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Jury seated; Butler trial begins

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WALT BUTLER

After 14 hours of interviews, a jury of six with two alternates was empaneled Tuesday afternoon for the murder trial of Walt Butler.

Opening statements from the prosecution and defense followed before Circuit Court Judge John Fishel adjourned court for the day.

The prosecution began

to present its case Wednesday morning. The trial is expected to last one to two days.

Ten members of victim Everett Gant's family were present as State Attorney Robert Sombathy focused on Butler's alleged racist remarks toward fellow members of the Pine Ridge apartment complex in Port St. Joe.

The racist words escalated over the course of the day and

ended with Butler allegedly shooting Gant between the eyes with a .22 rifle.

Butler is being charged with second-degree murder evidencing prejudice based on race.

During his statements, Sombathy focused on Butler's apparent intoxication the night of July 30, 2012, and made it clear to the jury that Butler and the victim had no prior issues.

"They were not enemies at all," Sombathy said. "They got along fine."

Sombathy said Gant showed up at Butler's apartment unannounced, and the jurors were asked to consider if Butler handled the situation like a "reasonable, prudent and cautious person."

Butler had used racial slurs against a child in the community, which spurred Gant to approach the defendant's home.

"This shooting meant no more to Butler than shooting a dog," Sombathy said.

Deputy Public Defender Mark Sims offered a different perspective and focused his

arguments on a man who felt threatened and simply defended himself in his home.

According to the arresting affidavit by former Sheriff Joe Nugent, after shooting Gant, Butler closed the door, pulled his dinner out of the oven and sat down to eat.

"Gant snatched the door open aggressively," Sims said. "Walt had to make a split-second decision. He shot him where he knew it would stop him."

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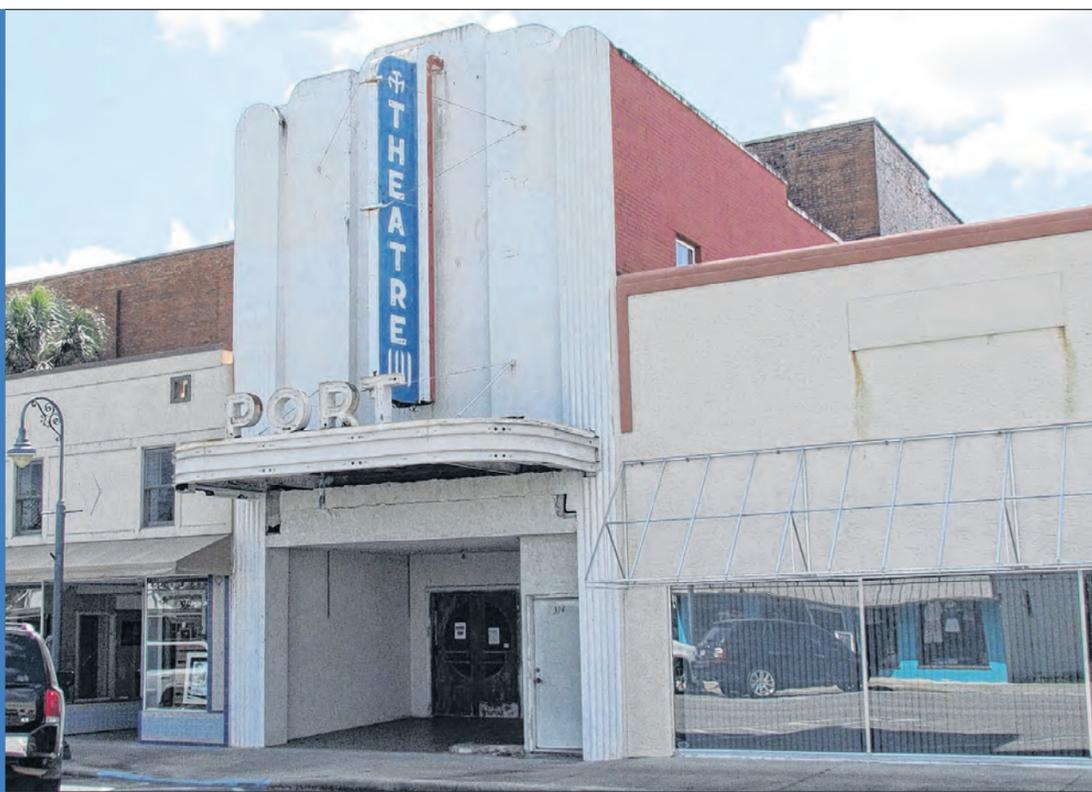
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HISTORIC PORT THEATRE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

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The historic Port Theatre, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, is under new ownership, which intends to turn the theater into a multi-purpose community building with an eye toward anchoring a revitalization of downtown Port St. Joe.

Planning board gets look at theater plans

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Jimbo Collins is under contract to be the next owner of the historic Port Theatre in Port St. Joe.

His plans for the building mirror in significant aspects those of a local group of arts patrons hoping to purchase the building.

Collins appeared before the Port St. Joe Planning and Development Review Board last week

to provide a brief overview of what his hopes are for renovating the building.

Collins is due to close on the deal for the theater in January, he said. He told the planning board members he still has work to do to formalize his plans, and no formal action was taken by the board.

Collins said his financing is in place, but there is still due diligence to be done before closing. Local contractor Bob Windolf will be his general contractor, Collins said.

"I'm excited to be here," Collins said. "Timing is everything, and I think the time is right now. I think a higher power had a reason for me being here at this time."

"I have been welcomed by the community with open arms. It has been overwhelming. I cannot tell you how much it has exceeded my expectations."

Collins' renovation of the theater will take place over two phases, he

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Port clears a major dredging hurdle

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Last week's meeting of the Port St. Joe Port Authority was noteworthy not for what must be accomplished to secure a permit to dredge the shipping channel but for what would not have to be done.

Shaving months and thousands of dollars off the timeline and budget for a permit to dredge the shipping channel, the Port Authority board was told a significant federal process would be unnecessary.

In securing a dredge permit, Tommy Pitts, former port director and now project manager for engineers Hatch Mott MacDonald, said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would not require a so-called Section 408 assessment of the dredge project.

A Section 408, in very broad strokes, is a study undertaken to determine how a dredging project might environmentally affect another Corps project.

Such a study would have cost the Port Authority thousands of dollars in the long term, but more importantly, it would have significantly affected the timeline for the dredging, extending it by as much as a year.

The key to the dredging for the

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PSJ commissioners clash over utility rate waiver policy

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Port St. Joe commissioners on Tuesday engaged in a testy discussion about a policy to waive utility fees in certain circumstances.

At the last meeting, commissioners tabled a request to adjust or waive a bill from a resident. The bill was well outside the customer's normal usage and was, he said, the result of a leak on the city side of his meter.

Commissioners tabled the re-

quest to adjust the bill to establish a policy to provide staff with parameters for dealing with contested bills.

City manager Jim Anderson said staff makes as many as 100 adjustments each month, the number fluctuating month by month and season by season.

City attorney Tom Gibson said the current policy for such adjustments is in line with surrounding municipalities.

The draft policy put before commissioners during their regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday — crafted with input from

Anderson, Gibson and the city's accounting firm, Roberson and Associates — was not what Commissioner William Thursbay said he was looking for, moving immediately to adjust the bill in question.

Thursbay said the six months before the month in question — which resulted in a bill of more than \$4,000 for water and sewer combined on a residential property — should be averaged and that number represent the customer's bill for that contested month.

His motion was quickly seconded by Commissioner Phil

McCroan, and Commissioner Bo Patterson expressed support, but Mayor Mel Magidson advised caution.

"We don't need to be dealing with water bill adjustments every meeting," he said.

He said commissioners were not requiring any payment on the bill in question until a policy was in place and said commissioners were elected to set the standards for staff to follow.

Thursbay angrily responded, "I am tired of it."

He said he sat in his chair on the podium each week, made

motions and watched as 15-20 minutes went by while the issue was debated, in particular by Magidson.

"It takes an act of God to make you move," he said.

Gibson stepped in at Magidson's request after Magidson responded to Thursbay, "Now, settle down a minute."

Gibson said once commissioners act, that action is policy.

"You've created the policy; you have set the precedent," Gibson said. "From a legal standpoint,

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you need to set the policy and then deal with this (individual bill).

"If you give this man a break tonight, you set the policy. This man does not have to do anything until we set the policy."

Michael McKenzie with Roberson and Associates said the draft policy was intended to provide fairness to all consumers of the water while being mindful that the enterprise fund tied to utilities must balance.

If, through their action, commissioners were taking revenue out, those dollars had to be replaced by cutting expenditures.

Under the draft policy, the estimate was the city would lose roughly \$100,000 a year.

"We would have to increase rates again, which is not something we need

to do," Commissioner Rex Buzzett said.

McKenzie also echoed concerns about "setting a precedent."

"If you do an adjustment for one person, what do you do about other people?" Anderson said, voicing the opinion of staff. "We just want to treat everyone fair."

Gibson said input from commissioners on such a draft policy was welcome and needed, noting they had the policy in hand by the end of last week.

An agitated Thursbay withdrew his motion after trying to amend it to say a bill eight times normal for the address should be the threshold for adjusting utility bills.

"I am tired of fighting," Thursbay said. "I don't get paid enough to fight like this. I am fighting for everyone in

this city."

Thursbay said he would have to go tell the customer seeking the bill adjustment that he failed in getting him help.

LIGHTHOUSE

Commissioners started again on the bid process for relocation of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse into the city by rejecting the original bids and choosing to move forward with a new process.

The project will now be bid in two segments: one to move the lighthouse tower and the other to move the ancillary buildings, two keepers' quarters and the oil house.

After consulting with an individual whose company assisted in saving the St. George Island Lighthouse, Magidson said it was

clear that contractors were "shooting in the dark" about the process and cost of moving the lighthouse.

Eight contractors attended a pre-bid conference; the city received two bids.

Commissioners approved contracting on a sole source basis with a Florida-based expert to remove the lens from the lighthouse, which is the first step to relocation.

The lens belongs to the U.S. Coast Guard. It must either be returned to the Coast Guard or put on display for the public under climate-controlled conditions.

The lens also must be handled by an expert "lampist," Magidson said, and there is only one in Florida.

The \$16,000-plus cost will come out from the state appropriation the city received for the relocation.

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Sims said after the shooting, Butler knew it would be a long night of questioning and wanted to have some food in his stomach.

Monday began with more than 100 potential jurors arriving at the Gulf County Courthouse.

They were divided into groups of 19 and interviewed by Sombath and Sims.

Questions for the potential jurors ranged from prior knowledge of the case, to prior knowledge of the witnesses and whether hearing racial slurs would be considered too offensive to bear.

Considerable time was given to explaining to the group that it was the state's burden to prove Butler guilty beyond all reasonable doubt, but not the defense's responsibility to prove him innocent.

"Reasonable doubt is not an imaginary doubt," Sombath said. "It's not a doubt you have to force yourself into."

Sims spent time questioning the groups about gun ownership, familiarity with .22 rifles and their personal definitions of self-defense.

He explained the "Stand Your Ground" law and asked if anyone had preconceived notions about the Pine Ridge Apartments.

He also asked if anyone felt that Butler was guilty simply because he was charged and asked if anyone would hold it against him if he didn't take the stand.

"These questions might seem nosy," Sims said. "They are. I want to be a good advocate to Mr. Butler."

Because of the highly-publicized nature of the events and focus on racial issues, Sims questioned potential jurors on their familiarity with the Trayvon Martin case out of Sanford and whether they felt like the jury "got it right."

Sims asked about their familiarity with the Paula Deen scandal, which saw the television chef booted off the air for discriminatory comments she allegedly made 25 years earlier.

Sims questioned them as to whether a white person could be forgiven for using racial slurs in their life or if it was an "unforgettable sin."

He further explored the topic, soliciting opinions on if such words were covered under the First Amendment.

Sims questioned potential jurors who acknowledged a traumatic life event on their mindset after and completed his interview by asking each prospective juror if they were from Gulf County, and if not, where had they come from, how long had they been there and what brought them to the area.

