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PORT ST. JOE CITY COMMISSION

City moves to extend alcohol sales hours

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Port St. Joe city commissioners took a step toward amending alcohol sales hours in the city to match those of the county.

The effect would be extending until 2 a.m. ET from midnight the nightly closing time for establishments serving alcohol within city limits.

Commissioners acknowledged that the passions of two years ago when the commission approved

Sunday alcohol sales would likely emerge, but expressed little issue with what business owners argued would be a move that would bring additional revenue into the city and enhance safety on local roads.

"I don't have a big problem with it," Commissioner Bill Kennedy said. "I don't see it being a big change personally."

Kennedy, however, did add that he was not a drinker regardless of time of day.

Connie Butler of St. Joe Bar

said the extra two hours would make a difference for her establishment and other bars in the city.

Her customers, she said, were picking up and moving to a bar outside the city to continue their evenings. The hour differential was particularly rough on the bottom line come busy weekends, she added.

She had a petition signed by 242 patrons of her bar encouraging

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City adopts tentative millage, budget

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

As they did last year, Port St. Joe city commissioners are heading into budget-crafting season with a bit of flexibility in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Commissioners adopted a tentative millage rate of 4.0914, half a mill higher than the current 3.5914.

The tentative millage is just that — tentative. But state law mandates that a tentative millage be established by the first week of August, and once it is approved, commissioners have nowhere to go but down — they cannot increase the millage at this point, only decrease.

City Manager Charlie Weston

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Students back to school Monday

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

The cubbies and books are labeled carefully with each student's name.

Pencils are sharpened, and colorful bulletin boards hang in each classroom.

Desks are arranged in neat rows and pods, each with vibrant name tags. The building smells like fresh paste and new carpet.

The new school year begins Monday, Aug. 15, and teachers around Gulf County are preparing.

"You think you just come back in and get your room set up," said Brenda Wood, a fifth-grade reading and social studies teacher at Port St. Joe Elementary. "But it's a lot of mental work, really. Now it's all scheduling and training."

Last year's fifth-graders will be at PSJE for another year because budget cuts consolidated the middle and high schools, meaning elementary schools are back to kindergarten through sixth grade. The junior/senior high schools serve students in grades seven-12.

Fifth- and sixth-graders at each elementary school will be on a subject-area schedule.

"This way the teachers can teach their areas of strength," PSJE Assistant Principal Jo Clements said.

With another grade level to keep track of, Clements said a lot of creative scheduling, coordination

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PSJ City Hall dedicated to T.H. Stone

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Terrell Higdon Stone is recognized as the first pioneer of modern-day Port St. Joe.

That nothing in the city had been named after its first settler seemed an oversight to many, and last week, city officials formally dedicated City Hall in honor of T.H. Stone.

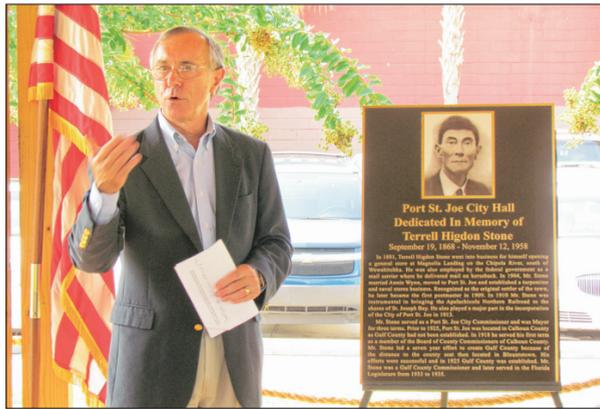
"A town is better off knowing some of its history, where it came from and how it came to be," said Virginia Harrison, a granddaughter of Stone who lives in Port St. Joe. "My grandfather loved this city, gave so much to this city, gave much of his fortune to this city."

"It was always the town he put first. I always thought it sad that nothing in the town was named for him. The family appreciates naming City Hall after him."

Stone was born in 1891, and as a young man operated a general store at Magnolia Landing south of Wewahitchka. He also delivered the mail on horseback as an employee of the federal government.

Stone's father purchased much of the land from what is now Beacon Hill to St. Joseph Peninsula — the peninsula state park is named in T.H. Stone's honor — through a tax deed purchase early in the 20th century.

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Mayor Mel Magidson unveils the plaque that will hang in Port St. Joe City Hall recognizing the accomplishments of city pioneer T.H. Stone. **Below**, a number of Stone's descendants attended last week's dedication ceremony, which closed with a family photo.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Stainless Steel Band, here playing on the deck at the El Governor Motel during last year's Aloha Summer, Aloha Fall festival, will be on hand to entertain again this year.

Saying goodbye to summer, hello to fall

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Aloha serves a dual function this weekend for Mexico Beach tourism officials.

The Mexico Beach Community Development Council (CDC) is sponsoring Aloha Summer, Aloha Fall this weekend, two days in which to bid summer adieu — ignore temperatures, please — and welcome the looming arrival of fall.

Aloha serves both roles, as it means hello and goodbye in Hawaiian.

The event was first held last

year and proved so popular it is vying with other events for a spot on the annual CDC events calendar.

"We did this last year in September," said Kimberly Shoaf, executive director of the CDC. "We wanted to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall. It was so successful last year, and we are optimistic it will be successful this year, and we will include it in our annual events."

"We are ready for fall. The sunsets are prettier, the beaches a little more thinned out, though there are still plenty of visitors in the area."

Funding for the event is aided by money from BP, which provided dollars to seven affected Florida counties for events to lure back visitors after last summer's oil spill scare — oil ultimately did not significantly impact local coastlines.

"The focus of it was to try to entice people to come back before school starts," Shoaf said, noting that August is generally a "soft" month for tourist-related businesses as school systems crank up around the Southeast. "This is a great event to come back to

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Catholic Charities to distribute \$3.5M in grants to N. Florida

By S. Brady Calhoun
Florida Freedom Newspapers

PANAMA CITY — Help, and a lot of cash, is on the way to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill victims in North Florida.

Catholic Charities, a social ministry of the Catholic Church, has been selected by the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors to administer a \$3.5 million fund that will assist local residents who were financially, emotionally or physically injured by the spill. The fund was created by an anonymous donation to the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.

The \$3.5 million will go to pro-

grams that serve Gulf, Franklin, Bay, Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties, officials wrote in a news release.

“The objective of the Fund for Gulf Communities is especially important because strengthening our nonprofit networks along with our communities will enable us to be much better equipped in the future to respond more rapidly and effectively to any challenges that may arise,” said Mark Dufva, executive director of Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida will get \$825,000 during the first round of funding. The group will use the money

for emergency assistance, financial literacy education and food pantry operations in Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach and Panama City, and for the expansion of the Bridges to Circles poverty initiative.

The first round will include a little more than \$1.6 million, officials wrote.

Legal Services of North Florida will get \$200,000 for paralegals and attorney time to support individuals, chiefly low-wage earners, and small businesses making BP claims.

The Families Count Host Homes Youth Initiative in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and

Walton counties will get \$100,000 to help teens who are not living at home complete high school.

Pensacola State College will get \$125,000 to help displaced workers complete GED or bachelor’s degree programs and get employed. The Perdido Bay Creek Tribe in Escambia County will get \$130,000 for a green jobs initiative, and the Muscogee Tribe in Walton County will get \$72,000 for emergency assistance and job preparation training for unemployed rural residents. The Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Northwest Florida Inc. in Bay County will get more than \$15,000.

These organizations and several others also will work with Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, which will provide program guidance, technical assistance and monitoring support to regional organizations, such as Catholic Charities.

The Rockefeller group is a nonprofit organization that currently advises on and manages more than \$200 million in annual giving, according to its website. It is based in New York City and patterns itself after John D. Rockefeller Sr., who in 1891 began to professionally manage his philanthropy “as if it were a business.”

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and cooperation are required to ensure each student’s needs are met.

“We have a whole new grade level this year, and we’re still registering two or three kids each day,” Clements said. “We’re steady getting new students, which is wonderful.”

After teaching first grade for nine years, Tonya Plair is ready to begin work as a fourth-grade teacher. She taught all but two of her new fourth-graders three years ago in the first grade.

“I’m excited to see the same group of kids again,” Plair said as she flattened the tape holding down a student’s name tag on the small desk.

“I’ve written each kid’s name about nine times,” Plair said, explaining that all of the books, cubbies and desks need to be labeled before the students walk in Monday.

This year, both Port St. Joe Elementary and Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High are welcoming new principals to their faculties.

Former district employee Sue Gannon will be leading PSJE this year, while Jeremy Knapp will be the new

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Jeremy Knapp, Port St. Joe High School principal

principal at Port St. Joe High School.

Lori Price remains the principal at Wewahitchka Elementary, and Debbie Baxley remains principal at Wewahitchka Junior/Senior High.

Knapp said the faculty has been busy working out scheduling kinks and training with new computer programs and technologies.

PSJHS will be implementing Student of the Month awards this year, recognizing outstanding students in two grade levels every month.

“I think the best thing is (for students) to come prepared and ready to try new things, make new friends and meet new people,” Knapp

said. “Don’t be afraid to try something new.”

Knapp recently moved from Virginia to be a part of PSJHS. He said he has been blown away by the friendliness and generosity of the community.

He said he looks forward to meeting as many students and parents as possible.

School starts Monday, Aug. 15. PSJE starts the day at 7:50 a.m. ET, with breakfast offered at 7:30 a.m., and releases students at 2:35 p.m. The first bell at PSJHS rings at 7:53 a.m. ET, and class begins at 8 a.m. School lets out at 3 p.m.

Wewahitchka start times are the same but on Central Time.



VALERIE GARMAN | The Star

Fourth-grade teacher Tonya Plair tapes down student’s name tags at Port St. Joe Elementary in preparation for the start of school.

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PRIZE HEADQUARTERS (Be here by 11 pm):
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the beach again before school.”

This year's Aloha Summer, Aloha Fall begins at 8:30 p.m. CT on Friday night when Movie Under the Stars presents "Lilo & Stitch," a movie for the whole family, at Under the Palms Park, just off Seventh Street. The movie is free.

