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Bed tax collections, tourist dollars up

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Welcome back. From jammed restaurants to packed beaches to crowded boat ramps the return of summer visitors is evident across the county.

And with two months remaining in the fiscal year, bed tax collections and gross tourism sales are tracking well ahead of last year's numbers, which were impacted significantly by the BP oil spill.

According to Tim Kerigan, executive director of the Gulf County Tourism Development Council, numbers and dollars are with July expected to bring more good news once tallies are complete and huge community

events on tap for this month and September.

"I believe we have experienced so much gain from our advertising from TV, print and the Internet," Kerigan said. "BP (which has provided funding to TDCs in the seven impacted Florida counties) has allowed us to expand our options. Social media has also been an asset."

"(BP's) purpose was to get us back to where we should have been. From the TDC standpoint, BP has really come to the aid of allowing us to improve our images and show that we were not affected by the oil spill and that our beaches and waters are clear."

The uptick in visitors, and dollars, are reflected in two

significant categories.

Bed tax collections during June totaled \$152,823, bringing the total for the fiscal year 2010-11 to more than \$500,000. The fiscal year runs from October to September.

Last June, bed tax collections totaled \$127,514 and dating to 2007-08 collections for June were less than \$145,000.

Comparing June to June, the TDC saw an increase in bed tax revenue of 6 percent, 16 percent, 3 percent and 6 percent the past four fiscal years, and the 2011 dollars represent another jump of roughly 6-7 percent.

"That was the biggest June we've ever had," Kerigan said of June 2011. "We have been receiving a lot of

very positive feedback.

"And all indications are that we will have an excellent July."

As comparison, consider that in 2007-08, bed tax collections for the year finished at \$594,558, a number that will be easily eclipsed once July's numbers are released.

With three solid months, the TDC is likely to bring in more bed tax revenue than the \$790,526 of 2008-09, a high-water mark for the county.

And with the Scallop Festival this weekend, the scallop season extended deep into September and the PoJo Live Music Festival arriving in late September, beating

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The beaches and warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico have so far lured visitors in record numbers this year.

Songs and scallops

Scallop and Music Festival offers something for all this weekend

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Mix in bay scallops, warm breezes and plenty of music and the result is the 15th annual Florida Scallop & Music Festival, which kicks off this Friday evening.

The headliner for this year's event, which continues through Sunday, is the Atlanta Rhythm Section, performers of such hits as "So Into You," "Spooky," "Champagne Jam" and more.

"I have to thank the (Gulf County Tourist Development Council) for that one," said Dave Ashbrook of the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce which sponsors the event. "With their funding we will be able to bring in one of the biggest acts to ever come to Gulf County."

"Their funding, through BP funds, also helped us expand our advertising reach through print, television and social media. We have been averaging 1,800-2,000 people the past several years and we are expected about 3,000 this year."

The three-day music portion

of the festival will be held at George Core Park along St. Joseph's Bay, providing attendees a varied mix of music and soothing waterfront breezes along with plenty of shade while performers take the stage donated by Big Fish Construction.

Live music begins at 1 p.m. ET on Saturday and continues throughout the day with the Atlanta Rhythm Section taking the stage from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Additional Saturday acts include the Bo Spring Band at 4 p.m. and Kevin Jacobs Band at 6 p.m.

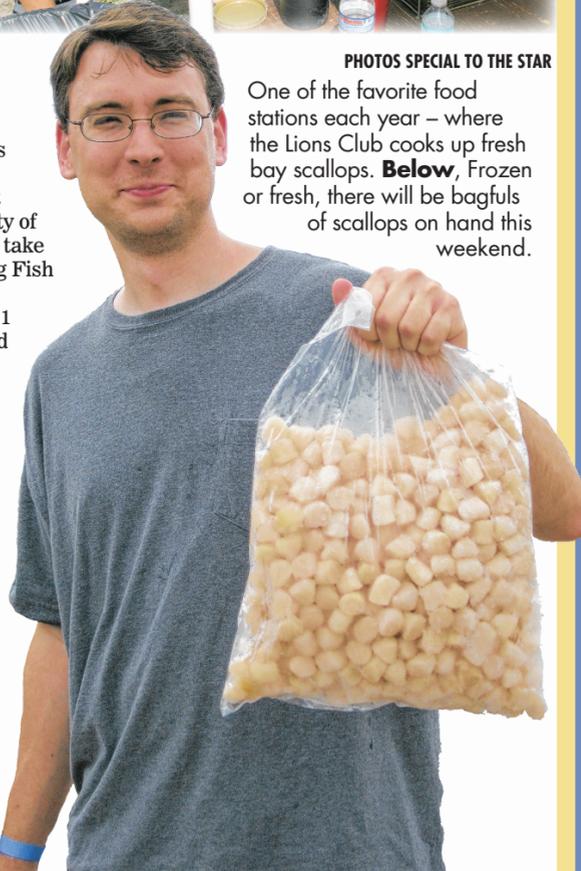
"It's a unique mix of performers," Ashbrook said. "We have local favorites, such as Bo Spring and Kevin Jacobs, and then we have Atlanta Rhythm Section. The next day we switch

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One of the favorite food stations each year – where the Lions Club cooks up fresh bay scallops. **Below**, Frozen or fresh, there will be bagfuls of scallops on hand this weekend.



County adopts tentative millage, budget

By Tim Croft
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The Board of County Commissioners on Monday adopted a tentative budget and millage rate, largely maintaining status quo on the latter while seeing the former shrink.

Commissioners unanimously approved a millage rate for 2011-12 of 5.7419 mills, a slight dip from the current millage rate of 5.7541.

A mil is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 in taxable property value in the county.

The county's ad valorem budget for the coming fiscal year will shrink by \$615,162 from its current \$9,476,837.

The first public hearing on the budget will be at 5:01 ET on Monday, Sept. 12 in the Commission meeting room at the Judge Robert Moore Annex.

The board also set millage rates for fire control districts and the Municipal Services Taxing Units that provide the money

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Mexico Beach students can remain in Gulf County

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Mexico Beach students and their parents no longer have a decision of stay or go.

Bay District School officials have provided an agreement and memo to Gulf District Schools indicating that Bay District no longer intends to transport and educate Mexico Beach students at Bay County schools.

Acting Superintendent of Gulf District Schools Sara Joe Wooten said "problem solved" when asked Monday about the status of Mexico Beach students.

Superintendent of Bay District Schools Bill Husfelt had provided written notification late last month to Gulf District officials that Bay intended to serve Mexico Beach students beginning with the coming school year.

Mexico Beach students have long been served in Gulf County. At this time, there are 71 students from the Mexico Beach area who had registered to attend Gulf

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Commissioners, public continue debate on Ford termination

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

John Ford remained a former supervisor of Gulf County EMS, but his supporters, more than 100, filled the County Commission meeting room for the second time in three days last week to tell commissioners in no uncertain terms that Ford's termination the week before was

unjust.

Ford was terminated by certified letter following a three-day suspension with pay for allowing a state-licensed EMT, who was not yet a county employee, to drive an ambulance on a cardiac run from Sacred Heart on the Gulf to Bay Medical Center.

Commissioners again heard an earful from the

public, which has expressed outrage at both Ford's dismissal and the speed, less than seven days, with which it was done.

"There is a chain of events that has not and is not in the best interest of the county," said St. Joe Beach resident and part-time county EMT John Grantland. "It is not in the best interest of the county to fire John Ford.

"Did he commit such an irrational, irresponsible action to be terminated? (Commissioners) should be the ultimate authority to terminate any county employee. Investigate the true actions and intent of this witch hunt."

Speakers have also uniformly praised Ford for his dedication, love of

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Faulty wiring cited as fire's cause in historic home

By Randal Yakey

Florida Freedom Newspapers

Officials are reporting that faulty wiring could be the cause of a fire that gutted a portion of the historic Parker House in Mexico Beach.

The flames erupted early Friday morning and destroyed what had been considered the den area, according to Mayor Al Cathey.

"The main part of the house is intact," Cathey said.

The fire began shortly after 1 a.m. CT and crews remained on the scene throughout the morning to douse any hot remaining embers.

Preliminary indications are that the fire was caused by a faulty wire in a recessed light.

"The big den area was totally destroyed," Cathey noted.

The home is covered by the city's insurance, city officials said, as the city had just closed on a deal to purchase the property for use as a new city hall.

"We will meet with the insurance people on Monday," Cathey said. "We really don't know the total extent of the damage yet. The only person who has been in there is the fire marshal."

The building has been boarded up.

The house, on U.S. Highway 98, was built in 1949 by Charlie Parker, the founder and pioneer of the Mexico Beach community.

The city had closed on a deal to purchase the house and property, which had been put for auction several years ago by Cathey Parker Hobbs, daughter of Charlie Parker, and then withdrawn, on July 22.

The state fire marshal's office is investigating the blaze.

Charlie Parker was the son of Gordon Parker, one of three men who purchased 1,850 acres along the beach for development at an estimated price of \$65,000 in 1946, according to the city.

In 1966, the city was incorporated and Parker was named the city's first mayor. At that time, Parker had been running the Mexico Beach Corporation, taking over for his father.

Charlie Parker passed away in 2003. The bridge that spans the city canal on the west end of town was dedicated in Parker's honor.

Star News Editor Tim Croft contributed to this story.



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An early morning fire last Friday all but destroyed one wing, considered the den area, of the historic Parker House in Mexico Beach.

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those 2008-09 numbers seems easily attainable, Kerigan said.

Kerigan noted that in some ways the increases in bed tax revenues show that the traditional tourists who visited and frequented the area are back after staying away last year due to the oil spill.

Last year's numbers, he noted, were somewhat skewed because many of the room nights clocked were linked to the BP response workforce as Gulf County served as a staging base for area operations.

This year, that workforce is gone along with the threat of oil.

"What we were fearful of was that numbers from the previous year were affected by the BP workforce," Kerigan said. "We knew it was not our loyal base of visitors and we wondered if those visitors would come back."

"These numbers reflect that our loyal visitors are returning. It is wonderful to see that we have improved."

That improvement is also reflected in this year's gross sales report for county bed tax collectors.

In June, bed tax collectors reported gross sales of just over \$4 million, well ahead of the \$3.347 million in gross sales as of the end of June 2010, which was down slightly from the prior year.

For the year, collectors have reported more than \$13 million in gross sales. With strong sales in the three months remaining in the fiscal year, last year's total of \$19.3 million in gross sales is well within reach.

"As a county we are way up,"

Kerigan said.

The increase in dollars has not occurred uniformly, Kerigan said.

While hotels and vacation rental properties are indicating a spike in inquiries and visitors, single family collectors - due to a glut of inventory on the market - are not yet seeing the same type of boosts in sales, Kerigan said.

In addition to the Scallop and PoJo Live festivals, Kerigan and the TDC are collaboratively working with the Mexico Beach

Community Development Council on such events as the annual Art and Wine Festival and Kingfish Tournament as well as a new event, the Aloha Summer, Aloha Fall Festival coming up Aug. 12-13.

"We are really a partnership with Mexico Beach," Kerigan said. "What benefits them is going to benefit us; what benefits us will benefit them."

"We are also working on events to attract military families during the shoulder season (of late fall). I am really embracing that."