Some potential jurors were vocal that they had already made up their minds on the case or expressed the difficulty because of personal connections and friendships with the Butler or Gant families. Others felt that despite Gulf County being a small community, they could still judge the case fairly.

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Port of Port St. Joe is that two letters of intent the St. Joe Company has secured with energy companies to transport wood pellets to domestic and international markets through the port hinged on dredging being completed sometime 2015.

In a dredge permit pre-application meeting with state and federal agencies in September, that Corps component was the most worrisome to port officials.

On the flip side, there was optimism because the shipping channel is an authorized Corps project, and therefore, effects to another Corps project were not evident.

"That is big news," Pitts said of the decision by the Corps not to require the Section 408 assessment. "That would have been a deal-killer. That was very encouraging."

"We are not going to modify the channel beyond the federally authorized channel."

Also encouraging, said

Pitts and Bill Perry with HMM, was that it was the lobbying of state agency officials that carried the day for the Port of Port St. Joe during a recent meeting.

In hiring Pitts — which came after the company and the Port Authority ensured it crossed no legal or ethical boundaries — Perry noted Pitts' long-standing knowledge with the government processes concerning ports as well as deep history with the Port of Port St. Joe.

Pitts learned of a meeting between officials with the Corps and state agencies. Pitts said last week that entering the meeting, it seemed a foregone conclusion that Section 408 would come into play.

But, Pitts said, officials at state agencies lobbied the port's case and that "support from leadership" was critical.

Pitts reiterated an aggressive timeline mapped out earlier by Perry when the outcome on Section 408 was an

unknown. The hope is to have an application to state and federal agencies within four to six months with a permit in hand by spring.

With the hope of funding for dredging coming in the coming legislative session — the estimated cost is at least \$20 million — Pitts said the dredging could be completed by the end of 2014.

"That is an aggressive goal," Pitts said. "There are too many unknowns to peg our hopes to that schedule."

Work began this week on assessing materials and any potential contaminants along the floor of the shipping channel, Pitts said.

An assessment of the volume of the materials that will need to be dredged is underway, as is a sediment survey, a time-consuming process that involves engineers taking bore samples at as many as 67 GPS-identified locations in the ship channel and turning in.

Potential disposal sites, in-

cluding the old paper mill site and upland areas owned by St. Joe, are being identified, Pitts said, as well as potential locations along St. Joseph Peninsula where any appropriate sandy material would be used for beach nourishment.

"We are working very hard at achieving our schedule," Pitts said.

A cost-benefit study, to be performed by the Haas Institute out of the University of West Florida, is also underway, said Port Authority Chairman Leonard Costin.

That study is aimed at demonstrating the value of investing in the development of the Port of Port St. Joe, an important piece for the lobbying of state officials — who have from the governor down emphasized a return on investment gauge — during the coming legislative session.

"I see things coming together," Costin said. "You can't overstate the importance" of the Corps of Engineers' decision.

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said. He said the building could become an anchor for a revitalization of Reid Avenue.

"I want the old theater to be a community-use theater," Collins said.

Once the purchase of the theater is closed, Collins plans on having two public meetings to receive input from residents on ideas for the "highest and best use" of the theater.

Collins' plans at this time are to convert the first floor of the theater into a room conducive to large community functions as well as concerts and recitals.

He hopes to partner with the Gulf Coast State College and Florida State University and their arts programs to bring arts education and performances to Port St. Joe.

Though he intends no permanent seating at this time, the first floor could accommodate a significantly sized function, he said.

"I want the first floor to be a multi-use area," Col-

lins said. The other aspect of the first phase would be converting the rooftop into an area for weddings and other events. He said his intention is to partner with a local wedding planner on turning the rooftop into the ideal place for a weddings and similar functions.

"I hope by mid-March or April to have events on the roof," Collins said.

The second phase, as currently outlined, would include the creation of two levels of loft-type apartments.

Collins said the steel enclosure surrounding three sides of the old projection room is perfect for an elevator to reach all levels of the building.

Though there is much to finalize, Jay Rish, chairman of the planning board, expressed optimism.

"It seems like an ambitious and interesting plan," Rish said. "I am all for anything that brings people to the community to spend their money."

School board addresses moisture in PSJE gym

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Things are looking up for the gymnasium floor at Port St. Joe Elementary School.

During a workshop Tuesday, Hank Blackman of RAM Enterprises in Montgomery, Ala., presented specs that would not only address the moisture issues that had caused the floor to warp, but also bring the gymnasium floor up to date with current standards. The project could cost the school upward of \$118,000 on the high end.

Blackman analyzed the existing floor and revealed that stagnant air had made its way between the sub-floor and maple floor and disintegrated the vapor barrier.

"It's a wide open

door of moisture," Blackman said of the accelerated rot.

He suggested installing a technologically advanced system that would activate blowers to dry the moisture when it was detected by sensors in the floor.

"Port St. Joe Elementary, for the foreseeable future, will be located on Long Avenue," Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton said in support of the plan. "If we're going to fix it, let's fix it right."

Board member Danny Little asked if it was possible to simply restore the floor to its original condition, but Blackman said it wouldn't be a good idea, because the original floor contained felt and the standard is now

polyurethane.

Funds for the project will come from money generated by motor vehicle tag renewals and will not be a cost to taxpayers.

According to director of finance Sissy Worley, if the board doesn't use a large percentage of the tag renewals funds available by the end of the current school year, they will be lost. Available funds from the tax currently total \$114,000.

Worley said projects eligible for the funds also must have been on both a five-year work plan and a project priority list. The funds cannot be used for landscaping or competition-based facilities, leaving football and soccer fields out of the equation. Worley said the board was

good to go on funding and surveying, and funding had been approved by the state.

The board will seek competitive bids for the project on replacing the floor to both Blackman's high-end specifications and for restoring it to its original state. Before awarding the bid, the board can cut overall costs by eliminating certain technological elements from the plan.

Once a bid has been accepted, the project is expected to take six to seven weeks to complete.

"We're fortunate that we have the ability to address this," Norton said. "We're doing the most prudent thing we can do and fixing a real problem and a real situation."

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'Billy Bob and the Purple Crayon'

I looked at the picture... Standing beside my Cousin John was what seemed to be a beautiful blonde haired girl holding a football and wearing a football uniform. The child seemed to be 11 or 12 years old.

I looked at the picture closer and didn't make reference to my thinking the football player was a girl.

I love looking at pictures of Cousin John because his facial features look so much like my Daddy. You can tell by looking at him, he's kind, but not the type of fellow you would want to cross.

Cousin John had on overalls, an Alabama hat and sunglasses and was holding his mouth in such a way that reminded me so much of my Daddy.

I said to myself, "These are my people; this is where I come from."

Asking Cousin John's daughter tactfully, "Who is that with Cousin John?"

She replied, "That's Billy Bob! My son's best friend."

Feeling relieved that I had not stuck my foot in my mouth, which I am very capable of doing; I continued to keep my mouth shut. Cousin John's daughter went on to say, "Billy Bob has recently been diagnosed with..."

She didn't finish her sentence.

Billy Bob's mother finished it for her; "Epilepsy."

It kind of set me back. Then I learned a little more about epilepsy and a lot more about Billy Bob.

In the United States, more than 300,000 children under the age of 15 have been diagnosed with epilepsy. More than 90,000 of those children have seizures that cannot be adequately treated.

Billy Bob has had a number of health issues that have been challenges to him and his family. Throughout his life, he and his parents have been back and forth to the Children's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama.

This past October, the doctors diagnosed Billy Bob with benign rolandic epilepsy, a form of Pediatric Epilepsy Syndrome.

Benign rolandic epilepsy is a common childhood seizure syndrome, with seizures beginning between 2 and 13 years of age. The seizures most commonly

observed with Billy Bob's type of epilepsy are partial motor seizures (twitching) or a sensory seizure (numbness or tingling sensation) involving the face or tongue and which may cause garbled speech. In addition, tonic-clonic (formally called grand mal) seizures may occur, especially during sleep. Children are

amazing... Billy Bob is extraordinary.

First, is "Billy Bob" his real name?

Yes. His name is "William Robert," taking names from each of his granddaddies.

His Uncle Jonathan tagged him "Billy Bob" and that is the name he prefers. It is also the name that friends, teachers, doctors, teammates and the opposition call him.

He is famous. He should be.

As noted, Billy Bob calls my cousin, "Pawpaw John," even though they are not related by blood. Down home, folks look out for each other and having "extra grandparents" that aren't related to you is a welcome thing.

Cousin John describes Billy Bob's football skills as follows, "In the open field, Billy Bob will knock the fire out of you." Cousin John used a little more of my Daddy's sailor language, which is very acceptable when describing football skills in Alabama. In particular, tackles in the open field.

I have always preferred, "He will field-dress you in the open field."

Cousin John knows what it means to have the fire knocked out of you - he was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries in Vietnam. Therefore, if he says Billy Bob is capable of doing that - I believe him.

His parents did go through much consideration, consultation and prayer in deciding to let him play football. They also considered how much Billy Bob loved playing football.

With that golden blonde hair hanging out of his helmet, Billy Bob plays middle linebacker on defense and wingback on offense. You have to just love it. A fellow named Billy Bob who plays linebacker in the woods of one of Alabama's most beautiful counties - Nick Saban, the coach at the

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Thumb Still Working Fine!

I don't know if you've heard any of it, or not. But there sure seems to be a lot of talk lately about health care in this country. Folks are particularly riled up over this thing. I can't tell if they want more health care, or less. I believe the right to choose your own doctor and the health plan that fits your needs and your pocket book has a lot to do with the unrest. There also seems to be a distinct possibility that politics might be involved in this issue.

My health plan is to try and not get sick in the first place.

I wear a jacket when it gets cold outside. I take those one a day vitamins for old people. I lay down every chance I get to give my innards a quiet respite. I wash my hands as frequently as possible and I don't eat off of strangers' plates. I drink an inordinate amount of Coca-Cola's to keep my kidneys flushed out. And if one of my grandkids is coughing and throwing up I hand her to Cathy just as fast as I can!

My accident policy revolves around not getting in cars with teenager drivers who think they are bulletproof. I have carried a four leaf clover in my billfold since grade school. I don't dance near the edge of any cliff, high beam, parasail or rooftop. And I try to avoid mean looking dogs, street gangs, knife throwing contests and church members who hold a grudge against me.

Our earliest health plan consisted mostly of cod liver oil. Mother would line us up before school and pour a daily dose of that awful tasting stuff down our throats whether we wanted it or not! It didn't matter if we were sick or in good health, whether the



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

moon was full or waning, whether the Whooping Cough was running rampant or if all was calm in grammar school. I belched once in the second grade and wiped out a whole strain of Asian flu and cured two cases of the German measles!

Mother didn't think much of colas of any kind. She apparently was more worried

about strong teeth and bones than our kidneys. Milk and orange juice were her beverages of choice for us. This was back in the age when the children didn't get a vote. Mr. Holland near 'bout wore out that wagon hauling milk in those big thick bottles out to the house. We ate Wonder bread because it built "Strong Bodies 12 Ways". We nibbled on more carrots than Bugs Bunny because it was good for our eyes. If Mom figured it had some intrinsic health value, real or imagined, we ate it, drank it, smelled it, rubbed in own our chest or wrapped it in a rag and tied it to an affected limb.

Bumps and bruises were considered part of the daily routine. If it wasn't bleeding or hanging, we didn't pay much attention to it. A pretty good size cut would be treated with a dab of coal oil. If it really looked bad, a right good mixture of burnt oil and sulfur would cure about any cut, growth or unknown malady on the skin. It was also good for head lice, ticks, cutworms and mange.

