ROADWAY EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF. ALSO BEING KNOWN AS LOT 6, BLOCK C, OF THE UNRECORDED PLAT OF STONEMILL CREEK ESTATES.

TOGETHER WITH A

The clerk of the court, Rebecca L. Norris will sell to the highest bidder for cash AT THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE at 11:00 A.M. ET on the 21st day of November, 2013 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 39, BLOCK C, GULF AIRE SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 30 AND 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated in Gulf County, Florida this 25th day of October, 2013.

Rebecca Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court Gulf County, Florida

By BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 fax eService: servealaw@albertelliaw.com File No. KB-11-92633

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92962S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000210 DIVISION: SENIOR

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CHARLOTTE ODOM A/K/A CHARLOTTE M. ODOM A/K/A CHARLOTTE MONIREA ODOM, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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LOT 6 BLOCK "C" COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°55'18" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 3 FOR 1130.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89°55'18" EAST FOR 163.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°33'20" EAST FOR 254.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58°25'12" WEST FOR 191.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°33'20" WEST FOR 354.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING SUBJECT TO A 33.00 FOOT WIDE ROADWAY EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF. ALSO BEING KNOWN AS LOT 6, BLOCK C, OF THE UNRECORDED PLAT OF STONEMILL CREEK ESTATES.

TOGETHER WITH A

The clerk of the court, Rebecca L. Norris will sell to the highest bidder for cash AT THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE at 11:00 A.M. ET on the 21st day of November, 2013 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 39, BLOCK C, GULF AIRE SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 30 AND 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated in Gulf County, Florida this 25th day of October, 2013.

Rebecca Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court Gulf County, Florida

By BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 fax eService: servealaw@albertelliaw.com File No. KB-11-92633

If you are a person with a disability who needs an 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.

92962S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000210 DIVISION: SENIOR

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CHARLOTTE ODOM A/K/A CHARLOTTE M. ODOM A/K/A CHARLOTTE MONIREA ODOM, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

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1989 FLEETWOOD EAGLE TRACE MANUFACTURED HOME - VIN #GAFLK35A01708ET & GAFLK35B01708ET; TITLE NUMBERS 47602846 & 47598114

A 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 25th day of October, 2013.

REBECCA NORRIS As Clerk of said Court

By BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Provided pursuant to Administrative Order No 2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs an 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.

92964S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 23-2012-CA-000230

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs. SHANNON D. WHITFIELD; GARY A. WHITFIELD; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

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Dated this 25th day of October, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk, Gulf County, Florida, Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO ACCESS COURT FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATE IN A COURT PROCEEDING AT ANY COURTHOUSE OR COURT PROGRAM, SHOULD WITHIN TWO (2) DAYS OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE, CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION TO REQUEST SUCH AN ACCOMMODATION. PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING: COURT ADMINISTRATION, P.O. BOX 826, MARIANNA, FLORIDA 32447; PHONE: 1-800-955-8771; EMAIL: ADA_REQUEST@JUD14.FLCO.COURTS.ORG File No. 1271-580B November 7, 14, 2013

93002S NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, des

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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. 1380 Application No. 2013-42 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 05792-000R

Description of Property: Lot Nine (9), in Block One Thousand, Six (1006), City of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the Official Plat thereof on file in the Office of Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Denise Hall

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 4th day of December, 2013. Dated this 28th day of October, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2013

96173S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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. 658 Application No. 2013-41 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 02633-001R

Description of Property:

BEGIN at the Point of Intersection of the East boundary line of State Road No. 71, and the South boundary line of Land Drive for the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run East along the South boundary line of said Land Drive for 320 feet, more or less, to the East line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, thence run South to the Northeast Corner of Lot Owned by Franklin D. Ward and wife, Hazel J. Ward, as recorded in Official Records Book 76, Page 509, in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, thence run West to the East Boundary line of State Road No. 71; thence run Northerly along the East boundary line of State Road No. 71, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

NOTE: The Legal Description shown in Tax Assessment is in error. The lands shown are completely different, but shows the Book and Page of said Deed taken from. The above lands are the lands shown for the Drawing Plat on said Assessment.

Name in which assessed: Little River Camp, 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 4th day of December, 2013. Dated this 28th day of October, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2013

96191S PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gulf County Enterprise Zone Development Agency will meet Thursday, November

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21, 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 only topic to be discussed will be the Enterprise Zone boundary changes.

The public is welcome to attend. November 7, 2013

96259S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2013-CA-000039

PHH Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff, vs.

Richard A. Ramsey and Jean L. Ramsey, Husband and Wife; Dunes Club of Cape San Blas Condominium Association, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated October 28, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2013-CA-000039 of the Circuit of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff and Richard A. Ramsey, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Rebecca L. Norris, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1000 CECIL G. COSTIN SR. BLVD., PORT ST. JOE, FL at 11:00 A.M. on December 5, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

UNIT 10, THE DUNES CLUB OF CAPE SAN BLAS, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED AT OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 303, PAGE 283, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO.

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 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, call 711.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of Circuit Court Gulf County, Florida

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk of Court

Submitted by: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE', LLP 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360 Boca Raton, FL 33431 (561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707 12-253077 FC01 PHH November 7, 14, 2013

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96271S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 23 2013 CA 000073

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs.