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for debt service on beach renourishment bonds.

Residents in the Port St. Joe Fire Control District will be taxed at .4 mills for the coming year; all other districts will be tax at .5 mill levels.

The gulf front MSTU will be at the maximum 10 mills while the gulf interior residents will pay 4.8449 mills the coming year.

"That is solely to pay the debt on the bonds," said board chairman Commissioner Warren Yeager.

While commissioners voted on several additions and subtractions from the initial proposed budget, left unaddressed was the price tag for a challenge to the 1986 federal court decree that mandated single-member districts.

Given the presentation of an attorney hired to explore options in the case, commissioners have proposed putting \$500,000 on the line item for county-wide litigation.

In short strokes, during his presentation, attorney Michael Spellman had estimated that any court challenge of the federal decree would have less than a 50 percent chance of success given recent voting trends on which a decision would be largely based.

Spellman also said that, depending on opposition, and he said the case would be likely to draw attention during a time of redistricting across the country, the county's bill could easily run well into six figures.

By appearances it would seem highly doubtful that having left the issue on the table for a later vote, commissioners will decide to put half a million dollars toward the litigation.

Having set a tentative millage rate, commissioners can not increase but can only decrease millage at this point in the budget process.

Therefore, any amount that is added to the budget at this point will have to be linked with an equal cut somewhere else in the budget.

"At some point we are going to have to vote on it," implored Yeager, who noted that he is having a town hall meeting on the issue this week.

Commissioners did address issues still hanging before they could adopt their tentative budget.

They maintained full funding for the St. Joseph's Bay Humane Society, which had been asked to reduce its budget by 15 percent, as with all outside agencies.

"They are doing us a valuable job," said Commissioner Carmen McLemore, noting that the county has but one animal control officer and the Humane Society takes in dogs seven days a week. The Humane Society is also at three times capacity with cats.

Commissioners also chose to maintain the same number of voting precincts. An original budget proposal would have reduced the number of precincts to one per district, but McLemore and Commissioner Bill Williams objected.

New machinery is now mandated to be installed by 2014, but Williams noted that the Florida Association of Counties is lobbying against implementation of that mandate.

"We can avoid it this year and deal with it next year," Williams said. Yeager was the lone dissenting vote.

Commissioners also approved, by a 3-2 vote, spending more than \$13,600 on T.L. James Park in the City of Wewahitchka and \$2,200 to strip and wax the floor at the Honeyville Center.

Yeager noted the county contributes nothing to the City of Port St. Joe for parks and joined Williams in voting against the T.L. James money. Commissioner Tan Smiley joined

McLemore and Commissioner Ward McDaniel in voting to spend the dollars.

Commissioners also cut the money they will spend on lobbying by \$25,000 - from \$85,000 - though the money will remain in reserves should commissioners need the money for lobbying.

Williams, voting no, wondered how the board could spend almost \$14,000 on a park but cut lobbying funds at a time when, among other issues, the county is in an ongoing battle for \$15 million in Hurricane Gustav recovery money to replace restored beach lost several years ago in during that storm.

"I don't know where our priorities are at," Williams said.

Commissioners also cut \$20,000 for park clean-up - the Tourist Development Council has agreed to assume that duty - and \$3,000 from its wellness program, requiring employees to foot half the tab for free access to Coastal Fitness gym in downtown Port St. Joe.

Gulf County ARREST REPORT

The Gulf County Sheriff's Office will be conducting vehicle safety checkpoints and DUI check points during the month of August. The check points will be held throughout the county to include Highway 98 near St. Joe Beach, Highway 98 and Garrison Ave, C-30 Simmons Bayou, Highway 71 North of White City, Highway 22 and Highway 22A, Highway 71 and Westarm Creek, Highway 71 Dalkieth Area and Highway 71 near the Calhoun line.

On 07/18/2011 a deputy was patrolling in the Highland View area when he was flagged by a female. The female claimed that her brother Donnie Roy Waters, 44, had hit her

in the head. When the deputy made contact with Waters and he admitted to hitting his sister; he was arrested for domestic battery.

On 07/19/2011 James Eugenio Pina, Jr., 22, was arrested on a violation of probation warrant from Bay County; the original charge was petit theft.

On 07/14/2011 deputies responded to a call on of a person in a trailer on Ried Avenue in Wewahitchka. They discovered that Reese Glendon Forehand, 18, had been staying in the trailer without permission. Several days later on 07/19/2011 Forehand was observed operating a vehicle without a license. The vehicle was stopped

and Forehand was arrested on a warrant for loitering a prowling and DWLSR.

On 07/19/2011 Jordan Lee Nickell, 19, a passenger in the vehicle driven by Reese Forehand was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Michael Lamar Skinner, 36, was arrested on a warrant for failure to pay child support.

On 07/13/2011 Sabrina Rein Vickers, 33, was arrested on charges of Criminal use of Personal Information; it is alleged that she got a credit card using another person's identity.

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County schools.

Husfelt's letter indicated that Bay District Schools would not only no longer provide a \$96,000 supplement to the Gulf District, but it would also educate and transport Mexico Beach students, taking the FTE funding for each component with the students.

Mexico Beach parents were originally given until Aug. 5 to indicate whether they wished their children to continue to attend Gulf County schools.

However, Wooten received an agreement late last week that effectively maintains the status quo with

one exception.

"Gulf County will continue to serve Mexico Beach students," Wooten said. "Mexico Beach students who want to continue their education in Gulf County will be allowed to."

Gulf District Schools will also maintain the usual bus stop locations for Mexico Beach students, meaning FTE funding for educating and transporting the Mexico Beach students will remain in Gulf County, a significant development for a district that has seen enrollment decline steadily in recent years.

However, Husfelt informed Wooten that Bay District Schools could not, given current budget constraints, provide the additional \$96,000 supplement.

Wooten noted that the district had been frugal with its money, had already made needed cuts and would realize slightly higher property tax revenues than originally projected, allowing the district to absorb the loss of the supplement.

The agreement and memo were approved by the Gulf County School Board on Tuesday night.

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Abdicating the throne

Bill was waiting just inside to greet me as I passed through the automatic doors. I didn't fool around, I just said, "Hey Bill, I need a throne expert." Bill pointed down the aisle in the front of the big box store and said "The fellow in the yellow shirt, that's Carl, he's your man." I waved at Carl and started walking his way.

Carl was a master plumber, a throne expert and knew how to handle these types of situations. He understood what I was going through and treated me kindly. Abdicating the throne is a difficult decision, but this one didn't involve Wallis Simpson. I can't speak for King Edward VIII, he may have had an easy decision, and his was about love.

My decision was about hate. I did not want to unstop the toilet anymore; I was tired of plunging, snaking and overflows.

As we walked toward the back of the store, I explained to Carl that I had to "abdicate," after years of problems with the 70's toilet in my children's bathroom. We talked a little about the old throne and how "it was one of the good ones."

It is difficult to say exactly what color it was. You could say it was "Bone," or perhaps "Almond." "British Khaki," "Beige" and "Tan" also come to mind. One thing is for sure, it was not white.

I wanted a white one. Carl noted that wanting white was, "a good thing." I was relieved.

"How far are the bolts from the wall?" Carl asked. Of course I didn't measure this, but a quick call home gave us the answer of about 12 inches. Carl told me that was "standard." I was relieved. "Standard" almost always means less expensive.

We discussed capacities, flushing systems and bowl height. "I want a tall one Carl," I looked him right in the eyes when I said it. Carl understood and simply

said "OK." Then we discussed the benefits of elongated and round seats. We went with elongated.



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Finally, we made a decision and Carl got me the correct water supply line, the only additional equipment I would need.

After the decision was made, Carl and I shot the breeze. We were in the back of the store, no one noticed. Knowing that Carl was a master plumber, I thought he might be able to fix other water related problems.

I explained to him that I came home from vacation to find about three inches of water in the floorboard of the driver's side of my car. Carl told me I had a leak - he was right. I needed advice on sealing a hole around the windshield of my car.

The leaky windshield seemed to put Carl out of his comfort zone, he sent me to the paint aisle. He had to help another customer who did not appreciate his expertise as much as I did.

After getting a tube of stuff to fix my windshield, I headed toward the front of the store to check out. The fellow got a young man to load my new throne in the back of "Greenland" (our white Chevrolet Suburban). I asked him if he would come home with me and lug it up the stairs to the bathroom; he said he could not do that.

It took three of us to get it up the stairs and into the bathroom. Then I did something no man ever does, I read the instructions from front to back. It excited me.

This was a technological marvel. The performance was supposed to be unmatched. The booklet noted that this toilet could flush a bucket of golf balls - that is powerful! I hid the box and the instructions not wanting my teenage son to be the first to try flushing a bucket of golf balls. That was a privilege I would save for a rainy day.

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Keyboard KLATTERINGS

A proportional response?

In the movie An American President, there is a scene shortly after a foreign country bombs a U.S.-manned missile battery in the Middle East.

The president is huddled with his national security team pondering options, including bombing the other country's intelligence service and the potential for collateral damage.

The president asks for input from his chief of staff, who answers that the bombing would be a proportional response. The president rhetorically asks if someone could explain the parameters of a proportional response.

That question lurks at the root of the debate last week over the termination of county Emergency Medical Services (EMS) supervisor John Ford.

Ford was suspended for three days by EMS director Houston Whitfield and fired by county administrator Don Butler, on the recommendation of Whitfield, for authorizing - at a time EMS was shorthanded - an EMT who was not a county employee to drive an ambulance on the cardiac run from Sacred Heart on the Gulf to Bay Medical Center.

The EMT had no contact with the patient beyond driving the ambulance and assisting with the stretcher while another EMT performed all work on the patient.

Yet, Ford was fired after Butler said he had received feedback from Whitfield, Dr. Gary Pablo, who works out of Sacred Heart on the Gulf, the county's labor attorney and county attorney Jeremy Novak.

Pablo, once informed of the situation, communicated by e-mail that he wanted the individuals involved removed from working under his license and the labor attorney pronounced, Butler said, that despite Ford's spotless 16-year record, the incident rose to the level of grounds for termination.

And, maybe, in a bureaucratic vacuum these actions would have had merit, but life is not a vacuum.

Commissioner Tan Smiley apparently was not in the vacuum as he noted that the praises sung about Ford last week are the sort only heard at a funeral. Smiley made no



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bones that he stood in support of Ford and against his termination.

Indeed, what was striking about two meetings last week was the extent to which Ford has impacted this community and the lives of so many who reside here - throughout the county and beyond.

One after another, dozens attested to life-saving measures, about dedication and going the extra mile, providing the kind of stretcher-side manner we would all want for ourselves and loved ones.

That is the nut that is difficult to crack in this episode: how does a man lose his job trying to help people?

How can answering a call while off duty and bringing aid to a hospital patient be characterized as egregious and duplicitous - as it was by Whitfield and Butler in their letters of suspension and termination?

Having been a cardiac patient myself, I can attest that when I required transport to Bay Medical Center I would not have cared if Tony the Tiger was driving the ambulance shouting "This is g-g-g-r-r-r-e-e-e-a-a-t-t-t."

It seems hard to believe that the patient in question, in need of care Bay Medical could provide, gave one whit if the ambulance was being driven by a man in a purple polka-dotted dress as long as they got the patient to BMC safe and sound.

