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The clouds parted sufficiently on a recent warm evening to afford this postcard glimpse of St. Joseph's Bay and a setting sun.

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Wewa Mayor Dickens retires

Gaskin lone qualifier for mayoral election

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

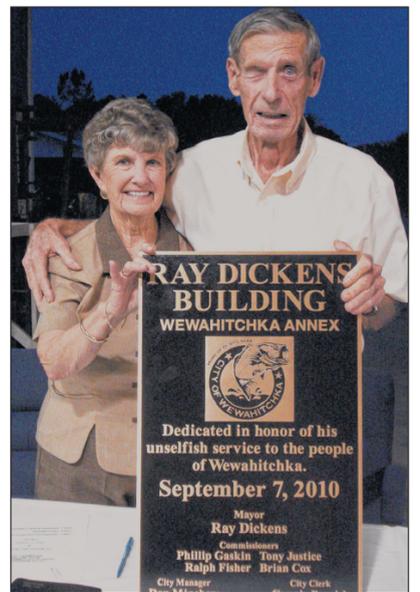
Ray Dickens, the only mayor the city of Wewahitchka has known since the fall of 1993, has officially retired.

In an open letter to the citizens of Wewahitchka, Dickens said medical issues have forced him to decide not to seek another four-year term as mayor this fall.

Dickens' office is the only one on the ballot this year for Wewahitchka voters.

Qualifying for the August election ended Monday at noon with current Commissioner Philip Gaskin the lone qualifier. He will officially succeed Dickens at the Commission's regular September meeting. The City Commission will have 30 days from that meeting to appoint a successor to Gaskin.

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Wewahitchka officially dedicated the Wewahitchka City Annex in 2010 to Mayor Ray Dickens in honor of his long-time service to the city.

Port St. Joe seeks to broaden golf cart access

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Port St. Joe city commissioners hope to expand access to the city business district for golf cart riders.

Commissioners unanimously approved sending a letter to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to allow golf carts to

cross U.S. Highway 98 and State 71 at specified locations.

The goal is to enhance access for folks using golf carts to downtown and the Port St. Joe Marina.

The issue for commissioners was a choice of several locations for potential crossing sites and how to balance safety and access for golf carts in areas of town with significant

vehicular traffic.

"We don't want to increase the risk of an accident, but we do want to broaden opportunities to access downtown and the marina," Mayor Mel Magidson said.

After some discussion, commissioners focused on two possibilities for crossing State 71 at Woodward Avenue and Reid Avenue.

Woodward was considered a good option due to the light volume of traffic on the avenue and because traffic turning onto State 71 from Highway 98 would have longer to see crossing golf carts at Woodward.

However, to make the site at Woodward, four lanes at

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Gulf Coast Workforce Board offers summer programs for teenagers

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board offers a host of programs each year for youth aged 14-19 and considered to be at-risk, said executive director Kim Bodine.

What's occurring this summer at the old Washington High School complex in Port St. Joe is, Bodine notes, "not your

typical program."

Mixing summer fun with a dash of learning and sizable dollop of training for the workforce some of these children will enter soon enough, the workforce board has cobbled together a collaborative effort to reach kids from elementary school age to young adulthood.

"The kids enjoy it," said site coordinator Sandy Quinn. "It's been different

for the kids. They are used to just coming out and playing around at the gym.

"Here we have group activities. We've been going on field trips, learning. They're enjoying it."

The program is the result of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, which serves Gulf, Franklin and Bay counties, stepping into a void created by city budget cuts.

By pulling together a

variety of resources, such as money the city annually spends during the summer on programs at the Washington Gym, county dollars and grants from the Jesse Ball duPont Foundation and Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency, the workforce board has laid the foundation for a year-round program.

"We have always focused on the 14-19 age group," Bodine said, adding

that the primary focus is reaching youngsters in poverty. "We've always had problems with that kind of program in Gulf County. I wanted to do something for the youth of Gulf County." "We have 130 children enrolled and registered. We don't see 130 a day; we don't see 100 at any one time. It is a very fluid group. But we see, on average, at least 60-70 kids every day."

Fashioning the correct

program required research.

Bodine and her staff worked with the schools to understand the grade-level learning gap for minorities in core courses reading and math.

Each day, the children separate by age groups and have at least one hour of reading and also spend time in the computer lab on

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From left, Kim Bodine, executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Program, has been a constant presence and influence on the summer programs taking place on the campus of the old Washington High School. Students from Auburn University help provide nutritious meals, serve as mentors and buddies to the kids and lead daily lessons in virtues while leading and participating in game times.

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the campus as well as science projects and arts and crafts.

“They’ll be learning something and not realize they are learning,” Bodine said of the small-group

approach of the educational piece of the program. “That is the best way, they are engaged.

“We can’t stay status quo, the same thing every day, all summer or you lose

them. But reading is an essential component.”

Bodine and staff also spoke the officials from the county 4H program and extension service to add a gardening and nutrition

component.

“We wanted them to have nutritious meals,” Bodine said.

The kids are served breakfast and lunch.

“We don’t want to give them any of those processed foods,” said Jennifer German, assistant director of the workforce board.

County extension agent Roy Lee Carter provides frequent field trips to the garden at the elementary school.

Students from Auburn University that come down each year to perform a host of community projects under the auspices of the Christian Community Development Fund provide assistance and fellowship, a daily lesson as well as assistance with providing meals and, in so many cases, just a friend to play with and talk to.

“They provide a virtues program,” Bodine said of the Auburn students. “Every week has a virtue, such as discipline, a balanced lifestyle, pride in self. They

provide (Bible) verses and practical applications.”

A key component of the overall program is an internship program targeting young adults aged 18-21 and offering workplace training as well as classroom instruction while the interns earn a stipend (see associated story).

“We need to connect those kids with the workforce or we are going to lose them,” Bodine said.

And there is Kids College, five days throughout the summer when kids in that 14-19 age demographic the workforce board targets, travel over to Gulf Coast State College in Panama City to walk around, look in on classrooms and generally receive brief exposure to the college experience.

“It gives them a taste of college,” Bodine said.

There is also a “Learning through Sports” software program that is a self-paced learning program for kids aged K-9 in which the child picks a sport,

goes through a series of educational modules and is rewarded upon completion with free time playing a computer game in the sport they chose.

The summer program will wrap up in about a month as the school year gears up, during which the workforce board will continue to offer after-school programs and internship opportunities.

The work of preparing these youngsters for adulthood and the workforce is a 365-day job, Bodine said, not eight weeks during the summer.

“It’s a commitment,” Bodine said. “When I commit to something, I want it to be 100 percent. I want to live up to the commitment we made to the community.

“It’s a start-up year. It has gone a lot better than I thought it would. We hired some great people, and these are great kids. They are very loving. They enjoy the relationships they are building.”

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Program offers training opportunities for young adults

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

To borrow from the military, Assane Beye is training tomorrow's workers today.

Beye is the coordinator for one of the most critical programs implemented in the county by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, a training program that provides money in the pocket for young adults about to enter the workforce while offering a host of training opportunities.

Beye is coordinating an internship program that targets individuals aged 18-21, one of the key demographic groups on which the workforce board focuses.

"We know that is a segment of the workforce we could engage earlier," said Kim Bodine, executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "In that age group we have always had a hard time engaging. A significant percent of them are not going to go onto college. They need the training in workforce skills.

"We think it is important to have an internship component to the programs in Gulf County. They are not really employees; this is training them for the workforce."

The concept is to place an intern in a workplace, have them learn valuable skills they can use as they grow into paycheck-receiving, tax-paying members of society, and provide them a small stipend as they learn.

"We teach them how to get a job, how to keep a job, be on time, dress for success, and how to manage their money," Beye said.

At the end of each week there is also class time where the students learn to understand a paycheck stub, how to read a credit card statement, to keep and balance a checkbook, how to understand the difference between simple and compound interest and how to budget and save.

They also spend an hour each Friday in a computer lab at the Washington School site to hone needed computer skills.

On a recent Friday morning, the class Beye taught was how to figure out a credit card statement, how to make payments on the principal without letting interest balloon payment requirements and how to calculate annual interest.

"We want them to be able to read their paycheck and where they are going to put their money," Beye said. "We want them to understand that savings and spending go together."

The program lasts eight weeks and the 20 interns selected for this summer earn \$200 a week for a four-day work week.

The stipend comes from grant funds provided by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, so employers pay nothing for an extra set of hands.

Beye's first step was to find a quota of young adults desiring assistance as they prepared for the workforce. Among the interns are a number of recent high school graduates as well as some soon-to-be seniors at Port St. Joe High.

"I just went out and recruited," Beye said with a wide smile, the hallmark of the characteristic optimism the native of Senegal carries as if part of his wardrobe. "We really wanted to recruit kids who needed it, who wanted to go to college."

Beye quickly found demand out-weighted supply.

"We were only budgeted for 20 interns but once the kids heard about the program I had more than 20 applications," Beye said. "We accepted who we could."

Beye then played matchmaker between interns and

potential employers/training opportunities.

"I went to businesses and explained about the program," Beye said. "Now they want to hire one of our interns."

"I wanted to put the interns in places they can learn and take those lessons with them as they grow and enter the workforce. All kids we put in them in avenues they can begin to learn about real life."

Therefore, an intern wishing to work with young children is now assisting at the Busy Bee Child Care Center. Another interested in government and politics is employed at Port St. Joe City Hall, another at the city's surface water treatment plant.

An intern pursuing a nursing degree is working at The Bridge assisted living center. Another with an eye on a technology field is working at Radio Shack, another is at Ace Hardware.

Ashleigh Lewis is the

political junkie working at City Hall.

"She is doing great," said Port St. Joe city manager Charlie Weston. "The young lady has done a yeoman's job. She has a great work ethic and attitude and has done great work. I'd love to have another ... or 10."

There is an evaluation form that the employer fills out detailing how the intern did during the week, were they on time for work, were there any problems, did they perform tasks as told in a timely fashion.

Two unsatisfactory reports results in a deduction from the weekly paycheck. Additional unsatisfactory reports can result in additional reductions in pay or even expulsion from the program.

"We have two interns who already believe they are ready for the job they are training for and want to apply," Beye said. "It has been a great experience for the kids."

"We teach them how to get a job, how to keep a job, be on time, dress for success, and how to manage their money."

Assane Beye

intern coordinator for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board



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At the end of each week, the interns gather for class and computer time. Here Assane Beye instructs the interns on reading a credit card statement.

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Another year of education

The sands continue to fall, but as a good friend says, I remain vertical and above ground.

By the time this is on the press, ink applied to paper, another year of my education is in the books, another year of learning to which I owe so much to so many of you kind readers.

That you take the time to make this newspaper, and by extension me, a part of your weekly rhythms is an honor and a deep responsibility.

My father was a newspaper man of a different era, when the typewriter and carbon copy paper were king in the newsroom, those newfangled things called newswires or tickers providing continual updates; a novelty.

I sat around a dining room table night after night and absorbed as a sponge the news of the day filtered through my father's workday, conversations with my mother and older siblings about civil rights, a war in a far-off land that would hit close to home and free speech rights that were in crisis at the time.

I listened as my father pounded out an editorial in the wee hours of the morning following the shooting of Robert Kennedy, his anguished bouts with writing following the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., his recounting of the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach, a strange and exotic land for a boy from the East, and his trip to San Francisco to receive a prestigious national writing award, a plaque and medal I still cherish.