We might have been a tad antiquated with our health coverage but we sure got the doctor of our choice. Dr. Holmes was the only medical doctor in town! And we didn't pay him in advance through some health insurance plan. We were all on the cash and carry system. When my

thumb got smashed in the truck door; it was quickly deemed beyond coal oil help. Dr. Holmes stuck a needle in it and went to sewing. We didn't fill out any papers. We didn't produce any cards, open a line of credit or hock one of our cows. It did bother me a little that he looked through his glasses a while and then looked over them some during this operation. I was young and hurting too much to talk. But I didn't want no near sided doctor guessing where to tie off those stitches!

Daddy thanked Dr. Holmes and told him he would pay him as soon as he could. They both seemed perfectly satisfied with the financial arrangements. I felt like then, and I still do to this day, my thumb was more important than the money to the both of them!

You can say "simpler time" or "it doesn't work that way today" or "it's much more complicated now" till the cows come home but I'm not sure I'm buying that. Maybe we've let insurance companies talk us into that belief. How, when, where and for what reason did they become the middle men between us and the doctor? I can tell you, Dr. Holmes made an excellent living keeping us tied together. We just paid him direct. And he didn't charge an arm and a leg (no pun intended) either! It was a system that was simple, direct and worked.

It's enough to make you scratch your head and wonder how we've come to such a medical morass today.

And we did have a piddling of healthcare savvy in 1959. After we'd seen what politicians had done with hog prices in West Tennessee, we wouldn't have let them come near our medical needs with a ten foot pole!

Respectfully,
Kes

Know your options when picking your ACA health care plan

By **RICK MCCOLLUM**
Special to The Star

The open enrollment period has begun for the Affordable Care Act and will close on March 31, 2014. Many different organizations are working to educate consumers about these new health care options, because it is a significant personal decision. Floridians must keep in mind that the plan they choose today cannot be changed until the next enrollment period.

Florida is participating in the federal exchange, which offers four plan levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze—each level corresponds to the portion of the health care costs that the plan covers, ranging from most generous to least generous. Although bronze plans might have the lowest premiums, they will have the highest deductibles and cost-sharing; whereas platinum plans have the highest premiums and lowest out-of-pocket costs. It is also significant to note that while premium support for those between 100 and

400 percent federal poverty level applies to all plans, cost sharing assistance is only available in silver level plans.

It is extremely important that those facing chronic diseases, such as lupus, pay careful attention to what is offered under the health plans. Lupus is an autoimmune disease with which I am quite familiar; it can manifest itself in the joints, blood, and kidneys. In most cases, lupus fortunately isn't fatal; but as with many chronic illnesses, successfully managing lupus requires regular treatment and close monitoring by medical professionals.

When evaluating the health plans to find one that fits your needs, I recommend estimating your predictable health needs and expenses. There are a few very things to keep in mind when choosing a plan through the health exchange. First, consider whether your doctor or hospital is in your plan. Access to doctors in a plan network — particularly specialists — might be

limited in plans purchased on the health exchange. Knowing which providers are covered is vital for those who suffer from lupus and other chronic diseases. Next, consider how your prescription drugs will be affected — specifically, whether your prescription drugs will be carried on the preferred drug list, and what they will cost. Unfortunately, some plans will likely impose significant barriers to innovative medicines. Third, find out what the covered benefits are under the plan and whether they include services that you know you and your family will need. Although plans offered under the health exchange cover certain key benefits, there will be some variation in services throughout the plans. Lastly, make sure that you understand your out-of-pocket expenses. These expenses are not limited to premiums or direct medical expenses. They can include deductibles, co-pays, co-insurance, and off formulary prescription drug costs if the insurer has issued an

exception.

If you are in the market in Florida for one of the plans offered through the federal health exchange, remember that there is no rush. To avoid paying the penalty for not having insurance, consumers must enroll in a plan by March 15, 2014. This leaves plenty of time to make the right choice.

Individuals, particularly those with life-changing and life-threatening diseases, need to be sure to closely evaluate their plan choices. Those who suffer from chronic diseases such as lupus already face enough day-to-day challenges. The details provided in your plan could determine your ability to live a normal, productive life through access to quality doctors, therapists, and proper prescription regimens. Take your time reviewing the plans to ensure that your health insurance plan allows you and your family to live a healthy life.

Rick McCollum is President & CEO of Lupus Foundation of Florida Inc.

How to navigate the healthcare maze

By **THE STAFF AT MYGULFCARE**
Special to The Star

Lately, healthcare has been in the news from so many different angles and for so many different reasons that it's difficult to know who to talk to about what, and where to go to get the care you need. With changes around the corner and straight ahead, how do you know which way to turn?

In an effort to make adapting to these changes easier for you, our local Department of Health

in Gulf County now has assistants available to help you work through the Affordable Care Web site. At a desk in the East Waiting area, or Dental side, you will find someone who can help you navigate the Web site, or provide you with information about how to apply for health insurance. Erika and Sarah will be available during regular business hours to help those in need.

MyGULFCare welcomed a new team member recently who is also tasked with helping patients

through the healthcare maze. Gail James is joining us as a Patient Navigator. She will be working at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, and will continue our efforts to connect those in our community with resources when needs arise, such as clothing, food, counseling, primary care physicians, and referrals to specialists and to Care Management. She will work closely with the Admissions and the Emergency Department teams, as well as community-based resources, to make sure

that those who come to the hospital in search of care and assistance are provided with the information and resources they need.

Our K.N.E.W. You programs were a success, and we plan to start our next series in January. Watch for our articles in The Star to get the latest details. If you have questions about MyGULFCare, our eligibility requirements, or any of the services we provide, please call 227-1276, ext. 132. We look forward to serving you.



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Letters to the EDITOR

Where is the change?

Dear Editor,
I want to encourage everyone in Gulf County to go online and view the Nov. 12 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Skip past the turtle patrol and Overstreet drainage segments and start about two hours into the meeting – Commissioner Bryan is recapping a meeting she attended where Carole Kelly, owner of Health Check, announced she will be expanding her business in Mississippi, not in Gulf County. The Star article of Nov. 14 details the Health Check issues with Gulf County. Interestingly, Chairman Smiley stated in the BOCC meeting that he did not know Ms. Kelly. I would think as Chairman of the BOCC and having been a sitting commissioner for three years and someone who is always talking about jobs for Gulf County that he would know the name of the person who employs 50 people in Gulf County!

After Commissioner Bryan concluded her remarks regarding the meeting with Ms. Kelly, Commissioner McLemore (as he has done numerous times in the past) verbally attacked her while Chairman Smiley sat there and let it happen. I can't help but see the misogynistic attitude other members of the Board have for Commissioner Bryan. But then I also see their attitude of fear. Commissioner Bryan and citizens who question or speak out against their actions represent a threat to the way business has been done in Gulf County for decades.

Since taking office Commissioner Bryan has attempted to bring to light deficiencies in our detention facility. Michael Hammond has refused to have the jail inspected. Florida statute requires annual inspections. The Florida Sheriff's Association has written to the County more than once regarding this situation.

Except for Commissioner Bryan, the BOCC contends everything is fine at the jail and we don't need an inspection. The last inspection was 2011 and apparently the county has not submitted a report to the State addressing the problems found at that time. Does the County get to pick and choose the laws it obeys?

Commissioner Bryan has (on behalf of the people in District 3) brought to the attention of the Board the ongoing problems with the Americus Avenue ditch – problems that continue to cost Gulf County taxpayers thousands of dollars. She has researched the project and it appears there were several problems with the bid/award. In an effort to get this information to the public, she placed her documentation (along with her notes/questions jotted on the documents) in the information packet and her fellow commissioners voted to remove this information – not sure they have the authority to do that – but in true Gulf County style (three votes gets the job done) they did it. The information provided by Commissioner Bryan is county business. The Board has allowed citizens to come to the podium repeatedly and enter into the record documents that have absolutely nothing to do with county business. And here we have a duly elected commissioner whose efforts are thwarted at every turn by her fellow commissioners.

In 2010 when Billy Traylor and Nathan Peters were defeated, many in the community were excited and hopeful that Commissioners Smiley and McDaniel would be the beginning of a new era in Gulf County politics. Sadly, that is not the case. It is still 'good old boy' politics at its best.

I enjoy and participate in political discussions on a daily basis. It is amazing how many folks I talk with who feel exactly the way

I do...enough is enough with these politicians – at all levels of government. However, when it comes to the local issues and the actions of the BOCC it is hard to get people to stand up and be counted. There is a reason for their reluctance – retaliation. Many people are afraid to voice their concerns or question the BOCC because over the years they have seen the vindictive nature of certain members of the BOCC. They are concerned that if they speak out their county-employed spouse could lose their job. They are concerned about a number of things coming back on them and their family if they rock the boat. This may sound preposterous to some of you but it's the perception of many. I say we have got to stand up and stand up now. The federal government is running amuck, the state continues to force unfunded mandates on the counties and as for the actions of Commissioners McLemore, McDaniel, Smiley, and Yeager – your conduct is shameful.

In the interest of full disclosure, Commissioner Bryan is a close friend of mine. I know her to be a person of integrity. She is working hard to make Gulf County a better place to live. I am proud to call her my friend.

Barbara Radcliff
Gulf County Resident

A more suitable venue

Dear Editor,
I'm not sure how to start this piece of commentary, but allow me to "blow-in" and offer this quick observation; the people of Gulf County deserve better. I have never attended a Board of County Commissioners meeting, so I must disclose my opinions are strictly based on the reports as supplied by the writings published here at "The Star" and from others that have been

in attendance. That will change, though, once I make my final ride-in-on-the-breeze to make Port St. Joe my forever home. Save me a seat up front. I'm coming.

With regard to the latest shenanigans as described by Tim Croft's latest article on BOCC civility, he gives the board a little wiggle room. He suggests the excuses of, "the length of the meeting" or "maybe the issues", but I find it all quite clear and no one should be surprised. When you elect children to do the work of adults, the end results are pretty predictable.

If this were an episode of "Mayberry R.F.D.", it might be entertaining. But it's not, which only makes it embarrassing. I hate repeating myself, but I'll say it again. The good people of Gulf County deserve better. Period!

From the childish, immature, and insulting comments of Commissioners McLemore and Smiley, I'd say Joanna Bryan appears to be one of the only adults in the room. That's pretty sad.

It isn't worth re-hashing all that was said. In the Nov. 14 edition of this paper, Mr. Croft already did a fine job expressing the temperature of the exchange between commissioners and attendees. If you have not read it, I highly recommend that you do. If you have, I recommend you read it again. These are the people elected to take care of our county business and there isn't much there to make you proud.

So, until some actual adults are elected to represent the people, I think all remaining BOCC meetings should be held at a venue more fitting to their level of professionalism. What about out by the monkey bars in the elementary school playground? That sounds about right.

Kirk S Jockell
"The Blown Inn", Port St. Joe

Things to be thankful for

Dear Editor,
In a local restaurant this week I saw an elderly lady reading the newspaper and put it down seemingly in disgust. I thought, how true it is that every time you pick up a newspaper all you read about it negativism such as murder, hatred, AIDS, abuse, abortion, wars, storms, burnings and the list goes on and on. How nice it would be to pick up the morning paper and read something good for a change. But, believe it or not, not everything is bad. There are still many things to be thankful for. Here are a few things that I can think of:

The privilege to worship God, at home and at church;
The air we breathe;
A house to live in;
A baby's smile (yes, some are still allowed to be born);

A job that I enjoy working at;
The lovely strains of an orchestra;
The look of appreciation radiating from an elderly person's eyes whenever you do anything for them;

The smell of a rose;
The privilege of being able to see ... I have a friend who was born without eye sockets;

Being able to hear... smell... taste... feel... and walk;
The joy of visiting friends;

The look of utter joy from one of my piano students performing a piece that at first they thought was impossible;

The thrill of riding the water-log ride at Six Flags over Texas;

A considerate boss;
The privilege of being a Christian and being proud of it;

The joy of picking up the phone and saying 'hi' to mom and dad;
The opportunity of

calling into a radio station in the early morning to voice my opinion on different topics;

The joy and fun of trying new recipes;

The privilege of being married to a wonderful man for 28 years;

The joy of having three children... all in college now;

Still having both parents alive ... ages 89 and 84;

The squeal of delight from a child opening his Christmas present when it was exactly what he wanted;

Being allowed in a restaurant to bow my head and offer prayer for my food;

Listening and watching my 89-year-old father sing bass in a quartet;

The beauty in Kansas of the waves of golden wheat rippling in the wind – knowing that soon I will grind some of that very wheat into flour and make my own bread with it;

The joy of watching Jumper Cable, my 7-pound Chihuahua dog play with our cat;

Police protection;
Having a doctor and hospital to go to whenever needed;

The awesome sounds of a CD player;

The privilege of sitting down to my piano and playing whatever I want for my own enjoyment.