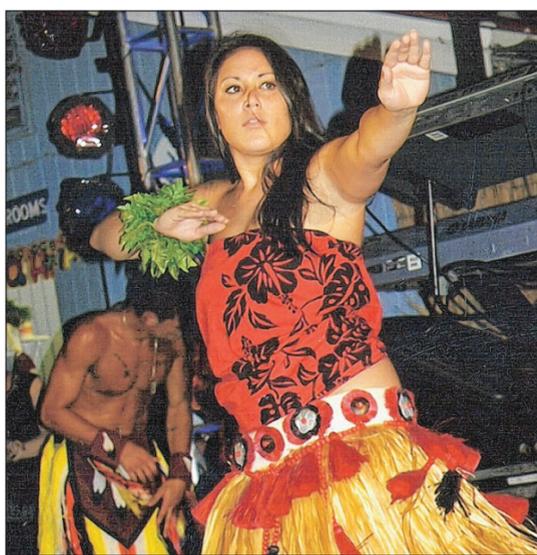
"People should not forget to bring their blankets and chairs," Shoaf said.

The event hits the high notes Saturday night with a festival Luau Party at the El Governor Motel.

There will be food, live music and entertainment beginning at 5 p.m. CT with the Stainless Steel Band out of Panama City, followed by local favorite Kevin Jacob's Band at 8 p.m. CT.

Tickets to the Luau Party are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Mexico Beach Welcome Center on the west end of town or at the door.

Also, for any visitor staying at a Mexico Beach lodging establishment, tickets



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Hawaiian dancers will also be part of the fun on Saturday night.

are part of the room price. The festival comes as beach collections in Mexico Beach are spiking up for the summer.

June collections, Shoaf said, were up 4.51 percent from last year and up from

2008-09, a year not affected by the BP oil spill.

"The visitors are coming back," Shoaf said. "And I think we captured some from last year who typically stayed at beaches west of us, like Destin and Panama

City Beach, and they came last year and just fell in love with area and beaches that are less crowded.

"July was crazy busy, so I am hopeful our numbers will be way up for July. We have mailed out a ton of visitors packets this year. We have had an overwhelming response this year."

And in many ways, the year is just getting under way. The annual Art and Wine Festival is looming, as is the popular Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association Kingfish Tournament, events which lure tourists from around the Southeast.

And then the snowbirds will begin arriving, starting the tourist calendar for another fiscal and calendar year.

"We love our snowbirds," Shoaf said.

Health Department to conduct health needs surveys

Star Staff Report

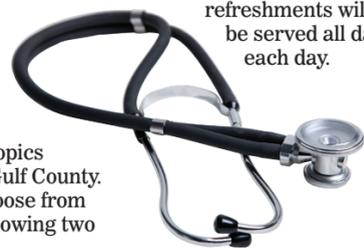
The Gulf County Health Department recently launched a countywide health needs assessment, and community feedback is needed. Community members are invited to complete surveys and discuss their thoughts on the quality of health care and many other topics available in Gulf County.

Please choose from one of the following two locations:

• Friday, Aug. 12, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET at the Cape San Blas Fire Station, 7590 Cape San Blas Road

• Monday, Aug. 15, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET at the Overstreet Fire Station, 580 Palmetto Drive.

Complimentary refreshments will be served all day each day.



Notice for Interested Contractors/ Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Multi-Family

Capital Area Community Action Agency has received federal funds for weatherizing Multi-Family units in Franklin and Gulf counties. Weatherization includes air infiltration reduction, insulation, repair/replacement of doors and windows, low-flow showerheads and compact fluorescent light bulbs repair/replacement of heating/cooling systems and water heaters. Work will begin October 1, 2011 and must be performed under the supervision of a state licensed contractor and is subject to Davis-Bacon requirements. Current contractors must re-apply. A Pre-BID conference will be held on Friday, August 19, 2011, 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Franklin Promise Community Room, 192 14th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, Apalachicola, FL. The RFQ is due no later than 5:00pm, Monday, August 29, 2011. To attend the Pre-BID conference, request an RFQ, or for more information, contact Mecarlo Richardson or Debbie Mabry, (850) 222-2043, fax (850) 270-9561, or debora.mabry@cacaainc.org.

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What Should You Know About Gas Odor?

Natural gas doesn't normally have an odor. A substance is added by your natural gas company to give natural gas a "rotten-egg" smell should it escape. Become familiar with the smell. Should you detect this odor, it does not positively tell you that there is a gas leak: but this is sufficient reason for you to call your gas company and have them investigate.

What Can You Do To Reduce The Possibility Of An Accident?

First keep the emergency phone number of your gas company handy. A good place to write this number is in the front of your

phonebook along with other emergency telephone numbers such as fire, police, etc. Other things which should be done to improve safety as well as conserve energy are:

1. Teach children that they are not to play with any appliances in the home.
2. Clean the burners and have them checked for proper adjustment periodically.
3. Repairs, installations and removal of appliances are jobs for qualified persons. Use only qualified people to do this work.
4. If lighting of an appliance is required. ALWAYS light match and hold at ignition point of burner before you turn on the gas.
5. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for operation and care of gas appliances.
6. Never take a chance. If you think you smell gas, call your gas company.

What Should Be Done If The Smell Of Gas Is Believed To Be Present?

There are many possible conditions which could be encountered, thus it

isn't possible to give specific instructions for every situation: The following examples provide general instructions which should assist:

1. If a slight odor is detected in a localized area or room of a building-do not use a match or other flame in the area; call the gas company immediately.
2. If a strong odor is detected in a building or other confined space-do not operate electrical switches, light matches or use an open flame; however, do open windows and doors to ventilate the area (caution: don't turn on exhaust fans) leave the building and call the gas company.
3. If a strong odor is detected in a building and/or va hissing sound is heard-do not operate electrical switches, lights or other devices: do evacuate the building leaving exit doors open on your way out, warn persons to stay clear of the building and call the fire department and gas company immediately from another location.
4. If the odor of gas is detected outside (in the yard, at the sidewalk, etc.)-immediately call the gas company.

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Can't get enough

My two youngest children had gone to a friend's house to play flashlight tag. When reading the various versions of how this game is played, one will note that there is



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always a requirement for a large area that's "not too hazardous." My children always come back from these flashlight adventures bleeding, thus, I'm not sure they play by the same directions as I have read.

At about 11 p.m., I headed out to pick them up. Summertime means that they can stay out a little later on flashlight tag nights. I'm sure the neighbors don't appreciate it.

As I was about half way down the stairs from the second story deck, I heard a big thump. It was the back storm door. Then I heard galloping down the stairs behind me. It was dark.

It was Doolittle, my 90 pound Standard Poodle.

He wasn't interested in playing flashlight tag; he was interested in the ride to pick up my youngest teenagers. He knew what would happen. He knew I was going by myself to pick them up.

Doolittle jumped in the backseat of the white Suburban and waited for me to start the car. He knew what I would do, I am predictable. I started the car and rolled down the windows on each side, so that Doolittle would have his choice of which one to hang out.

This still wasn't the reason he wanted to go. He enjoys hanging his head out the window, but there is something he enjoys more.

As I backed out of my driveway and started the Suburban forward, I did it. He knew I would do it. It was the reason he rammed his way out the back door, hustled down the stairs and leaped into the backseat of the car.

I hit the power button on the radio, pushed "CD" and went directly to the third song. I dug through the \$5 bin at Walmart to find it (this one anyway, I've had many). We were listening to "The Best Of Barry White." More than that, we were going to listen to "Can't Get Enough Of Your Love, Babe," over and over.

He knew we would. As the song starts I

can just picture Barry talking low, strolling the stage and sweating. He's probably wearing something silk, satin or crushed velvet. I picture the material as something worthy of being curtains in the finest of hotels. It might actually be the material from the curtains of the finest hotels.

Doolittle starts pacing from the left window to the right window, sticking his head out and enjoying Barry White. I look back at him in the backseat, he looks at me. In his eyes, I see what he is saying. Doolittle says "That's what I'm talking about."

We are both happy. I'm driving very slowly. We're in a white Suburban with the windows down playing Barry White at 11 p.m. We don't care what people think. The fellow that shot Ronald Reagan walks around my neighborhood in broad daylight, we feel safe playing Barry with the windows down late at night.

Then Barry gets to the part where he says:

*What kind of love is this that you're givin' me?
Is it in your kiss or just because you're sweet?*

Doolittle steps onto the center console between the two front seats and licks my face. I'm not sure this is the kind of kiss Barry was talking about, but for us, it is perfect.

When I think about it, Doolittle does look a lot like Barry White. The next time I'm in a fine hotel, I might check out the curtains. Doolittle would look good in purple crushed velvet and an imitation leopard skin collar.

We killed some time missing the turn and turning around in the pool parking lot, my daughter calls and asks if I'm coming to pick them up. I told her that I was on the way, and then she asked "What's taking you so long?"

I did my best Barry White in answering my daughter's question. I said "Girl, I don't know why."

I heard her say in the background, "Oh no, he's listening to Barry White."

Who are you looking for? A man? A woman? A 90-pound Standard Poodle?

Don't give up. Oh, some things I can't get used to. No matter how I try...

Keyboard KLATTERINGS

School bells sound again

That was fast. The summer comes to an abrupt end Monday for nearly 2,000 county school students as they head back to class and a different landscape.

Budget constraints and years of declining enrollment have forced the district to consolidate and restructure.

Former Superintendent of Schools Tim Wilder is now beaming from the TV during commercials for the Dothan, Ala., City Schools and the administrative office is what could be charitably characterized as in a state of fluidity.

The most significant change is the consolidation of the middle and high schools and the moving of sixth grades back to elementary schools.

There is a new principal at Port St. Joe High School, a new principal at Port St. Joe Elementary School, new, though familiar, faces at the district office and some classrooms, and an acting superintendent operating day-to-day with the interim tag hanging over her head.

And that should be put to an end by Gov. Rick Scott.

As was stated in this space when Sara Joe Wooten, the assistant superintendent for instruction, was appointed acting superintendent by the Gulf County School Board, the governor should make that decision official and, as the school year dawns, in short order.

Wilder submitted his letter of resignation more than two months ago and while there is no time mandate for the governor to make an appointment, the arrival of a school year begs for a resolution.

The district should not have to operate with folks looking over their shoulder; their breaths held for a decision on a political appointment for the job that oversees day-to-day district operations.

As was stated two months ago, this is no place for a political appointment in any case, but certainly not with the school year arriving.

Elected superintendents are a distinct minority across the country — Florida is nearly evenly divided



TIM CROFT
Star news editor

between districts that have elected or appointed superintendents.

And it would be hard to find anybody with the skill set, institutional knowledge, expertise and mindset for putting children first in decision-making than Wooten, making her the appropriate choice for

appointment. The unknown, though, provides unneeded stress at a time that is stressful enough.

Between the budget cuts, the departure of Wilder, the uncertainty about Mexico Beach students and in which county they would be permitted to attend school, this has already been a summer of heat and humidity inside the district offices.