Responding to most every young man's rebellious streak, I dashed as far away as I could from following in his footsteps as a young adult, going into

the hotel business as an investigator rather than reporter.

But my overzealously detailed reports became something of legend where I worked and in time life's circumstances brought me to Panama City and an internship with a newspaper, and a life, I would not leave for 20 years.

And I would not trade a moment of it for anything, this journey of education.

Sure, to enter journalism is to accept that there will be no beach house in the Caribbean, the hours are crazy and the diet associated with those hours is probably not at the top of the American Heart Association's list.

But the experiences, the people, the sheer volume of information available to the curious during what seems a lifetime of new adventures are immeasurable.

The opportunity to be part of a small-town newspaper, to make a difference as part of a community newspaper has been an unending pleasure, even when the paper or I have fallen short of my expectations, and those who know me well can attest no one is harder on me than moi.

Yet it seems only yesterday that I worked in Tallahassee as a member of the Capitol Press Corps, covering state government and courts.

The Republicans had just won control of the Legislature for the first time since not long after the War Between the States ended. Government would be different, leaders said, a new day had arrived.

Fifteen years later one wonders if the vision then is represented in reality today.

Among the

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Guest **COLUMN**

Things are worse than you think!

By Nancy Argenziano

Make no mistake, this is not about liberals vs. conservatives, or Republicans vs. the Democrats; it's about what is right and what is wrong. The legislation and policies of the Governor and legislative leadership are wrong.

It's about shouting a warning to Floridians that their elected leaders are selling them down the river, saying one thing but doing another.

During the 16 years in the Florida House, Senate and Public Service Commission, I have tried to inform people about what was going on in their government and provided the inside scoop that political leaders did not want you to know about. I have been warning for years and providing examples of how our representative government/democracy is being sold to the highest contributors, the slush funds and the corruption. That it really is about money.

I have been a Republican, and believe in the republican principles of long ago: Less government in my private life; don't tax us to death; personal freedom; personal responsibility; the right to protect myself and family; and for allowing business to do what it does best; do business, without excessive or unnecessary regulations. But in the last — and contrary to the current — crop of Republican leaders, I do not want Halliburton in charge of the Pentagon, BP heading up the Department of Environmental Protection or Enron making energy policy.

In recent years, I have seen the exact opposite of that philosophy and much corruption.

I have a problem with those who have hijacked the Republican party to use it for their own self gain, who wouldn't have a clue what a Republican platform is and who have mutated the "R" philosophy beyond recognition. I take offense that they use the hard-working grassroots level republicans to help promote a philosophy that they do not practice. Many good republicans that worked hard for this party have written books

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telling us what was happening, apparently to no avail. It cannot be that all that matters is that our side wins at any cost. I refuse to believe anyone could not see the harm in doing that.

It seems that anytime an elected Republican official would not go along with the crooks that stole the party, they were labeled as Republicans in name only (RINO's) and that tactic worked for awhile. This has brought the "R" party to the sad place where I see it now. Fractured.

As a Republican, I cannot be proud of the party Chairman being carted off in handcuffs and accused of stealing contributions. I cannot be proud of or defend "R" leaders abusing party credit cards for things like their girlfriends lingerie, home repairs, trips to Vegas and more.

I will not defend the "R" Senate President who stridently squawks for smaller government yet has taken three government salaries, tax paid, ostensibly as a professor, not to teach, but to take three years to write a book on politics, achieving a kindergarten level of literacy of which the college hand only a single copy of. For years legislative leaders obtained these extra "jobs" for certain legislators in return for a "do everything you're told" legislator. It's pretty hard for those legislators to object when they have gotten used to the trough, even when it hurts the very people who voted for them.

I cannot be proud of legislation proposed and passed this session that strips away minimum protections for our elderly in taxpayer subsidized for-profit nursing homes, legislation which turns them into elder fodder for overpaid executives and coupon-clipping shareholders. One of my

biggest battles in the legislature as Chair of the House Elder Affairs and Long Term Care Committee was to bring nursing home quality-of-care standards merely up to the federal minimum safety levels. I recall an influential owner of a large nursing home chain telling me he could not provide those minimum standards and also provide the money his shareholders and executives demanded.

I am not proud of the firing of the Long Term Care Ombudsman who was doing a great job and was supported by nursing home resident family members. I am not proud of the reduced funding for Medicaid-supported poor elderly while reducing the minimum required staffing levels I fought so hard to get into law. All this while further curbs on civil litigation in redressing nursing home horrors passed.

The attempt to privatize everything government does is alive and well, under the premise of "efficiency" and while some privatizations work well, not all do. After all, the mission of government, contrary to the booming proclamations of self-absorbed politicians, is, among other notable goals, to promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty, not to grease the profit avenues of significant campaign contributors. Privatization makes for more and larger contribution sources.

As Chair of the Senate Governmental Operations Committee, I saw first-hand how taxpayers got ripped off by some of the major privatized contracts. My committee had to fix the huge errors in contracts, and found

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Leon knew what to do with his idle hands

It was a hot, lazy, do-nothing-day when the big fight broke out up in front of Bailey Moore Wrinkles' Hardware. I had a pretty good seat. Me and Derinda Melton had just come out of the Golden Rule and were heading over to Tommie Hill's DX station to get a Coke. We had to pass right by the hardware. I didn't actually see the first punch but I did see Curly Hoffman bounce off Mr. Paul Carroll's station wagon and sprawl head long into Lee Street. He didn't stay down. He got up and charged right into Junior Wilkerson! Curly was quicker. Junior was much bigger. Didn't neither one of them have a back up gear.

They fought for a while! I figured we ought to break it up. But Derinda declared it was better than the matinee at the Park Theatre! They were both growing arm weary and their breaths were coming in short spurts by the time Aaron Pinson pulled up in the patrol car. When he got'em calmed down and talking, they each allowed that the other one started it. And they couldn't rightly agree on what it was over. But Curly did finally say that mostly they were just bored and it seemed like a good idea at the time.

Me and Derinda had our ten minutes of fame over at the DX station recounting to Tommie's customers exactly how it all played out. 'Course, we

didn't see it exactly the same way. She thought Junior had'im from the start. His superior size and strength was the deciding factor. I had Curly way ahead on points. He was bobbing and weaving and he managed to get a lick in every now and then. He mostly stayed away and jabbed or got in close where Junior couldn't hit him.



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

The more Derinda took up for Junior, the more, naturally, I had to defend "my" man. We got to shouting at each other beside the drink box. She pushed me and I tried to slap her face around backwards! I was just before finishing her off when Tommie pulled her off the top of me.

He bought us another round, let us cool down a minute and we started for home. "You know," Derinda was a philosopher of sorts, "we've seen a good fight, almost had one ourselves and got a free Coke. That's a pretty good day in anybody's book."

I nodded in agreement, thought about reminding her that Curly won it by a mile but figured I'd better let sleeping dogs lie. Besides, if I brought it up again and we duked it out in front of Woodrow Kennon's Grocery store, we wouldn't have anything to fight about tomorrow.

Curly was right. Boredom brought on more fights back in those days than insults, jealous

lovers, nit-picking cousins, too-big-for-their-britches neighbors and "squatting" rights put together!

Mom spoke directly to it in her "Idle hands-Devil workshop" speech. But Leon didn't get the message. Or he didn't care. Or he WAS the Devil! He'd punch me around a little bit on slow days. He was older, bigger and stronger. The fight was kinda one sided. I'd, naturally, have to take my frustrations out on our little brother. Problem there was, although David Mark was younger, he was tough as whit leather. I couldn't win a fight in my own house! Now, that is cause for a complex! But I didn't sue. Or leave home. Or cry foul. It did force me to have my first serious pondering on that "sometimes life ain't fair" thing sitting under the street light down at the end of Stonewall Street.

And let me hasten to add here, nobody really got mad. Or mean. Or nasty.....well, ok, maybe we were a tad angry if it got really heated. But as soon as the fight ended we'd break out the marbles or have a spitting contest or get some cardboard and slide down the slopes behind the swimming pool. We were just living. Trying to pass the time and keep "something" going. There was no lingering after effects or warped personalities. We didn't know who Sigmund Freud was. And didn't care. Ditto for Dr. Spock. And Dr. Seuss must'a not been on our elementary school

approved reading list!

Nobody was trying to "express themselves" or "vent" or "exorcise" some past demons. Shoot, we were just expanding a tad. Growing pains come in different shapes, forms and packages.

Our parents didn't pass out calm down pills, hire a team of child psychologists or send us off to military school. If we got to crowding the "improper" line, they looked over at us, or cleared their throats. If we didn't heed fast enough, they whipped us. Life was fairly uncomplicated in 1957.

Jerry King was about the same age as David. Their family built the house on the other side of Stonewall. Everybody, naturally, called him Kong. And he and David tied up the first day they moved in. It was a territorial thing, I reckon. They fought all day! I refereed the entire m  lee by doing nothing at all. David had a busted lip and a bite mark on his arm. Kong went home with little pieces of his shirt in his hand. Parents on both sides of the street figured the kids could work it out in time.

On the second day, they were best friends. Their differences settled, they formed a bond that is still intact a half a century later.

I'm not sure Junior and Curly can make that same claim.

Respectfully,
Kes

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they came at a very high cost to the taxpayer. Although a company bid low and won the contract, embedded in many contracts were automatic increases that most times had us paying a much higher price for the service than when provided by the state, and the most elementary protections one would expect to find in contracts were removed.

I am yet more ashamed of the massive deregulation bills that passed this session. Attacks on water laws, the environment, and all out "build it wherever and however you want it," approach to growth.

For the last 16 years the Republican majority deregulated where it was called for, removing unnecessary, duplicative measures. The recent bills are simply giveaways and will cause great harm.

I cannot be proud of the attacks on our teachers and state workers, firefighters, police, the environment and even election laws. I had in my senate district a state firefighter whose salary was such that he qualified for food stamps when his wife was expecting a second child. To legislators who fashioned bills for drug testing state workers, here's an idea: eliminate the exceptions for executive and legislative staff, and members of the House and Senate.

I am ashamed of the relentless intrusion into

"Today's Republican leaders demand a total beehive mentality even as they stray further from real Republican principles. There are boys with little life experience running the 4th-largest state. While I have no doubt that the Democratic party has its problems, I speak as a Republican who has been on the inside for a long time in the Republican Party."

personal decisions in people's personal lives, despite Republican leadership's mantra that government be minimal

I am not proud that millions were hidden in the 2006 budget to get an airport hangar that a big contributor and friend of the Republican Speaker wanted. I am incensed that a Jeb Bush DCA appointee managed to squander tax dollars in outfitting the Taj Mahal courthouse with the mahogany furniture, flat screen TVs and expensive art work, while we are laying off people and cutting essential services, but also managed to so overstep his authority that he has been ethically indicted by the Judicial Qualifying Commission.

Attacks on citizen's ballot initiatives, only to find that the biggest abusers of the constitutional amendment process are the legislators themselves, and for political purposes.

They are even fighting the majority of citizens (63 percent) who voted for a ballot initiative for fair districts with our own tax dollars (\$50,000,000).

I cannot be proud to find that the Florida House Speaker has hired his own law firm to litigate the Fair Districts amendment challenges.

Sheer arrogance. For a party ostensibly consumed by economic efficiency, the CSX sweetheart deal which costs us millions and puts operational liability on taxpayers, is inexplicable, except to the extent that its been reported a key legislator has property that will benefit from the deal.