Shall I name more? I certainly could. There is so much in our world today to be thankful for. It is true we cannot avoid some of the negative things. But, let us be grateful for the blessings that we do enjoy.

What are you thankful for?

Submitted by Rev. Lois Long, former pastor of Living Waters Assembly of God in Apalachicola, and sister of the author, Marlene Winters of Springfield, Mo.

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University of Alabama needs to get in his vehicle and head due east before Auburn finds out who is in their backyard.

As you would imagine, Billy Bob takes a lot of flak for his hair being so long and blonde on top of that. He hears the "Is that a girl?" or "Are you a girl?" At 11 years-old and in a football helmet and uniform, you can understand how folks might make that mistake.

If this doesn't get you, nothing will.

Billy Bob was visiting his doctor in Anniston, Alabama a few years back and he had grown his hair a little long. The doctor who has developed a special relationship with Billy Bob told him, "I know there are a lot of sick kids who would like to have that hair."

After leaving the doctor's office, Billy Bob asked his mother what the doctor meant about sick kids needing hair. His mother showed him on the computer where the Locks of Love program uses donated hair to create hair prosthetics for children.

Having seen many children in the hospital with no hair, Billy Bob didn't realize it was because they were sick. He decided that he wanted to grow his hair out to give away to kids who needed it.

Billy Bob is working on growing his third hair donation for Locks of Love.

Billy Bob is 11 years-old.

Billy Bob has epilepsy. Billy Bob will knock the hell out of you in an open-field tackle.

That is not all. Billy Bob's name has 3 B's when you include his last name, but he has never had a "B" on his report card. He is proud of his Junior Beta Club membership!

Someday, Billy Bob hopes to be a game warden because he loves being outside and in the woods so much. He is hooked on the fact that game wardens get paid to be in the woods.

When I was a little boy, my Mama used to read me a story about a little boy named Harold and his purple crayon by Crockett Johnson. In "Harold and the Purple Crayon," the little boy has the power to create a world of his own simply by drawing it with his purple crayon.

Billy Bob has taken his purple crayon and drawn a world filled with adventures that are not only fun for him, but amazing for us to stand back and watch.

November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month, wear a purple ribbon or draw with a purple crayon and know that there are lots of tough little girls and boys living with a cruel and puzzling disease.

I bet you have friends or relatives who may suffer from the various forms of this disease - help them if you can. Sometimes

the best way to help is by learning more about the disease.

Billy Bob's success is attributable to not only his determination, but to wonderful parents, brothers, other family members and a supportive community. A community who knows "Billy Bob" is a name to be proud of on the football field, in the classroom, in the woods and in life helping others.

On a sidebar, Billy Bob's mama drives a pink jeep which is absolutely wonderful. She had it

painted pink to honor her grandmother, her husband's grandmother and breast cancer survivors everywhere.

At this point you say – This IS the good stuff.

I say, "These are my people; this is where I come from."

And also, "Watch out for Billy Bob in the open field, I've heard he is a beast."

For pictures of Billy Bob's golden locks, my Cousin John and his mama's pink jeep, visit www.CranksMyTractor.com.

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Portuguese Man-O'-War

By TOM BAIRD
Special to The Star

During this time of year, jellyfish are often driven ashore by winds and currents, and occasionally our beaches are littered with the iridescent blue floats of the Portuguese Man-O'-War (*Physalia physalis*). Normally a tropical species of the open ocean, changes in the Florida Current, the northern curving loop of water that moves along the coast of Central America, through the Yucatan Straits and into the northern Gulf of Mexico, can bring Portuguese Man-O'-War and other tropical seeds and animals onto our shores. Loops and eddies of the Florida Current, combined with storms at sea, will cast hundreds of Portuguese Man-O'-War onto the beach on a high tide.

Few sea creatures are prettier to look at in the sunlight, with their bluish-lavender floats tinged with pink, yet the Portuguese Man-O'-War

can exact a price if you handle it. In life, the gas-filled float sits atop the water while the tentacles trail beneath it. The outer layer of the tentacles are covered with nematocysts that when touched spring out of their capsule. These are filled with venom. An unwary fish swims into the tentacles, becomes paralyzed by the nematocysts, and the tentacles then move the fish to the cells that will do the work of digestion.

The nematocysts can also penetrate human skin, as many a swimmer can attest. Since the tentacles can be up to 50 feet long trailing beneath the float and almost invisible in the water, it is easy for a diver not to realize they are near a Portuguese Man-O'-War. The realization comes when they brush against the tentacles and immediately feel the pain. In this author's experience, the sensation is like being burned, decidedly uncomfortable, but not too long lasting. However, swimmers



with multiple stings may exhibit a variety of symptoms, including rash, blisters, and swelling, and in severe cases respiratory difficulties, convulsions, and in rare instances, death has occurred.

For those finding Portuguese Man-O'-War washed on the beach, touching the gas-filled float is harmless. The tentacles may be almost invisible however, and some may still be washing in the surf. While the animals on the beach are dead or dying, the nematocysts on the tentacles can still fire, so handle carefully.

But here's the surprise: The Portuguese Man-O'-War is not a single animal. It's a colony of animals. Not only that but it is not even a true jellyfish. They are hydroids – more closely related to Fire Coral than jellyfish. Of all the amazing adaptations

found in plants and animals in the sea, the Portuguese Man-O'-War is surely one of the most amazing. The colony is composed of smaller animals called zooids or polyps. These are in turn highly specialized, so that some zooids form the nematocysts, others digest food, others perform the reproductive function, and others form the float. It's as if nature were experimenting with forming tissues – groups of cells that perform a function within a single organism – like skin, nerves, food absorption, etc.

So what kind of gas is inside the float? Zooids form an oval disc at the base of the float that secretes a mixture of gases, somewhat similar to air, although up to 14 percent can be carbon monoxide. Atop the float is a small "sail" with crenulations in it. The

"sail" is set diagonally on the top of the float. There are two types of Portuguese Men-O'-War based on this characteristic – the 'left sailing' form, where the sail extends from the upper left corner to the lower right corner when viewed from above the float, and a 'right sailing' form, where the sail extends from the upper right corner to the lower left corner. Those Portuguese Men-O'-War found in the Gulf of Mexico are predominantly the 'left-sailing' form.

The float even has a siphon that allows gas to be vented out in case of attack, which allows the colony to briefly submerge. What would attack it? Loggerhead sea turtles eat Portuguese Men-O'-War; their skin is too thick for the nematocysts to penetrate. Purple sea snails (*Janthina* spp.) drift in the

open ocean using a bubble raft of secreted mucous. These beautiful little snails drift along with and prey upon the Portuguese Men-O'-War.

Although *Physalia physalis* is predominantly a tropical Atlantic species, the Gulf Stream may carry groups as far north as the Bay of Fundy, and storms and winds can deposit them on the beaches of Atlantic seaboard states. In some instances, they are so numerous that officials close public beaches. There is a closely related species in the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

If you see what appears to be bright blue toys washing in the surf, take some photos of this beautiful colony of animals, but tread carefully around them.

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.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY

Freshwater

Local lakes and streams are filled with good-sized bream. This trend has been on-going for several weeks and probably will continue until the cold sets in. Howard Creek, and the Brothers are also seeing some catfish and a few crappie.

Inshore/Bay

Redfish are thick along the beaches in St. Joe and around the Towns beach area in the bay. Good catches have been reported from the sea wall in the St. Joe Marina as well. Flounder are still holding on near shore and inshore structure such as the Towers and the Lumberhip.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Nov. 21	74°	62°	10 %
Fri, Nov. 22	74°	59°	0 %
Sat, Nov. 23	75°	41°	10 %
Sun, Nov. 24	64°	38°	0 %
Mon, Nov. 25	63°	51°	10 %
Tues, Nov. 26	64°	56°	50 %
Wed, Nov. 27	61°	53°	90 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

Cat Point	High	Low
	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27

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Bald Point	High	Low
	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
21	Th	1052pm	1.6	859am	-0.2
22	Fr	1123pm	1.4	932am	-0.1
23	Sa	1153pm	1.2	1000am	0.0
24	Su			1023am	0.1
25	Mo	1212am	1.1	935pm	0.9
26	Tu	722pm	0.9	1032am	0.3
27	We	645pm	1.0	956am	0.4
28	Th	641pm	1.2	259am	0.3
29	Fr	655pm	1.3	335am	0.1
30	Sa	722pm	1.6	421am	-0.2

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
21	Th	407am	1.5	734pm	1.4
22	Fr	452am	1.5	807pm	1.4
23	Sa	543am	1.4	841pm	1.4
24	Su	644am	1.2	915pm	1.4
25	Mo	758am	1.1	950pm	1.4
26	Tu	927am	1.0	1023pm	1.4
27	We	1107am	1.0	1057pm	1.4
28	Th	1245pm	1.0	1129pm	1.5
29	Fr	210pm	1.1	727am	0.0
30	Sa	1203am	1.5	320pm	1.2

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Oleander caterpillar a common sight

By LOIS SWOBODA
Halifax Media Group

The oleander caterpillar, *Syntomeida epilais* Walker, a bright orange caterpillar with tufts of long black hairs, is a common sight on and around oleanders in Florida. In South Florida, the oleander caterpillar can cause considerable defoliation. In the Panhandle, this is rarely a problem but this caterpillar can cause other headaches for homeowners especially on the beach.

Like all butterflies and caterpillars, this Halloween-colored worm undergoes complete metamorphosis and creates a cocoon in which to transform. The caterpillars often leave their host plant and look for a protected place to undergo their change. For some reason, the base of siding is a preferred



site. Especially in the fall, horrified homeowners may find their driveway or the slab beneath a stilt house overrun with these whiskery worms as they migrate toward the structure.

An application of most over the counter pesticides labeled for outdoor use and a broom or leaf blower should solve the problem. These mass migrations are usually short-lived.

This caterpillar transforms into an unusual moth that flies during the day and resembles large a brightly colored wasp. This

stage is commonly referred to as the polka dot wasp moth or the Uncle Sam Bug because is bright red and blue with starry white spots.

When mating, females contact male polka-dot wasp moths by means of ultrasonic signals that travel through a branch. The male follows the sound to his new mate. When he reaches her, he emits an answering signal.

The eggs are found in clusters on the underside surfaces of oleander leaves. They are pale cream to light yellow in color, spherical in shape, and measure less than 1 mm in diameter. One method of control is to remove and destroy foliage with eggs. You can also hand pick the larvae from oleander plants but wear gloves and wash your hands afterwards.

This moth is an invasive imported from

the Caribbean by Spanish settlers during the Seventeenth Century. They probably carried it to the mainland on ornamental oleander plants.

In its native range, it is believed to have fed on a relatively rare vine in the dogbane family that is also found in Florida.

Because it feeds on oleander, which is poisonous, this insect also contains poisonous compounds called glycosides. These are similar to the toxins found in milkweed and sequestered by Monarch butterflies. Just as birds and small mammals avoid feeding on Monarchs, they avoid the oleander caterpillar. Natural enemies include predatory stinkbugs, parasitic tachinid flies and wasps, and ants including the red imported fire ant.

Weekend closures begin Nov. 23 for Apalachicola Bay commercial oyster harvesters

Special to The Star

The commercial harvest of oysters in Apalachicola Bay will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays starting Nov. 23.

The FWC regulations provide for the automatic weekend closure of the oyster harvest in Apalachicola Bay each year when resources on monitored oyster bars cannot sustain a harvest of 300 bags of oysters per acre.