It has been a difficult short summer of great change for a small district, a challenging summer that should end with some resolution about the superintendent's title, and the removal of any "interim" or "acting" tag.

School board members were unanimous in their support of Wooten and state lawmakers Rep. Jimmy Patronis and State Sen. Bill Montford, the latter of a former school superintendent, expressed support for that decision.

That should be all the politics pumped into what should be an apolitical position.

Let those who aspire to the job seek it at the ballot box when the election cycle comes around next year. Until then, the school system should be move ahead with the structure in place.

But it is a structure that is in reality ephemeral and the school board should be taking a proactive approach over the next year in addressing a series of connected issues.

The preeminent one is the budget because the picture becomes bleaker starting with the 2012-13 fiscal year; when the one-cent additional operating levy approved by voters more than three years ago sunsets unless renewed by voters.

And in this economic environment

renewal seems a long-shot, at best.

Several funding components — the additional mill levy, federal jobs money and federal stimulus dollars — did much to prop the bottom line the past several years but those streams have already dried up or will soon.

Budgeting has become more complicated, particularly with a state legislature — where so much of the budget is put in place — acting Scrooge-like with education funding.

The equation is further complicated due to the reality that consolidation of the middle and high schools, effectively returning schools to a similar physical footprint as 25 years ago, seems just the beginning of a future requiring further consolidation.

The math is stark — the district can not afford much longer the luxury of operating two essentially separate school systems 22 miles apart while enrollment continues to decline. The model, as they say in business, is unsustainable.

Whether school officials are late to the table or not on the issue, it is not too late to pull off consolidation through long-range planning and money management because, bluntly, consolidation is fast becoming a matter of survival if the district is to offer the course selection and paths ahead that today's students must and should have given the changing demands and pace of the workplace.

School board members should, finally, be examining a move to an appointed superintendent, an individual that will, like Wooten, carry out the board's mandates without competing elected politics being involved.

The next year is really a trial run, a pilot project in how a district operates with the sometimes diverging politics and agendas of superintendent and board members removed; how a district can succeed with a superintendent's eyes trained solely on the classrooms of the county.

As the school year begins there are lessons to be learned for the public schools and all those who advocate for them.

Could be aunt May White is right

My preacher has spent the better part of a month on a series of expository sermons relating to Hell. He has assured us repeatedly that it is real and that it is going to be a lot hotter than the weather we have been experiencing the last few weeks. I usually always agree with everything he says; especially that part about where

the wives submit to their husbands. But I'm not so sure about this Hell thing...

I don't see how it can get much hotter! We've heard for years about those city sidewalks frying eggs. I didn't believe that until just recently. Cathy sat our groceries down on the porch to unlock the side door and before she could get the key out the butter ran down the steps. An onion sautéed. Bacon sizzled. And two bags of Orville Redenbacher popped!

I have to take bottled water to make it to the work shed behind the house. I ran a few miles the other evening and spots began dancing in my eyes before I got to 10th Street. A giant bear ran out of the bushes and jumped on my back as I cut through the post office parking lot. My breathing became heavy, my legs were running in molasses. I passed out down in front of the Ace Hardware store. Cathy walked out to the mailbox and back and lost six pounds. I immediately

sent her back.

Al Gore might be smarter than we have credited him. Global warming is one thing but this latest thermal attack



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

has about gotten out of hand! Daddy decried years ago that "those space ships poking holes in the ionosphere are going to have a lasting effect."

Aunt May White believed evil spirits could take control of the summer solstice. Is the earth moving closer to the sun? Maybe the Devil opened the front door to let a few congressmen in.

It didn't used to be this hot. We'd meet in the middle of summer down at the old baseball field by the pajama factory. There was not a tree in sight. Heat waves would be shimmering off W. Locust Avenue. The grassless infield was hard as a brickbat. We'd normally play somewhere between 81 innings or dark, whichever came first. I'd get home with dirt rings piled three rows deep under my neck. The sun had roasted our skin to a golden fare-the-well. Sweat streaks rippled across our faces. And most of our noses were just a shade lighter than Rudolph's. But hot! Shoot no. We never noticed the temperature.

Maybe it just wasn't as hot back then. Or maybe your internal thermometer percolates to a different beat if you are under 20. We left the weather complaining to the men gathered up on the square

for the morning checker games. If it got too hot we'd mosey over to the swimming pool and take a dip. Roe Alexander had one side of his "Twin Pools" that would be pumped out of the ground that morning. It was so cold it would take your breath away! We chilled for hours to the sounds of The Coasters or Little Richard belting out of those twin loudspeakers Mr. Roe had thoughtfully placed beneath the high diving board.

We didn't have the luxury of air conditioning. And it didn't matter. It's hard to miss something you've never had! The Park Theatre was the only place that I can remember that had a built in cooling system. And it was OK. I guess. But the temperature in that old building was always secondary to Roy, Gene or Hoppy saving the helpless young girl from back east from a ruthless land schemer.

Mr. Adams operated an ice house down by Brush Brother's Milling Company. When we were young he'd let us stand in the door and soak up some of the cool. And he'd always chip off a piece of ice for us to suck on as we dallied back up toward town. We made an art of sitting on the steps of Woodrow Kennon's store and passing a cold Root Beer around. Pat Houston's Grocery had an overhang out front that provided plenty of shade.

We got a little older and discovered Frank's Dairy

Bar. It was a melting pot in an altogether different vein. Cold cokes, loud music and pretty girls, as long as the heat didn't frizzle our flattops, we were good to go! We were relationship hunting. You get your mind occupied with important matters and the temperature pales in comparison.

At least, that's the way it used to be. But, let me tell you, this last month has been off the charts. It is just plain out hotter than it has ever been. Any fool can see that! Maybe as you age some of your heat shields fly off. It could be living in that "all-time air conditioning" has weakened our immune system.

I don't see how we can blame this one on the Democrats. It won't help to cry foul or adjust our sets—the pot is already boiling! I feel like I'm in a James Bond movie where, for once, 007 didn't get there in time to save the planet!

Listen, if we go into an Indian summer, people are going to start foaming at the mouth and howling at the moon! And that brings me back to my preacher. You don't suppose he is right about Hell being a hundred times hotter than what we are experiencing? If that be the case, I'm going to start paying more attention to his "how to get to Heaven" sermons.

It's too hot down here to take a chance!

Respectfully,
Kes

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Protecting your children from identity thieves

By Jason Alderman

You're probably weary of being reminded to take precautions against identity theft, but here's a wrinkle you may not have considered: Identity thieves have broadened their reach by harvesting children's dormant Social Security numbers (SSNs) and using them to illegally obtain jobs, credit accounts, mortgages or car loans and much worse.

Many victims have no inkling anything is amiss until they later apply for a student loan, bank account, job or apartment and are turned down because of poor credit history. Some families have even been hounded by collection

agencies or served with arrest warrants because the debts or criminal activities thieves executed were so extreme.

There's no completely foolproof way to protect your child's identity, but here are some precautions to take:

Although it's tempting to simply not register your children for SSNs until they turn 18, but that's not practical in today's world. For one thing, children need one if you want to claim them as dependents on your taxes. They also might need one if you want to obtain medical coverage or government services for them or open bank accounts or savings bonds in their

name.

Most parents register their children for SSNs at the same time they apply for birth certificates at the hospital. If you wait until later to apply, you must provide proof of your child's U.S. citizenship, age and identity, as well as proof of your own identity.

Because each person's SSN is unique, it's not uncommon for schools, healthcare providers, insurance companies and others to require that parents provide one as an identification tool. However, don't be afraid to ask:

- Why do they need an SSN – is there a legal requirement and if so, what

is it?

- Will they accept alternative identification?
- What will happen if you don't disclose it?
- Will they agree not to use the SSN as your child's personal identification number on correspondence, account statements or ID cards?

Warning signs your child's personal data might have been compromised include:

- Preapproved credit account offers
- Calls from collection agencies, creditors or government agencies
- You're denied opening a bank account in their name because one already

exists with the same SSN

- They are denied credit, employment, a driver's license or college enrollment for unknown or credit-related reasons

There may be legitimate reasons why your child is receiving credit offers. For example, if you opened a college fund or they enrolled in a frequent flyer program

However, if you strongly suspect an identity theft has been committed, you can:

- File a police report and keep a copy as proof of the crime
- Contact the fraud units at the three major credit bureaus for instructions: Equifax (800-525-6285), Experian (888-397-3742) and

TransUnion (800-680-7289).

Notify the Federal Trade Commission (877-438-4338). Their Identity Theft site at www.ftc.gov contains information on fraud alerts, credit freezes, working with police and much more.

Ask Social Security (800-772-1213) whether anyone has reported income using your child's SSN. Search "Identity Theft" at www.ssa.gov for information. Contact the IRS' Identity Protection Unit (800-980-4490).

Bottom line: Use the same precautions with your child's personal information as you do with your own and make sure you know the warning signs and what to do if it's compromised.

Gen. MacArthur was right—we have had our last chance

By Ed McAteer

Contributing Writer

At the close of World War II, just following the surrender of the Japanese on board the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay, the late General Douglas MacArthur said, "Men since the beginning of time have sought peace. Various methods through the ages have been attempted to devise an international process to prevent or settle disputes between nations... military alliances, balances of powers, leagues of nations, all in turn have failed, leaving the only path to be by the crucible of war. The utter destructiveness of war now blots out this alternative. We have had our last chance."

Years ago when the Soviet Union was strong, the Japanese were asked whom they feared the most. They answered they feared Russia the most militarily, but they feared America the most culturally. They had good cause. Today, the Japanese society is soaked with America's vile

culture. Our culture is destroying us and other nations morally and spiritually.

Does humanity become better or worse as we continue to gather all the scientific knowledge, which makes it possible for a few men to possess tremendous power? Are the results we see from decisions and actions from world leaders seemingly correct?

MacArthur believed our world had had its last chance to wage a major war and to end it short of the annihilation of humankind. However, he did see a solution to the world's problem of survival to be a renewing of man's spirit—that is, an improvement of his character and human nature.

Even former President Dwight Eisenhower realized that humanity had finally achieved the ability to destroy itself. Both men considered the problem of the world to be theological. World leaders and scientists today share this, are frightened, and warn us that man has the means to commit the suicide of the human

race. Humanity has chosen to travel down a self-destructive path, rejected the revealed knowledge of God, and is now facing the consequences of those decisions.

In 1961, President John Kennedy warned a hushed United Nations Assembly: "Mankind must stop war—or war will stop mankind."