You all know what the legislative leaders did to PSC commissioners who said no to unjustified electric rate increases. The PSC is a legislative agency that does what the legislature wants it to do. Legislative leaders don't want a fair PSC. Legislative leaders take millions from those the PSC regulates; do you really think you are getting a fair shake? This agency will continue to be a waste of tax dollars until it is removed from the Legislature's control.

The usurpation of PSC responsibilities by the legislature is reflected by

the amendment sneaked into the 2006 energy bill by the soon-to-be Senate President.

When the bill came to the floor it was never mentioned — as used to be custom — that substantial and major policy changes had been introduced, and we all voted for it.

Republican leadership slipped us a Mickey at the behest of the utility lobby. Now with nuclear under the gun, both socially because of Fukushima and economically, the ratepayers will pick up every dollar of the estimated half billion dollar cost already incurred, of abandoning the various nuclear projects.

In my first few years in the Florida House Speaker Daniel Webster started to reduce our government where we could. I had been given the task to look at DEP to see where we could gain efficiency. We did that with all state agencies, most recently to the point that they cannot possibly do the job we ask them to.

When they inevitably fail legislators point to

privatization. For today's so-called leaders to pretend that this has not already been done is a fraud. After 16 years of "R's" leading the state, if this had not been done, why would you ever vote for a Republican again?

Today's Republican leaders demand a total beehive mentality even as they stray further from real Republican principles. There are boys with little life experience running the fourth-largest state. While I have no doubt that the Democratic party has its problems, I speak as a Republican who has been on the inside for a long time in the Republican Party.

I believe that the millions of dollars from the mega corporations that the Republican Party hijackers get in their sweet sounding slush funds, like the "Committee to create a beautiful world," are given with the purpose of pushing the corporate hegemony which is advancing rapidly throughout the country. While I am not anti-corporation, I certainly do not want my country run by the mega corporations. I see the same legislation in many states.

My son and many of your sons and daughters are not serving this country in our military to hand our democracy over to mega corporations. Veterans should be outraged.

I have never seen a more bee hive mentality with hardly any

independent thoughtful thinking occurring from our elected officials.

Whether you are of a particular party, or no party, you cannot want an elected official that just follows. Why have separate districts? Not many of us get to vote for the leaders of any party, just for those that run from our own districts and we should expect that they remember where they came from and vote for the interests of their districts as well as the Constitution they swore to uphold.

I have a fire in my gut more than ever to stop the selling of our representative government; to stop the corruption and the hypocrisy; to work toward fixing the real problems we are all facing. I cannot and will not sit and do nothing.

If belonging to a political party means having to follow blindly, count me out. We need more citizen legislators with the courage to fly alone if the team goes in the wrong direction. Both political parties need a re-awakening. Perhaps in these dire times, partisan politics is the last thing we need.

I believe we have to fight hard to get our democracy back. Our rights, our government, are worth that fight. The time is now.

Nancy Argenziano served in the Florida House and Senate and also served on the Public Service Commission.

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newcomers that year of 1996 was a young firecracker out of the Tampa area, Nancy Argenziano.

She put her stamp on the House of Representatives as an outspoken advocate for what she believed — whether or not you agreed, her passion was infectious and impressive. She seemed to want to serve, her constituents, the state, the laws of Florida and then political party.

Surely an unusual approach as we observe the partisan wrangling that defines politics and government in Tallahassee, Washington, D.C. or most any state capital these days.

On this page is an opinion piece from Argenziano, offered for not only what is says about one political party in Florida — Argenziano has made enemies within her party — but more what is says about the state of government.

As we watch the brinksmanship in Washington over spending and debt ceilings, just the latest crisis that apparently warrants governance by sound-byte as opposed to bold vision and leadership from either side of the aisle, the words on this and the next page are worth chewing on.

My father always believed that one central role for a newspaper was to attempt to lead the community discussion.

So while you may or may not agree with what Argenziano has to say, a few central points — is government really for and by the people, your next door neighbor and you — seem most timely.

The version on these pages is slightly abridged. To read the entire opinion piece visit www.starfl.com.

As another year of education begins, many of the themes of Argenziano's call to arms seem worth a discussion.

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Sacred Heart Hospital welcomes vascular surgeon Patrick Tamim

Special to The Star

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf welcomes Dr. Patrick Tamim, a board certified vascular surgeon to Gulf County. Dr. Tamim has been credentialed by Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf to provide vascular surgery services to the community.

Dr. Tamim, a graduate of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical

School, completed residency in general surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and Abington Memorial Hospital in Pennsylvania. His fellowship in vascular surgery was completed at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut. Dr. Tamim specializes in the treatment of vascular diseases to include: stroke prevention, open and endovascular treatment of aneurysms and peripheral artery

diseases, varicose and spider veins, and dialysis access.

His principle office is at 221 East 23rd Street Suite E in Panama City but he will be providing services at the Sacred Heart on the Gulf's Medical Office Building twice a month beginning July 18. Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf's Medical Office Building is located on the hospital's campus at 3801 U.S. Highway 98 in Port St. Joe. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Tamim, please call 215-9654 and specify the Sacred Heart location.

Pesticide applicator training, exam and CEU opportunity

Star Staff Report

If you need continuing education units (CEUs) for renewal of your applicator license or need to take a Restricted Use Pesticide exam, the Gulf County Extension Service is providing an opportunity.

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT Tuesday, July 19, there will be a General Standards (CORE) course, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, will be a Private Applicator Agriculture Pest Control course with a CORE exam following the last presentation

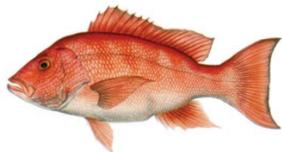
for those wishing to take the test.

The courses will be provided at the Gulf County Extension Service, 200 N. 2nd Street in Wewahitchka (the old courthouse).

The registration fee is \$5 and for more information contact 639-3200.

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Sacred Heart Hospital offering Life Transition Planning

Star Staff Report

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf will host a free seminar on "Life Transition Planning" on Tuesday, July 26, at 10:30 a.m. EDT in the hospital's conference room. This topic is sponsored by the hospital's Senior Spirit program. Led by Jeff Ryan, Chaplain, and Ruthie Rhodes, RN Educator, the seminar will highlight living wills, advance directives, and other documents used to give advance directions about medical treatment.

Advance directives are legal documents that protect your right to accept or refuse medical care if you should ever become incapacitated or unable to communicate your wishes due

to injury or illness. Advance directives enable patients to make their feelings known in writing about complex issues such as:

- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation for patients at the end of life
- Intravenous therapy for patients who can no longer eat or drink
- DNR orders
- Organ donation
- Feeding tubes and respirators

Your feelings about when you would want these treatments used or discontinued if you were in a coma, terminally ill, or had permanent brain damage.

Sacred Heart Hospital encourages all adults to consider a living will or legal documents that name a per-

son to make health care decisions for you if you become unable to do so.

Sacred Heart SENIOR Spirit! is a free program for persons 55 and older. Benefits include free screenings, seminars, special in-patient benefits such as three free guest meal tickets (up to \$5) per hospital stay, a monthly calendar of events detailing all SENIOR Spirit! events, a discounted pre-paid lab coupon program, and a quarterly newsletter containing health and event information.

About Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf opened in 2010 to serve residents of Gulf,

Franklin and Bay counties. The 25-bed facility in Port St. Joe features 24-hour emergency services, inpatient services, surgical services, a full complement of diagnostic and laboratory services, and a helipad to be used by Sacred Heart's regional air ambulance service to provide rapid transport for trauma or critically ill patients. The hospital is operated by Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and a part of Ascension Health, the nation's largest system of Catholic, not-for-profit health care facilities.

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From left, Kimberly Higdon from Nashville, Tenn., caught this 14-pound red snapper while fishing with local restaurateur Dewey Blaylock out of Port St. Joe on July 4. Ron Childs caught this 26-pound red snapper off artificial reefs out of Mexico Beach. Angus Nicholson from Atlanta shows a huge red snapper speared off Mexico Beach on July 5. This snapper was pulled in by Captain Daphney aboard Sweets Lips in the Gulf of Mexico out of Port St. Joe.

REEL IT IN



Tanner Courson of Lakeland, Ga., caught this 66-pound sailfish on July 4 out of Mexico Beach fishing on the MBARA reefs in the Car Body Permit area. **At left**, Scott Hart of Moultrie, Ga., caught this 91-pound wahoo on July 4 out of Mexico Beach while fishing with Capt. Jon Lee of Big Time Charters.

Large red snapper let fishermen be selective

By Stan Kirkland
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission

Most days, Joe Littleton occupies himself with running his Panama City landscaping business. However, fishing is never far from his mind, particularly fishing for red snapper.

Describing this as “the best season ever,” Littleton said not only is he seeing a lot of red snapper, but big fish as well. His comments seem to be consistent with what other fishermen are reporting along the Gulf Coast.

“On our first trip, there were 10 of us and we caught 24 fish that weighed 15-20 pounds each,” Littleton said. “Since our bag limit is two each, we released four fish, but that got the season off to a great start.”

Littleton said he’s made nine trips since the opening of snapper season June 1, and he’s never seen so many red snapper. The surplus of fish, he said, gives anglers the opportunity to be selective about what they keep.

“If it doesn’t weight 10 pounds, it goes back over the side,” he said.

Fishing from his 38-foot Sportfisherman the Escape, Littleton said he’s done well fishing south of Cape San Blas 10-15 miles out and points farther west. He said

“There’s so many fish they’ll hit live bait, cutbait and even rank, dead bait. When you drop your rig down, you just need to be ready.”

Joe Littleton, fisherman

he rarely fishes more than 35 miles from the Panama City Pass.

Pulling up to most of their fishing spots, Littleton said the bottom machine usually “lights up” with the telltale signatures of fish. After they catch one or two fish, he said what happens next is hard to explain to someone who’s never been out there.

“Red snapper are such a predatory fish, they’ll literally come up off the bottom and suspend sometimes 50 feet off the bottom, and sometimes they’ll be right under your boat, so close it looks like you can gaff them,” he said.

Though many red snapper anglers prefer to use live bait, Littleton said it doesn’t matter.

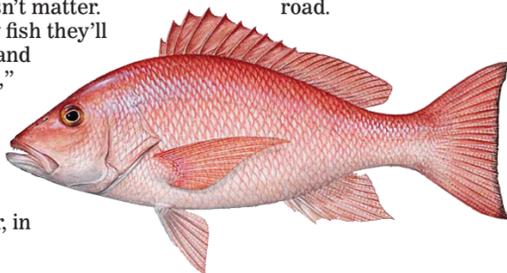
“There’s so many fish they’ll hit live bait, cutbait and even rank, dead bait,” he said. “When you drop your rig down, you just need to be ready.”

One thing he has noticed this year, in

comparison to years past, is the near absence of other types of reef fish. He said in all their trips this season, they’ve caught one red grouper and three triggerfish.

Florida’s red snapper season this year runs 48 days in both state and federal waters. The season opened June 1 and ends at midnight Monday, July 18. The daily bag limit is two per person. Legal fish must be 16 inches or longer.

Littleton said he recognizes the shortened seasons and bag limits as part of the red snapper rebuilding plan for the Gulf of Mexico, but he is hopeful the seasons will be lengthened and bag limits increased down the road.