Ford made a split-second judgment call, the patient outcome the primary concern - and lost his job for the effort.

Maybe a verbal or written warning was in order given the status of the EMT as not a county employee, the potential for liability exposure; Ford all but acknowledged that by signing the suspension letter.

But termination; that is proportional to the alleged infraction?

Consider this against the backdrop of the private sector where an employer must generally document an employee's infractions - through a progression to include a verbal warning, written warning followed by termination - while providing clear policies and procedures to follow.

Consider the firing against the handling of the departure of the previous EMS director, who was

allowed to quietly resign and step away while ensnared in the cloud of a Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigation about the use of a county credit card that still hangs over the county.

Commissioners have listened to dozens of residents who attest to Ford's caring nature, his volunteerism, his outreach to the community and its citizens.

Ford is an EMT, ambassador for EMS and volunteer firefighting - he also serves as Chief of the Port St. Joe Fire Department - who has put a trusting face to emergency responders for hundreds throughout this county, young and old.

We will resist following the threads that some have offered that lead to the conclusion that this firing was an act of retaliation, of personalities clashing over what is the best for the county and its residents and assert only that this was a rush to judgment.

Though it is fair to wonder why no one was asking the labor attorney if the alleged infraction required termination, instead of whether it rose to the level of a firing offense. Why it was implied publicly and in a private whispering campaign launched about additional misdeeds - put cards on the table and begin with former EMS director Shane McGuffin.

Policies and procedures at EMS are not fully and completely disseminated, according to two commissioners and several EMTs last week. An updated policy manual has been in the works for more than a year.

The county paid for the schooling of the EMT in question, but his application has sat on the director's desk for reasons difficult to understand.

County EMS has, in shorthanded situations, been forced many times to use county employees without any EMT training to drive ambulances, according to EMTs and county employees.

Given the recent history of EMS, given the history of John Ford in this community, which was on full display during two public meetings last week, the question commissioners must ask is simple - was the firing proportional to the alleged infraction.

Even a fictional president would have questions.

We made up our own pictures

A good friend of mine mentioned to me the other day that if my articles were over two or three sentences long, nobody was reading them. "It's all speeded up now. Texting is even in shorthand. The young people are not going to sit down and read a protracted story." I have great respect for this friend. He is very intelligent and keeps more abreast of things than I do. I fear he could be correct.

But I sure hope he is wrong. And listen, this is much bigger than any little story I have ever churned out. It's not about hearing some escapade Leon sucked me into in 1959 or how my first blind date near 'bout blinded me! It's about having a literary clue. It deals with enlightenment; the broadening of one's mind; the basics of civilized understanding. No one is asking you to memorize the classics . . . But a fair sized glimpse of them sure couldn't hurt in one's understanding of who, what, when, why and how.

My friend makes a point. We have hurried things up a mite with each succeeding generation. Instant coffee, drive-thru restaurants, microwave popcorn and speed dialing are all passé. This new group doesn't have time for the inconveniences that slowed their parents and grandparents. They want everything in digital, high definition, touch screen, warp speed . . . and

they want it right now! I think iPod is an acronym for "faster than greased lightning right in the palm of your hand." We might be speeding ourselves into oblivion. Life is not Cliff's Note.

And don't give me that "old fashioned" eye roll! Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn will never go out of style. John Milton's "Paradise Lost" can still make you



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

ponder your consignment in this world long into the night. "Treasure Island" is pure adventure. Virgil could be a little laborious at times, but he left us a lot of root words. And I would pity anyone who has not fished with Ernest Hemingway and the Old Man.

I was about 10 when I discovered Edgar Rice Burroughs. His "Tarzan of the Apes" transported me immediately (that's faster than twitter and instant messages combined) to the deepest, darkest part of Africa. It was here I first learned of the city of Nairobi. I got some idea of the vastness of the African continent. There were mean men who would hunt the mighty elephant just for the wealth stored in their ivory tusk. It is amazing how the story comes alive when you have to supply the pictures!

Tarzan's quest to save the elephants is temporarily impaired when he comes to an escarpment. I studied on that word for a while. I pronounced it out loud, es-carp-ment. What a

wonderful word. I didn't know what it meant but I read the passage. I read the next couple of paragraphs. Escarpment had to be a high cliff. And it had to be taller than normal and also really wide. It was going to take Tarzan days to get around it!

I worked to learn the meaning of the word. I figured it out all by myself. My little heart was quietly proud of the achievement. And you can bet I have remembered it down through the ages. Silly you say. Simple. It might just be the single most important lesson any of us could ever learn; we could figure, reason, cipher, conclude on our own.

Zane Grey described the purple hue of the far western hills until you could see them perfectly years before you actually saw them. He taught you there were "men to ride the river with" and men to "steer clear of". I've chased evil-doers with Frank and Joe Hardy. I've been underneath Yankee Stadium with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. I've been inside Scotland Yard with Sherlock Holmes.

I don't think I could have texted my way through these adventures. And I'm thankful for the help on the journey. If we were good in elementary school, Miss Belle Alexander would read to us after lunch. Miss Mary Ann Jackson made us memorize "Little Boy Blue" in the sixth grade. Miss Paschall instilled a love of learning when I was in junior high. Miss Barbara

Clark wouldn't let you get through freshman English without a dose of Charles Dickens. Miss Polly Rucker was high as all get out on Bill Shakespeare.

There is nothing archaic about learning. It never goes out of style.

"Course, if my friend is right, I'm wasting my breath by now. Nobody has read this far down. I'm going to have to tell my little blurbs in three sentences. That would mean I'd have to omit the introduction, the lead up or the riveting climax. Maybe a class in short hand would be in order. Or perhaps I could just think less.

And please understand here, I'm not criticizing or condemning or worried that this younger generation is going to the cyberspace dogs. I love this group. I have children and grandchildren in it! I just don't want them to get moving so fast they miss things that I think are tantamount to their learning, knowledge, growth; their souls.

I'm also trying hard to "fit" into their world. But I am having some problems. I can't quite figure out this texting or twittering thing at all. Isn't that a phone in their hand? Have they not read that Morse code went out with the DeSoto and the pot belly stove! If they had read that little blue Landmark book back in grade school on Alexander Graham Bell they'd know how to use that telephone!

Respectfully,
Kes

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correct documents essential for DMV changes

Dear Editor:
The closing of the state's Driver's License Office in Port St. Joe has prompted Gulf County residents to travel to Blountstown or Panama City in order to renew/replace a driver's license or identification card. I have been informed that the Tax Collector will begin to issue those cards the end of September. This letter is meant to assist those needing new cards before then.

Some residents will be able to renew/replace online, at www.fhsmv.gov. Others will have to visit the driver's license office.

The passage of REAL ID had made it a requirement for everyone to bring in documents verifying name, date of birth and physical address. This law went into effect for Florida driver's licenses/identification cards Jan. 1, 2010. It doesn't matter if a person had had a Florida driver's license for 40 years in that name or has just moved here. Everyone is affected that needs a Florida driver's license or identification card.

The easiest way to find out which documents are needed is at the Department of Highway Safety's website: www.gathergoget.com or www.fhsmv.gov. As you fill out the blanks, it will detail which documents are needed.

For those without internet, some of the basic documents needed for a U.S. born citizen are: 1) a certified US birth certificate or valid (unexpired) U.S. passport; 2) either a Social Security card, W-2 form, 1099 form or paycheck/stub showing full Social Security number (not handwritten); 3) two proofs of residential address from two different sources such as utility bills, rental agreement, voter's card, vehicle registration (cannot be envelopes or magazines); and 4) certified marriage licenses or court orders showing name changes.

The last item, is needed to show what changed a name if it is different than the birth certificate name.

A more detailed list is available at the website. Hopefully this will help in avoiding multiple trips and wasting time and gas.

J.D. Godwin
Driver's License Office
Blountstown

Kudos to mosquito control

Dear Editor:
Gulf County is looking good with the improvements downtown, new parks and access to beaches and recreational areas, and the TDC has done a great job of bringing tourism to Gulf County. Port St. Joe is no longer a smelly industrial town. Another great improvement that should not be overlooked is the mosquito control service that makes life bearable for residents and visitors alike.

We remember 10 years ago greeting our guests at Happy Ours Kayak & Canoe Outpost wearing mesh bug suits and offering a can of insect repellent just to get customers out of their cars! That certainly was not giving tourism a positive experience. All that has changed in the last few years. The mosquito control service in our area has been excellent. If we have an outbreak, they usually are here without a call. If we happen to call, Mark Cothran's response has been, "We'll be out A.S.A.P. and we appreciate you letting us know about the problem."

The next day our customers can enjoy kayaking on beautiful St. Joseph Bay instead of swatting insects. We want our county administrators to know that we appreciate their services that help to protect our health, happiness, and livelihood, and we hope the County continues to fund the mosquito control program.

Dan and Debbie VanVleet
Cape San Blas

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Another thing I noticed was that this toilet didn't have a rubber flap that popped up and let the water down into the toilet. It had this accordion looking mechanism on it that pushed the water down into the tank. It was turbo charged.

I sat backwards on the new throne looking at the fancy insides. I thought of Myron Floren. Who is Myron Floren? He was "the

happy Norwegian." That's what Lawrence Welk called him anyway. He played the accordion on The Lawrence Welk Show from 1950 to 1982.

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There were no leaks. Wallis Simpson must have been one heck of a girl. I understand.

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Should you put retirement on hold?

By Jason Alderman

One indicator our economy is still hurting is that more and more people are postponing retirement. According to the Department of Labor, those over 55 and still working have increased steadily since the recession began – 28.9 million at last count – and some surveys show more than a third of employees expect to work past age 70 or never retire.

Would-be retirees have faced a perfect storm of negative situations:

- Having to tap retirement savings early to cover bills or tide them through unemployment.
- Plunging home values diminished or erased the equity many had hoped to draw on in retirement.
- Unable to afford – or qualify for – health insurance they'll need until Medicare kicks in.
- And many boomer parents have put their own savings on hold while helping their kids struggle through the recession.

If you're hoping to retire in the next few years, consider the following:

How much will you need? Financial planners often suggest people may need 70 percent or more of pre-retirement income to maintain their current lifestyle, but it's difficult to generalize. For example, some people downsize housing or retire to less expensive areas and thus need less. Others can expect increased medical,

utility and other bills to outpace earnings on their savings.

Start estimating your retirement needs by using online calculators:

- The Retirement Estimator at www.ssa.gov/estimator automatically enters your earnings information to estimate your projected Social Security benefits under different scenarios, such as age at retirement, future earnings projections, etc. You can also download a more detailed calculator to make more precise estimates.
- Check whether your 401(k) plan administrator's website has a calculator to estimate how much you will accumulate under various contribution and investment scenarios. If not, try the various retirement calculators at www.bankrate.com.
- AARP offers a retirement calculator to help determine your current financial status and what you'll need to save to meet your retirement needs.

After you've explored various retirement scenarios, consider paying a financial planner to help work out an investment and savings game plan. If you don't have a personal referral, good resources include www.cfp.net, www.napfa.org and www.fpanet.org.