Data collected in August and November indicate that there are likely fewer than 200 bags per acre of legal-

sized oysters available on East Hole Bar and fewer than 225 bags per acre of legal-sized oysters on Cat Point Bar.

These weekend closures will remain in effect through May 31, 2014.

Apalachicola Bay includes all waters within St. George Sound, East Bay, Apalachicola Bay, St. Vincent Sound in Franklin County and Indian Lagoon in Gulf County. This change does not apply to active oyster leases or recreational harvest.

The automatic closure was put in place in the mid-1980s after several hurricanes negatively impacted the

bay. The closure, which acts as a method to limit harvest and give oysters time to recover from low population numbers, was successful in returning the oyster population to a sustainable harvest level.

This year's data has shown that oyster population numbers are depleted, most likely due to prolonged severe drought and a lack of fresh water from the Apalachicola River.

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Port St. Joe's Dewayne Griggs looks for running room against South Walton on Friday.



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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr./ High School girls basketball team shows off the Centennial Bank Hoop Fest trophy.

SHARK ATTACK

Port St. Joe regroups, ousts South Walton

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PORT ST. JOE — Port St. Joe stumbled to begin each half Friday night, but the Tiger Sharks found their stride each time and ran through South Walton into the Region 2-1A title game.

Dewayne Griggs rushed for 241 yards and Port St. Joe made momentum-shifting defensive plays for a 45-21 victory over the Seahawks.

The Tiger Sharks (8-3) will renew a familiar rivalry Friday when they travel to Blountstown to take on the top-ranked Tigers for the region title.

The Seahawks bowed out of the playoffs at 7-4.

A search for a turning point would focus on the final minutes of the opening quarter.

Leading 7-0, the Seahawks received a short

field and drove to a first-and-goal at the Port St. Joe 8.

But on four plays, the final two inside the 1, South Walton could not punch it in and the Tiger Sharks took over.

"That was a real momentum swing," Port St. Joe coach Chuck Gannon said.

The Tiger Sharks took that mojo and dominated the rest of the half, scoring 28 straight points, including two touchdowns in the final 41 seconds.

After trading punts, the Tiger Sharks losing field position, Griggs (who averaged almost 11 yards per carry and scored three touchdowns) took over the game.

Breaking through a hole over left tackle, Griggs sprinted down the left sideline slipping one last tackler inside the Seahawk 10 en route to an electrifying 82-yard touchdown.

Drew Lacour added the extra point to tie the game, the home crowd on its feet for the first time.

On the next play from scrimmage, Jak Riley picked off a deep sideline pass by South Walton's Johnathan Ortner (21 of 39 for 187 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions) and Port St. Joe took over at its 26.

The Tiger Sharks marched 74 yards in 12 plays, all but two carries by Griggs or Jarkeice Davis (83 rushing yards and two touchdowns), melting more than six minutes off the clock.

Davis punched it in from the 1 and Lacour added the extra point.

The following Seahawk drive stalled at their 44 and a fake punt was thwarted by the Port St. Joe defense at the South Walton 34.

Five plays later, Davis scored from the 4 and Lacour made it 21-7 with 40 seconds left in the half.

Ortner went deep down the right sideline again on the next play from scrimmage and was again intercepted, this time by

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Lady Tiger Sharks open season Monday

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School Lady Tiger Sharks basketball team will open its regular season with a trip to Blountstown at 5 p.m. ET Monday, Nov. 25.

Port St. Joe returns its top two scorers from last season, eighth-graders Brooklyn Quinn and Teiyahana Hutchinson, who combined for more than 500 points last year as seventh-graders and helped Port St. Joe earn a playoff berth and a second-place finish in District 4-1A.

After a good summer of 23 games, the ladies are ready to get the season started, assistant coach Tracy Browning said.

This year's team has no seniors or juniors and just three sophomores in Callie Fleshner, Morgan Gant and first-year player Jamarion Larry.

The Lady Tiger Sharks feature three returning freshmen from last year's team in Hallie Jasinski, Khaliyah Johnson and Maliyah McNair.

Four more eighth-graders are also in the rotation: Java Patterson, Destiny Gadson, Aliyah Johnson and Zakeriah Pittman.

Two big losses off last year's team were Alyssa Parker, who graduated, and Maya Robbins, a senior who is concentrating on track and will not play

basketball.

The team would like to thank Mr. Duren and the staff of Piggly Wiggly for allowing them to hold a bake sale last weekend.

Port St. Joe will be at

home for the first time at 4:30 pm. ET Tuesday, Nov. 26, when Sneads visits.

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Port St. Joe junior high girls win tournament

Star Staff Report

For the second year in a row, Coach Linda Tschudi and the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School girls' basketball team won last weekend's Centennial Bank Hoop Fest. The Lady Tiger Sharks drew a bye in the opening round while Popular Springs took on Bozeman and Tolar (Liberty County) played Riversprings (Wakulla).

Popular Springs defeated Bozeman to reach the championship game, and Riversprings beat Tolar to play Port St. Joe in the semifinals.

The Lady Tiger Sharks went on a 12-0 early, and at the half, it was Port St. Joe 23-10. The second half was much the same, with the Lady Tiger Sharks winning 41-12. Teiyahana Hutchinson led Port St. Joe with 14 points, and Brooklyn

Quinn added 10 points.

Java Patterson had six points, Aliyah Johnson three and Quinci Elphinstone, Zakeriah Pittman, Nakeasha Hills and Khaliyah Johnson each had two.

In the championship game, Port St. Joe played a tough Poplar Springs JV. The score was knotted at 6-all with 4:35 in the first half when the Lady Tiger Sharks got hot and went on a 10-0 to close the half.

Port St. Joe was never challenged in the second half and repeated as champions with a 32-13 win.

Leading the way was Hutchinson with 12 points and Quinn with 10.

Maliyah McNair, A. Johnson, Hills and K. Johnson scored two points apiece.

Port St. Joe travels to Wewahitchka today and finishes the regular season Dec. 2 at Riversprings.

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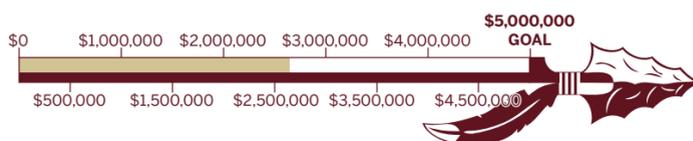
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Aaron Paul at the 50.

Paul returned to the Seahawk 14 and the next play Lacour hit Paul wide open in the left seam for a touchdown. It was 28-7 at intermission.

"Not getting in with

fourth-and-inches, that was tough," South Walton coach Phil Tisa said. "It really came down to athletes. Their defense played well and they just did a good job of matching up with our athletes."

"At the beginning of the season not a lot of people would have given us much of a chance to be here. I am proud of our team. Port St. Joe just matched up better against us."

The teams traded punts early in the third quarter, the Tiger Sharks again in reverse to start the

second half and losing field position.

That field position gave South Walton the ball at the Port St. Joe 34 after the Tiger Sharks were forced to punt from their end zone.

Five plays later Ortner hit Alex Smith (a team-high seven catches for 63 yards and two touchdowns) on 21-yard pass down the right seam and Austin Garofalo nailed the extra point to make it 28-14.

The Seahawks followed with a perfectly executed outside kick they recovered at the Port St. Joe 40.

With Ortner (a team-high 42 rushing yards) alternating between passing and scrambling up

the middle South Walton marched to Tiger Shark 11.

An interception was negated by a pass interference penalty on Port St. Joe and on the following play from the 5 Ortner found Smith at the right pylon and Garofalo brought South Walton within 28-21.

Port St. Joe responded with a drive to set up a 24-yard field goal by Lacour and two plays later Ortner was picked off at the Port St. Joe 45 by Griggs. He returned to the South Walton 31.

"We picked off a couple and that was big because they throw the ball well," Gannon said. "Our front

seven really went after their quarterback and didn't give him much time. Our defense deserves a lot of credit."

Three plays later, Griggs busted through right tackle from the Seahawk 34 to score and Lacour made it 38-21.

Griggs sealed it minutes later when he weaved 48 yards through much of the Seahawk defense and Lacour put the final points on the board.

"This is the playoffs," Griggs said. "You have to take advantage of it. We had each other's backs and stuck by each other all year. We have been coached and coached well to stick together."

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State Representative
Halsey Beshears (R-Monticello)
will be in Apalachicola on **Monday, December 2, 2013** to distribute wool blankets donated by Farm Share, a non-profit organization. This event will take place at the office of **Rep. Beshears, located at 78 11th Street, Suite 5 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am.**

We would like to encourage everyone to come by and pick up a blanket!

If you have any questions, please contact **Ben Murphy or Vicky Summerhill** with Representative Beshears office at **850-653-1213**

Novak runs to raise \$6,700 for cancer treatment

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County attorney Jeremy Novak recently returned from a trip to New York City.

Whereas some may have spent their trip to the big city enjoying fancy restaurants, taking in the sights of the skyscrapers or relaxing in Central Park, Novak spent his weekend on a 26.2-mile run across Manhattan and its five boroughs as a contestant in the ING New York City Marathon.

Novak ran the marathon to raise money for the

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf Guild. The dollars will be used to purchase cancer screening and treatment equipment.

Novak also was among the top 10 finishers out of Florida.

Novak's personal goal was to raise \$5,000, but by the day of the marathon, his donations rose to more than \$6,700.

Currently, cancer patients in Gulf County must travel to Panama City for chemotherapy and radiation treatments or pre-screening, and Sacred Heart is working hard to bring those services

to the community.

Novak raised his money through CrowdRise.com, a website that allowed him to accept donations from people all over the United States. In addition to his friends, family and supporters in the community, Novak received money from strangers in California, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

This isn't Novak's first rodeo. Four years ago, he ran the same marathon to raise money for his Kiwanis Club.

"Having done it before,

it took the edge off for the unknown," Novak said.

Many runners take on the famed marathon for charity purposes. Leading up to the NYC marathon, more than \$50 million was collected for various charities.

"A couple people raising \$50,000 is nothing extraordinary, but put them together and raising \$50 million is extraordinary," Novak said. "Not bad for some 'average Joes.'"

Novak called the accomplishments of the

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County attorney Jeremy Novak recently ran the ING New York City Marathon to raise money for the Sacred Heart Guild to be used for cancer screening.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR



Mexico Beach tree lighting ceremony, parade Dec. 1

Special to The Star

The city of Mexico Beach, the Mexico Beach Community Development Council and Special Events for Mexico Beach invite families to attend the annual parade and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. CT Dec. 1 at Sunset Park, next to El Governor Motel.

The festivities will begin with the introduction of this year's tree lighters, Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Harmon and family, lifelong residents of Mexico Beach.

After the lighting of the tree, Pastor Jerry Arhelger from First United Methodist Church of Mexico Beach will say an invocation then lead the crowd in sing-along Christmas classics.

The fifth annual Mexico Beach Christmas Golf Cart Parade will be at 6 p.m. CT Dec. 1 at with lineup at 5 p.m. in front of the police station on 14th Street.

Gulf County Sheriff Michael Harrison will serve as Grand Marshal this year, and Santa will once again be riding in the fire truck at the end of the parade to greet all the good little boys and girls. Bring a camera to have pictures taken with Santa.

As a special memorial to Candy Daniel, each golf cart will be sporting a blue ribbon in recognition of

colon cancer awareness. Candy was very active in Mexico Beach and a big supporter of the golf cart parade. Sadly she lost her fight against colon cancer this year; her daughter will be riding in the parade in her memory.

Gulf Coast Alarm will provide a commemorative medal to each golf cart as well as the memorial ribbons. Applications for the parade may be picked up at the Mexico Beach Town Hall, the CDC office and the Mexico Beach Police Department.

With the help of some special elves, golf carts will be adorned with bright Christmas lights, giant presents, dancing reindeer and festive snowmen that will be sure to not melt.