New hours at Cape San Blas Lighthouse

Star Staff Report

New summer hours for the Cape San Lighthouse and gift shop are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Wednesday through Friday and 1-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The cost to climb the lighthouse tower is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger. No children under 44 inches tall are permitted to climb the tower.

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Freshwater

Local rainfall has the waters on the rise. New water should improve bass, catfish and bream fishing this week. Good reports from Lake Wimico and the river system make up the bulk of fishing reports this week. Depot Creek has been flooded with saltwater, killing grass and running fish upstream.

Inshore

Scallop hunting is under way in St. Joe Bay. Early reports show sheel are still plentiful and the muscle is growing. As summer rolls on, scallops will move to deeper water. Trout and redfish are being landed on Town’s Beach and along the Eagle Harbor area this week. Good reports of flounder behind Black’s Island.

Offshore

Red snapper fishing will be over Monday, July 18. The season has been fantastic so far, and Mexico Beach MBARA sites are still holding some snapper. Kingfish are in close to shore right now and are very plentiful. Try trolling cigar minnow tipped with dusters, or troll big live baits, such as hardtails or menhaden.



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that point on State 71, work would require a waiver of some sort from the DOT or city as golf carts are banned from driving any distance on a four-lane highway.

Reid Avenue was perceived as a natural, as golf carts are already allowed on the avenue, and it would feed directly into downtown, though concerns were expressed over safety along the heavily traveled area between First and Fifth Streets that frames downtown.

Magidson noted that parking is already at a premium along Reid at peak times and that backing large vehicles out of spaces along the avenue was a constant concern. Adding golf cart traffic could compound the problems, though other commissioners noted Reid was already open to golf carts.

As for the crossing of Highway 98, commissioners were unanimous that allowing golf carts to cross the highway at the intersection of State 71, where there is a traffic light and crossing signals was the safest and most efficient site.

"It makes perfect sense to me," Commissioner Bill Kennedy said.

Commissioners voted to ask the DOT to establish crossings of State 71 at Reid and Woodward Avenues and the site for crossing Highway 98 as the intersection of 98 and 71.

There are at least 40 permitted golf carts in the city and commissioners acknowledged there are likely more golf carts in use by residents.

Retirement contribution

To assist employees

"We don't want to increase the risk of an accident, but we do want to broaden opportunities to access downtown and the marina."

— Mayor Mel Magidson

dinged by state legislation requiring public employees to contribute 3 percent of their pay toward their retirement, city commissioners approved a change in payroll in which the city will effectively pay the 3 percent for employees.

The city is obligated to collect the 3 percent employee contribution and submit that amount to the state.

The 3 percent is for bookkeeping purposes as a savings for the city since it is to come from the employee, as explained by city manager Charlie Weston.

"This will have a positive impact on the budget either way," Weston said, while noting employees had received no pay raise in three years. "This will make employees whole in respect to their paycheck."

Weston proposed, and commissioners approved, using that savings to provide all impacted employees a 3 percent increase in gross earnings.

Because the retirement contribution mandated by the state lawmakers is an exempt contribution, meaning it falls outside of federal withholding taxes, the 3 percent increase in gross earnings will not represent a complete wash on the retirement mandate, but it will all but offset the employee contribution requirement.

"This is an opportunity for us, I think, to do the right thing," Magidson said.

Even while making the

3 percent employee contribution, the city's required contribution to the state retirement system will drop nearly 3 percent compared to last year.

Last year, the city contribution was 10.77 of an employee's salary — this year, even making up the 3 percent requirement for each employee, the city will pay 7.9 percent of each employee's salary as a contribution to the retirement system.

Employees in the DROP program are not eligible for the additional 3 percent in gross earnings as those employees are not required to contribute 3 percent of their pay.

Recycling

In an attempt to address a problem with the recycling requirements for cardboard among commercial establishments, commissioners approved a tiered-option approach.

The main issue is the requirement that all cardboard dropped off for recycling must be broken down.

"We have a major issue because a lot of people do not want to break down boxes," Weston said. "There is a significant problem with cardboard, and I think this proposal is an equitable way to resolve it."

Under the plan, a business not wishing to participate in recycling may leave their cardboard in their current container for pickup. However, the

cardboard must still be broken down. Cardboard not in the container will not be picked up.

The second option is participating in the recycling program and taking all broken down cardboard to the two drop-off sites in the city, the Public Works yard on Tenth Street and the transfer station off Industrial Road.

Businesses wishing to recycle while not having to transport cardboard to the drop-off sites, will be able to have a recycle container placed at their business to be picked up once or twice a week, as determined by the business owner.

Once a week pickup will be at a cost of \$40 per month; twice a week will cost \$80 per month.

As Weston noted, the recycling program has been well-received by the public, but city officials recognize that transporting recyclable material to either drop-off site is not an "optimal solution."

The city, however, is committed to providing a service that meets the needs of businesses and supports the recycling program, which has long been in the works.

Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency

Patrick Jones, chairman of the board of directors of the redevelopment agency, announced that executive director Matt Fleck has left his position to take a job in Panama City and the board has hired former executive director Gail Alsbrook to succeed Fleck, who succeeded Alsbrook.

Alsbrook's first day back at the helm of the PSJRA was this week.

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Marriage

Dawson-Larry wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Darion and Gwen Dawson announce the marriage of their daughter, Shirley Dawson, to Ricky D. Larry, son of Mrs. Annie Mae Larry and the late R.C. Larry.

The wedding will be at 4 p.m. ET on Saturday, July 30, at Zion Fair Baptist Church, 280 Avenue C in Port St. Joe.

From Star Staff Reports

Kiwanis blood drive

The Kiwanis Club of Port St. Joe in partnership with the Northwest Florida Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET July 22.

All donors will receive a free gift.

Photo identification is required, and donors must be at least 16 years old. Donors under 18 must have a parent's consent. Donors must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and must be in good health.

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Senior Community Day at PSJ senior center

The Area Agency on Aging for North Florida along with Gulf County Senior Citizen's, 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe, will sponsor a Senior Community Day from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET

Tuesday, July 19.

Representatives will be on hand to assist or provide information on Medicare health insurance and Medicare savings programs, the Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly program for seniors with delinquent utility bills, amplified telephone distribution for the hard of hearing and Medicaid and food stamp application assistance.

Anyone needing assistance with any of these services is asked to bring their forms of identification and proof of income.

For more information, please call Debbie at 229-8466.

2011 Raffield family reunion

Star Staff Report

The 2011 Raffield family reunion will take place at 9:30 a.m. ET Saturday, July 16 at the Gulf County Senior Center facility, 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe.

Announcements will be at 12:15 p.m., and lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m.

Please bring a covered dish, a dessert, drinks and share the food, family and fun. Make sure to come early, and plan to stay around a little after



lunch to visit. The family has the building all day.

For more information about the reunion or if you want to assist with the reunion in any way, please call Benny Raffield at 348-7728 or

email raf1976@comcast.net. Call anytime and leave a message.

A great big thank-you to Benny Raffield for all his hard work. Without him, there would not be a Raffield family reunion.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

This photo of the Charles Jackson Raffield family was taken in 1910, on the waters of East St. Andrews Bay. Front row, from left: Elva Raffield, Sadie Raffield, Henry Raffield, Hazel Kirvin, Jesse Kirvin and Jason Kirvin. Middle row, sitting: Charles Jackson (holding Charles Raffield), Nancy Ann Raffield (holding Coy Raffield) and Bertha Kirvin. Back row, standing: Cullen Raffield, Christie Raffield (holding Marvin Raffield), Lacy Raffield, Ethel Raffield, Walter Kirvin (holding George Kirvin), Clayton Raffield (holding Bert Raffield) and Annie Raffield.

Obituaries

Jason Everett Carroll

Jason Everett Carroll, age 29, of Louisville, KY, passed away Monday, July 11, 2011, at the family home. He was a United States Army Veteran serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was a graduate of Port St. Joe High School in Florida and worked at TNA Travel Center in Knoxville.

Preceded in death by mother, Linda Kay Carroll.

Survivors include grandparents, Tom and LaRue Heller of Florida and Bobbie Silvers of Nashville; father, Dennis Wayne Carroll of

Nashville; sister, Melissa Kay Hornsby of Nashville; special family, David Dawson, Tim Dawson, Donna Stevens, Cheryl Penrod, Conna Middleton, Robert Carroll, Patrick Silvers; and several nieces and nephews. Family and friends will assemble for graveside service and inurnment at 1:30 p.m. ET Thursday, July 14, 2011, at Knoxville Veterans Cemetery on Lyons View Pike, Knoxville.

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Evelyn Willette Thompson Maddox

Evelyn Willette Thompson Maddox, 89, of Lynn Haven, FL, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2011, in her home.

Evelyn was born September 23, 1921, in Nichols, Georgia. Her parents were Vera Lynn and Bill Thompson. She was raised in Folkston, Georgia, and graduated from Charlton County High School. She attended South Georgia College in Douglas and graduated from Crawford W. Long School of Nursing in Atlanta, GA, in 1944. She had moved to Port St. Joe in 1944 to work at Port St. Joe Municipal Hospital and later the office of Dr. Wayne Hendrix, and lived there 57 years prior to moving to Lynn Haven six years ago. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Wesley Maddox, Jr.; sisters, Kathryn T. Wildes of Folkston and Jean T. Lancaster of Jacksonville; and a grandson, John Thomas Hardenburg of Lynn Haven.

Evelyn is survived by her son, John W. Maddox III of Starke; and daughter

and son-in-law, Jean and Jim Hardenburg of Lynn Haven; a granddaughter, Emily H. Paul of Lynn Haven; and three great-grandchildren, Blaine Paul, Ethan Hardenburg and Zoe Carnley, all of Lynn Haven; she also leaves many nieces and nephews with whom she enjoyed spending special times at the beach and a large extended family to whom she was very special.

Graveside services were held at Magnolia Cemetery in Apalachicola on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at 11 a.m. EDT with the Rev. Jim Luther officiating.

Those desiring may make donations to Covenant Hospice or Lynn Haven United Methodist Church in memory of Evelyn T. Maddox.

The family would like to thank Dottie, Joanie, Holly and granddaughter, Emily Paul, for their loving care during Evelyn's illness. Thanks also to the compassionate staff at Covenant Hospice and Dr. Hayat's office.

All services are under the directions of Comforter Funeral Home.



United Methodist Women to host tea

Star Staff Report

If you miss tea parties or would like to enjoy one with your daughter or friends, the United Methodist Women of Port St. Joe will host a tea at 2 p.m. ET Saturday, July 16, in the Fellowship Hall.

Debbie Norred will be the featured speaker on "Tea & Teaching With Jesus."

Norred founded Heart Keepers Ministries in 1997. She uses teacups and other visuals to teach women about the Fruit of the Spirit and how Christ is willing to be our heart keeper. The proceeds from this mission project will benefit tornado relief. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 from any UMW member, or you can call the church office at 227-1724

leave your name and contact information.

A committee member will return your call as soon as possible.



Share your condolences at starfl.com

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



OH MY OH MY LOOK AT THIS BEAUTIFUL MYRA!