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Social Security issues

To make ends meet, many people begin drawing reduced benefits from Social Security

before reaching full retirement (65 for those born before 1938 and gradually increasing to 67 thereafter). This can have several financial consequences:

- Your monthly benefit will be reduced by up to 30 percent. (Conversely, if you postpone benefits until after reaching full retirement age, your benefit increases by 7 to 8 percent per year, up to age 70.)
- Although many states don't tax Social Security benefits, they are counted as taxable income by the federal government. So, depending on your overall income, you could owe federal tax on a portion of your benefit. IRS Publication 915 at www.irs.gov has full details.
- If you begin drawing Social Security while still working, your benefit could be significantly reduced depending on your income. Read "How Work Affects Your Benefits" at www.ssa.gov for details. (Rest assured, however: Those reductions aren't truly lost since your benefit will be recalculated upward at full retirement age.)

One last suggestion: Once you've settled on what you think will be a sufficient retirement budget, try living on it for a few months first before retiring to make sure it actually works.

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gears again with more local favorites such as Bruce Bowen and the Curry Brothers Band.”
 On Sunday, Bowen takes the stage at 1 p.m. with the Curry Brothers following at 2:30 p.m. Bowen will also join the brothers for an additional set.
 But music is only part of the draw of the festival. The Chamber contracted with South Florida-based Spotlight Amusement to provide the Kid’z Zone, which will feature 16 different activities geared toward entertaining the

youngsters, from a rock wall to pony rides to a petting zoo.
 “That is something new this year,” Ashbrook said of bringing in an outside vendor to enhance activities for the kids.
 Festivities actually begin Friday as the merchants along Reid Avenue in downtown Port St. Joe offer a sidewalk sale that segues into the festival kickoff party at the Thirsty Goat Bar and Grill at the Port Inn.
 Saturday morning kicks off with a 5K Run at 8 a.m. at Vision Bank and a Classic Car & Boat Show

with line up along Marina Cove at 8 a.m. with judging at 1 p.m.
 Dash plaques will be presented to the first 50 entries and there will be drawings for prizes. The winners of Best of Show in both categories will receive a cash award.
 And, of course, no festival would be complete without plenty of food vendors, including those selling or cooking the succulent bay scallops for which the festival is named.
 Frozen scallops are also sold for take home and there will also be plenty of arts and crafts vendors and educational exhibits.

There is a \$5 admission on Saturday, Sunday is free, and plenty of free parking.
 Admission is free for active military with ID.
 Additional information is available by calling the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce at 850-227-1223 or emailing info@gulfcchamber.org.
 The event is presented by the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce and Gulf County Tourist Development Council.



Among the performers on Saturday will be local favorite the Kevin Jacobs Band. **Left**, A new upgraded Kid’z Zone will feature 16 different activities for the youngsters.
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community, outreach to neighboring EMS and fire departments and assistance to those in medical trouble.

"John needs to be on that ambulance," said resident Edna Newsome after describing 11 debilitating asthma attacks to which Ford responded. "He is the best you have and the best you ever will have. He is jammed up. It is wrong what has happened to John."

Commissioners said they would continue to examine the situation to ensure that due process was followed and Commission chair Warren Yeager was to speak Tuesday with Dr. Gary Pablo, a physician working out of Sacred Heart on the Gulf who is also the medical director for Gulf County EMS, to review the incident.

Commissioners refused to entertain a plea from several audience members that Ford, who has been out of work for nearly two weeks, be reinstated on administrative leave at full pay while commissioners further investigate.

"John is a person who can not be replaced," said Port St. Joe resident Ann White. "We need to reinstate John and I suggest we nominate him for Citizen of the Year. If we lose him, we will lose lives, I guarantee that."

Commissioners stated they were trying to walk a fine line between supporting staff put in place to make personnel decisions - in this case, EMS director Houston Whitfield and county administrator Don Butler in consultation with county attorney Jeremy Novak - and ensuring that Ford, who by any measure, given last week's two public meetings, is deeply respected and

"We have to stand behind the people we put in place to implement policies and procedures. But it is important we have due process and fairness in this."

Commissioner Bill Williams

nearly beloved.

Commissioner Tan Smiley made no secret where he stood.

"I've been listening to all the roses for Mr. Ford and normally you get those kind of roses at your funeral," Smiley said. "I'm going to speak up for Mr. Ford. I don't know Dr. Pablo; he doesn't live in

this community.

"I want the board to know how I feel about the situation."

Commissioner Bill Williams, while bemoaning the examination of Ford's actions and future in a public setting, noted that Ford had impeccable credentials as an EMT.

He said it was critical

for the board to speak with Dr. Pablo - who in an email requested Ford and Chaney McCardle, the EMT at the center of the episode, be removed from operating for EMS under Pablo's license.

"We have to stand behind the people we put in place to implement policies and procedures," Williams said. "But it is important we have due process and fairness in this."

"John's credentials are beyond reproach. I'm asking the community to be patient and let us work through staff and through the process."

A key, Williams noted, is whether EMS under Pablo is receiving the same training and feedback as personnel did under former medical director Dr. Tom Curry. Williams noted that Cur-

ry held weekly meetings to go over patient outcomes, best practices and provide additional training. Williams said input from current EMTs was not occurring under Pablo.

"Are we getting the training that we need if EMS is going to follow direction from the medical director?" Williams said. "I personally want to speak to Dr. Pablo face to face."

"Did he have teaching meetings? Did he provide expectations?"

While Novak contended that Pablo did not make personnel decisions for the county - though Novak acknowledged that Pablo's email was critical in the decision-making in the Ford case, as the county could not operate EMS without a medical director. Wil-

liams countered that Pablo became involved when he "came to the county to be medical director."

"I'm not willing to destroy a man's career until I know information has been provided to Dr. Pablo that I am clear about," Williams said.

Commissioner Carmen McLemore supported that approach, agreeing with one audience member who suggested an independent, outside review of the incident.

Ford, near the end of the meeting, came to the podium to tell the audience that it was no solution to attack Whitfield, Butler or any other member of staff, saying his sole desire was to get his job back.

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From top, Lucy Edwards, Rosie Davis and Bobby Joe Pedrick took home trophies for the biggest catfish. In the flounder category, Gerald Messer, left, took third place, Colton Thomas first and Colton's sister Cailyn second. Veteran fisherman Joe Barber and Bobby Curry look on as Blakely Curry, 8, of Carrabelle trolls for croaker. Blakely was the first angler to weigh in a fish on Saturday.



TROUT MASTER

MARY LAWHON | Special to the Times

Jacob Thompson holds his first-place speckled trout.

C-Quarters draws crowd at youth fishing tourney

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

The seventh annual C-Quarters Youth Fishing Tournament is growing by leaps and bounds.

This year, 152 youngsters, age 16 and under, registered to fish in the July 23 competition, up from 100 kids last year.

Boys and girls from Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and South Florida traveled to Carrabelle just to fish. More than 140 fish were entered in nine categories.

On July 22, all entrants attended a fishing clinic taught by Millard Collins, dockmaster of C-Quarters Marina. They learned about tying knots, tying on hooks and overall safety while fishing. At completion of the clinic, each one received a rod and reel, T-shirt, hat and bait. Rod and reels are furnished by FishFloridatag.org.

The kids fished from docks, bridges and boats. They were allowed to fish the Carrabelle River up to Dog Island. Entries weighed-in at C-Quarters, and a hot dog lunch was provided by C-Quarters.

FISH FLORIDA

WINNERS

The following are the tourney's top finishers:

SPECKLED TROUT

1. Jacob Thompson
2. Braxton McKnight
3. Hunter Pitts

CATFISH

1. Rosie Davis
2. Bobby Joe Pedrick
3. Lucy Edwards

PINFISH

1. Destiny Murphy
2. Brandon Tarantino
3. Zachary Mock

SPANISH MACKEREL

1. Ally White
2. Corey Jenison
3. Jabin Thompson

FLOUNDER

1. Colton Thomas
2. Cailyn Thomas
3. Gerald Messer

SEA BASS

1. Dawson Beebe
2. Wyatt McLean
3. Dalton Knapp

LADY FISH

1. Baydon Bradshaw
2. Anne Grace Bradshaw
3. Marina O'Neal

CROAKER

1. Isaac Posner
2. Dylan Burch
3. Bently Herndon

Hooked on OUTDOORS

If you got up early enough on weekends a few years back, you will surely remember a television show on Fox 28 called "Bottom Time."

It featured Capt. Laney T. Rinehart and his sidekick.

Capt. Laney and his guest host would spin some pretty tall yarns that people who never had dived would have a hard time believing. They also would show some fine underwater footage shot on actual film, instead of video as is done today.

I had heard of Capt. Laney for some time before we met. After seeing him on Fox, I made it an emphasis to meet this man I had heard so much about for years. Capt. Laney and I had a lot in common, and we became friends almost immediately.

Capt. Laney gave me a copy of his diving book, "The Captain's Guide to Wrecks and Reefs," which I will cherish forever. If you are new to diving or fishing, I would recommend picking up this book, because I guarantee it will come in handy. It is loaded with diving and fishing spots that aren't readily available elsewhere.

I hadn't seen Capt. Laney very much of late, but when I did, we talked diving. He even

invited me to go along on a treasure hunt for gold here in Bay County. I suppose that gold never will be found, and we won't

be able to make that trip because Capt. Laney died recently in a local hospital.

Laney Rinehart was one of those people I wished I had met years ago. The next time you go by

Captain Anderson's Restaurant, take a good look at the giant ship propeller at the entrance. Capt. Laney is responsible for it being there. There is a great story that goes along with that propeller, and you can read about it in his "Wrecks and Reefs."

If you ever met Capt. Laney, you would probably agree with me that he was an interesting man. I will miss him, and I'm sure many others will, too. On the last page of his book he ended it this way:

OH, GOD.

Grant us a safe journey and let us enjoy each and others company.

Shorten the nights and lengthen the days of our lives.

Please give us dominion over all living things,

Calm the seas and allow our vessel to be afloat every morning.

Our vessel is so small and thy sea is so great. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA FREEDOM NEWSPAPERS

TOP: Matt Fender displays his a 27-inch, 6-pound trout caught recently in East St. Andrew Bay. ABOVE: Mary Nell Stone caught this 2-pound, 6-ounce brim at Hobbs Farm in Chipley.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Freshwater

The freshwater fishing has been improving the last few weeks. Good reports from the Fishermans Landing of nice catfish and red breast bream caught on crickets in Howard Creek. Sheepshead are being caught in the Brothers using fresh crawfish and shrimp. Not much is happening in Depot Creek, but Lake Wimico has produced a few nice bass.

Inshore

At the peak of summertime heat, inshore fishing in St. Joe Bay will be more challenging this month. Try fishing around Pig Island for early morning topwater trout action. More and more flounder are showing up recently with fish in the 4 to 5-pound range. Fresh shrimp or bull minnows make for great flounder bait and usually work well at the "sea wall" in St. Joe Marina.

Offshore

Most action this month will be trolling for kingfish; however, amberjack are now back on the menu as of Aug. 1. Red grouper fishing has been very good, and most fish are caught in the 60 to 120-foot range fishing over live or hard bottom. Black sea bass bite is also very good right now. Try fishing 20-pound tackle or lighter and cut bait such as squid or bonita strips for nonstop action.