The Mexico Beach Police Department is asking for donations of new, unwrapped toys to deliver to families in need in our area. To donate, bring a donation to the park.

There will be an assortment of delicious homemade desserts, coffee and hot chocolate available while waiting on Santa to arrive. For more information, call the Mexico Beach Welcome Center at 648-8196 or visit www.mexicobeach.com.

For more information, contact Traci Gaddis at 227-6770 or ggaddis@gtcom.net.



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As scientists on Aquarius, an underwater laboratory, Skype with a science class at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, a school of grouper can be observed through the hatch window.

THE AGE OF AQUARIUS

Students view the depths through underwater laboratory Skype

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His students attest that as much as possible, Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School science teacher Scott Lamberson discards the "boring" for the "cool" in the vast world of science.

That engagement was on full display Monday when Lamberson's marine science class, along with a sprinkling of students from other science classes taught by Lamberson, connected via Skype with Aquarius.

Aquarius is the sole underwater laboratory in the world where scientists and researchers study and work underwater for a week or more without surfacing.

The research vessel is based out of the Florida Keys, and on Monday, students from Port St. Joe took a dive with a team of six

"This is a very unique opportunity for any school in our area. I try to turn my students into scientists. Anything that is cool I like. This is very cool."

Scott Lamberson
PSJHS science teacher

scientists who were one day into their latest excursion.

"This is a very unique opportunity for any school in our area," Lamberson said. "I try to turn my students into scientists. Anything that is cool I like. This is very cool."

The scientists walked the students through their

mission, which is multi-layered: examining coastal reef habitats — Florida is home to the third-largest coastal barrier reef system in the world — as well as the effects of overfishing on predators and their prey, among other research.

They showed the students around their vessel and lab, about the size of a school bus.

"Hopefully we will inspire some of you to learn to dive and be involved with marine science," one of the underwater scientists said as grouper, a barracuda and other fish swam by the hatch window they were showing the students.

The lab is the latest innovation in underwater research, an interesting subject for Maura Mahan, whose father is a marine scientist.

"I love all sciences," the high school junior said. "I come from a long line of curious people. I

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1) What AMC series revolves/revolved around the Sterling

Cooper Advertising Agency?

"Hell on Wheels," "Breaking Bad," "Mad Men," "The Walking Dead"

2) Which party's 1924 convention broke all records at the time for fist fights and ballots cast?

Democratic, Whig, Independent, Republican

3) What's another name for a shutout in the card game of Gin?

Schneider, Tonic, Godhead, Tonk

4) Green Bay WI, home of the NFL Packers, is on an arm of which lake?

Menifee, Marburg, Meade, Michigan

5) As a Major League Baseball pitcher, Babe Ruth pitched how many shutouts?

0, 1, 9, 17

6) What were the total "Price Is Right" episodes with host Bob Barker?

2,902, 4,479, 6,586, 8,000

7) Kevin Spacey won an Oscar portraying 'Verbal' Kint in which movie?

"American Beauty," "K-PAX," "Negotiator," "Usual Suspects"

8) Groucho Marx got his name from carrying what "money" in a grouch bag?

Rent, Food, Drinking, Poker

9) There are approximately how many named features on the moon's surface?

45, 190, 550, 1600

10) What has been the most common time to sight a U.F.O. in the U.S.?

5 a.m., Noon, 7:30 p.m., 11 p.m.

11) Which desert is larger than the entire United States?

Mojave, Sahara, Gobi, Kalahari

12) Occurring in 1976 at Monticello, NY what's been the longest-ever softball game by innings played?

63, 118, 365, 399

13) Who was Jor-El's wife, thus Superman's mom on Krypton?

Martha, Lara, Han, Mav

14) What is wrapped around food served "en croute"?

Bacon, Pastry, Bamboo, Leaves

ANSWERS

1) "Mad Men." 2) Democratic. 3) Schneider. 4) Michigan. 5) 17. 6) 6,586. 7) "Usual Suspects." 8) Poker. 9) 1,600. 10) 11 p.m.. 11) Sahara. 12) 365. 13) Lara. 14) Pastry.

Oak Grove Church, WIG partner on Thanksgiving buffet

Special to The Star

The Oak Grove Church is proud to announce that it is working with the Washington Improvement Group (WIG) to invite the public to come and join Tamlyn Smith and Don and Regina Washabaugh who will be hosting a

Thanksgiving buffet dinner. A delicious dinner with turkey, dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes and dessert will be served. They will also be serving iced tea. Call Tamlyn at 227-1641 to sign up. The buffet will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET on Thanksgiving Day.

'Stock the Pantry' food drive Saturday

Special to The Star

Volunteers from the Gulf County Republican Party will be in front of the Piggly Wiggly from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. ET Saturday, Nov. 23, collecting staples for the Port St. Joe Food Pantry.

The goal is to fully stock the Pantry to assist every family in the county during this holiday season

Boy Scout Troop No. 47 will be in front of the Dollar General Market on the same day and at the same times collecting food items for the Pantry.

The Republicans and the Scouts will hand out lists of items needed.

Every shopper can purchase as many items as they wish to donate; drop them at the tables on the way out and everything will be transported to the Pantry. Cash donations will also be accepted.

"We believe that the community must be the first source of assistance to all the families of our county who need help and this is our attempt to work with the Pantry and all our residents to make that happen. We look forward to a great day and a huge outpouring of support from all the folks," said a spokesperson for the local Republican Party.

Cold weather blanket distribution

Special to The Star

State Representative Halsey Beshears (R-Monticello) will be in Apalachicola on Monday, Dec. 2, to distribute wool blankets donated by Farm Share, a non-profit

organization. This event will take place at the office of Rep. Beshears located at 78 11th St. Suite 5 from 10 a.m. to noon ET.

We would like to encourage everyone to come by and pick up a blanket.

Bikes for boys and girls

Special to The Star

R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77 Knights of Pythias Lodge members worked all year collecting old and broken bicycles of all shape and size for repair.

More than 25 bikes and bike parts were donated to the Salvage Santa Program this year. The refurbished bicycles will be a part of "like new" bicycles distributed to hundreds of underprivileged children in Bay and Gulf counties and other surrounding areas. The program also helps the environment by keeping the bikes out of landfills and putting them in the hands of boys and girls for their enjoyment.

The Knights of Pythias bicycle initiative is a two part program devoted to collecting old, new and used bikes for restoration & distribution and providing a Bicycle Safety and Maintenance program for children age 6-12.

Chancellor Commander Clarence stated that R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77 appreciated all the help received from Port St. Joe, Community;



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Members John Crosby, Raymond Rogers Jr. and David Lewis.

the Washington Improvement Group (WIG), North Florida Child Development, Inc. and the Gulf County Sheriff Department.

The Knights of Pythias is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in North America, founded in

1864 and dedicated to universal peace and goodwill and the practice of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. Pythias are also dedicated to creating strong communities through a wide range of social service projects.

Anniversary

Doyles celebrate 67 years of marriage

Charles Ed Doyle and his wife Edith (Nelia) Barker Doyle will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary at their home in Wewahitchka on Nov. 22.

Ed and Nelia grew up during the Depression, living across the Stage Coach Road from each other about five miles east of Ochlocknee, Ga., about 44 miles north of Tallahassee and nine miles north of Thomasville, Ga.

Ed was in the U.S. Marine Corps before World War II and got out in 1941, then joined the Navy on Dec. 8, 1941, after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He was first training recruits at the Naval Training Command in Norfolk, Va., but as the German submarines got closer to America he was transferred to a mine sweeper; the USS YMS 58, on which they removed 11



German mines from the channels approaching the Naval Base at Norfolk.

He was next transferred to the USS PC 550 on which they escorted troop ships to the invasion of Africa in November 1942, when Nelia was 13, and then many invasions of Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily, Italy and then France in 1944. Ed got home in July 1944 for 32 days after which

he put the amphibious ship USS LSM 493 in commission in Galveston, Texas and proceeded through the Panama Canal to the Pacific and Pearl Harbor then onto Guam and north to Saipan and then to Okinawa for those invasions. Ed's unit was ready to invade Japan when the Japanese surrendered after the atomic bombs were

dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima in Japan.

Ed returned to the USA and home and he and Nelia were married on Nov. 22, 1946, (Nelia was 18) but Ed continued his Naval career, becoming a Master Chief in Engineering. Nelia went to Turkey with Ed for three years and Ed retired in June 1966.

The couple made their home in Wewahitchka, close to Nelia's sister, Marie Poole. Ed worked at the Blountstown Post Office for 20 years. Ed has been a Master Gardener in Gulf County for years under Agriculture Agent Roy Lee Carter. Ed and Nelia will both have birthdays in January 2014, he will be 92 and she will be 86. All of this after 67 years of marriage.

They are both active in master gardening, family history and collecting rocks and minerals in the mountains.

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

MEXICO BEACH HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Special to The Star

The City of Mexico Beach will observe the following schedule for sanitation services during the Thanksgiving Holiday week:

Week of Nov. 25-29

MONDAY, NOV. 25	Regular garbage pick-up
TUESDAY, NOV. 26	Regular garbage pick-up
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27	Yard debris pick-up
THURSDAY, NOV. 28	No pick-up
FRIDAY, NOV. 29	No pick-up

PET OF THE WEEK

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Port St. Joe students recognized for FCAT scores

By WES LOCHER
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The auditorium at Port St. Joe Elementary School was quiet with hushed anticipation as Principal Sue Gannon took the stage.

Backed by members of the Gulf County School Board, Gannon told the room of students, which consisted of students in grades three through five that they were gathered to recognize those who received high scores on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test proctored during the last school year.

As the 42 awards were handed out, students took

the stage to the loud recognition of their peers, parents, teachers and school board.

"The kids are successful because you push them at home," said Gannon to the parents in attendance. "We feel fortunate to have kids who are succeeding."

To the rest of the students, Gannon encouraged them to work hard throughout the school year and she hoped to see them on stage at the next award ceremony.

Students who achieved perfect scores in math included Henry Balogh and Jade Cothran.

Perfect scores in math and a level five score in read-

ing went to Michael Miniat and Megan Saleh.

Perfect scores in math and level five in science was awarded to Sean Farnsley.

Hannah Fulk received a perfect score in reading and level five in math.

Students who received a Level 5 score in two subjects included Leanna Baumgardner, Tyler Cornwell, Halston Fulk, and Chandler Godwin for reading and math; Courtney Jones and Jacob Sander for reading a science; and Sara Whitfield for math and science.

Brandon Barnes and Felix Chavez received certificates for Level 5 scores in science.

Recipients of awards for attaining Level 5 in math included Austin Ard, Paloma Burgos-Harris, Savannah Burkett, Caleb Butts, Josh Butts, Santana Causey, Jayden Hayes, Delaney Ingalls, Gregory Julius, Robert Kennedy, MaLena Ramsey and Philip Riley.

Students who were recognized for Level 5 in reading included Hannah Anderson, Trenton Antley, Elliana Burkett, Maximum Cargill, Hannah Graziano, Zoe Gerlach, Emily Godwin, Martha Holland, Ana Lacivita, Ahston McGlamery, Travis Morrison, Caleb Othic, Jack Randall, Hannah Simpson and Gabrielle Wood.



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Students at Port St. Joe Elementary were recognized for strong performance on the FCATs in front of their peers, parents and teachers.

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VICA (Vocational Instructional Clubs of America) students from Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School Matthew Jackson, Sawyer Raffield, JJ Ard, Chris Hemanes, Christian Hall, Tyler Alford, Jack Cummings, Brandi Barnes, Nick Lewis, Kyle Bouington, Bryan Powell surround a grill they crafted and are selling to raise funds for the welding program.



Faith Christian School

The Lion's Tale

Special to The Star

Thursday, Nov. 14, was a special day for "grand people" on the campus of Faith Christian School. A special breakfast was held at 8 a.m. hosted by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). After breakfast each grand person enjoyed a short exhibition given by each grade group. The students

were so excited to show their grand people what they have learned so far this year. The classes sang, recited scripture, poems, and there was even some dancing. Everyone was thoroughly entertained.