Meet Myra a Collie Mix lady. After Myra's intake, with assistance of an employee named Brandy she gave us 9 beautiful pups. She is very thank full to Brandy for helping her give birth

and saving the lives of her baby's. If it wasn't for her then her pups might not have made it. If you see Brandy in the shelter give her a huge hug and thank you for doing this she is a special person in Myra's heart always. Myra is a wonderful mom to her puppy's and is also a great companion. She walks very well on her leash and listens to basic commands. She also keeps her kennel clean as she don't like a dirty house. Myra likes kids and loves to play with them. Myra has a wonderful personality that really shows when she grins. Her children will be leaving home soon and she will be all alone. Although Myra is a wonderful mom, she would just like to be a family pet. If you can give Myra a forever home, please do not hesitate to contact us. PLEASE HELP US! If you are not able to adopt a pet then please help us save a life by sponsoring one today just Contact Melody at 227-1103 or Shelter Mom Melissa at 625-5676 for more information on how to help! You may also find more information about our other dogs and cats we have here on our website at www.SJBHumaneSociety.org. Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Also Faith's Thrift Hut is in great need of donations also and all the proceeds go directly to support the animals in our care! Faith's Thrift Hut Has Expanded! We now have more furniture & appliances. Plus lots of other great thrift store treasures. The hours for the store are Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome at both our store and our shelter! Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!

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School BRIEFS

From Star Staff Reports

PSJHS volleyball conditioning

Conditioning for the Port St. Joe junior and high school volleyball team will be 8-9:30 a.m. ET Tuesday, July 19, in the school gymnasium.

These sessions will run Tuesday through Thursday until Aug. 4. Conditioning is open to all Port St. Joe students that will be in grades 7-12 when the new school year begins. In order to participate in conditioning, the player must turn in to the volleyball coach a new FHSAA Form EL3, Consent and Release from Liability Certificate, revision date May 2011. The player also must turn in to the coach a sports physical that is not more than one calendar year old. Our newsletter and FHSAA required forms can be found by clicking the Volleyball News link from <http://psjhs.gulf.k12.fl.us/>.

Again, players cannot participate in conditioning or practice with the team without these forms being turned in to the coach.

The first full practice will begin at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 8. There will be three practice days, and then on Aug. 11-12, the team will conduct tryouts. There will be a parent meeting at 5 p.m. Aug. 10. At this meeting we will discuss tryouts, team structure, team rules, insurance and other important items.

The team will also hold Open Gym from 9:30-11 a.m. on each day we conduct conditioning. Open Gym is available to any female student who will be attending Port St. Joe junior or senior high school this fall. Come on out and work on your skills, and let's have some fun. See you in the "Dome."

Port St Joe High senior portraits

Senior portraits are scheduled to be taken at Port St. Joe junior and senior high schools on Aug. 9-10. The photographer will be mailing letters to students of the Class of 2012 with details for this important event. Details also can be found at <http://psjhs.gulf.k12.fl.us/>. From the home page, click on the link to Senior Portrait News. Please call the photographer at the number given in the link and the letter to schedule your appointment. Scheduling your appointment is very important. For more information, contact the school office at 229-8251.

Corrections course postponed

The Correctional Officer Basic Standards Class scheduled for July at the Gulf/Franklin Center in Port St. Joe has been postponed until August. Orientation will take place on Aug. 17, and classes will start on Aug. 22. Anyone interested in becoming a correctional officer is encouraged to call 227-9670, ext. 5507 or 5511.



Elementary school enrichment camp a blast

Star Staff Report

Wow! They have had an exciting summer at Port St. Joe Elementary School Summer Enrichment Camp.

This camp was sponsored by the Norris D. Langston-Gulf County After-School Program. Students enjoyed learning about the natural resources that can be found all around them. They participated in fun activities such as making a volcano that erupted, a dirt baby that grew hair over the weekend, making pottery shapes of animals found in St. Joe Bay and many more wonderful and fun projects.

The students and administration at the school would like to thank the great staff and teachers for sharing such a fun summer.



PSJ ROTC cadets attend leadership academy

Star Staff Report

Summer started a bit late for Cadets LeAnna Collins and Javarri Beachum as they traveled to St. Petersburg the week of June 5 to attend the Naval Junior ROTC Area Seven Leadership Academy. Florida's elite leadership training opportunity for NJROTC cadets is held annually at Admiral Farragut Academy. Collins and Beachum were among 80 cadets selected from more than 6,000 across Florida to attend this prestigious training event.

The instruction they received complimented their classroom work and prior leadership experience and



will be instrumental in their roles as leaders in the Port St. Joe Senior High program for the upcoming school year. Training events included platoon drill, physical fitness, uniform and room inspections, water survival, sailing and academics relating directly to the art of leadership.

More importantly, however, was the opportunity to exchange ideas with cadets from all over Florida, sharing their experiences and broadening their own understandings of the inner workings of the NJROTC program. Collins and Beachum met the rigorous challenge of Leadership Academy and excelled. Cadet Collins will hold the position

of company commander while Cadet Beachum will be the company operations officer for the upcoming school year. Both cadets said they are excited about getting started and are better prepared to face the leadership challenges they will encounter in their new positions.

Cadet Collins challenges all cadets to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the PSJNJROTC and said it is time to "Get involved" in your school and community.

Congratulations to Cadets Collins and Beachum for a job exceptionally well done.

The NJROTC is a citizen and leadership training program co-sponsored by the Gulf County Board of Education and the United States Navy. An elective class offered at Port St. Joe Senior High, the NJROTC program has been an integral part of the Northwest Florida Community for 35 years.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 8:45 a.m. ET, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. ET. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Subdivision Application - Hibiscus Horizons - by Jay Rish for Parcel ID #'s 06268-503R, 06268-509R, 06268-513R, 06268-514R and 06268-516R - Located in Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - Continuance of the tabled June 20, 2011 meeting for determination of Development Order for platting a subdivision for said parcels.
2. Open Discussion
3. Staff

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. Information prior to the meeting can be viewed at the Planning and Building Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 312.

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CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Wewahitchka is applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a grant under the Neighborhood Revitalization category in the amount of \$650,000 under the FY2011 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For each activity that is proposed, at least 51% of the funds must benefit low and moderate-income persons. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentages benefit to low and moderate-income persons for which the City is applying are:

Activity No.	Activity Name	CDBG Funds	Estimated LMI Benefit
21A	Administration	\$52,000.00	N/A
21B	Engineering	\$38,000.00	N/A
03J	Water Tank/Well Treatment Plant	\$560,000.00	51.00%

Exact budget figures will be available no later than five (5) days prior to the application due date; however, at no time will the CDBG budget exceed \$650,000.

The City of Wewahitchka's application will involve necessary upgrades to the City's Water Treatment Plant within a single service area (Service Area #1) located at 402 Lake Grove Road, Wewahitchka FL, 32465. The necessary upgrades being proposed in the City's application include demolition of the ground storage tank and construction of a new ground storage tank with necessary piping and site work.

Furthermore, the City has considered the following unaddressed needs activities to be completed if funds are available. Each activity will service the same beneficiaries as Service Area #1 and are as follows: the removal and replacement of two (2) high service pumps and the plant's electrical components; the replacement of well house #2 roof; removal and replacement of well pump #3, to include the construction of a new roof for well house #3 and other necessary structural upgrades.

The City of Wewahitchka plans to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG funded activities in the following manner:

No displacement is anticipated.

If any persons are displaced as a result of these planned activities, the City will assist such persons in the following manner:

In accordance with the City's Anti-Displacement and Relocation Policy.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at City Hall, 109 S. 2nd Street, Wewahitchka, FL 32465, on Monday, July 25, 2011, at 6:30 PM, CT. A draft copy of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at City Hall Annex at 318 S. 7th Street, Wewahitchka, FL 32465, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and no later than five days before the application due date. The application will be submitted to DCA on or before August 15, 2011. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact City Manager Donald Minchew, P.O. Box 966, Wewahitchka, FL 32465 or by phone at (850) 639-2605.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact City Manager Donald Minchew at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact City Manager Donald Minchew at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (800) 955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact City Manager Donald Minchew at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DCA with the application. The disclosure will be made available by the City of Wewahitchka and DCA for public inspection upon request. The disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum of six years.

1. Other Government (federal, state and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect benefit by source and amount;
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4. For those developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, or others listed in two (2) or three (3) above which are corporations, or other entities, the identification and pecuniary interests by corporation or entity of each officer, director, principal stockholder, or other official of the entity;
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— Billy Johnson

The Christian CONSCIENCE

God's covenants — part 4

In the books of Daniel, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Malachi, The foundation is laid for the New Covenant. These are the last of the Old Testament prophets, who ministered around the time of 600-400 BC, and prophesied of a time when there would be a New Covenant which would replace the Old Covenant. In this latter part of the Old Testament, time-wise, we are told about the New Covenant, in Jeremiah 31:31-34, Jeremiah 32:38-40, Ezekiel 11:18-20, Ezekiel 18:30-32 and Ezekiel 36:24-27.

In the New Testament, the New Covenant is outlined in the last part of the book of Hebrews. It is mentioned in Hebrews 7:22 where it is called the better covenant - and especially in Hebrews 8:6-13 and Hebrews 9:15. In Hebrews 12:24, Jesus is called the Mediator of the New Covenant. The New Covenant is also mentioned in Matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24, Luke 22:20, 2nd Corinthians 3:4-6 and Galatians 4:24-29.

So, what is this New Covenant? In simple terms, the control shifts from what the person does or takes part in (obeying the Old Testament law to take part in a ceremony) to a miracle, which God does in the innermost parts of the person whom He calls and chooses. When a person is born to God, or becomes a child of God, He takes out the old heart, which He calls a heart of stone, and replaces it with a heart of flesh — a heart that will be willing to serve and worship Him. He also takes out the old, self serving human spirit and replaces it with a spirit that delights in serving and worshipping Him.

This is best understood in light of the fact that God is the Creator of the universe and of us individually. When a person is born again, or born from above, God does a new creation. As it says in 2nd Corinthians 5:17, "If a man (person) is in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things pass away — all things become new."

The real Christian is a changed creature. He will

confess Jesus as Lord and Savior, but the confession alone does not make a person a Christian. It is important to distinguish between statements of fact in the Bible and some sort of instruction as to how to become a Christian. Since the change is an act of God, not of man (See John 1:12, 13) there can be no instruction as "how to" in the Scriptures. It's not up to us. It is up to God. He is the one who grants repentance.

All we can do is ask to become His child and ask to be changed. Ask Him to make you into what He wants you to be, today! False Christians will not do this and they will suffer the consequences!

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Revival services led by Brother Randy Kuhn will begin July 17 at Highland View Baptist Church. Revival services will be held at

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vs.
HAROLD E. KEELS, JR., a/k/a HAL KEELS, and SUSANA MEDINA, Defendants.