Human nature comes with baggage; like pride, vanity, jealousy, lust, and greed, thought by many world leaders as the frontline causes of war. The way we live is causing our trouble-filled days. Cut loose from God and understanding his word, man's misguided scientific and technological genius has led him to the brink of self-annihilation.

Are we living in a time where men do have the power to erase all life from this Earth? Yes. Although many governments have promised peace, do their leaders know the way to peace? Obviously, humanity has only brought us closer to the brink of

total destruction.

Change this, change that, but can leaders change human nature? No. The past has proven that man, left to him, is incapable of effecting this change. Throughout history, negotiations for peace have always been accompanied and supported by vigorous preparations for war.

What is the answer? An accurate appraisal of man's only hope for survival appeared in a leading U.S. newsmagazine several years ago. It indicated the view-gaining acceptance among government officials is that tensions and world problems are fast becoming too deep-seated to be solved except "by a strong hand from someplace." I have a theory about that.

The Bible tells us that God is going to send Jesus again, this time to save us from ourselves, and to establish the government of God on Earth. He will not allow the misguided genius of man to destroy all life on this planet. Isaiah 40:10 reads, "Behold, the

Lord God will come with a strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him..."

God will intervene in world affairs. Global events happening today easily convince we are in these latter days, or end times, and our human nature is nothing but rebellious. Jesus foretold the events to occur before His Second Coming in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21.

Be concerned, they are many deceivers calling themselves ministers and claiming to be the servants of Christ. Many are servants while others only want status, money, or both. This is troubling. Are we in the "beginning of sorrows" time?

Christ told that famine, disease, pestilence, earthquakes, and other distractions of nature would occur and take a toll on human life. Beside war, we see these every day.

To escape the catastrophic world troubles prophesied in the Bible, we must watch world events as they are happening and pray daily to be accounted worthy to escape.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to all at Sacred Heart

Dear Editor:
I would like to thank Dr. Richard Brunner and his staff at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf for the quick response when I arrived at the hospital with an appendix about to burst on July 18.

The staff was so good with their service and their

assistance to both me and my family.

They were all excellent and I appreciate everything they did. I was lucky. If I had to go to Panama City the appendix would have likely burst on me. I appreciate everything they did for me. They saved my life.

John "Pops" Garner
Howard Creek

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Hooked on Outdoors

I heard Winston Chester make a statement that just about sums up the outdoor opportunities in this area.

He said we had had one of the most successful snapper seasons we have ever had in modern times, and now we are experiencing one of the best scallop seasons ever.

We still have some people grumbling because the snapper season was too short, but more people caught more big red snapper this year than ever.

There will be a Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council meeting this month in Texas and word is it might discuss a fall snapper season. We can only wait.

This heat is making fishing almost impossible unless you go at night, and then the temperature is in the 80s.

Amberjack season came in last week, but again, going in the middle of the day is difficult to do.

Speckled trout: The bite is good if you know where to go. The boys I know who do are catching some nice ones on live bait. Their favorite bait is pigfish.

I'm not really sure what the attraction is with pigfish, but I know it can't be their appearance. A choffer is a much better looking, but pigfish is what they prefer.

Speckled trout fishermen will tell you it is the grunting sound the pigfish makes.

If that is true, someone should be able to fabricate a pigfish call sort of like a deer grunt. Probably would work about as well.

A good bet for speckled trout is to go to St. Joe Bay on the west bank and sight fish for them.

I would cast net some menhaden or small choffers and either get someone to pole the boat or use an electric motor and ease along as slowly as possible.

If the water is clear, stay in about three feet and you will see them long before they see you.

Simply flip a menhaden a few feet on the other side of the fish as to not scare it and ease it in front of his nose and hold on. Works every time.



Floundering around

Panhandle flatfish seem made to fit a plate

By Frank Sargeant
franksargeant@bellsouth.net

Flounder look like a fish not quite finished. They appear to be a standard-issue critter split in half, with a flat, featureless underside that's good for nothing but resting on bottom. And indeed, that's just how a flounder operates. It's the beauty of its odd design, and of all in the "flatfish" family.

Flounder are a Panhandle favorite when it comes to table fish. What they lack in fighting ability, they make up in availability; get in the right spot at the right time and capturing the legal limit of 10 fish 12 inches or more is possible in an hour.

Of course, finding that right spot is the issue, as in all fishing.

Panhandle flounder move around with the seasons; from now through the first severe cold front in November or December, the easiest place to find them likely is to be inside the major bays, in the lower end of the larger rivers and around the passes to the Gulf.

When it gets cold, there's a rapid migration seaward, with thousands of the flatfish settling on reefs and hard bottom off the beaches. And the passes can produce great action when the fish are outbound in fall and inbound in spring. Bob Sykes Cut through St. George Island is one of the most famous flounder spots in Florida. The jetties at Destin Inlet can be great, as well.

Wherever you fish for flounder, the best way to catch them is with live baits; shrimp, killifish (bull minnows), small sardines or finger mullet. These can be free-lined around oyster bars and reedy shorelines, or weighted and fished in potholes in places such as Destin Harbor

or holes and drops in east St. Andrew Bay.

Numerous creek mouths on the east end of Choctawhatchee Bay where the Choctawhatchee River splits into delta country all can be good — best on outgoing tides — as are the numerous small rivers flowing into East Bay at Apalachicola. Every bridge spanning the sounds and bays throughout the region can be productive. Fish the ledge where shallow water drops to deep on the bottom of the low tide in these areas.

Flounder readily take artificial lures, just not quite so readily as live bait. Lures which resemble shrimp are the favorite: the DOA 4-inch plastic shrimp is hard to beat when dragged slowly down the drop-off of a pass or the edge of a flat. Many anglers offer a combo-platter; a half-ounce bucktail jig tipped with a live killifish or a fresh-cut shrimp tail can be just the ticket when the fish are on the near-shore reefs in winter.

Some old-time Panhandle anglers troll weedless spoons around the oyster bars on high tide to find flounder concentrations. It's a tactic that seems counter-intuitive, running the outboard over the fish in shallow water, but it can be highly productive in late October.

Flounder feed by lying flat on the bottom, sometimes under a light coating of sand that is flipped over themselves. When a baitfish or shrimp comes close enough, they lunge out and grab it. Thus, the strikes can be fairly explosive. That's about the peak of the excitement, though. They often settle right back to bottom after they grab a bait, and anglers new to flounder fishing may assume they missed the fish because it's not moving.

Keep the pressure on and you'll soon pull the reluctant creature to the boat.



RAY MARKAM AND FRANK SARGEANT

Flounder fishing is great inside Panhandle bays from now through the first cold front in fall. Many fish move off the beaches when inside waters chill in November, experts say. **TOP:** This 4-pound whopper flounder took a jig rigged with a swimmer tail to be brought aboard.

The fight is somewhat akin to reeling in a pie plate as their jaws are not strong, so it's a good idea to net the larger ones to make sure they wind up in the ice chest.

Another interesting way to collect a flounder dinner is peaking right now. Flounder gigging in the shallows of St. Andrew Bay is highly productive in August, September and early October. Flat-bottomed boats with powerful lights rigged on the bow illuminate the water ahead as the rig eases along in depths of 1 to 2 feet.

The "angler" stands on the bow with a long-handled gig, and when the round, shadowy shape of a flounder appears in the lights, the gig does the job. Capt. James Pic of Destin specializes in this tactic, and you can check www.jp2fish.com for details.

When the fish move outside after the first cold front, Capt. Blake Nelson out of Destin has their number. He fishes a half-ounce jig with a plastic fluke tail on hard bottom areas within a mile of the beach and frequently brings in limit catches. Learn more at www.captainblake.com.

HOOK & HARVEST

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA FREEDOM

Zane Plumb caught and released a red snapper during a recent trip near Destin.



SPECIAL TO FLORIDA FREEDOM

Gabriel Hall, 8, reeled in a 35-pound white tip shark while fishing with Capt. John Black in St. Andrews Bay.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Freshwater

Freshwater has been bringing in nice cats and big bream. Good reports from Wetappo Creek using devils horse for nice bass. Catfish are loving shrimp or chicken liver in Howard Creek. Not much happening in Depot Creek, but you can find some shell cracker if you look.

Inshore

Scalloping has been a blast the past few weeks. Tarpon are good when you find them with live mullet and pin fish. Trout and redfish bite is best early in the morning. Look for grass flats and sandy holes. Look for Spanish and smaller king fish in deeper water with live drift bait or even shallow running jerk bait.

Offshore

King fish, wahoo and Mahi continue to be found. Look for weed line or debris to troll around. Flat lining live hardtail is the ticket for big Kings. Red grouper and Amberjack have been fun, find live bottom or some structure and DROP. Gag grouper to re-open Sept. 16. Lots of B-liner and vermilion snapper — cut bait and small live baits will do the trick.



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PSJ volleyball tryouts Aug. 15-16

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Port St. Joe Junior/
Senior High School

Aug. 29 at Bay High
Sept. 6 Rutherford
Sept. 13 at West Gadsden
Sept. 15 at Liberty County
Sept. 19 at Wewahitchka
Sept. 20 at Blountstown
Sept. 21 East Gadsden
Sept. 26 at Rutherford
Sept. 27 Franklin County
Sept. 29 Liberty County
Oct. 4 Blountstown
Oct. 5 West Gadsden
Oct. 10 at Tallahassee Rickards
Oct. 11 at Franklin County
Oct. 13 at East Gadsden
Oct. 19 Bay High
Oct. 20 Wewahitchka (Dig Pink event)
Oct. 25-27 District playoffs

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School volleyball is in full swing.

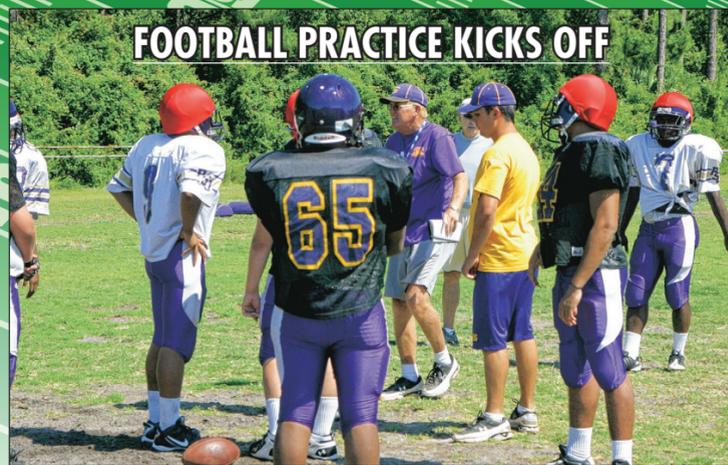
Practice began Monday. Team tryouts will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 15-16, beginning at 3:30 p.m. ET. The prospective team players have been working hard at conditioning the past three weeks. With seven returning starters from last year, the coaches are optimistic about a good season. Coach Wayne Taylor feels that having a combination Jr./Sr. high team presents its challenges but believes that the benefit of being able to draw from a larger pool of talent outweighs the challenges.