RUTH R. DUMAS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUTH R. DUMAS; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 28th, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida, described as:

LOT 20, BLOCK 1002, CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 254 AVENUE B, PORT ST JOE, FL 32456-1508

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil Costin Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, on December 5, 2013, beginning at 11:00 AM, E.T.

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 claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the us pendens may claim the surplus.

Dated at Port St. Joe, Florida, this 30th day of October, 2013.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Douglas C. Zahm, PA. 12425 28th St. North, Suite 200 St. Petersburg, FL 33716 Phone: (727)536-4911 Fax: (727) 539-1094 Attorney for the Plaintiff

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT ANY PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNCTION SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE COURT NO LATER THAN ONE DAY PRIOR TO THAT DAY AT (850)229-6113. November 7, 14, 2013

96299S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PPF Holdings III Ltd, 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. 634 Application No. 2013-48 Date of Issuance: May 25, 2011 R.E. No: 02808-000R

Description of Property: Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 11, Township 7 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County Florida thence run North 85 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds East 1492 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 86 degrees 52 minutes 17 seconds East 131 feet; thence run North 02 degrees 33 minutes 39 seconds West 444.00 feet; thence run South 86 degrees 52 minutes 17 seconds West 131.00 feet; thence run South 02 degrees 33 minutes 39 seconds East 444.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Name in which assessed: Gredan Development, Inc.

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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 11th day of December, 2013. Dated this 5th day of November, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013

96301S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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. 727 Application No. 2013-47 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 03036-000R

Description of Property: The North Half of Lot Number 24, according to an unrecorded plat of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 10 West, also described by metes and bounds as follows: Begin at a pt. 50 feet South and 1,345.0 feet East of the NW Corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 10 West, and run East 622.50 feet, thence South 158.75 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continue South 158.75 feet, thence run West 622.50 feet, thence North 158.75 feet, thence East 622.50 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 2.27 acres, more or less.

NOTE: IT IS THE OPINION OF THE ABSTRACTOR THAT THE ABOVE METES AND BOUNDS COULD BE IN ERROR. THE DESCRIPTION TO THE PARCEL BEING THE South Half of Lot Number 24, is the same metes and bounds description as above.

Name in which assessed: Harry M. Murphy

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 11th day of December, 2013. Dated this 5th day of November, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013

96303S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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. 545 Application No. 2013-46 Date of Issuance:

Description of Property: Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 11, Township 7 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County Florida thence run North 85 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds East 1492 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 86 degrees 52 minutes 17 seconds East 131 feet; thence run North 02 degrees 33 minutes 39 seconds West 444.00 feet; thence run South 86 degrees 52 minutes 17 seconds West 131.00 feet; thence run South 02 degrees 33 minutes 39 seconds East 444.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Name in which assessed: Gredan Development, Inc.

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May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 02285-001R

Description of Property: Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, in Block F, College Park Subdivision, to the City of Wewahitchka, Florida per Official Plat of same being recorded in the Office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Roger & Janice Linton

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 11th day of December, 2013. Dated this 5th day of November, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013

96305S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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. 974 Application No. 2013-45 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 03392-100R

Description of Property: Begin at a point 1000 feet West and 1020 North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, thence continue North for 175 feet, thence run East 250 Feet, thence run South 175 feet, thence run West 250 feet, being in Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Tammy Miller and Regan Scholles

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 11th day of December, 2013. Dated this 5th day of November, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013

96331S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.:

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BLUEWATER OUTRIGGERS HELP WANTED Computer skills necessary to assist in managing fishing & hunting ONLINE WEB STORE Full or Part Time Call George Duren at: 850-229-6031 or fax resume to: 850-229-9266 4510610

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23-2012-CA-000054

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2007KS1, Plaintiff, vs.

WAYNE E. BLEVINS, JR., ET AL., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 18, 2013 and entered in Case No. 23-2012-CA-000054 in the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida wherein U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for RASC 2007KS1 was the Plaintiff and WAYNE E. BLEVINS, JR., ET AL., the Defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. E.T. at the front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 on the 21st day of November, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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MEXICO BEACH: 806 Georgia Ave. Sat, Nov 9th 8am-2pm Yard Sale Ladies plus clothes, lots of Christmas stuff, computer stand, custom mand TV stand, kitchen items, knickknacks, misc. Text FL71364 to 56654

Yard Sale

PSJ 105 Mimosa Ave behind old hospital Sat Nov 9 7am-2pm Multi Family Yard Sale LOTS of misc items!

Yard & Bake Sale

Everything from furniture to play things to clothing to yard & kitchen items. Text FL71030 to 56654

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St. Joe Beach: 8005 Alabama Ave, Seashore Subd., Saturday, Nov 9th, 8am - 12pm Huge 2 Family Yard Sale Something for everyone, infants to adults. Priced to sell Text FL71031 to 56654

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CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 49 SECONDS FOR 163.18 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 6 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 18.5 SECONDS WEST 161.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE SOUTH 6 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST 7.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 728.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 7 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 18 SECONDS FOR 91.34 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 3 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST 91.28 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CURVE ON A NON-RADIAL LINE, NORTH 44 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 193.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER, AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

REBECCA NORRIS, Clerck, Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk November 7, 14, 2013

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