CASE NO. 10-304-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 22, 2011, and Order to Reset Sale dated June 2nd, 2011, entered in Civil Action No. 10-304 CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein the parties were the plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to BAYSIDE SAVINGS BANK, and the defendants, HAROLD E. KEELS, JR., a/k/a HAL KEELS, DELISA ANN KEELS, and SUSANA MEDINA, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 21st day of July, 2011, at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse, Port St. Joe, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

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thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 38 seconds East 969.31 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 03 degrees 08 minutes 53 seconds East 104.71 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 75 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds East 59.22 feet; thence North 58 degrees 16 minutes 42 seconds East 118.52 feet to a rod and cap lying on the Westerly right of way of State Road Number 381, said point lying on a curve to the right having a radius of 1382.69 feet; thence Southeast 34 degrees 15 minutes 34 seconds East 431.43 feet to a State Road concrete monument; thence continue along said right of way run, South 16 degrees 26 minutes 15 seconds East 19.04 feet to a rod and cap; thence leaving said right of way run South 89 degrees 06 minutes 33 seconds West 379.88 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 00 degrees 38 minutes 49 seconds East 421.08 feet to a concrete monument; thence South 31 degrees 31 minutes 17 seconds West 90.38 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 15 seconds West 581.29 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 04 seconds West 383.05 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 27 seconds West 478.97 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 03 seconds West 655.84 feet to the Point of Beginning; AND

PARCEL NO. 2: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, and running South along said Section line for 210 feet to a concrete marker; thence run West along the South boundary line of a country road known as Birge's Drive for 210 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along a straight line for 196 feet; thence turn South (which is also running parallel with Section 32 boundary line) for 450 feet; thence turn West for 67.8 feet; thence turn North (along survey line) for 581.15 feet; thence turn Northeast 91.79 feet; thence turn South for 150.5 feet; thence turn East for 210 feet; thence turn South for 60 feet to the Point of Beginning; lying and being in the N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 32, Town-

ship 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida.

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 6th day of June, 2011.

HON. REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF COURT Gulf County, Florida By: BA Baxter Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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IN THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

SUNSET BAY INVESTMENTS, INC., JEFFREY W. CROOMS, GREGG W. HAYES, E. RALPH MILLS, JR., DAVID M. HUTTO, PATRICIA FOURNIER, and STANLEY CROOMS, Defendants.

CASE NO. 10-454-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 7th, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 10-454-CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein the parties were the plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the defendants, SUNSET BAY INVESTMENTS, INC., JEFFREY W. CROOMS, GREGG W. HAYES, E. RALPH MILLS, JR., DAVID M. HUTTO, PATRICIA FOURNIER, and STANLEY CROOMS, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 28th day of July, 2011, as the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse, Port St. Joe, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

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The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 7th day of June, 2011.

HON. REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF COURT Gulf County, Florida By: BA Baxter Clerk/Deputy Clerk

2844S

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Lot 15, according to the plat of The Village at Marina Cove, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 48, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida.

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tary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 7th day of June, 2011.

HON. REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF COURT Gulf County, Florida By: BA Baxter Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

JULIAN HOLLIS HUNTER File Number 10-46-PR Deceased

IN RE: ESTATE OF PROBATE DIVISION

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of JULIAN HOLLIS HUNTER, deceased, whose date of death was August 29, 2010 and whose social security number is ****-**-****, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE BARRED NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is July 7, 2011.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Charles A. Costin Florida Bar No. 699070 Post Office Box 98 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 Telephone: (850) 227-1159

Personal Representative: TED E. KELLER 136 Nicholas Ln Cairo, GA 39828 July 7, 14, 2011

3004S

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE GARRISON MADISON SIDEWALK PROJECT #019.183

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2011-07

The City of Port St. Joe will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE GARRISON MADISON SIDEWALK

This project consists of constructing approximately 700 LF of concrete sidewalk and 5,700 LF of multi-use asphalt path within the City of Port St. Joe from the High School to Gulf Coast Community College.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, (850) 227-7200. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

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Time. The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Handicapped Accessible/ Fair Housing Jurisdiction.

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$50.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

The City of Port St. Joe reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in their best interest. If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder. All bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening.

All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the State of Florida.

This project is federally funded with assistance from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). By submitting a bid, the bidder certifies that no principal (which includes officers, directors, or executives) is presently suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation by any Federal Department or Agency.

If you have any questions, please call Clay Smallwood at (850) 227-7200, June 30, July 7, 14, 2011

3050S

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2011-22-CA

Capital City Bank Plaintiff,

vs.

Luke N. Trawick, Jason B. Wright, Barry Pujol, Advanta Bank Corp., Chase Bank USA, N.A., Defendants.

Notice of Judicial Sale

Pursuant to Section 45.031(1) of the Florida Statutes

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Rebecca L. (Becky) Norris, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida will, on August 11th, 2011, at 11:00 am ET at the

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County Clerk's Office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, offer for sale, and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described real property located in Gulf County, Florida:

Commence at the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 1 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence go North 88 degrees 55 minutes 19 seconds West along the North line of said Section 13 a distance of 1002.13 feet to the Easterly line of J. C. Daniels Road (per maintenance limits); thence go South 17 degrees 48 minutes 44 seconds West along said Easterly line a distance of 20.88 feet; thence go South 88 degrees 55 minutes 19 seconds East a distance of 288.52 feet; thence go South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 350.00 feet to a Point of Beginning; thence go South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 250 feet; thence go South 88 degrees 55 minutes 19 seconds East a distance of 720.00 feet to a point on the East line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence go North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said East line a distance of 250.00 feet; thence go North 88 degrees 55 minutes 19 seconds West a distance of 720 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The sale will be held pursuant to the final judgment of foreclosure entered on June 21, 2011, in Case No. 2011-22-CA of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit, Gulf County, Florida, in which the parties are as listed in the above case-style.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the undersigned not later than seven days prior to the proceeding to ensure that reasonable accommodations are available.

Dated: June 23rd, 2011.

Rebecca L. (Becky) Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk July 14, 21, 2011

3054S

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2009-CA-302

CIT SMALL BUSINESS LENDING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

TAUNTON TRUSS, INC., a Florida corporation; DAVID L. TAUNTON; ABIGAIL J. TAUNTON; TAUNTON DEVELOPMENT, INC., a Florida corporation; DANIEL TAUNTON; KRISTI TAUNTON; MIRTHA FOWLER; SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS), as nominee for SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; ALFA FINANCIAL CORPORATION D/B/A OFC CAPITAL; OFC CAPITAL CORPORATION; MID-COUNTRY BANK; CITICORP LEASING, INC.; CAPITAL CITY BANK; TENNESSEE COMMERCE BANK; CENTRAL LEASING CORPORATION; and WESTERN FINANCE & LEASE INC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Gulf County, Florida, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell the following real property and personal property, situated in Gulf County, Florida, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel I:

Commencing at an iron rod marking the Southeast corner of Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence South 89°05'50" West (assumed) 647.27 feet to a point on the East right of way line of State Road No. 71 said point being 33.0 feet from and at right angle to the centerline of said State Road; thence North 04°46'43" East along the Easterly line of an existing ditch 168.00 feet to an iron pipe for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

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North 05°11'45" West, 48.96 feet; thence North 08°04'27" West along the Easterly line of an existing ditch 46.68 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line curve of said State Road No. 71, said point being 33.00 feet from and radial to the centerline of said State Road; said curve having a radius of 1651.42 feet and being concave West; thence North along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 20°35'55" for 593.71 feet said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 10°14'30" West, 590.52 feet; thence leaving said right of way line curve North 89°05'50" East, 784.10 feet. Thence South 44°34'00" West, 343.36 feet; thence South 40°43'09" West, 471.08 feet; thence South 46°07'04" West, 124.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; containing 5.536 acres, more or less and being subject to a drainage easement across the following portion thereof: Commence at an iron rod marking the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence North 04°46'43" East along the Easterly line of an existing ditch 168.00 feet to an iron pipe for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 05°11'45" West, 48.96 feet; thence North 08°04'27" East, 31.22 feet; thence North 46°07'04" East, 65.00 feet; thence North 40°43'09" East, 470.75 feet; thence North 44°34'09" East, 319.77 feet; thence North 89°05'50" East, 34.22 feet to an iron pipe, thence South 44°34'00" West, 343.36 feet; thence South 40°43'09" West, 471.08 feet; thence South 46°07'04" West, 124.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Description by recent survey:

Commence at a 4 inch concrete monument (no identification) marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, as shown on the Florida Department of Transportation, right of way map as prepared by David H. Melvin, Inc. with a final

Compliance with recent survey:

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date of January 13, 1999 (map no. 2190041, sheet 1 of 9); thence run South 88°53'21" West along the South boundary of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24 for 622.82 feet to the Easterly right of way of State Road No. 71; thence Northerly along said Easterly right of way as follows: North 00°47'33" East for 75.63 feet; thence South 89°12'28" East for 3.28 feet; thence North 06°49'25" East for 62.45 feet; thence North 00°47'33" East for 29.89 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732 for the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 00°47'33" East along said Easterly right of way 15.90 feet to a point of curve to the left; thence along said right of way and curve with a radius of 1665.27 feet; through a central angle of 21°23'44", for an arc distance of 621.85 feet, (chord of said arc being North 09°54'20" West, 618.24 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence leaving said Easterly right of way run thence North 89°00'45" East for 751.97 feet to a found 1 and 1/4 inch iron pipe; thence South 44°28'55" West for 343.36 feet to a set one half inch rod and cap LB0732; thence South 40°38'04" West for 471.08 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence South 46°02'21" East for 123.95 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; containing 5.502 acres, more or less.

Subject to a drainage easement across the following portion thereof:

Commence at a 4 inch by 4 inch concrete monument (no identification) marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, as shown on the Florida Department of Transportation, right of way map as prepared by David H. Melvin, Inc. with a final date of January 13, 1999, (map no. 2190041, sheet 1 of 9); thence run South 88°53'21" West along the South boundary of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24 for 622.82 feet to the Easterly right of way of State Road No. 71; thence Northerly along said Easterly right of way as follows: North 00°47'33" East for 75.63 feet; thence South 89°12'28" East for 3.28 feet; thence North 06°49'25" East for 62.45 feet; thence North 00°47'33" East for 29.89 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732 for the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 00°47'33" East along said Easterly right of way 50.08 feet; thence North 73°07'39" East for 25.35 feet; thence North 46°01'59" East for 65.00 feet; thence North 40°38'04" East for 470.75 feet; thence North 44°29'04" East for 219.77 feet; thence North 89°00'45" East for 342.22 feet to a found 1 and 1/4 inch iron rod pipe; thence South 44°28'55" West for 343.36 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence South 40°38'04" West for 471.08 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence South 46°02'21" East for 123.95 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel II: Lots 1, 2 and the North 29 feet of Lot 3 in Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, according to the Higgins and Hollinger Plat of the Town of Wewahatchka, Florida and on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida.

Together with:

All of the following property whether now owned or hereafter acquired and wheresoever located as well as the proceeds and products thereof:

All equipment and machinery, including power-driven machinery and equipment, furniture, and fixtures now owned or hereafter acquired, together with all replacements thereof, all attachments, accessories, parts, equipment and tools belonging thereto or for use in connection therewith.

All inventory, raw materials, work in progress, and supplies now owned or hereinafter acquired.

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All contract rights and general intangibles now in force or hereafter acquired.

Including, without limitation: Alpine Timber Mill, M/N 620 PRO SSD, M/N M86TROSSDAC0740. Floor Truss Machine, M/N 47, S/N 748-018. Fork Lift Truck, Komatros, M/N FG40ZT7, S/N 102992A. Roller System, M/N 705, S/N 705A02006. Wise Fork Lift, M/N MC81159, S/N 4549. Roller Press/Alpine, M/N 214H, S/N 1451. Komatsu Fork Lift, M/N 40ZT77, S/N 102475A. Air Compressor, M/N 1WD74, S/N R0004173. Panel Assembly Unit, M/N 1085-2211-280-2212 125. Gantry Table-Alpine. Saw-Alpine Automil, M/N 344-B, S/N 344B0020008. Kaeser Fork Lift, M/N 2001, S/N 1071.