The team is also, for the third consecutive year, working with the Side-Out Foundation to raise money

for breast cancer research and awareness. Through the outstanding support from the community, the team has been able to donate more than \$1,000 in each of the previous years. Our goal this year is \$1,500. Please check out the "Support our Dig Pink initiative" link at <http://psjhs.gulf.k12.fl.us> for information about how can help.

The Dig Pink match this year will be a home match on Oct. 20. The Tiger Sharks will be hosting Wewahitchka that evening, and it will also be Senior Night. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to this important cause.

See you in the "Dome." As always, thanks to the community for their support and players — practice has begun.



FOOTBALL PRACTICE KICKS OFF

TIM CROFT | The Star

High school players on both ends of the county began formal football practice Monday with an eye toward the opening of play later this month. By mandate from acting Superintendent of Schools Sara Joe Wooten, practice at Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High — this photo is from spring practice — was to begin each day at 6 p.m. ET because of the heat. Wewahitchka coach Todd Lanter adopted that practice regimen last year because of hot, muggy conditions. Fall practices will culminate in jamborees, Port St. Joe hosting Cottondale at 7:30 p.m. ET on Aug. 26, and Wewahitchka at Blountstown at 7 p.m. CT on Aug. 25.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School		Wewahitchka Junior/Senior High School	
Sept. 2	at Wewahitchka	Sept. 2	Port St. Joe at Gator Field
Sept. 9	Bozeman at Shark Stadium	Sept. 9	Vernon at Gator Field
Sept. 23	at Blountstown	Sept. 16	at Robert F. Munroe
Sept. 30	at Holmes County	Sept. 30	Franklin County at Gator Field
Oct. 7	Franklin County at Shark Stadium	Oct. 7	at Graceville
Oct. 14	at Rocky Bayou Christian	Oct. 14	at Tallahassee John Paul II
		Oct. 21	Sneads at Gator Field
		Oct. 28	Bozeman at Gator Field
		Nov. 11	at West Gadsden
		Oct. 21	at FAMU
		Oct. 28	West Gadsden at Shark Stadium
		Nov. 4	Liberty County at Shark Stadium
		Nov. 11	Sneads at Shark Stadium



Gene Raffield SIGN-UPS

Football sign-ups

Football excitement is in the air. After a lockout that seemed to last forever, the National Football League is practicing. College programs are dreaming of national championships, the Port St. Joe High School Tiger Sharks are on the field, and Gene Raffield Football sign-ups are this Saturday.

This will be a big year for youth football in Port St. Joe. The GRFL coaches just completed a clinic provided by the Tiger Shark coaching staff. The result will be even better coaching from staffs that are already the best in the Big Bend League.

So that our sixth-grade players will have a place to play, and to give seventh-grade students a choice, we once again have a Buccaneers team. The Jaguars, a team that has won more championships over the past decade than all its competitors put together, will be going for a three-peat. The Dolphins, who last year were just a win away from a Super

Bowl berth, will settle for nothing less.

The sign-ups will be held Saturday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the usual place, the Fire House on Williams Avenue. Please bring a fee of \$50, evidence of health insurance and a copy of the applicant's birth certificate. Each player must have a physical exam before playing. We would suggest that this be done before registration so that a doctor's release is with applicants when they sign up. Equipment distribution will be done immediately after registration, so the player must be present.

To supply proud parents with a video record of their young player's achievements, the teams will have DVDs available for each game. A donation of \$45 will get each player's

parent a DVD for every game, including the Jamboree, regular-season games and the Super Bowl. Single game DVDs will be \$10.

If you have any questions about this program or are interested in coaching or helping out in any way, please call Mal Parrish at 227-9540 or Dona Sander at 227-4839.

Cheerleader sign-ups

Cheerleader sign-ups for the Gene Raffield Football League will be held four days this month at the Port St. Joe Fire Station.

Sign-ups will take place from 2-4 p.m. ET on Aug. 20, 5-7 p.m. ET on Aug. 25-26 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 27.

Cost for sign-up is \$80 and includes a full uniform. Please bring your child to sign-up to ensure proper fitting for the cheerleader uniform.

For any questions or more information, call Mary Carew at 227-8157.

— Star Staff Reports



VARIANCE NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe Planning and Development Review Board will hold a Special Meeting to discuss a Request for a Variance on August 16, 2011, 4:00 EST, at the City Fire Station 402 Williams Avenue for James L & Carol E Erwin located at 1911 Juniper Avenue, Parcel #05661-000R. The reason for the request is a proposed Garage to be built on the South-East side of the property behind the existing wood privacy fence. The proposed plans can be reviewed at the Building Department located at 1002 10th Street and can be reached for questions at (850) 229-1093.

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing special accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact Jim Anderson, City Clerk, City of Port St. Joe, at City Hall, (850) 229-8261

Gulf/Franklin youth soccer fall registration

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe Youth Soccer registration for the fall season will be held Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18-19, from 5-7 p.m. ET, Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon ET, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 25-26, from 5-7 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at the STAC House.

The STAC House is on Eighth Street in Port St. Joe. Boys and girls ages 4-14 (or eighth grade) are invited to play soccer.

Players must be at least 4 before Aug. 1 in order to play. Bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to the registration. No experience is necessary. Registration fee is \$60 per player; sponsor fee is \$300 per team.

Coaches, referees and sponsors are needed. Please sign up at the time of registration.

For more information, call Mike Lacour at 774-6446 or email lacour6@gtcom.net.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) Special Meeting on Tuesday August 30, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. EST, and at the City Commission Regular Meeting on Tuesday September 6, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. EST. Both Public Hearings will be held in the Centennial Building at 2201 Centennial Dr., Port St. Joe, FL, 32456. The Public Hearing will be to discuss and act on the following:

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Interested persons may attend and be heard at the public hearing or provide comments to the Planning and Development Review Board, 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. Transactions of the public hearing will not be recorded. Persons wishing to appeal any decision made during the hearing will need a record of the proceeding and should ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony on which the appeal is based. Information prior to the meeting can be viewed at Building Department at 1002 10th Street, Port St. Joe, FL, 32456.

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commissioners to extend the hours, adding that most bars within the city limits cater to locals.

"We are losing money to Gulf and Bay counties," Butler said. "The extra hours would give bars more business and the city more revenue."

The extra hours would also benefit stores that sell packaged alcohol and local taxi service, Butler said.

Blake Rish of the Haughty Heron said 90 percent of his customers were city residents, and "at 12 o'clock, we are sending them out of town."

Rish said that when his bar has a special event involving paying for a band, he just begins to break even at midnight. The additional two hours could be the difference between profit and loss.

Rish also noted that under city ordinance, come New Year's Eve, his bar must be cleared by 12:01 a.m.

He added that keeping people from driving out of the city to another establishment would surely be safer on the stretch of U.S. Highway 98 between the city and the nearest bar at the county line.

"I think it would be safer for the community; there would be less time on the road," Rish said.

To extend the city's hours to match the county's permitted hours for alcohol sales, commissioners must amend the city's alcohol ordinance.

Given advertising and public comment requirements, the

"We're talking about an extra two hours and keeping people off the road. I don't see a problem."

Commissioner Bo Patterson, on the consideration to extend the nightly closing time for establishments serving alcohol within city limits

soonest commissioners could provide final approval of the amended ordinance would be the second meeting of September.

They voted unanimously last week during their regular bi-monthly meeting to have the city attorney proceed with drafting the revised ordinance.

"We're talking about an extra two hours and keeping people off the road," Commissioner Bo Patterson said. "I don't see a problem."

Mayor Mel Magidson cautioned commissioners that they were likely to hear from constituents on the issue in the coming weeks, just as the board heard from residents over Sunday alcohol sales.

"It will be another battle, I am sure," Magidson said. "It's an issue that creates a lot of passion on both sides."

Gulf Pines Hospital

Commissioner Rex Buzzett

urged his fellow commissioners to strongly consider taking possession of the old Gulf Pines Hospital property with the purpose of selling the property, developed or not.

Buzzett suggested the city do one of two things: 1) Sell the hospital property as is with deed covenants establishing a timeline for the purchaser to bring the building down and clean the property or 2) Tear it down, plat the property, and sell the cleaned property.

"I think the city can come out a good deal ahead on this," Buzzett said, particularly, he added, with the Internal Revenue Service taking a relatively reasonable position in a federal lawsuit that involves the property, as indicated by the city attorney.

A court-appointed receiver for the hospital's lender, Medical Capital, agreed six weeks ago to fund a phase one environmental assessment of the property. That assessment found asbestos but did not find significant additional contamination to make the two-acre property eligible for grants under a brownfield development program.

The grants would have funded the tearing down and cleanup, the cost of which is estimated at \$10,000.

With diminishing odds on grant funding, commissioners now have 40 days or so to notify the receiver that the city is either dropping out of the federal lawsuit against Medical Capital — the city's interests are the hospital and land — or taking

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said adding a half mill before crafting a final budget "provided that flexibility in the case of something unforeseen happening."

The city commission took similar action last year, tacking a full mill onto the tentative millage before whittling the final millage by nearly the entire mill.

"We have full intentions of bringing that millage rate back down to (at or near) the current millage," Weston said.

Budget workshops began this past Tuesday and will continue Aug. 16 and Aug. 23 at 5 p.m. ET each night. The first public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 5:01 p.m. ET.

deed to the land.

The IRS, City Attorney Tom Gibson has indicated, is willing to work with the city on how much the IRS would ask to settle its claim to the land, part of its effort to collect back taxes and interest owed by Medical Capital.

Commissioners have yet to take final action regarding the property, which has been dormant and decaying since the state shuttered the hospital more than six years ago.

Golf carts and traffic signals

The city has submitted a revised plan for providing greater access to downtown and the Port St. Joe Marina for golf cart users.

City staff have been working with the Florida Department of Transportation on providing crossings of State Road 71 and U.S. Highway 98 — golf carts are

banned from those roadways by state law — into downtown and the marina beyond.