After the show, grand people were invited to sit in the classrooms and observe the daily activities of their special student. Some did some shopping at the Book Fair, also hosted by the PTO. All in all the day was a huge success. Thank you PTO and staff for your hard work in making all of our grand people feel welcome.

SGA PIE AUCTION NEXT WEEK



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Members of the SGA Pie Auction Committee: Kylie Wockenfuss, Anna Haynes, Jimmy Cummings and Kyran Batson invite the community to attend this fun annual event! It will be held at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School at 6 p.m. ET on Monday, Nov. 25. The SGA expects some 70 pies and desserts to be auctioned and 100 percent of the money benefits students through SGA programs and activities.



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TIGER SHARK FOOTBALL: Playoff football continues when the Tiger Sharks travel to take on Blountstown at 8:30 p.m. ET on Friday, Nov. 22. Come out and support the District Champions as they vie for a Regional Title. GO SHARKS!

PORT ST JOE "SHARK SPIRIT DAY": Break out those old Letter Sweaters, Varsity Jackets or anything Purple and Gold and join us as we celebrate SHARK Spirit Day on Friday, Nov. 22. We hope the entire town will dress in our School Colors to support the Tiger Shark gridders as they vie for a Regional Championship on Friday Night in Blountstown against the Tigers.

SENIOR NEWS: The next installment of \$75 is due for those going on the Senior Trip. See Ms. Alcorn for details. Seniors will order Graduation Invitations on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

SGA: The SGA will hold a Pie Action 6 p.m. ET on Monday, Nov. 25 in the Media Center of Port St. Joe Junior-Senior High School. Pick up that dessert for your Thanksgiving Dinner or a snack for Monday Night Football while supporting our student government endeavors. You won't be disappointed.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: Gulf County Schools will be closed Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 27-29 through the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, Dec. 2.

PROJECT GRADUATION: Project Graduation is selling BBQ Keg Grill raffle tickets one for \$5 or five for \$20. The drawing will take place on Dec. 7 between 4-5 p.m. at Christmas on the Coast in downtown Port St. Joe. We will have the grill set up on Reid Avenue that day and be selling raffle tickets right up until the drawing. Those who purchased Boston Butts may pick them up between 12-1 p.m. in front of the high school on Nov 23. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Wewahitchka Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2013-1168L on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 6:45 PM CT to consider adoption of an ordinance with the following title, to wit:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED SEWER GRINDER PUMPS, PAYMENT BY PROPERTY OWNERS OF CITY TAP FEES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Ordinance No. 2013-1168L in its entirety may be inspected at the office of the City Clerk at 318 South 7th St. Wewahitchka during regular business hours, 8 am - 4 pm CT Monday-Friday. All interested parties may appear at the meeting to be heard with respect to this proposed Ordinance.

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Memorial SERVICES

Memorial Service for Vincent Edward Riley

There will be a memorial service for Vincent Edward Riley 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. ET on Saturday, Nov. 30 at Holly Hill Funeral Home located at 2775 Garrison Avenue in Port St. Joe.



VINCENT EDWARD RILEY

There will be a repast gathering at the WIG Center.

Cody Edward Diorio memorial

A Memorial Service for Cody Edward Diorio will be held at the First Baptist Church in Carrabelle, Fla., at 2 p.m. ET on Saturday, Nov. 23. Cody was born on Aug. 5, 1990 in Binghamton, New York.



CODY EDWARD DIORIO

a volunteer firefighter with the Lanark Village Fire Department.

Cody is survived by his mother, Sheila Hauser, and sister, Cheyenne Diorio of Carrabelle, Fla.; his loving "Grandmother," Rowena Damron of Morgantown, W. Va.; uncles Ralph and Lawrence Hauser of Michigan, Daniel Foster of North Carolina; aunts Delores Snarr of Raphine, Va., and Francie Evans of Aurora, W. Va., Lisa Hart of Sanford, Fla., Donna Cimino of Longwood, Fla., and Pamela Belfiore of Heathrow, Fla.; and his girlfriend, April Marie Peake of Black, Ala.

Cody was a successful business owner and had many boating clients from Tallahassee to Orange Beach, Ala. Cody's favorite activities were boating and fishing. Cody loved being a firefighter and volunteered at the Lanark Village Fire Department. Cody's family would like to thank everyone in the community that has shown their support since Cody came up missing on April 2, 2013. The family is continuing to search for answers and have a private investigator looking into the cause of his death.

The First Baptist Church is at 206 SE Avenue A in Carrabelle, behind the Express Lane.

Celebrating Christmas season explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

Surprising and fun ways to celebrate the holiday season will be offered 7 p.m. CT Monday, Nov. 25 at Lifetree Café.

"A Christmas Surprise: Rekindling the Joy of Christmas" features a filmed interview with a man who bakes, decorates, and gives away more than 4,000 cookies each Christmas.

Alan Kobs is in his home kitchen daily from October through Christmas, but he doesn't consider it a burden.

"It's in the giving," Kobs said. "I think about the people who are going to be the recipients of these cookies and the joy it might bring."

Participants will also be offered the opportunity to provide a hands-on surprise for members of the local community who must work on

Christmas Day.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is at 1602 U.S. 98 in Mexico Beach across from El Governor Motel. Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwlifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

Obituary

Ernest 'Gene' Farris

Ernest "Gene" Farris, 83, of Athens, died Thursday, Nov. 13 at his residence. A native of Port St. Joe, he was a son of the late Wesley and Stella Wilburn Farris and was also preceded in death by his wife Naomi Farris, grandson Ernest Glen Grubb, Sr. and brothers, Gordon, Tom, and Alden Farris.

He was a member of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War. He came to Athens in 1954 with the startup of Bowater serving for 31 years and retiring as Superintendent in the

Paper Mill Department. Following his retirement from Bowater he was associated with Geschemay Felts of South Carolina for 12 years.

He is survived by three daughters and three sons-in-law, Shannon and Larry Miller, Lynette and David Culberson and Ellen and Tom Dodson; one son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Lisa Farris all of Athens, grandchildren, Amanda Wooden, Emily Buckner, Hope Adams, Jason Farris, Blake Farris and Carrie Peck; great-grandchildren, Kayla Partain, Alicia Wooden, Kyle Buckner, Kimberly Buckner, Jordan

Buckner, Ernest Grubb, Jr., Nathan and Addison Farris and Colton Adams, sister, Elsie Farris of Port St. Joe, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. ET on Monday, Nov. 18, in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home with Rev. Ogle Wattenbarger officiating. Interment will be immediately following the service in McMinn Memory Gardens with Military honors at the graveside. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. ET on Sunday at Smith Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Hope

Farris Adams, Jason Farris, Blake Farris, Gordon Griffin, Fred Griffin and Vincent Driggers. Honorary pallbearers will be Ernest Glen Grubb, Jr. and Ray Carpenter.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Holston Home for Children, 404 Holston Drive, Greeneville, Tn. 37743.

If you are unable to attend this service or visitation you may sign the guest register at www.smithfuneral&cremationervicesofathens.com.

Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is serving the family of Ernest "Gene" Farris.

Blood drive at PSJ First Baptist

Share your power: First Baptist Church of Port St. Joe will host a blood drive 1-6 p.m. ET Monday, Nov. 25. All donors receive a free t-shirt. Give from the heart, get into a soul. Donate twice between Nov. 1 and March 31 for a chance to win a Kia Soul courtesy of Kia Autosport of Pensacola. Visit oneblood.org for official rules.

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WEDNESDAY - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Open House Coffee & Conversation

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	Prayer/Bible Study..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm
	Nursery 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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Autumn leaf color

We may not see the incredible burst of vivid fall leaf color our northern neighbors enjoy each year, but we do have enough temperate region plants in our area to give us some seasonal changes in foliage hues. In this article we'll give you some scientific (facts) on why some of the leaves of some trees and shrubs change color as the weather cools. My information was provided by Emeritus Extension Specialist Dr. Robert Black, of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Science.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

The brilliant display of autumn leaves is brought on by a combination of things; falling temperatures, shorter days, and certain chemical substances, called pigments, found in leaf tissues.

Some of the pigments that give autumn leaves their bright colors are actually present in the leaves as soon as they unfold in the spring. But during spring and summer, when the plants are growing vigorously, green-colored materials call chlorophyll dominates the other leaf pigments.

Chlorophyll plays an important role in process call photosynthesis, the process by which plants capture energy from sunlight and manufacture food. Chlorophyll is produced in the leaves of most plants during their active growing season. But, in the fall, as plants get ready for dormancy, the production of new chlorophyll slows down. Finally, it stops altogether, and there's no chlorophyll left in the leaves. When this happens the other leaf pigments those we mentioned earlier take over and you see the bright cool-season colors.

Pigments called carotenoids make the leaves turn orange, red, yellow, and brown. Other pigments, call anthocyanin's, are developed because of the changing weather conditions. Bright, clear autumn days and cooler temperature produce shades of red and purple in the leaves. Still another group of pigments, call anthoxanthins, cause yellow coloring in some foliage.

Even though Florida's landscape is not famous for brilliant fall colors, there are plants in some areas that do change color with the seasons. It's a good idea to include a few of these in home plantings. Unlike most of the flowering shrubs that turn color in the fall will usually retain their varied hues for a month or more, depending on the weather.

Some of the trees which will add fall eye appeal to your landscape are the Golden rain-tree, Red Swamp Myrtle, Dogwood, Sweet Gum, Crape Myrtle, and the Tulip tree. Since the Chinese Tallow (Popcorn Tree) is on Florida's invasive plant list we do not recommend it as a landscape plant. Each of these has its own unique color, but these can change somewhat from year to year, according to seasonal conditions. However, choosing one or two of these plants will assure you of some fall change in foliage hues.

To find out what choices would be best for your landscape contact the Gulf County Extension Service @ 639-3200 or visit our website: gulf.ifas.ufl.edu.

VFW donates \$1,000 to The Cricket Fund

Star Staff Report

Cricket lives on. Members of the John C. Gainous VFW Post 10069 presented Anna Hicks, a Radiology/CT/Mammography Technologist at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf with a check for \$1,000 to be donated to The Cricket Fund.

The fund provides free mammograms to women in need in Gulf and Franklin counties and is named after Kristina LeeAnn "Cricket" Russell of Port St. Joe. Earlier this year, the 22-year-old lost the battle to an aggressive form of breast cancer.

Russell had no insurance at the time of her diagnosis on March 12, 2012 and Hicks set up the fund after Cricket's passing.

Hicks said that Cricket inspired the hospital staff and her fellow patients by staying positive throughout the course of her radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Parents Joe and MaryAnn described their daughter Cricket with words such as "fun-loving," "carefree" and



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VFW Quartermaster Phil Dodson and Commander Rodney Herring donated a check for \$1,000 The Cricket Fund.

"beautiful inside and out." "People would gravitate to her; her smile was contagious," MaryAnn said. "She never met a stranger, and she was always willing to help people.

Cricket's mother, MaryAnn Russell was also present to accept the donation and thank the members of the VFW.

The John C. Gainous VFW Post 10069 is located in Highland View.

Southerland has mobile office hours

Star Staff Report

The Florida staff of U.S. Representative Steve Southerland, II will hold mobile office hours in Gulf County 10 a.m. until 12 noon ET today at the Port St. Joe Fire Station located at 402 Williams Avenue.

Residents of Gulf County and surrounding areas are invited to join staff to provide input on legislation, ask questions or request assistance with a federal agency on issues including Social Security, Medicare, Housing and Urban Development, IRS, Veterans Affairs and Immigration.

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The Heart Recording Studio is hosting Hearts Gone Wild, a fundraiser for Florida Wild Mammal Association, from noon to 9 p.m. ET Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Heart Recording Studio in Sopchoppy.

A \$10 donation is requested. All proceeds from the gate benefit FWMA. Food will be available for purchase all day by M.E. Tasty Taco Truck (meat and vegetarian).