Less and Except:

Roof Truss Assembly: M/Tek 102' Wkg Lg RoofGlider gantry, (2) heads- (14) steel, top tables- jiggling & aisle pads, S/N 052005208359.1b, M/N 82700; (13) receivers SYSTEM PRICE, 2005, Good Condition, (0) power - (0) idler conveyors - (0) FRP 460 v01t.

Cutting equipment: Alpine ALS saw, S/N 276C05027-000, M/N 276C, 2005, Good Condition.

Wall Panel Equipment: IBS wall panel line with (7) plant terminals/stands & hub, [No guns included], 12'-3" x 16' Framing table/light bar, [With auto stops - tool laser-beam seam tilt option], 12'-3" x 16' Ft. Sheath/Square table with multi-tool bridge, S/N 2000, 2001 & 2002, [With multi-tool bridge-rounder bridge - stitch tool], 10' x 10' Ft. Component table / nailer & ejectors, S/N 2003, 2005 & 2006, [With auto stops - 40 ft. of rollers], 13 Ft. Tilt table, S/N 1997, 1998 & 1999, [20 ft. of skate wheel conveyor], Super chop saw w/16" Tiger stop, SYSTEM PRICE, 2005, Good Condition, 2006, Good Condition, [Pro if separate. 10 HP 24" blade - 15' in/10' out conc. 13" wide].

And Less and Except:

Used Caterpillar Wheel Loader 980C, S/N: 63X002885, with cab, air conditioning heater, general purpose budget, with cutting edge, 26.5 x 25 tires, parts & operating manuals with new paint & decals.

all at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the courthouse lobby located at Gulf County Clerk of Courts, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, at 11 a.m. E.T. on August 04th, 2011.

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.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 45.031(2), this notice shall be published twice, once a week for two consecutive weeks, with the last publication being at least 5 days prior to the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Court on June 20, 2011

REBECCA L. NORRIS, Clerk of Circuit Court

BA Baxter, Deputy Clerk, July 14, 21, 2011

30555 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2008-CA-000391 DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs. JOANNE L. CHRISTIE, et al, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

BY GIVEN pursuant toan Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 20th, 2011 and entered in Case No. 23-2008-CA-000391 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for GULF County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and JOANNE L. CHRISTIE; DANIEL C. CHRISTIE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR CITI-MORTGAGE, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will

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sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURT-HOUSE at 11:00AM, ET the 04th day of August, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 3, BLOCK 126, UNIT NO. 9, ST. JOSEPH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, AS PER MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 12, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 2105 CYPRESS AVENUE, PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 22nd, 2011.

Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter, Deputy Clerk

**See Americans with Disabilities Act in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Gulf County Courthouse #850-229-6113 (TDD) July 14, 21, 2011

3061S NWFCTA Meeting Notification - Notice is hereby given The Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority will hold a meeting on July 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. CST in Panama City, FL. The meeting will be held at City Hall, Commission Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 9 Harrison Avenue. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Corridor Authority at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Amy Paulk at (850) 415-1040 or by email apaulk@gc-inc.com. July 14, 2011

3064S GULF COUNTY SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Gulf County is applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a grant in the amount of \$700,000 under the FFY 2011 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in the Housing Rehabilitation category. For each activity that is proposed, at least 51% of the funds must benefit low and moderate-income persons. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentages benefit to low and moderate-income persons for which the County is applying are:

Activity No.: 21A Activity Name: Administration CDBG Funds: \$105,000.00 Estimated LMI Benefit: N/A

Activity No.: 14A Activity Name: Housing Rehabilitation/ Demolition/Replacement CDBG Funds: \$580,000.00 Estimated LMI Benefit: 100%

Activity No. 08 Activity Name: Temporary Relocation, CDBG Funds: \$15,000.00 Estimated LMI Benefit: 100%

Exact budget figures will be available no later than five (5) days prior to the application due date; however, at no time will the CDBG budget exceed \$700,000.

This application is requesting funds to provide Housing Rehabilitation to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) residents. The activities include rehabilitation, demolition/replacement (where necessary) and temporary relocation for a minimum of 10 LMI housing units. All housing units will be addressed in accordance with the current Florida Residential Building Code, relevant local housing codes (whichever is more stringent for each code-related item) and the County's adopted Housing Assistance Plan (HAP).

Gulf County plans to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG funded activities in the following manner:

No displacement is anticipated.

If any persons are displaced as a result of these planned activities, the County will assist such persons in the following manner:

In accordance with the

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County's Anti-Displacement and Relocation Policy.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at the Gulf County BOCB Chambers, Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL, on Tuesday July 26, 2011, at 6:00 PM, ET. A draft copy of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 7:00 AM, EST, - 4:30 PM, EST, no more than five days before the application due date. The application will be submitted to DCA by Monday, August 15, 2011. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Towan Kopinsky, Grant Coordinator, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, (850) 229-6144.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Towan Kopinsky at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Towan Kopinsky at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DCA with the application. The disclosure will be made available by Gulf County and DCA for public inspection upon request. The disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum of six years.

1. Other Government (federal, state and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect benefit by source and amount;

2. The identities and pecuniary interests of all developers, contractors, or consultants involved in the application for assistance or in the planning or development of the project or activity;

3. The identities and pecuniary interests of any other persons with a pecuniary interest in the project that can reasonably be expected to exceed \$50,000 or 10% of the grant request (whichever is lower);

4. For those developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, or others listed in two (2) or three (3) above which are corporations, or other entities, the identification and pecuniary interests by corporation or entity of each officer, director, principal stockholder, or other official of the entity;

5. The expected sources of all funds to be provided to the project by each of the providers of those funds and the amount provided; and

6. The expected uses of all funds by activity and amount.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT/HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE/ FAIR HOUSING JURISDICTION July 14, 2011

3065S NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS BID NO. 1011-25

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

2011 BEACHES RESURFACING PROJECT (PRI) PROJECT #003.236

This project includes approximately 5 miles of roadway resurfacing, milling, and reclaimed asphalt located at St. Joe Beach in Gulf County, FL.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456,

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(850) 227-7200. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes. Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$75.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

All bidders shall be FDOT Qualified per Section 2-1 of the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition in the following work classes: Grading, Drainage, Flexible Paving, and Hot Plant Mix-Bituminous Course. If you have any questions, please call Clay Smallwood at (850) 227-7200.

Completion date for this project will be 120 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder. Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$200.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for the "2011 Beaches Resurfacing Project - Bid #1011-25".

Bids will be received until 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, on July 22, 2011 at the Gulf County Clerk's Office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, and will be opened and read aloud at this same location on July 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time.

All bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening. All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the State of Florida.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any/bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of Gulf County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA /s/ Warren Yeager, Chairman July 7, 14, 2011

3175S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY Case No. 11-0051-PR In Probate

IN RE: The Estate of DONALD JAY SHEPPARD, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

The administration of the estate of Donald Jay Sheppard, deceased, File Number 11-0051 PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and that personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication July 14, 2011.

THOMAS S. GIBSON RISH, GIBSON & SCHOLZ, PA 116 Sailors Cove Drive P.O. Box 39 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 850-229-8211 FL Bar No. 0350583

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

S. RUSSELL SCHOLZ Personal Representative P.O. Box 39 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 July 14, 21, 2011

3181S NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION THE GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Purpose and Effect: The Gulf County School Board proposes to amend and adopt policies, as provided for in the Administrative Procedures Act, for the purpose of bringing said policies into compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules.

Summary: The following is a brief description of each proposal change.

Student Progression Plan Code of Conduct

Economic Impact: These proposals will result in no direct costs associated with implementation.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT: Time: 2:00 PM ET. Date: July 21, 2011. Place: Gulf County School Board 50 Middle School Road Port St. Joe, FL 32456

The entire text of the proposed rules can be inspected during regular office hours at the Office of Instructional Services, 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, FL.

Special legal authority under which the adoption is authorized and the law being implemented and interpreted are made specific.

The addition and changes are proposed and approved for consideration by Sara Joe Wooten, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Superintendent. Amendments: See above July 14, 2011

3191S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11-120-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK Plaintiff,

vs.

BYRON TIMOTHY WILDER A/K/A BYRON T. WILDER, MELANIE DEANN WILDER A/K/A MELANIE D. WILDER, CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC., and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 27, 2011, in Case No. 11-120-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and BYRON TIMOTHY WILDER A/K/A BYRON T. WILDER, MELANIE DEANN WILDER A/K/A MELANIE D. WILDER, and CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC., are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 a.m. E.T. on July 28th, 2011, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Lot seven (7), Block One Hundred Eight (108) of St. Joseph's Addition of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, Unit No. 9, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, page 12, of the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

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

DATED: June 29, 2011

REBECCA L NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Garvin B Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth & Bowden PA 1300 Thomas Drive Tallahassee, FL 32308 July 14, 21, 2011

3199S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 10-418-CA

OPTIMUMBANK, Plaintiff,

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vs.

TODD OLIVE; SHEILA MEAD aka SHEILA MEAD; ESTATE OF FRED E. MEAD, deceased; STANLEY M. KATZ; and GULF PINES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF GULF COUNTY, INC., Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in this cause, will sell at 11:00 a.m. EST in the lobby at the Gulf County Courthouse located at 100 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 on the 28th day of July 2011, the following described parcel of real property, to-wit:

Lot 23, Block A, Gulf Pines Subdivision, according to the Official Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 25, in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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

In accordance with F.S. 45.031(3), the successful high bidder, if other than the Plaintiff, shall post with the Clerk a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the final bid or \$1,000.00, whichever is less. The balance shall be paid to the Clerk within twenty-four hours of the sale; otherwise the Clerk shall re-advertise the sale and pay all costs of the sale from the deposit. Any remaining funds shall be applied toward the judgment.

THIS NOTICE dated this 7th day of July, 2011.

Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of Court

By BA Baxter Deputy Clerk July 14, 21, 2011

3204S PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals RFP 2011-08

The City of Port St. Joe is soliciting Architect/Engineer/Construction proposals to rectify certain ADA compliance issues with the Port St. Joe City Hall and Fire Station. Restrooms in City Hall's first floor and the restroom in the Fire Station do not meet accessibility criteria and are in need of retrofitting and reconfiguration to meet ADA Accessibility Guidelines.

The City is seeking a single contract with an Architect or Construction Manager who will supervise on site evaluation, design, plan review and construction.

The Proposal should include listing of subcontractors, their anticipated level of involvement and their anticipated cost as well as an overall cost for completion of all work. All proposals should include:

- 1) A Brief Statement of Qualifications, 2) References for the Construction Manager and all Sub-Contractors, 3) A sketch Plan of Improvements to the two facilities as well as a list of required components and improvements, and 4) Total cost for implementation of the Plan.

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid for RFP 2011-08

Proposals will be received at the Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456, no later than 2:00 P.M. EDT, on Tuesday, August 16, 2011. Bids will be opened at 3:00 P.M. that same date in a public hearing for that purpose. As this project will be funded with assistance from Florida's Small Cities CDBG program, procurement may be monitored by that agency. All employees of the Prime and Sub Contractors involved in the project will come under minimum wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act. Further information and appointments to access the sites can be obtained by contacting Ms. Charlotte Pierce, Grant Writer - Coordinator, at City Hall by calling (850) 229-8261.

The City of Port St. Joe reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment

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ment will be in their best interest. All bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty day after the opening.