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PLACE TO SHOP

Quinn close to signing with Phillies

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The Philadelphia Phillies provided something of a recruiting trip for Port St. Joe's Roman Quinn this past week.

Quinn, the Phillies' second-round pick in June's Major League Baseball amateur draft, spent three days in Philadelphia courtesy of the team.

Quinn is the highest-drafted player ever out of Gulf County. Former high school stars Brian Jenkins from Port St. Joe and Brandon Jones of Wewahitchka were fifth- and sixth-round picks, respectively.

"It still hasn't really sunk in yet, not really," Quinn said.

Quinn said that during his trip to the City of Brotherly

Love, he got to meet and mingle with the players, meet Manager Charlie Manuel and even get on the field for some batting practice and to field a few ground balls.

"It was the greatest experience," Quinn said. "It just made me want to get to where they were. The players and everybody treated me real well."

"I got to take batting practice at (Citizens Bank Ballpark) and hit two out, one from each side (of the plate). That felt really good."

Quinn, who also signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Florida State University, said he's been busy working out this summer while negotiating with the Phillies.

He wakes each day at 6 a.m.

for a morning run and returns to the field with a trainer each evening for fielding drills and batting practice, he said.

"I've been working real hard all summer," Quinn said. "The Phillies gave me tips on the right things to eat and about my workouts. I've been hard at it."

Much of the Phillies' focus this summer, he added, has been on coming to terms with their first-round pick, who was asking more than the Phillies were willing to pay, Quinn said.

He added that he is slotted into a position where his contract would be well into six figures, likely in the range of \$600,000.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Speed is what most attracted scouts to Roman Quinn, who had one of the fastest 60-yard dash times in the June MLB amateur draft.

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Big River Riders compete at regional

Star Staff Report

Approximately 384 4-H participants from 13 states that comprise the Southern Regional Area for 4-H competition converged on the Tunica Arena and Exposition Center in Tunica, Miss., last week.

They were there to compete in the regional competition. Of those 384, three were from Gulf County — Big River Riders 4-H Horse Club members Alicia Allison, Kayla Lindsey and Hayley Smith.

Participants competed in a variety of events, including Western Pleasure, English and Speed Events. Big River Riders members placed as follows: (Total participants per event: 64-75 entries).

- Alicia Allison — 32nd, Poles; 42nd, Barrels; 48th, Stake Race
- Kayla Lindsey — 35th, Barrels; 51st, Stake Race
- Hayley Smith — 17th, Pole Bending; 20th, Barrels

The girls didn't make it to the finals, but they gave their heart and soul to make Gulf County and Florida proud.

Big River Riders had approximately 20 parents, grandparents, 4-H leaders and supporters on the trip to support the regional participants.

Big River Riders are so proud of these three young ladies who have worked very hard all year to make it this far at the end of the 4-H year, said Debra Elia of Big River Riders.

To top it all off, the competition was an opportunity for Allison and Smith to complete their final 4-H year with a bang.

Big River Riders would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, 4-H leaders, Gulf County supporters and sponsors who have supported them during this 4-H year, Elia said.

"We greatly appreciate all your support," she said.



FILE PHOTO

Port St. Joe's boys basketball program is the most decorated at the school, with eight state titles. However, the rise in private school powers has kept the Tiger Sharks from adding to their total.

Class by themselves

PSJ seeks return to dominance

By Brad Milner

Florida Freedom Newspapers

PORT ST. JOE — Derek Kurnitsky is no stranger to pressure. He coaches at Port St. Joe, after all. And boys basketball at that.

The Tiger Sharks and Malone long ruled the area's basketball landscape, Port St. Joe under legendary coach Vern Eppinette, who led the school to five state championships from 1994-99. Port St. Joe has won eight titles in all and has appeared in a final game 10 times, including once under Kurnitsky, in 2007.

That season, Port St. Joe struggled to a 13-14 regular-season finish but put together a run in the regional tournament. It culminated with a 66-63 overtime victory over Tampa Prep in the state semifinal. The elation of reaching the school's 10th title game and first since 2000 soon waned even before the Tiger Sharks took the court in the 2A finale.

The opponent was Jacksonville Arlington Country Day, which quickly became known as a manufacturer of Division I basketball talent. The school attracted foreign players in addition

to elite Florida players, and renounced its membership in the Florida High School Athletic Association in 2010. ACD won five straight 2A titles from 2005-09 and blasted PSJ 72-43.

"It really gets demoralizing," Kurnitsky said. "You work hard in the summer and in the offseason; then you work hard in the season."

"But you know you don't have a chance. You're playing against kids who are going to the Kentuckys and the Louisvilles — you just can't compete."

Kurnitsky's 2010-11 team featured two Division I signees, albeit in football and baseball, who were superb basketball players as well. The Tiger Sharks marched to the 2A semifinals but were dispatched by Weston Sagemont 58-37. Sagemont, one of many private schools to dominate the classification, went on to win the championship.

There will be no Sagemonts or ACDs or Tampa Preps in the way for PSJ during the next two seasons in Rural Class 1A. The only stumbling block for a Port St. Joe return to glory could

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A switch-hitter, Roman Quinn hit two out during a recent chance for batting practice with the Phillies in Philadelphia.

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Part of any deal, he added, would be a provision by which if Quinn chooses in three or four years not to continue his baseball career, the Phillies will pay for his schooling at the college of his choice.

"It's a win-win for me," Quinn said. "I'm very excited. It is a real blessing."

There is an Aug. 15 deadline set by the Phillies for Quinn to sign a contract.

"We should be getting something going in the next couple of days or the next week or so," Quinn said. "Right now I am leaning toward signing with the

Phillies."

If and when he signs, Quinn, drafted as a shortstop, would report to Clearwater and the Gulf Coast League Phillies for fall rookie ball.

He said the Phillies have provided him a goal, and the trip to Philadelphia served as reinforcement.

"It all depends on me, but they see me replacing (current shortstop) Jimmy Rollins in a few years," Quinn said with a chuckle. "It's all been a blessing."

"I'm very proud. I'm proud because I think I've worked hard for what I've got."

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be its own level of play, along with many area smaller-enrollment public schools that might have something to say to the contrary.

"Now when you have a good team, you'll be expected to do more," Kurnitsky said. "There's probably more pressure on me now, but at our school, there's always the pressure to win."

Port St. Joe is grouped into District 4 for basketball along with Blountstown, Bozeman, Franklin County, Liberty County, South Walton and West Gadsden. If the division had been in place last season, the classification would have featured a young Malone team on the rise, a Holmes County squad with a top college prospect and Chipley, which was unbeaten until meeting eventual state champion Tallahassee Rickards in the Region 1-3A final.

Rural bracketing last season would have put Chipley against PSJ in the state semifinal. The Tigers, removed from having to face Rickards and the large Tallahassee talent pool, would have enjoyed a distinct size advantage. PSJ would have featured Roman Quinn and Calvin Pryor, the aforementioned Division I talent, and the game would have been staged at The Lakeland Center.

"If you played that game at Chipola College, you couldn't get anyone else in the place," Kurnitsky said. "There are so many programs with a lot of tradition, and it would be nice to play them in the Final Four."

"This gives more people an opportunity to go to Lakeland. That's a great thing. Getting to Lakeland is a chance of a lifetime."

Port St. Joe Athletic Director Vern Barth said the new division will help not only the basketball team, but many sports at the school. Baseball will receive a boost, as will football, which Barth coaches.

"It gives everyone a fighting chance; all the kids in all the sports have renewed hope that they never



FILE PHOTO

Port St. Joe athletic coaches believe the new Rural Division provides more opportunities for small rural schools to compete deep into the state playoffs.

had before," Barth said. "We know that at the start of the season, with the right team, you have a chance to make it all the way. You have the feeling that it's wide open."

PSJ's football team has seen a dearth in overall talent in recent seasons but has produced great teams in the past, including a 2005 state titlist. Barth underscored the need for the rural division by pointing out that even though not impossible, beating teams such as Tallahassee North Florida Christian is extremely difficult, even in years with elevated talent.

"Watching them on film (in 2008) and knowing the common opponents they had been beating, it was

kind of depressing and sad," Barth said. "We had a good team, and they beat us soundly. I felt like our kids were cheated."

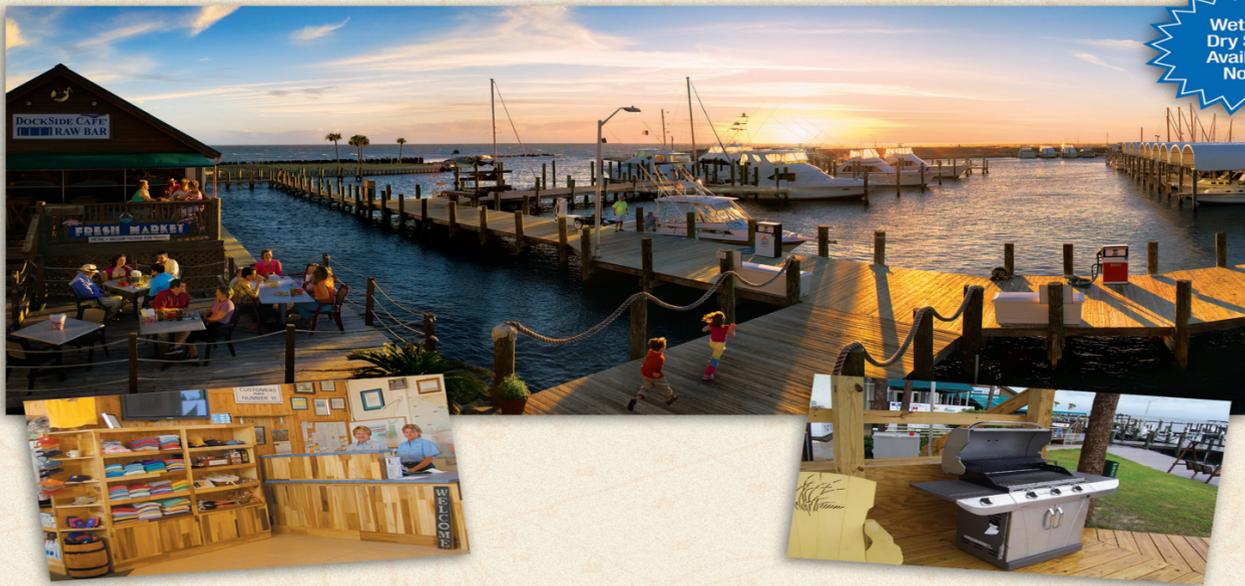
Barth sees no cheated teams in the rural classification. Kurnitsky agreed and answered critics who might have thought the movement to a smaller classification was motivated by anything but more equal competition.

"I hear a lot of people saying we're cry babies and we got what we wanted," Kurnitsky said. "All we want is to coach kids here in our local towns, not play against teams with overseas players. This is an opportunity for all of us to compete."

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Derek Kurnitsky, Port St. Joe basketball coach

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First Friday to have local flavor

Star Staff Report

The Gulf Alliance for the Local Arts (GALA) will offer a local flavor to this month's First Fridays Arts & Music series.

Local artist Russ Harrison is the featured artist, and the Curry Brothers Band will provide the music as First Fridays kicks off with a reception from 6-7 p.m. ET this Friday at the Port Inn.