The talented "Wild Musicians" graciously performing throughout the day are:

Noon: Hot Tamale (Craig Reeder & Adrian Fogelin)

1 p.m.: Ralph Pelletier

2 p.m.: Mimi Hearn

3 p.m.: Scott Campbell and Kevin Robertson

4 p.m.: Dean Newman, Kit Goodner & Charlie Wilkinson

5 p.m.: Kim Thomas & George Boggs

6 p.m.: Ashoka (Andrew Redmond,

Heath Purvis & Luka Sharron)

7 p.m.: Rick Ott Band (Rick Ott, Stan Gramling & Rick Brunetti)

8 p.m.: Sammy Tedder & The Jazz Hounds (Sammy Tedder, Mike Andrews, Stan Gramling, Warren Sutton, Renee' Arbogast & Eddie Horan)

Artists and crafters are invited to vend their wares for free and donate a portion of their sales to FWMA.

Donations to the silent auction will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 22. Guest parking is at the Sopchoppy Hardware parking lot, the vacant lot across from the hardware store and City Hall parking lot. In the spirit of cooperation, please leave parking at other downtown businesses for their customers.

For more information, visit the Hearts Gone Wild Facebook event page. For more fundraiser information, including vending at the event or donating items of value to the silent auction, contact Rick Ott or Nelle McCall at 962-5282 or sopchoppyriver@gmail.com.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Auction, golf tourney raise funds for WWII museum

Star Staff Report

The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club and the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum Association recently hosted a fundraising silent auction and reception with a golf tournament the next day.

The events in part benefit the museum located in Carrabelle, which is dedicated to preserving and protecting the heritage of the soldiers of World War II, especially those trained at Camp Gordon Johnston. The camp opened in 1942 to prepare amphibious soldiers and their support groups. A quarter of a million men were trained at CGJ before it closed in April 1946.

On Friday, the silent auction and reception was at the Club Banquet Room. Entertainment was provided by the George Boyer Band. Attendees included folks from Bay, Franklin, Leon and Gulf counties, and as far away as Canada.

The auction raised supporting funds for the museum, a not-for-profit corporation, and the Golf Club. Attendees danced, enjoyed the food prepared



by SJBGC's Ron Kelly, loved the music, won door prizes and bid on wonderful donated items.

The Friday 50/50 drawing was won by Paul Turner.

The tournament on Saturday was preceded by an "Honoring America's Veterans" ceremony. Club President Dan Van Treese was the emcee, the invocation was delivered by Father Tommy Dwyer of the St. James Episcopal Church, the PSJHS NROTC presented the colors, Lt. Commander Martin Jarosz sang the National Anthem, and Tony Minichiello of Camp Gordon Johnston was the principal speaker.

The team of Kenny Wood, Buddy Renfro, Danny Wawruck and Van

Treese took first place; Dick Davis, Damon McNair, Larry Wilson, and Marvin Shimmfessel came in second; and Bill Dodson, Jim Berlin, Paul Penn and Jerry Parrish came in third.

Golfers enjoyed beautiful weather, great food after the tournament, and most went home with door prizes.

The Saturday 50/50 drawing was won by Jerry Parrish.

The ladies' longest drive award went to Penelope Evanoff; the men's was won by Bill Morrissey; closest to the pin went to Larry Wilson; and the longest putt award was won by Doug Calendine. The putting contest winner was Kenny Wood.

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various runners inspirational and encouraged more people to donate their time to ease the stress of someone else.

Last year's marathon was canceled because of Hurricane Sandy, which affected 24 states, caused power outages across Manhattan and created an economic loss of more than \$18 billion in New York and New Jersey.

Meanwhile in nearby Boston, a tragedy struck in April when two men detonated bombs during the city's annual marathon.

Despite those tragedies, Novak said the mindset of his fellow runners was overwhelmingly positive, and the marathon welcomed more than 50,000 athletes of all skill levels.

When registering, each runner was given a blue ribbon to show support for the victims of the Boston Marathon, and Novak reported that a large number of competitors wore "Boston Strong" T-shirts.

"After 9/11, cities rallied around New York, and New York City really rallied support for Boston," Novak said.

Novak began his run on the Verrazano Bridge on a chilly, 45 degree morning, but by the time he reached Brooklyn, the sun broke through the clouds and he was treated to perfect running weather.

Running at his side was his younger brother, Matt.

The inspiration never stopped, and as Novak ran, he said the cheers coming from friends and family along

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county attorney Jeremy Novak

the marathon route never let up. Novak's wife, Kellee, cheered and waved encouraging signs from several points along the route.

Though at times during the run he found himself exhausted, Novak drew inspiration from his fellow runners. He reported seeing a couple who were running together to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, returning military veterans and firemen running in full fire gear as a 9/11 tribute.

"It was awesome in terms of the people and there was constant cheering," Novak said. "The spirit is incredible."

Novak ended up beating his previous marathon time by one minute, but for the attorney, the \$6,700 raised for local cancer patients is the real win.

"I couldn't have asked for a better day," he said.

The Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf Guild is a volunteer organization that hosts fundraisers for health-related needs in the community.

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want to be a vet; I want to work with maybe lizards and in herpetology.

"I think this was very interesting and gives people a chance to see if they want to pursue being a scientist. I mostly learned how research has changed."

The chance to connect and communicate with the Aquarius and its current research team — the crew will speak to 28 schools from across the country during their seven days underwater at depths where the pressure is two-and-a-half times greater than the surface — came from a self-described "science nerd."

Senior Sawyer Raffield wears an affinity for

science, marine science in particular, like a tailored jacket.

He came across the Aquarius and its mission on the Internet.

He obtained an email contact for the research group and started sending off emails about the possibility of linking up when a research team was underwater.

His persistence paid off.

"I just thought it was interesting they could have a base underwater," Raffield said. "I just wanted to learn more."

"I love science. I am a science nerd. I thought it was really interesting all the technology they can use now in their research. They have come a long

way."

The hour-long session with the scientist team didn't instill a wealth of new knowledge, per se, but Raffield gleaned something far more important.

"I learned you can do anything you want to do as long as you set your mind to it and work hard," Raffield said. "I learned you need to do what you love. I don't want to go to work every day hating what I am doing."

"I learned some new things, but I wouldn't be as interested in science without Mr. Lamberson. He doesn't like the boring stuff. He thinks outside the box, and we all have more fun and learn more."

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VARIANCE NOTICE

The City of Port Saint Joe Planning and Development Review Board will hold a Meeting to discuss a Request for a Variance on December 10, 2013, 4:00 EST at City Hall at 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd. Port Sr Joe, FL for James R. Lowry, located at 707 Long Ave, Parcel# 04956-000R. The reason for the request is Per Section 3.03 (9) of the Land Development Regulations. The proposed plans can be reviewed at the Building Department located at 1002 10th St. and can be reached for questions at (850) 229-1093.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact Charlotte Pierce, City of St. Joe, at City Hall (850) 229-8261.

VARIANCE NOTICE

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93052S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2010-CA-000508 DIVISION: _____

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

VANCE MCGOUGH, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 28th, 2013, and entered in Case No. 23-2010-CA-000508 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., is the Plaintiff and Vance McGough, 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 5th day of December, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

COMMENCE AT A ST. JOSEPH PAPER CO. CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 57 SECONDS E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 32 FOR 298.14 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 381-A AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 69 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 50 SECONDS W ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR 138.0 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE RUN N 20 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 10 SECONDS W FOR 210.0 FEET; THENCE S 69 DEGREES 12 MINUTE 50 SECONDS W FOR 262.0 FEET; THENCE S20 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 10 SECONDS E FOR 210.0 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 381-A; THENCE S 69 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 50 SECONDS W ALING SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR 222.40 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 28 SECONDS E FOR 666.74 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 35 SECONDS E FOR 587.44 FEET, SAID POINT BEING IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 57 SECONDS W FOR 438.02 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO. 381-A; THENCE S 69 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 50 SECONDS W ALING SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR 6.98 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 32 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 6.18 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LESS ONE ACRE DEEDED TO



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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 29th 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@albertelli.com KB - 10-53632

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. November 14, 21, 2013

93054S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23 2009 CA 000489 DIVISION: _____

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

MISTY DAWN TUCKER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 28th, 2013, and entered in Case No. 23 2009 CA 000489 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, is the Plaintiff and James Harold Tucker, II, Misty Dawn Tucker, 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. on the 5th day of December, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

A PARCEL OF LAND, BEING A PORTION OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF THE AFORESAID NW 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; RUN THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NW 1/4, FOR 1116.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST FOR 1028.55 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST FOR 100.00



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FEET. THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 50 MINUTES EAST FOR 218.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST FOR 100.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST FOR 218.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 163 GARY ANDERSON RD, 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 4th day of November, 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@albertelli.com KB - 10-63823

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93166S PUBLIC NOTICE

Hwy 22 Storage 1249 Hwy 22, Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Shed: #2 Terry Perry #8 Sybel Boyette Household Items

To be opened for sale December 2, 2013, 8:30 A.M. if payments are not brought up to date. November 21, 28, 2013

96175S 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. 946 Application No. 2013-44 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 03324-295R

Description of Property: Lot 19, Tremont Estates, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 29 & 30, of Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Stephanie M & Charles A Davis

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



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96169S 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. 1368 Application No. 2013-43 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 05694-000R

Description of Property: Lot Twenty-Two (22), in Block One Thousand, One (1001), 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: Lena Dukas

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

96171S 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. 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. REBECCA L. NORRIS



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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 320 feet, more or less, to the East line of the Southwest Quarter 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

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 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.

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. 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 Southeast 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



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which it was assessed are as follows:

Tax Sale Certificate No. 545 Application No. 2013-46 Date of Issuance: 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 Southeast 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: 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

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Name in which assessed: Gredan Development, Inc.

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



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which it was assessed are as follows:

Tax Sale Certificate No. 545 Application No. 2013-46 Date of Issuance: 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 Southeast 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.

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CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

96351S ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS:

The Gulf County School Board will be accepting sealed bids on two surplus vehicles. Bids will be accepted starting November 14, 2013 and ending November 28, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. E.S.T. Bid should be sealed

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LISA Q. HICKS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 28th day of October, 2013, and entered in Case No. 23-2011-CA-000403, of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and T DWIGHT HICKS, LISA Q. HICKS and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 CECIL G. COSTIN SR. BLVD., PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456, 11:00 AM ET on the 13th day of December, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT ONE (1) IN BLOCK C, SUNSET POINTE SUBDIVISION, AS PER OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 41-43, 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 MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2013.

REBECCA NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP Attorney for the Plaintiff 1 East Broward Blvd. Suite 1111 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 (954) 522-3233 Fax: (954) 200-7770 DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516 flservice@flwlaw.com File# 04-064950-F00 November 14, 21, 2013

96481S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS PROPOSAL NO. 1314-05

The Board of Commissioners of Gulf County is releasing this Request for Proposal for an Emergency Notification System in accord-

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ance with the requirements of the attached instructions, conditions, and deliverables.

Please submit the original and (3) copies of the bid and indicate on the envelope YOUR COMPANY NAME, that this is a SEALED PROPOSAL and include the PROPOSAL NUMBER.

Proposals must be turned in to the Gulf County Clerk's Office at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456, by 10:00a.m., E.T., on Monday, December 2, 2013. Proposals will be opened at this location on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 3:00 p.m., E.T.

The Board reserves the

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right to reject any and all bids.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ TYNALIN SMILEY, CHAIRMAN

Attest: Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk November 21, 2013

96499S PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID:

The Gulf County School Board will be accepting bids on the retrofit and changing out of the gym floor at Port St. Joe Elementary School. A bid package may be picked up at

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150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, FL 32456, faxed or e-mailed by calling 850-229-8369. Bids will be accepted starting November 21, 2013 and ending December 5, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. E.S.T.

The successful bidder must comply with the Jessica Lunsford Act. The Gulf County School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. November 21, 28, 2013

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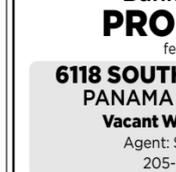
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