All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the State of Florida.

The City of Port St. Joe is an equal opportunity, fair housing community. July 14, 21, 2011

3223S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 23-2010-CA-000291

CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

WINDY L. ROBBINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WINDY L. ROBBINS; JAMES A. ROBBINS; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT (S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Gulf County, Florida, described as:

Exhibit P1 LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 6 LESS THE WEST 46 FEET OFF EACH LOT LYING IN LAKE ALICE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF W E W A H I T C H K A , FLORIDA AS PER OFFICIAL PLAT OF SAME BEING RECORDED IN, THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

To include a: 1980 TIFF VIN TMGA7239T A 0017072902 1980 TIFF VIN TMGA7239B 0017072903 A/K/A 149 Rhodes Dr. Wewahitchka, FL 32465

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2.50 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CAMP PALMS SUBDIVISION ON INDIAN PENINSULA AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 53-A, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN SOUTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID CAMP PALMS SUBDIVISION FOR 505.97 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTHERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD S-30-B; THENCE NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A POINT THAT IS 2375.745 FEET, MEASURED PERPENDICULARLY FROM SAID WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF CAMP PALMS SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, 249.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST, 54.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID CENTERLINE; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST, 472.00 FEET. MORE OR LESS TO THE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO AND THE TERMINATION OF SAID CENTERLINE.

A/K/A 175 SANDY LANE, PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 29th, 2011.

Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Gulf County Courthouse #850-229-6113 (TDD) July 14, 21, 2011

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. HECTOR PAGAN LOPEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HECTOR PAGAN LOPEZ; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT (S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT (S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Gulf County, Florida, described as:

LOT 5, LAGOON VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 116 LOUISIANA LANE, PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 29th, 2011.

Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

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WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. JASON SHANNON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage foreclosure dated June 27, 2011 and entered in Case No. 23-2010-CA-000201 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for GULF County, Florida where-in WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION is the Plaintiff and JASON SHANNON; RANDI SHANNON; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURT HOUSE at 11:00AM, ET on the 28th day of July, 2011 following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment.

LOT 2, BEACHSIDE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THAT MAP OR PLAT AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 38, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 175 SANDY LANE, PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 29th, 2011.

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A/K/A 8846 County Road 30C Port St. Joe, FL 32456

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at South entrance of the courthouse, 1000 Cecil G Costin Sr. Blvd, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 at 11:00 a.m., on July 28, 2011

DATED THIS 28th DAY OF June, 2011.

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.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 29th day of June, 2011.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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 Court Administration at P.O. Box 826, Marianna, Florida, 32447. Phone number 850-718-0026. Email: ADARequest@jud14.flcourts. Hearing & Voice Impaired: 1-800-955-8771 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

3226S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 23-2010-CA-000201 DIVISION:

WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. JASON SHANNON, et al, Defendant(s).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage foreclosure dated June 27, 2011 and entered in Case No. 23-2010-CA-000201 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for GULF County, Florida where-in WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION is the Plaintiff and JASON SHANNON; RANDI SHANNON; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURT HOUSE at 11:00AM, ET on the 28th day of July, 2011 following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment.

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Manatee Deluxe 100 Kayak tan and LLBean lost in vicinity of Pig Island please call if you have seen or found! 850-229-1090 Reward!

2100 - Pets
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2150 - Pet Memorials

3226S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 23-2010-CA-000417

WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. JASON SHANNON, et al, Defendant(s).

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For Classified In-column Advertisers

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We do not guarantee position of ANY ad under any classification.

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PETS
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We are a Public Charter School looking for a highly motivated creative individual with excellent communication skills. A self starter who has a BA in Business, Marketing or Public Relations and is interested in developing and implementing fundraising programs.

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FURNITURE
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5 drawer office desk, \$75; sleeper sofa, \$150. Lg recliner, couch with vibrators, like new, \$400; set of 2 nautical lamps, table & floor, \$50; Call (850) 229-6114 or 850 227-4315

GARAGE/YARD SALES
3230

Mexico Beach- 204 Carolina Dr. Saturday 8:am-until. Furniture, appliances, piano, clothing and much more! Text FL67746 to 56654

HELP WANTED
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St. Joe, 2001 Garrison Ave. Sat 16th, 8:am-until

Hope Family Worship Center

Huge garage sale lots of everything

HELP WANTED
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4100 - Help Wanted
4130 - Employment Information

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Infant/Toddler Caregivers

are needed to provide quality early care and education to children ages 0-3 yrs. AA/AS preferred; FCCPC (CDA) accepted with a willingness to further education. Experience working with preschool children is a must. Excellent benefits package! Apply at Early Education and Care, Inc. 450 Jenks Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401 EOE M/F/N/D DFWP Web-Id : 34166575 Text #66575 to 56654

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Weems Memorial

Is now hiring for the following positions:

- ◆ARNP or PA
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- ◆EMT
- ◆RN
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Applications are available at www.weemsmemorial.com and may be submitted to Ginny Griner, WMH HR Director, ggriener@weemsmemorial.com or FAXED to 850-653-1879 Web ID 3463444

HELP WANTED
4100

Medical/Health

Kennel Tech Part Time

Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic is hiring a part time kennel technician. We are seeking a responsible, reliable, organized individual to help care for our client's pets in their home away from home. Our animal clinic provides medical services and care for cats and dogs. The kennel tech is responsible for the care and maintenance of the kennel and its guests. Duties include, but are not limited to: walking dogs, feeding & watering pets, medicating pets, bathing pets, cleaning cages & runs, and maintaining the overall cleanliness of all kennel areas, clinic, and grounds. This is a part time position which requires you to work every other weekend. Weekday hours are in the late afternoon and early evening.

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GROUP RESCUES BIRDS ON ST. GEORGE ISLAND

ERIC LOVESTRAND | Special to The Star



After the storm

CHRIS BEATTY | Special to The Star



Background, the original osprey nest shortly before the recent storm. **At left,** the osprey chick that remained at the Florida Wild Mammal Association. **At top,** an osprey chick safe at home in the new nest.

SUSAN PRUITT | Special to The Star

By Lois Swoboda
Florida Freedom Newspapers

A group of nature lovers recently banded together to help an island family overcome adversity.

On the night of Monday, June 27, a strong storm passed through the county slowing efforts to restore power to St. George Island. Susan Pruitt was less concerned with electricity and more concerned with a nearby family she had befriended. For weeks, she had watched a pair of osprey build their nest, hatch and care for a trio of chicks.

After the storm passed, Pruitt was horrified to see the dead pine tree supporting the nest had fallen.

She put in a call to Eastpoint veterinarian Hobson Fulmer who contacted the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR). Wildlife educator and avid birder Eric Lovestrand sprang into action organizing a rescue mission for the ospreys.

ANERR employees Meagan

Lamb and Jenna Wanat were dispatched to the island the next morning and waded through the swamp to retrieve the chicks from the remains of their home. Lovestrand contacted Chris Beatty, director of the Florida Wild Mammal Association who contacted the National Audubon Society.

Raptor experts informed Beatty the best hope for the chicks was to get them back into a nest at the original site and allow the parents to take over.

That evening, Lovestrand brought the chicks to Beatty for interim care. By this time, he had recruited volunteers to help reunite the osprey chicks with their parents.

"The best location for the nest is too far from the road, across a marsh, to reach with any lift truck, 40 yards at least," he wrote. "The nest is pretty much broken to smithereens. Other existing trees in the area are in bad condition."

Lovestrand recommended that a box built by Ted Ruffner be mounted

on the tallest timber nearby. Late Thursday afternoon June 30, with help from Kenny Piotrowski, Lauren Levi, Barry Townsend, Ricky Hathcock and Matthew Anderson, the nest box was mounted, raised and braced with timbers. The crew then placed as much of the original nest as could be retrieved on the platform.

Lovestrand picked up two of the chicks early the next morning, and carried them back to Eastpoint. The third chick was smaller than its siblings and injured slightly so it remains in Beatty's care, responsive and eating.

At 8 a.m. on Friday morning, July 1, Lovestrand carefully restored the other chicks to the nest. Before the rescuers finished loading equipment back into their truck, an adult osprey appeared carrying a fish and seemed to be studying the nest but did not stop.

Lovestrand and crew watched nervously from a porch across the street. A half-hour later, an adult osprey with a fish appeared, made

about three banking turns around the platform and then landed, depositing the fish in the nest. It stayed with the chicks a while and then flew to a nearby tree and began calling.

By 9:30 a.m. a second adult appeared and the happy parents resumed the normal tasks of chick rearing as if nothing had changed.

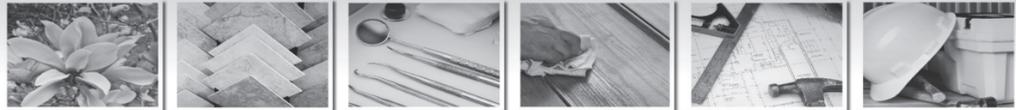
Anderson said the pair did rework the nest, apparently not satisfied with the rescuers' handiwork, adding sticks and soft material for the lining.

A number of folks were already watching the nest before it fell, so the family's situation will be well monitored.

Beatty had high praise for the volunteers, especially Lovestrand, who she said organized the reunion with remarkable efficiency.

"Prognosis looks good right now," Lovestrand wrote in a July 1 email. "Thanks again for everybody's help and concern. All of the locals are extremely grateful for the efforts and love their local ospreys."

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, July 14	91°	78°	60 %
Fri, July 15	89°	77°	50 %
Sat, July 16	89°	76°	50 %
Sun, July 17	88°	74°	60 %
Mon, July 18	88°	76°	60 %
Tues, July 19	88°	76°	40 %
Wed, July 20	89°	76°	60 %

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
East Pass	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27

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

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

St. Joseph Bay

Date	Time	Height	Type	Offset
7/14	Thu 09:35AM	2.0	H	08:09PM -0.3 L
7/15	Fri 10:19AM	1.9	H	08:38PM -0.2 L
7/16	Sat 10:56AM	1.8	H	08:53PM -0.1 L
7/17	Sun 11:27AM	1.6	H	08:55PM 0.1 L
7/18	Mon 11:54AM	1.3	H	08:42PM 0.3 L
7/19	Tue 12:13PM	1.1	H	08:12PM 0.4 L
7/20	Wed 04:53AM	1.0	H	07:19PM 0.6 L

Apalachicola Bay, West Pass

Date	Time	Height	Type	Offset
7/14	Thu 05:58AM	1.3	H	09:08AM 1.4 L
	02:07PM	1.6	H	10:55PM -0.2 L
7/15	Fri 06:15AM	1.3	H	10:00AM 1.3 L
	03:02PM	1.6	H	11:29PM -0.1 L
7/16	Sat 06:31AM	1.2	H	10:46AM 1.2 L
	03:53PM	1.5	H	11:58PM 0.0 L
7/17	Sun 06:44AM	1.2	H	11:31AM 1.0 L
	04:42PM	1.5	H	
7/18	Mon 12:22AM	0.1	L	06:56AM 1.3 H
	12:17PM	0.9	L	05:32PM 1.4 H
7/19	Tue 12:42AM	0.3	L	07:10AM 1.3 H
	01:05PM	0.8	L	06:26PM 1.2 H
7/20	Wed 01:00AM	0.4	L	07:27AM 1.4 H
	01:58PM	0.7	L	07:26PM 1.1 H

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