The Curry Brothers Band will begin its set at 7 p.m. ET on the porch of the Thirsty Goat at the Port Inn.

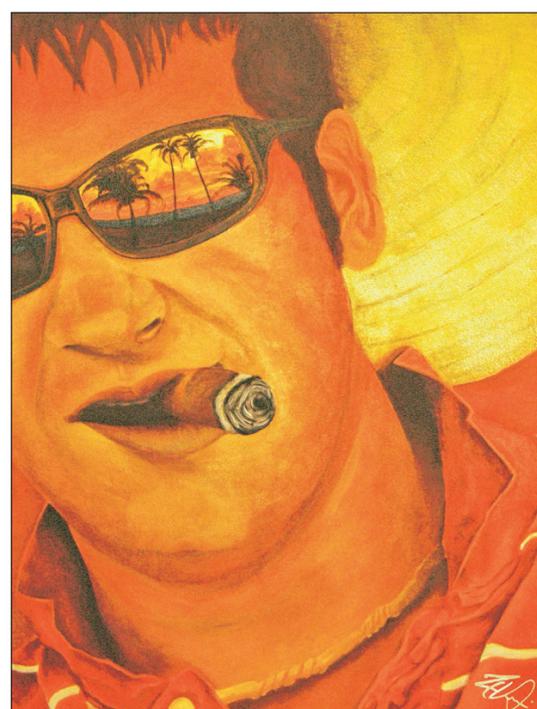
The Currys are a home-grown acoustic-folk duo native to the Forgotten Coast.

Incorporating elements of country, bluegrass, blues and rock, the Currys' music showcases thoughtful songwriting, unassuming instrumentation and beautiful vocal harmonies.

The band was formed when members Jimmy and Tommy Curry met each other over breakfast in June 2006 and agreed that they ought to take advantage of the fact that they shared both a last name and a living room.

The Curry brothers started playing locally over summers during college, frequently accompanied by singer-songwriter and cousin Galen Curry.

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Russ Harrison's "Self" portrait will be among the works on display at The Port Inn this month.

GALA to showcase young artists and performers

Special to The Star

The Gulf Alliance for Local Arts (GALA) is proud to present works and performances by the community's budding talents. Children who participated in the GALA Summer Arts Program will have the chance to present their works and acts from 5:30-7:30 p.m. ET Friday, Aug. 5, during a reception to honor their achievements.

The reception will be held at 309 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe, the same location used for the Plein Air Wet Room in May. This event is open to the public. All supporters of the arts are encouraged to attend. First Fridays festivities will follow the reception at the Port Inn.

The GALA Summer Arts Program was offered to local children ages 4 and up. The program, offered

free to the children, is funded by a grant received from the Jessie Ball duPont Port St. Joe Capacity Building Fund and includes visual and performing arts.

Approximately 100 children have been served by this program, according to Amber Davis, Summer Arts Program coordinator for GALA. Children had the option to enroll in one or more of the four disciplines, including clay, visual art, dance and theater, giving them a wide range of art exposure. Classes have been held over a span of eight weeks, beginning June 6 and ending Aug. 5.

Additional sponsorship for this program was provided in part by the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf's Arts In Medicine Program and the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.



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Centennial Bank recently donated to the Christian Community Development Fund because, branch manager Hiram Nix, back right, said, "They are doing things for the entire community."

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, A HOUSE OR SOUL AT A TIME

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

As Centennial Bank branch manager Hiram Nix was readying to provide a \$500 donation to the Christian Community Development Fund, his explanation for the bank's largesse was succinct.

"They (the CCDF) are doing things for the entire community," Nix said. "They cater to the elderly, to those in need. Centennial is a community bank. They want to support organizations in the community."

And there are few places in the community where the CCDF and its band of "elves of faith" do not tread.

From home repairs to assisting homebound elderly to providing needs assessment and outreach, the CCDF continues to leverage donated dollars and eager partners to improve the lives of many.

"That is how things work



Students from Auburn University have become more than just summer playmates for kids at Washington Gym. **Below**, students from Alabama who volunteer each summer, such as Ryan Woodson here, entertain kids with a wide variety of games.

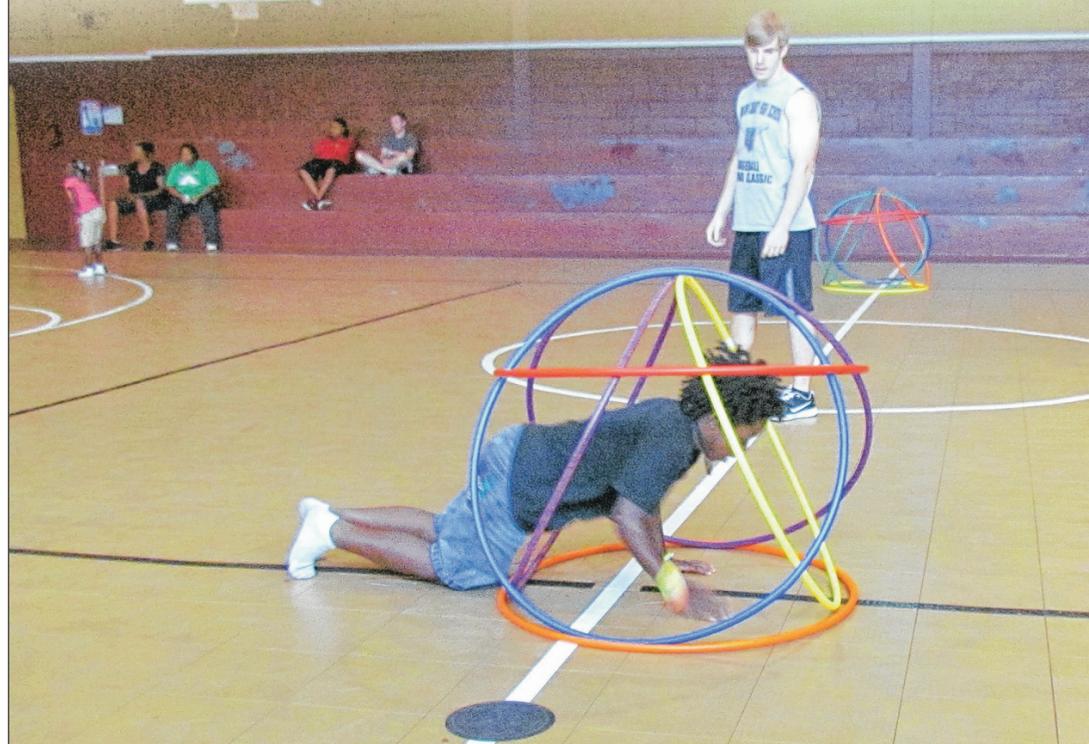
that are supposed to work," said Diana Burkett, who has served as executive director of the CCDF since the middle of the last decade. "My board is diverse, our staff is diverse. And I could go on and on about the people we work with because we always have people who are willing to help."

In all, counting students who come down annually from First

Baptist Church of Opelika (Ala.), Burkett can call on a volunteer force of some 600.

She has forged working relationships with groups such as the First United Methodist Church Men's Club, Covenant House and First Baptist Church of Wewahitchka, among many other

See **DIFFERENCE B8**



Sacred Heart steps in for athlete physicals

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The old adage about one door closing and another opening was on full display last week at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf.

As 107 middle- and high-school athletes from Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka were seen by at least 15 employees of Sacred Heart, all volunteering their time, the hospital fully stepped into a void to assist in providing free athletic physicals for the coming school year.

The void was left by state budget cuts that impacted the

Gulf County Health Department, leaving the department short on resources it had tapped for years to provide the physicals — a requirement for participation — for student-athletes.

Rick Williams with Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic approached Sacred Heart about taking on the work.

"I told him yes, we would," said Kathy Chastain, interim chief nursing officer at the hospital. "We enjoyed it."

Chastain set to work immediately after speaking with Williams about putting staff in place and

ensuring facility space to accommodate the athletes.

"Sacred Heart's mission has been, ever since we've come to the community, is to help the community and be a part of the community," Chastain said. "This is always our desire to be active in the community and participate in community activities."

Chastain said the staff was on board as well.

In total, 12 staff members from the hospital in addition to

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Rick Williams with Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic was among the volunteers who helped more than 100 middle- and high-school athletes receive free physicals through Sacred Heart on the Gulf.

FREA honors PSJ's Phillips

Star Staff Report

Ruth Phillips, a member of the Franklin/Gulf Retired Educator Association Local Unit, was presented with the 2011 Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA) District II Community Service Volunteer of the Year Award. The award was presented to her at the FREA Assembly and Convention Annual Meeting, held June 1-3 at the Hilton Hotel at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando.

District II comprises Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla counties.

Phillips, a Port St. Joe teacher who retired with 34 years of service, reported 868 hours of community volunteer service for 2010-2011. Her volunteer work at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Port St. Joe includes duties as treasurer; an usher and a choir member. She enjoys mission work and has conducted etiquette workshops for teenagers. She also visits the sick and prepares programs for Black History Month.

Phillips is a member of the Gulf Coast Workforce Development Board and the Washington Improvement Group Board (WIG). Her



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Ruth Phillips holds her FREA District II Community Service Award Certificate, presented to her by Jody Scruggs, FREA Community Service Award chairman.

contributions as a board member include assisting with grant writing and solving student problems.

Other F/GREA members in attendance at the Assembly meeting were Christine White, F/GREA president, and her husband, Carl; Beverly Kelley, FREA District II trustee; and Arlene M. Oehler, FREA District II literacy chairman.

F/GREA membership is open to

anyone who has retired from the education field under the Florida Retirement System with five or more years of service, or anyone who has retired from the educational system of any other state or from any privately funded or parochial school with five or more years of service. For information, call Margarita at 697-4200 or Christine at 229-6693.

August: the month of caterpillar invasion

Do branches on your tree look like someone stripped the leaves off,



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

rolled up the leaves, or spun thick silken webs together? Chances are a moth or butterfly laid some eggs nearby that hatched

into some very hungry caterpillars.

During late summer, caterpillars cause problems for gardeners all over our state. As you know, caterpillars are the larval stage of butterflies and moths. Though many of the winged adults are attractive, the damage caused by the larvae certainly is not. Because caterpillars are ravenous feeders, they can cause considerable damage in a short time. Early detection and prompt countermeasures are important.

There are many kinds of pest caterpillars, far too many to cover in a single article. I'll talk about a few of the common ones you may encounter, and comment on some basic control measure. My information was provided by Extension entomologist Dr. Eileen A. Buss, of The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Sod webworms and fall army worms seriously damage lawns. It's not unusual for both to attack at the same time. Webworms are the smaller of the two species, reaching a length of only about 3/4 of an inch, compared to 1 1/2 inches for army worms. In general, both are greenish in the young state, turning brown as they mature. Their feeding is similar, resulting in notched or ragged leaf edges. However, webworms tend to feed in patches, while army worms cause more scattered damage.

The orange dog caterpillar is a common pest on citrus trees; it's black with white markings, and slimy looking. Its eggs, which look like small yellow beads, are laid on the newest plant growth. At maturity, the orange

dog becomes a swallowtail butterfly.