FDOT inspectors were in town last month and suggested Reid Avenue for the crossing of State 71 and First Street for the crossing of U.S. 98. The city revised its original recommendations — which included crossing points of Woodward Avenue for State 71, and Fifth Street/71 for U.S. 98 — and resubmitted its application.

A final answer from FDOT should come in October.

FDOT inspectors also suggested additional "No turn on red" signage on the traffic arm for motorists entering the intersection of U.S. 98, Marina Cove and First Street from First Street. They also suggested barriers to prevent motorists exiting the Port City Shopping Center directly onto U.S. 98 from making an illegal left turn.

Previous barriers were taken down as part of downtown beautification.

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Stone married Annie Wynn in 1904, and the two moved to Port St. Joe to begin a family, Stone establishing a turpentine and naval stores business.

The first cabin the couple built and lived in was near where the Burger King now sits. The couple later built a house where Hungry Howie's Pizza is now.

Stone played a major role in the incorporation of Port St. Joe in 1913, was mayor for three terms and a city commissioner, and helped bring the Apalachicola Northern Railroad to Port St. Joe.

As Gulf County was not formed until 1925, Stone served on the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners and led the effort to create Gulf County because of the distance to the county seat in Blountstown. Stone was a Gulf County commissioner and a state legislator for two years.

"He was an extremely interesting man," Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson said. "The city owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Stone."

The city recently dedicated the entrance road to the new George

Core Park in memory of Miss Zola Maddox, who was Zola McFarland when she was recruited by Stone to be a schoolteacher in the burgeoning little town.

"He was a firm believer in education," Magidson noted, adding that Stone sold a considerable amount of his land at \$5 per acre as a way to grow the town.

Stone also recruited the first doctor to Port St. Joe. He donated enough land to transform State Road 71, or Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., within the city limits into a four-lane road to provide a more spacious and aesthetically pleasing

"The city owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Stone."

Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson

entrance to the city.

Family members gathered for last week's dedication shared several tales about the man who established modern Port St. Joe, which had lain dormant since a yellow fever epidemic wiped out the original town in the

19th century.

There was the time a man named Martin was building theaters in the region — the Martin Theatre was going up in Panama City — and Stone and Martin had a handshake agreement for Martin to purchase property on Reid Avenue in the business district for \$500 to build a theater.

However, the job foreman tried to negotiate a lower price. Stone, angered, vowed not to sell the property at any price. Martin, hearing of the problem, came to town, fired the foreman and

sealed the original deal, and what became the Port Theatre was built.

There was also his kerfuffle with The St. Joe Company when the timber and paper company wanted to purchase property for a bank on Reid Avenue. Stone wanted land for a hut in return, and when the company and Stone could not come to terms, the company ultimately relented and built its bank several blocks away, from which Fairpoint Communications now operates.

"He could be stubborn," one great-grandson said.



GULF COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MONTHLY MEETING

Capital City Bank
August 15th, 2011
7:00 PM ET

Guest speaker
Deon Long
Running for U.S. Senate

All interested Republicans are invited.

Notice for Interested Contractors/ Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Single Family

Capital Area Community Action Agency has received federal funds for weatherizing residential homes in Franklin and Gulf counties. Weatherization includes air infiltration reduction, insulation, repair/replacement of doors and windows, low-flow showerheads and compact fluorescent light bulbs repair/replacement of heating/cooling systems and water heaters. Work will begin October 1, 2011 and must be performed under the supervision of a state licensed contractor and is subject to Davis-Bacon requirements. Current contractors must re-apply. A Pre-BID conference will be held on Friday, August 19, 2011, 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Franklin Promise Community Room, 192 14th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, Apalachicola, FL. The RFQ is due no later than 5:00pm, Monday, August 29, 2011. To attend the Pre-BID conference, request an RFQ, or for more information, contact Mecarlo Richardson or Debbie Mabry, (850) 222-2043, fax (850) 270-9561, or debora.mabry@cacaainc.org

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A shell of a time

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

The smell of fried seafood, funnel cakes, and boiled peanuts engulfed the air along with the sound of southern rock and roll as George Core Park along St. Joseph's Bay rocked last weekend during the 15th annual Florida Scallop & Music Festival.

Children with painted faces and ice cream-stained lips laughed and pranced through the grass of the waterfront park, bouncing in funhouses and down blow-up slides, flipping on trampolines and sloshing through shallow pools in giant, plastic hamster wheels.

Despite high temperatures in the mid-90s throughout the weekend, the festival in Port St. Joe shattered all expectations, with double the predicted crowd.

On Saturday night at the peak of the festival, little girls twirled in front of the stage as The Atlanta Rhythm Section performed hits like "Champagne Jam" and "Doraville", and the lines for concessions snaked around the park.

With more than 4,000 paid admissions, 500 sponsor tickets and free entry for children and active military on Saturday, the estimated total attendance was 6,000, the largest crowd in the festival's 15 year history.



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"It completely overshot our hopes and dreams," said Bobby Pickels, President of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. "We hope to make enough this year to put together another big show next year."

With \$40,000 of settlement money from BP, an amount Pickels described as "massive," the Chamber of Commerce had the wherewithal to bring in the Atlanta Rhythm Section as Saturday's headliner with other noteworthy musical acts such as local favorites the Kevin Jacob's Band and the Bo Spring Band.

Pickels said the Chamber of Commerce went the extra mile with advertising for the event on TV, radio and billboards, bringing people in from all over the country.

By Sunday, Pickels was selling T-Shirts from last year's festival because of the huge Saturday turnout.

Susan Morris, a vendor from Eufaula, AL specializing in comfort food, ran the only booth offering fried scallop baskets at the festival.

Usually specializing in festival fare like hamburgers and funnel cakes, Morris and her family decided instead to focus on frying the festival's celebrity: the bay scallop.

In past years, the scallop booth was run primarily by the Lions Club, but this year the duty was entrusted to Morris and her crew of family members to dole out scallops and other fried seafood by the box full.

"We started out good (Saturday), but when the big name band started they really flooded in," Morris said. "Atlanta Rhythm Section came on, and man, it was just wall to wall people."

Volunteer Philip Bowling was equally busy at the beer tent.

"I was pouring beers two at a time all night long," Bowling said.

He and the other beer tent volunteers poured their way through 22 kegs of beer Saturday night.

Pickels expressed thanks to all of the festival's sponsors and volunteers, without whom the event would never have been possible.

Above, vocalist Rodney Justo performs "Champagne Jam" with the Atlanta Rhythm Section Saturday night. **Below**, Debbie Ashbrook was among the hundreds taking in the music on the lawn at George Core Park on Saturday afternoon. **Left Corner**, The day also featured a 5K run, with Kyle of Port St. Joe among the participants.



COURTESY OF BILL REID



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Summer vacation - on display

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

Eager children guided parents through a bevy of pinch pots, self portraits, watercolors, and snake cups last Friday, showing off a culmination of creative works completed during an eight-week summer arts program presented by the Gulf Alliance for Local Arts (GALA).

The free program, funded by a grant from the Jessie Ball DuPont Port St. Joe Capacity Building fund, had 98 registered students this summer, ranging from ages four to 17.

The grant money and additional sponsorship from the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition, Sacred Heart Hospital's Arts In Medicine Program and the Gulf County Tourist Development Council, provided all the necessary art supplies and hired qualified, paid instructors.

Students had the option to sign up for four different disciplines including clay, color, theater and dance. "We were very pleased with the turnout, especially with clay and art," said GALA President Amber Davis. "We hope to be able to do it again."

Davis said GALA hopes to develop an after-school art program and become less reliant on grant money.

"It's important because we don't have ongoing arts and education in our school program," Davis said.

GALA ran a smaller version of the program in 2008, Davis said, and was happy to be able to expand this year.



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Ellie Wich, 8, points out the details she helped with on the "Sea of Life" bowl, a gift this summer's world of clay class crafted as a gift for Jessie Ball DuPont.

Friday's reception, at 309 Reid Avenue in Port St. Joe, included visual art displays and theatrical and dance performances.

The more experienced dancers performed and were later joined by the younger dancers for a large group performance.

The theater group also put on its own version of "Cinderella", in which the classic details of the story were recreated.

Instead of a horse-drawn carriage, Cinderella rode to the ball on a "snazzy scooter" pulled by raccoons. Cinderella's fairy godmother made her appearance instead as an elf princess and offered Cinderella not glass slippers, but slippers made

of tar and polka dots that were five sizes too big.

Ten-year-old Hannah Anderson played Cinderella and also participated in world of clay this summer. She said she always enjoys performing and being onstage.

"The kids we had were very talented and very enthusiastic," said Emily Fidler, the program's theater instructor, who did a variety of improvisational games with the group.

Davis also unveiled a gift to Jessie Ball duPont during the reception, a ceramic bowl that every child that went through the clay class helped out with.

The "Sea of Life" bowl was beautifully detailed with vibrant colors and textures, a product of eight weeks of delicate molding and painting.

Clay students took turns pointing out which parts of the extravagant bowl they helped create.

Xavier Maestri, 10, pointed out his craftsmanship: a Lego man, a long green eel and an octopus.

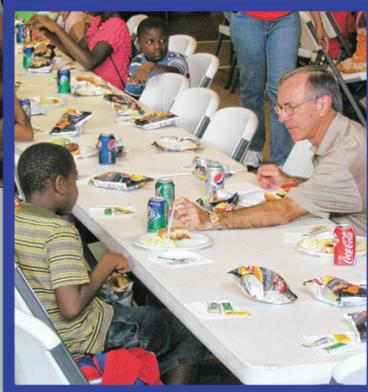
Eleven-year old twins Noah and Ryenne Wich and their younger sister, 8-year-old Ellie, all participated in the arts program this summer after moving to Port St. Joe from St. Louis.

Ellie helped paint polka dots, stripes and coral on the sea of life bowl.

The Wicks are home-schooled, and enjoyed meeting new friends at the arts program this summer.

The three siblings said they were sad the program had come to a close.

SUMMER ENDS WITH A DOG AND BURGER



Young Lance Larry, Jr. provided the pledge and then the kids who have been participating in the summer programs at the old Washington Gym dug into a feast of hot dogs and hamburgers on the final day of the summer fun. Some 130 children registered for programs the gym and the gym averaged nearly 100 kids a day during the eight-week program that combined games, learning, values lessons and camaraderie to children up to age 18. "It was a wonderful summer," said Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson, who joined other county and city officials in celebrating the end of the programs, which were sponsored by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. — Tim Croft



White flies and ornamentals

By Roy Lee Carter
County Extension Director



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

Although White Flies fly, they are not considered flies. Adult Whiteflies resemble tiny white moths. But actually, their closest relatives are the scale insects. Like scales, they attack and damage many of our favorite landscape ornamentals. On rare occasions, they'll even invade our homes to feed on house plants.