If you've ever suddenly felt a sharp stinging sensation while pruning a plant, you might have been in contact with an io (eye-oh) moth caterpillar. This caterpillar is pale green with two stripes — one white and one maroon — down both sides of its body. It has many clumps of stiff poisonous hairs. Touching these is painful to most people. In some cases, the reaction is bad enough to require hospitalization. The io moth caterpillar, which is only one of several stinging varieties, is found on such plants as hibiscus, poinsettias, palms and many others.

Caterpillars can be controlled mechanically or with chemical sprays. If the caterpillars are large and few in number, they can be removed from plants by hand. If egg masses are recognized, these can be destroyed before they hatch. Chemical control material includes Sevin, Malathion and Bacillus thuringiensis (thur-in-gee-en-sis).

Sevin is a stomach poison that's good to use on small caterpillars that are hard to find. However, Sevin isn't a very good contact poison. So it can't be used against caterpillars that are already quite large.

Malathion is a good contact poison but a poor stomach poison. So it's best for use on large caterpillars. Malathion must be applied thoroughly to ensure contact with all the caterpillars. This can sometimes be hard to do, especially on large shrubs and trees.

Bacillus thuringiensis isn't a chemical. It's a bacterial concentrate that's deadly only to caterpillars. It won't harm other insects.

When applying pesticides, always use caution and common sense. Avoid contact with the concentrate, and stay out of the spray drift. Read the product label carefully, and follow all directions exactly.

For more information on controlling caterpillars, contact The Gulf County IFAS Cooperative Extension Service or visit our website, <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Garden Club raffle Aug. 11

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Garden Club is raffling a full year's membership in the club. Membership includes luncheon meetings at noon ET on the second Thursday of each month, educational and interesting programs, a garden club yearbook, subscription to the quarterly magazine The Florida Gardener, community service projects, plant swaps with other members, a Christmas party, affiliation with the Florida

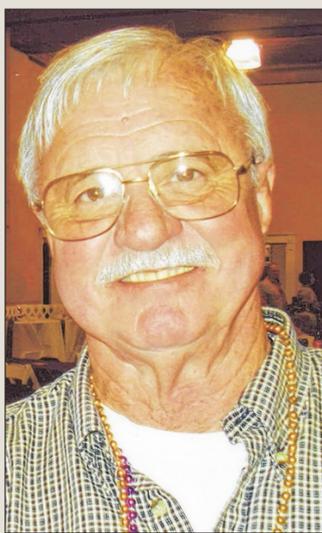
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The school faculty is excited about the upcoming school year and welcoming all returning students and parents as well as new students and parents. Also, the staff and faculty would like to extend the opportunity for each of you to meet our new

principal, Jeremy Knapp. Knapp comes to us from Virginia, and the district is excited to welcome him to the Port St. Joe High School family.

If you have any questions about the open house, please call the school at 850-229-8251.



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Wewahitchka's Alicia Allison earns scholarship

Star Staff Report

The North Florida Fair Association has announced the 2011 winner of the annual Lloyd Rhoden Scholarship. The scholarship fund was established in 1985 to honor the late Lloyd Rhoden, former manager of the fair and retired 4-H County Extension director.

Each year, the fair association chooses a student who plans to major in an agricultural field at a Florida institution of higher learning. The annual award continues up to four years as long as the recipient continues to meet the requirements.

This year's Lloyd Rhoden Agricultural Scholarship goes to Alicia Allison of Wewahitchka. Allison is the daughter of Barbara and Johnny Taunton. Along with being an active member in her local 4-H Club, Big River Riders, Allison has been a team player and captain of the varsity volleyball team, and a member of the Student Government Association at Wewahitchka High School.

As an active member in 4-H, Allison has participated in many activities at the local, district and state levels. She has served as president and vice president at both the local and district levels and has helped with fundraisers and been involved on committees at the state level. Allison has also been a 4-H Camp counselor for the past four years.

Through her experience in 4-H,



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

ALICIA ALLISON

Allison has gained knowledge in many areas of agriculture and has a special passion for horses, which she says are "the love of her life." Her love for these animals has spurred a desire to seek a degree in the animal sciences with a goal of becoming a fully licensed equine veterinarian in Gulf County.

The North Florida Fair Association applauds its 2011 Lloyd Rhoden Agriculture Scholarship winner. Since the scholarship began, more than \$148,000 has been made available to recipients to further their education.

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH NOTICE OF SECOND PUBIC HEARING

The City of Mexico Beach is applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a grant under the Housing Rehabilitation category in the amount of \$600,000 under the FFY2011 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For each activity that is proposed, 70% of the funds must benefit low to moderate income (LMI) persons. For each activities, dollar amount and estimated percentage benefit to low and moderate income persons for which the City is applying are:

Activity	Budget (Approximately)	LMI
Housing Rehabilitation	\$495,000	100%
Temporary Relocation	\$15,000	100%
Administration	\$90,000	N/A
TOTAL BUDGET	\$600,000	

The City has adopted an anti-displacement and relocation plan as part of the grant requirements. The City will assist displaced persons with grant funds, as indicated in the budget and policy.

A Public Hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held during a City Council Meeting on August 9, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Mexico Beach Civic Center, 105 N. 31st Street, Mexico Beach, FL. 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 Mexico Beach City Hall, Mon-Fri between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., no more than five days after August 15, 2011. The application will be submitted to DCA on or before August 15, 2011 (or later if the application deadline is extended). To obtain additional information concerning the application and the Public Hearing contact Mr. Chris Hubbard, City Administrator, at (850) 648-5700, (TDD) (800) 955-8770.

This is handicapped accessible facility. Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact Debbie McLeod, City Clerk, at 1202 Highway 98, Mexico Beach, Florida 32456; or by phone at (850) 648-5700 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, and you possess TDD equipment, you may contact the City Clerk using the Florida Dual Party Relay System, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8770 (TDD).

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

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Obituaries

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Strang

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Strang, 82, of Port St. Joe, Fla., passed away Monday, August 1, 2011, at her residence.

She moved to the area in 1986, from Old Fort, Ohio. Mrs. Strang was a teacher and musician. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Port St. Joe, the United Daughters Confederacies, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Kentucky Genealogy Society. Mrs. Strang played the organ at her

church. Her hobbies were genealogy and painting.

Mrs. Strang is survived by her husband, William Strang; two sons, Peter C. Strang and wife Sukanwa Jett, and David W. Strang; sister, Susan R. Mathewson; grandchild, Celine E. Strang; and her standard poodle, Booboo, and her cat, Qwa Qwa.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Southerland Family Funeral Home, Port St. Joe, is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Grace Morse

1947 - 2011



EVELYN GRACE MORSE

She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of Wewahitchka Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Richard A. Morse; her children, Earl Nichols and wife Robin of Bradenton, FL, and Eddie Nichols and wife Teri of Wewahitchka; her grandchildren, Dustin and wife Krystalle, Devin, Wyatt, Kristen and Kimber;

her brothers, Hal Kennedy of Bradenton and David Kennedy of Ocala; and her sister, Donna Pearson of Georgia. She was preceded in death by her parents, Therman and Christine Kennedy; and an infant son, Danny Ray.

Funeral services were at noon CT on Monday, August 1, 2011, at the Wewahitchka Church

of Christ with Rev. Jack Reese officiating. Interment followed at Roberts Cemetery. Visitation was held on Sunday, July 31, 2011, at the Wewahitchka Church of Christ.

Those wishing to extend a word of condolence may do so at www.heritagefhllc.com.

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Henry Grady Lee Stephens



HENRY GRADY LEE STEPHENS

Henry Grady Lee Stephens of Port St. Joe passed away Friday, July 22, 2011, in Select Specialty Care after an extended illness. Lee was born on May 6, 1933, in Indianola, Mississippi.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Katherine Stephens; a sister, Ann Dasher; and a stepson, Charles Kilbourn, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Mary Agnes Kilbourn-Stephens; three sons, Tom (Beverly) Stephens and Stan (Valerie) Stephens

of Panama City, and Scott (Randy) Stephens of West Palm Beach; a brother, Earl Stephens of Fairburn, GA; a sister, Betty Conrad of Las Vegas, NV; a grandson, Michael (Katherine) Stephens of Panama City; two stepsons, Mark and Michael Kilbourn of Port St. Joe; one step-grandson, Tim Smith; and two step-granddaughters, Katie and Miranda Kilbourn of Port St. Joe.

Lee attended Millville Elementary School, Bay High School and William and Mary College. He served eight years in the U.S. Army as a ballistic expert and as an MP. After his tour in the service, he worked in the Laboratory at St. Joe Paper Company until his retirement.

Visitation was from noon to 1:30 p.m. CT on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Kent Forest Lawn Funeral Home with graveside

services following at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens with Pastor Howard Browning officiating.

Pallbearers were Tom, Scott, and Michael Stephens, Mark and Michael Kilbourn, and Sam Dasher.

Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted online at www.kentforestlawn.com.

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Sunday School 11:00 AM



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Discipline is on the way

God has not said a word to me,
But I read the Bible and I see.
Discipline is coming to the U.S.A.
The leadership is rotten, faith is fading away.
Idols have taken the place of God.
Nothing is sacred in the land we trod.
Women marrying women, men marrying men.
I wonder how long He'll put up with this sin?
Good folks don't want the homeless around,
I guess they're afraid it'll run the neighborhood down.
Jeremiah had some of these problems many years ago.

He told the people about it, but they didn't believe him though.
I don't know when this discipline is coming, but it will come my friend.
My prayer is that you submit to His discipline or it could possibly be the end.
We as Christians should see it coming, we're long overdue.
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Jeff Pinder Pastor
Buddy Caswell, Minister of Music & Education
Bobby Alexander, Minister to Students

New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church

Sunday	Wednesday
Sunday School9:00 am	Children's Choir5:30 pm
Worship Service10:30 am	Prayer Meeting6:30 pm
Sunday Night Awana.....5 pm - 7 pm	Children's Ministry Activities6:30 pm
Youth Groups5:30 pm	Youth Ministry Activities...6:30 pm

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Psalm 29:2

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Sunday Morning Worship11 a.m.	Wednesday Evening Service 7 p.m.

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Schedule of Worship Services

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:00 AM
Morning worship all ages	10:00 AM
Wednesday	
Mid Week Bible Study	6:00 PM
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Green Industries Best Management Practices class Aug. 11

Star Staff Report

A Green Industries Best Management Practices class for Calhoun and adjacent counties will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CT on Aug. 11 at the Calhoun County Extension office in Blountstown.

This class is designed to provide training in Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMPs) for anyone working in the lawn, landscape, pest control or municipal grounds areas.

Florida Senate Bill 494 states that all commercial fertilizer applicators must have a license from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) by January 1, 2014. To get this license, each green industry worker must be trained in the GI-BMPs and receive a certificate of completion from the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

and Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Additionally, many green industry workers voluntarily participate in the program to better serve their clients.

At the end of this training, a post-test will be given to determine knowledge learned. If the post-test is successfully completed (passing score 75 percent), a Green Industries BMP certificate of completion will be mailed. Pesticide applicators can receive CEUs from this class.

To register and for more information, contact Northwest Florida GI-BMP Regional Coordinator Hector Rivera at Hector.Rivera@dep.state.fl.us or 850-245-8086.

Also note that Rivera will be recruiting and training new instructors for this program in Northwest Florida, and taking the class is the first step. For more information about the program and instructor requirements, please contact Rivera.