White Flies infest plants ranging from Gardenias and citrus, to Ligustrum and a number of annuals. My White Fly information was provided by extension retired professor, Doctor Don Short of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, (IFAS).

Adult white flies are quite small — only a sixteenth to an eighth of an inch long. Both the wings and body are covered with fine, white, powdery wax. The immature stages are flat, round, and not longer than a pin head.

They're light green to a whitish color, somewhat transparent, and resemble tiny fish scales. After hatching, each nymph inserts its beak into the underside of a leaf, and doesn't leave this feeding point until it reaches the adult stage.

There are three major broods of adult White Flies annually in Florida. In the North Florida area, these occur in late March, mid-June and late August. They appear two or three weeks earlier in the south portion of the state, and about a week later to the extreme west. When disturbed, adult white flies emerge from the infested plants in swarms resembling white clouds. But, in spite of their numbers, they cause little or no damage. However, the immature flies can seriously injure plants by sucking out vital juices. If their feeding is uncontrolled, upper leaf surfaces turn pale and affected plants will

decline.

Like soft scales, Mealy Bugs and Aphids, White Flies excrete large amounts of Honeydew — a sweet, sticky, substance that provides an excellent medium for the growth of sooty mold. Besides being unattractive, this black fungus may retard a plants growth by interfering with Photosynthesis.

Fortunately, once the insects are controlled, sooty mold usually weathers away. You can get rid of it faster by applying a copper spray. In fact, mixing copper with an insecticide can solve both problems at the same time. For suggestions on the proper spray materials, check with your garden center, or County Extensions Service.

Of course, you must apply the recommended products correctly, according to directions, and with the right equipment. You can

use a pump-up or hose attachment sprayer. If you use a hose attachment unit, be sure it's designed for ornamentals — not lawns. Spray plants to the point of runoff, covering the undersides of leaves thoroughly, and spray again in about two weeks. This should solve your problem until the next major brood emerges.

Of course, you shouldn't spray at all until you're sure white flies are the v. Many other problems can cause plants to decline. So, carefully examine the undersides of leaves for the presence of white fly nymphs. If you confirm that White Flies are infesting your plants, don't try to control the adults. After large numbers of adults are seen, wait about two weeks before spraying. This two week delay will allow the eggs to hatch. The small nymphs, which are most damaging to plants, are the easiest stage to control.

For more information, contact your local County Extension Service at 639-3200 or 229-2909.

WYATT HUSBAND TURNS 4

Wyatt Husband, son of Jack and Christy Husband of Wewahitchka, turned 4 years old on Aug. 2. He celebrated with family and all of his friends at Pump It Up with a Dinosaur themed party.

Happy Birthday to our big boy!
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PET OF THE WEEK
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Happi is a joyful, great-tempered little girl who gets along well with other dogs. She is 2 years old and weighs 35 pounds. Happi recently graduated from the DAWGS in prison program and is ready for her new home! The DAWGS in prison program is an 8-week intensive training program in a work camp setting. Each dog has a handler, caretaker and trainer. All are inmates who are well trained themselves and dedicated to their dogs' success. Graduates of the program are crate trained, housetrained, walk well on a leash, and know many commands like sit, stay, come, and down. Dogs are temperament tested prior to admission and must get along well with other dogs and humans. PLEASE HELP US! If you are not able to adopt a pet then please help us save a life by sponsoring one today just Contact Melody at 227-1103 or Shelter Mom Melissa at 625-5676 for more information on how to help! You may also find more information about our other dogs and cats we have here on our website at www.SJBHumaneSociety.org. Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Also Faith's Thrift Hut is in great need of donations also and all the proceeds go directly to support the animals in our care! Faith's Thrift Hut Has Expanded! We now have more furniture & appliances. Plus lots of other great thrift store treasures. The hours for the store are Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome at both our store and our shelter! Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!shelter! Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!

Sacred Heart to host a diabetes class Aug. 30

Star Staff Report

Have you or your loved one been diagnosed with diabetes? Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf and Jenny Stuckey, registered nurse and certified diabetes educator, will host a diabetes self-management class on Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET in

the conference room at the hospital.

The self-management class is open to adults with diabetes who are looking for ways to manage their disease. The class will cover topics on exercise, medication and nutrition for patients to reduce the symptoms of diabetes. Pre-registration is required and a physician referral is

needed to attend the class. The registration deadline is Aug. 18.

The \$10 fee will include lunch for the day.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, which is a hormone that is needed to convert starches, sugar and other food into the energy you need for daily life. Unfortunately, the exact cause of

diabetes is not known, but genetics, obesity and lack of exercise are considered risk factors.

For more information or to join the class, please call Ruthie Rhodes at 229-5620 or Jenny Stuckey at 278-3683. For more information about Sacred Heart, please visit www.sacredheartonthegulf.org.

McDONALD-PITTS TO WED

Bobby and Norma Jean McDonald of Wewahitchka, Florida, are proud to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter Shawna Danielle McDonald to Blaine Allen Pitts, son of Robbie and Sandy Knowles of Wewahitchka, Fla.

The wedding will be held at 6 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Windmark public beach on Flatwater West off U.S. Highway 98 near the Dixie Belle Curve in Port St. Joe. A reception will follow at Barefoot Cottages. All family and friends are invited.

Help protect St. Joseph's Bay

Star Staff Report

The Central Panhandle Aquatic Preserve Office, which is responsible for the management of St. Joseph's Bay Aquatic Preserve, was closed July 1, because of recent state budget cuts.

As a result the office will no longer monitor long-term changes to the bay's natural resources or offer education and outreach opportunities to the public.

You can become a steward of this fragile bay and continue to help protect the valuable natural resources by volunteering and/or making a donation to the Friends of the St. Joseph Bay Preserves, Inc.

There are two long-term monitoring projects the Friends wish to continue with the help of the community including water qual-

ity monitoring and seagrass monitoring.

Please join staff at the Buffer Preserve Center, 3915 State 30-A, on Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon ET if you are interested in volunteering for these projects. The Friends are seeking people with boats and/or kayaks who fish, swim, scallop, etc. in the bay.

The preliminary meeting will initiate community involvement, gauge interest, assess resources, and include a presentation on how we can work together to continue to protect the habitats in the bay for future generations.

Please contact Kim Wren at 850-670-7718 or (sjbseagrass@yahoo.com), for additional information.

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Superior Bank collecting supplies for students in need

Special to The Star

Because it cares about the future of students and the community, Superior Bank is partnering with Port St. Joe Elementary School to provide supplies for students in need. Please join

us by bringing school supplies to Superior Bank, 418 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. in Port St. Joe. The branch phone number is 227-1416.

Look for the colorful collection boxes in the bank lobby. The boxes will be in place

through Aug. 31.

Please bring any of the following supplies: backpacks (no rolling backpacks), Crayola crayons (8-count large), Crayola crayons (24-count), Crayola markers, colored pencils, composition books (wide-ruled, not spiral), divider

tabs, Germ-X, glue (Elmer's School), glue sticks, highlighters, Kleenex, notebook paper (regular-ruled, loose-leaf), notebook paper (wide-ruled, loose-leaf), notebooks (wide-ruled, single-subject spiral), pencils (jumbo), pencils (No. 2 with

erasers), pens (blue, black or red), pocket folders, scissors (Fiskars blunt-tip), scissors (Fiskars regular-tip), Ziploc bags (quart or gallon), three-ring binders (2-inch rings) and three-ring notebooks with subject dividers.

Is it time for your child's checkup?

Special to The Star

It's hard to believe, but back-to-school time is right around the corner. This makes August a great time to schedule a checkup for your child. And did you know that well-child visits are covered under the new health care reform law? Depending on your insurance plan, your child might be

able to get checkups at no cost to you.

Follow these steps to make the most of your child's visit to the doctor:

- Gather important information.

Before the appointment, gather information about your child's health to share with the doctor or nurse. For example, make a list of any important changes in

your child's life since the last visit, such as a serious illness or a new school.

- Make a list of questions you want to ask the doctor.

Have there been any big changes in your child's behavior? Write them down so you can be sure to ask the doctor about them.

- Know what to expect.

In addition to doing a physical exam, the doctor

or nurse will ask questions about how your child is doing. These questions will help the doctor learn more about how your child is learning, behaving and developing.

Visit <http://www.healthfinder.gov> for more healthy living tips and information.

Information provided by Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

Correctional class scheduled this month

Star Staff Report

A basic correctional officer course is scheduled to begin the end of this month at the Gulf/Franklin Center in Port St. Joe. An exact date hasn't been decided.

This course is required for all who wish to become correctional officers in Florida. Because of the recent hiring freeze enacted by the state, it does not appear that the Department of Corrections will be hiring trainees, which means a need for trained offi-

cers will surely exist in the near future. Despite recent changes in state employment, correctional officer positions are still some of the best the state has to offer in our area. If you are interested in becoming an officer, call 227-9670, ext. 5507 or 5511.

The Lion's TALE

As the summer winds down, the faculty and staff at Faith Christian School are making preparations for your child.

A family atmosphere with nurturing teachers and a stimulating, God-based curriculum is the foundation of Faith's educational principles.

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the elementary program.

Open house for all grades is Friday, Aug. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET. Come by to meet and greet the teachers and get to know other parents and students.

Faith Christian has a website, www.FaithChristianPSJ.net. We urge you to browse through our different links. Communication with teachers will be available through this site, as well as the latest news.

Partial scholarship opportunities for tuition are available for K5 through the eighth grade. Call the office at 229-6707 to ensure your child's spot. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. through 1 p.m.



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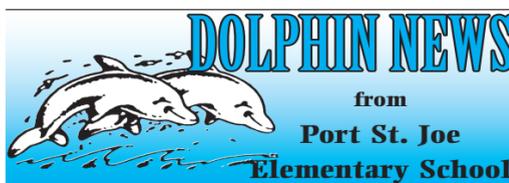
Port St. Joe Junior/Senior Open House

Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School will be holding an open house for all students and parents in grade seven-12. The open house will be Thursday, Aug. 11, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. ET. Students will receive their schedules and participate in a mock schedule run for students to be able to report to each class for a short period.

The school faculty is very 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 very 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.



Port St. Joe Elementary School Open House

On Friday, Aug. 12, there will be a Title I Open House for Port St. Joe Elementary School parents and friends.

The Open House will begin at noon ET in your child's class and end at 1 p.m. This is the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and take a tour of our lovely campus.