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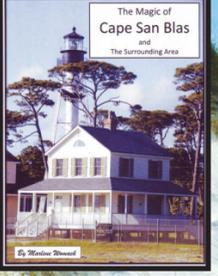
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Fri, Aug 5	90°	78°	40 %
Sat, Aug 6	88°	78°	40 %
Sun, Aug 7	89°	78°	40 %
Mon, Aug 8	88°	78°	40 %
Tues, Aug 9	89°	78°	40 %
Wed, Aug 10	89°	77°	30 %

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

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

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

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

St. Joseph Bay

Date	Time	Height	Direction	Current
8/4	Thu 02:32AM	1.2	H	10:33AM 0.6 L
8/5	Fri 02:51AM	1.4	H	12:45PM 0.2 L
8/6	Sat 03:35AM	1.7	H	02:22PM 0.1 L
8/7	Sun 04:33AM	1.9	H	03:40PM -0.1 L
8/8	Mon 05:40AM	2.0	H	04:47PM -0.2 L
8/9	Tue 06:49AM	2.0	H	05:44PM -0.2 L
8/10	Wed 07:52AM	2.0	H	06:29PM -0.2 L

Apalachicola Bay, West Pass

Date	Time	Height	Direction	Current
8/4	Thu 12:59AM	0.6	L	07:07AM 1.5 H
	02:05PM	0.5	L	08:15PM 1.2 H
8/5	Fri 01:23AM	0.9	L	07:33AM 1.6 H
	03:23PM	0.4	L	09:58PM 1.0 H
8/6	Sat 01:40AM	1.1	L	08:07AM 1.7 H
	04:52PM	0.3	L	
8/7	Sun 08:49AM	1.7	H	06:17PM 0.1 L
8/8	Mon 09:43AM	1.7	H	07:29PM 0.0 L
8/9	Tue 10:52AM	1.6	H	08:27PM 0.0 L
8/10	Wed 04:33AM	1.3	H	07:02AM 1.4 L
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As Deputy Clerk
August 4, 11, 2011

3412S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

BID #011-29

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

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Please place YOUR COMPANY NAME, SEALED BID, and the BID NUMBER on the outside of your envelope, and provide three copies of your proposal.

Bids must be submitted to and specifications may be obtained from the Gulf County Clerk's Office at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456 by 4:30 p.m., E.T. on Friday, August 12, 2011. Bids will be opened at this same location on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., E.T. Specifications may also be viewed at www.gulfcourt-fl.gov.

Any questions concerning this bid should be directed to Lynn Lanier, Gulf County Deputy Administrator at (850) 229-6106 or (850) 227-8973.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
Warren J. Yeager, Jr., Chairman
Attest: Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk
August 4, 2011

3433S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY.

IN RE: The Estate of RICHARD W. LaFERLE, deceased.

Case No. 11-54-PR
In Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

The administration of the estate of Richard W. LaFerle, deceased, File Number 11-54-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.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 4, 2011.

THOMAS S. GIBSON
Personal Representative
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Port St. Joe, FL 32457
THOMAS S. GIBSON RISH, GIBSON & SCHOLZ, PA.
116 Sailors Cove Drive
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FL Bar No. 0350583
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
August 4, 11, 2011

3430S PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gulf Coast Working Force Board is seeking Public Comment on a proposed change to its 2009-2010 Local

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Workforce Services Plan, as required by the Workforce Investment Act. Plan copies are available at the Board office; please call 850-913-3285 to arrange to see the plan or you may request the plan electronically from dwilliams@gcwb.org. All comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days of this posting.
August 4, 2011

3444S FAIR HOUSING PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The City of Mexico Beach will conduct a fair housing meeting on August 9, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter during a regular City Council meeting in the Mexico Beach Civic Center, 105 N. 31st Street, Mexico Beach, FL. This meeting is intended to provide the public with general information concerning fair housing requirements. Anyone interested in understanding the importance of fair housing should attend.

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3449S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 23-2009-CA-000337

RBC CENTURA BANK Plaintiff,
vs.

W. BROOKE MILES A/K/A WILBUR BROOKS MILES, et al. Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 23-2009-CA-000337 of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for GULF COUNTY, Florida, wherein, RBC CENTURA BANK, is Plaintiff, and, W. BROOKE MILES A/K/A WILBUR BROOKS MILES, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, at the hour of 11:00 AM ET, on the 25th day of August, 2011, the following described property:

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DATED this 29th day of July, 2011.

REBECCA L. (BECKY) NORRIS
Clerk Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
August 4, 11, 2011

3406S NOTICE OF SELL

Notice is hereby given that Bayou Storage, pursuant to FS83.806, will dispose of or offer for sale after August 11, 2011, the contents in Unit #108, belonging to the following tenant, Brandon Ritchie. Storage content may be redeemed by owner prior to August 11, 2011, for cash only.
July 28, August 4, 2011

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3465S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 10-197 CA

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for the register holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc. Trust 2007-NC4 Mortgage Pass through certificates, Series 2007-NC4, Plaintiff,
vs.

Kimberly Franklin, Unknown Spouse of Kimberly Franklin Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, Unknown Tenant #1, and Unknown Tenant #2 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment dated July 26, 2011, and entered in Case No. 10-197 CA of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for the register holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc. Trust 2007-NC4 Mortgage Pass through certificates, Series 2007-NC4, is Plaintiff and Kimberly Franklin, Unknown Spouse of Kimberly Franklin Gulf County Board of Commissioners, Unknown Tenant #1, and Unknown Tenant #2, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. ET, on the 25th day of August, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 5, Block 90, St. Joseph's Addition to the City of Port St. Joe, Unit 2, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 29 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Clarified & Okon, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Curry Brothers Band will perform during First Fridays festivities this Friday.

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In April 2011, the three Currys released their self-titled debut EP. The Currys have been performing and recording in and around the Port St. Joe/Apalachicola area in July and August. For more information and music, go to www.tommmycurry.com.

The Port Inn is at the corner of U.S. Highway 98 and Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard in Port St. Joe. First Fridays is free and open to the public. This series is presented by GALA and sponsored by the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

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three employees from the Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Clinic assisted in the screenings, which took place over three hours last Thursday. Joining them were Williams from TOC, Dr. Tom Curry from Port St. Joe and Clay Masters, a registered nurse practitioner at the hospital, who along with Chastain coordinated staffing and stations for each component of the physicals. "It was all volunteer, which is really very nice," Chastain said. "Everybody

who was working was giving up their time. It was a total donation." Sacred Heart provided the facilities, the lower floor of the Medical Office Building on the hospital campus, and the needed equipment, and staff from the Eye Center of North Florida also assisted. Chastain said the hospital will provide the athletic screenings moving forward. "(Dr.) Roger Hall, our president, was quite pleased, and he fully endorsed it," Chastain said.

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like-minded organizations. Those volunteer ranks allow Burkett to tout that in the past six years, the CCDF has performed home repairs — everything from a wheelchair ramp to replacing a home's roof — on nearly 420 homes, primarily in needy areas at both ends of the county.

"There is proof in that volunteerism in that when we do a house, we don't pay anybody for labor," Burkett said, adding that the work leads to more donations, which lead to more work and more donations in a small circle of life.

"If you do it and do it right, when you call people (for donations or other forms of assistance), they'll say, 'For you, we'll do it.'"

The CCDF's partnership with the church in Opelika has been particularly transformational.

Students flock by the hundreds twice a year to Gulf County, in the spring to perform weeks of home repairs and each summer to spread their faith and fellowship with any and all willing to pull up a chair and give a listen.

The students have also been significantly involved in the summer programs at Washington Gym, playing games with the kids and providing daily values lessons.



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Home repairs such as the garage roof rehab are just a part of the mission of the CCDF and its roughly 600 volunteers.

"The outreach is more than restoring homes; they were led by Christ to minister," said Linda Willis, who serves as something of a second mom for the students while they are in Gulf County.

"They are reaching out in other areas, not just spiritual. They have done more for reunification in our community, done more to bridge black and white, than anybody I've seen. I will miss them."

The transformation in the neighborhood of North Port St. Joe, a predominantly African-American community that has embraced the mostly white students as their own, has been striking.

From serving meals to telling kids about their faith to just an afternoon playing games such as Frisbee relay in the gym, the students provide a friend, a mentor, a playmate, a shoulder.

"Overall, it's been a really good trip," said Auburn University student William Calhoun, who just completed his fourth trip to the community last week.

"The transformation has been tremendous. At first a lot of the people were kind of standoffish. But through the years, as they have learned we are coming from love, they have become much more

friendly and embraced us." Added fellow student Caroline Campbell, making her first trip, "I didn't expect it to be quite like this. The kids jump all over you. They love us and want to love us and want us to love them."

The students not only interacted daily with the youngsters, but spent two nights a week singing songs and exchanging fellowship with residents of The Bridge assisted living facility, often with the dementia patients.

Dan Jackson recalled one night when a man whose memory is dimming suddenly started crying as the group sang a song that was his wife's favorite. While the man had trouble with simple memories, he could recall the words of the song.

"That kind of emotional response is overwhelming," Jackson said.

Ryan Woodson recalled a similar episode, where a woman with scant ability to remember the activities of the day broke out in song to "Jesus Loves Me," hitting every word and note.

"To see stuff like that is incredible," Woodson said. And something Burkett is focused on as the next growth spurt for CCDF.

She is hoping to form a partnership with county Emergency Medical Services, the Senior

Citizens Center, the sheriff's office and her volunteers to establish a program she called KISS — Keeping Independent Seniors Safe.

Under the program, for which she has secured funding through one of the CCDF's many partners, volunteers would check on seniors who live alone, ensuring that all is well.

"Our goal is to get these volunteers more involved with our senior citizens, to make sure their medicines and contact numbers are listed in a prominent place in their home," Burkett said. "I've got things lined up, volunteers lined up, and I want to create a call system to check on our seniors."

"We want to go in for an overall picture. Rehab the house if needed, do a needs assessment and get them on our list. We want to make sure we care for these people continuously."

Burkett encourages people to check out the CCDF website, review the many partnerships and outreach programs, and consider a donation or forming a partnership with the CCDF.

As 418 homeowners — and at least 100 kids who participated in the Washington Gym summer program would attest — a donation or partnership can change a life.



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The City of Port St. Joe

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MASTER FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE WILL HOLD CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS:

WHEN: Tuesday August 9, 2011
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
WHERE: City Hall Commission Chambers
SUBJECT: Code Enforcement Violations at the following locations:

514 4th St. Owner Wendell & Helen Goodman
1303 McClelland Ave. Owner Marie Naegele

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WISH DISABILITIES ACT, person needing special accommodations to participate in this proceedings should contact Jim Anderson, City Clerk, City of Port St. Joe, at City Hall, Telephone No. 850/229-8261

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Variance Application - by Eugene Behage - for Parcel ID # 06316-006R - Located in Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - Encroachment into side setback next to Salinas Park.
2. Development Application - by Port St. Joe FLA LLC - For Parcels ID #'s 06252-010R, 06252 -000R, 06257-000R, 06257-200R - Located in Sections 25 & 36, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - Construct a Marina and RV Park.
3. Open Discussion
4. 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.