Also on that day, we will have a special

meeting at 11 a.m. ET for upcoming sixth-graders and their parents in the school auditorium. This is your chance to ask questions, see your child's schedule and discuss school supplies.

We hope you will make a conscious effort to be at these meetings. We covet your ideas and look forward to our relationship in the future.

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trying to run them out of town, they're running them out of the woods too.

Sounds like open season on homeless folks, how does it sound to you?

Remember "Jesus," did He ever turn anyone away?

By the way, I don't remember Him having a home or bed or a pillow on which to lay.

Remember this what ever you do.

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There are more than a few places where you can go and hear things that you are told are from the Bible and still come up with wrong information. Bibles contain writings that are translations of documents that are a minimum of 1900 years old, and are written in the ancient languages of Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic. Getting truth from them sounds difficult, but it's not that hard for those willing to do some serious study. Think about what will happen to you if you don't bother!

I have found one site on the internet in particular to be very helpful. It is www.biblegateway.com. On this site, you specify, which Bible you want to research and indicate the topic, or portion of scripture, that you want to check out. You have a choice of 25 different English Bibles, and about 80 others. I highly recommend the King James and New King James versions of the Bible, but I don't demand that people use only these two.

You don't have to be a slave to your earthly

teacher, priest, pastor or any other member of the clergy. I have a good friend who had been a church member for 35 years, only to find that that there were things that he had been taught for many years that weren't true.

You can determine the quality of teaching you are getting from your spiritual advisor, by asking yourself these questions: Does he/she demand that you NOT read, and study, the Bible, on your own? Does he/she demand that you use only one particular Bible? Does he/she demand that you read, or listen to, or watch, only materials from their own church or denomination? Does he/she demand that you avoid the internet, or any other information source? Every information source, including your own priest, pastor or elder has to be taken with a certain amount of skepticism, and viewed with a certain amount of caution.

The practice of limiting the information sources of their followers is one of the marks of groups that are usually called cults. It's not just small far-out groups

that do these things. There are some in large churches and denominations that do these things also!

One of the best pieces of advice, that I have ever received, was from an old country preacher. He used to say "Saturate yourself with the Word." By "Word" he meant the Bible itself. He was one of those who understood the value of eyewitness testimony. Why waste your time reading commentaries, or Christian books, when you can get your information from those who walked with Jesus, and even read the words of Jesus, Himself?

As you seek the truth, God will guide you, if you have prayed to Him, asking Him to make you what He wants you to be.

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Mrs. Elizabeth A. Strang

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Strang, 82, of Port St. Joe passed away Monday, Aug. 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, FL, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of 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, Cateline E. Strang; and her standard poodle, Booboo and her cat, Qwa Qwa.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. EDT Thursday, Aug. 11, at First Presbyterian Church of Port St. Joe.

Southerland Family Funeral Home, Port St. Joe

Bobbie Marie Mears

Bobbie Marie Mears, infant daughter of Cody D. and Mary (Hansen) Mears of Southport passed away Friday, Aug. 5, 2011. She is also survived by her brother, Aubrie Mears of Southport; grandparents, Grady Mears of Altha, Sandra Hansen, and Lisa Stripling and Stevie of Wewahitchka; great-grandparents, Audrie and Juanita Mears of Altha, Eleese Adkins of Wewahitchka, and Mildred Harris of Panama City; uncles, Brent Mears, Bobby Hanson, Jessie Hansen, Casey Golden, and Michael Stripling; aunts, Chrissy Hansen, Amanda Stripling and Crystal Martin; and a great-aunt, Doris

Freeman.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Robert Hansen, Sr. and Mary Marie Harris.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. CT on Thursday, Aug. 11 in the Chapel at Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown. Interment will follow in Sunny Hill Cemetery near Altha. The family received friends 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10 at the funeral home.

Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown is in charge of the arrangements. Phone 674-5449. Online condolences may be made at adamsfh.com.

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Sam Tortorici named CEO of Superior Bank

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Superior Bank (“Superior”) today announced that Sam Tortorici, a well-known banking leader in the Southeast, has been named Chief Executive Officer of the Bank. Tortorici is a senior banking executive with more than 24 years of experience at Regions Bank.

Superior Bank has a branch located in Port St. Joe.

“Sam is a proven leader, well known in banking circles both in the Birmingham, Alabama region and throughout the Southeastern U.S.,” said Paul Murphy, Chairman of Superior Bank and the Chief Executive Officer of Community Bancorp, Superior’s parent company. “He brings extensive banking experience from the

local market, and we share a common vision of exceeding customer expectations and for being an employer of choice. Sam will help us make this vision a reality for both the customers and the communities we serve today and will serve in the future. We are delighted to have him join our organization.”

Tortorici noted: “It is clear Superior has a very strong franchise in its markets through a focus on localized customer service and a commitment to engaging with its customers to enhance their business and personal financial results. This vision of growth coupled with their obvious commitment to employees are an ideal fit for my personal values.”



SAM TORTORICI

“With his business acumen, knowledge of the local area, and strong ties to the community, Sam’s appointment is a clear signal of Superior’s desire to further build its banking franchise in the region.”

Doug Hutt
Superior Bank President

Doug Hutt, President of Superior Bank added: “We could not have found a better addition to our team to execute our localized strategy of providing products and services for the businesses and individuals in the Alabama and Florida markets. With his business acumen, knowledge of the local area, and strong ties to the community, Sam’s

appointment is a clear signal of Superior’s desire to further build its banking franchise in the region.”

Today’s appointment is the latest leadership addition to Superior Bank. Several other key executives have joined the organization in the past three months, including: Jerry Powell, General Counsel, J. Cameron Terry, Chief Credit Officer,

Fred Martin, Director of Human Resources, Doug Staley, Special Assets Group Manager, Dann Lee, Director of Retail Delivery and Tricia Bellamy, Director of Compliance.

Fox DeFuniak, Birmingham Market President for Superior Bank, added: “I have known Sam for his entire banking career. He brings a unique

blend of knowledge and personal skills that are rare in business today. This combination of both expertise and personality will help to ensure his success with customers and employee relationships alike. The entire team could not be more pleased with this announcement and we look forward to working closely with him.”

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Sat, Aug 13	90°	78°	40 %
Sun, Aug 14	89°	77°	40 %
Mon, Aug 15	89°	78°	30 %
Tues, Aug 16	89°	78°	30 %
Wed, Aug 17	89°	77°	0 %

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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

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

St. Joseph Bay

Date	Time	Tide	High	Low	Diff
8/11 Thu	08:47AM	2.0	H 07:03PM	-0.1	L
8/12 Fri	09:34AM	1.9	H 07:25PM	0.1	L
8/13 Sat	10:16AM	1.7	H 07:32PM	0.3	L
8/14 Sun	10:56AM	1.6	H 07:24PM	0.4	L
8/15 Mon	11:39AM	1.3	H 07:00PM	0.7	L
8/16 Tue	02:12AM	1.0	H 05:50AM	0.9	L
	12:32PM	1.1	H 06:20PM	0.8	L
8/17 Wed	01:35AM	1.1	H 07:59AM	0.8	L
	01:50PM	0.9	H 05:12PM	0.8	L

Apalachicola Bay, West Pass

Date	Time	Tide	High	Low	Diff
8/11 Thu	04:45AM	1.3	H 08:16AM	1.4	L
	01:24PM	1.6	H 09:58PM	0.0	L
8/12 Fri	05:00AM	1.3	H 09:10AM	1.2	L
	02:26PM	1.6	H 10:33PM	0.1	L
8/13 Sat	05:13AM	1.3	H 09:55AM	1.1	L
	03:18PM	1.6	H 11:02PM	0.2	L
8/14 Sun	05:24AM	1.3	H 10:36AM	1.0	L
	04:06PM	1.6	H 11:25PM	0.4	L
8/15 Mon	05:33AM	1.4	H 11:14AM	0.9	L
	04:52PM	1.5	H 11:42PM	0.5	L
8/16 Tue	05:44AM	1.4	H 11:52AM	0.8	L
	05:38PM	1.4	H 11:57PM	0.7	L
8/17 Wed	05:57AM	1.5	H 12:30PM	0.7	L
	06:29PM	1.3	H		

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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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Open Discussion
- Staff

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

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Public Notice

A Public Hearing will be held at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m. EST. The 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:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GULF COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUE 163 BY AMENDING THE ELEMENTS OF THE GULF COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THROUGH TEXT ADDITIONS, REMOVALS AND REVISIONS TO THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE RESPECTIVE ELEMENTS; ADDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT; PROVIDING FINDINGS FOR ADOPTION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on this matter. The ordinance and contents are on file with the Clerk of Court and at the Planning Department, Room 312 in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. Port St. Joe, FL.

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Green Industries Best Management Practices class today

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 today 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 by Jan. 1, 2014. To get this license, each green industry worker must be trained in 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 GI-BMP certificate of completion will be mailed. Pesticide applicators can receive continuing education unit 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.

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, contact Rivera.

GCEC welcomes Bob Logan

Special to The Star

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is proud to announce the addition of Bob Logan to its staff. Logan is the new GIS Specialist for the Cooperative.

Logan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in applied technologies and has 12 years of experience in providing locate services, as well as 20 years of experience in nuclear power radiation safety programs.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is part of the Touchstone Energy national alliance of local consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to customers large and small. Approximately 75 employees serve more than 20,000 meters and 2,500 miles of line in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson, Walton and Washington counties and in the municipalities of Wewahatchka, Ebro, Lynn Haven, White City, Fountain and Southport.

Stephanie Halseide joins Kerigan Marketing Associates

Colo. tourism marketer hired to lead local promotional campaigns

Special to The Star

Kerigan Marketing Associates Inc., a Port St. Joe-based marketing and advertising agency, has announced that Stephanie Halseide has joined the firm as account executive. Halseide recently relocated to the area from Colorado Springs, Colo., with her husband, who is attending flight school at Tyndall Air Force Base.

While in Colorado, Halseide

worked as an account executive at Vladimir Jones, Colorado's oldest independently owned advertising agency, with account responsibility including The Broadmoor five-star resort, Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, Colorado Springs CVB and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

She brings unmatched experience to the area in destination marketing strategic planning, account management and maintaining client and agency relationships. Halseide joins the six-person team of Catherine Noel, graphic designer, Bryan Baird, web designer, George Kel-

ley, web programmer, Dolores Lowery, office manager and Jack Kerigan.

Halseide holds a B.S. in communications from Black Hills State University in her native South Dakota, where she was a scholarship-track athlete and managed the 24-hour award-winning college radio station along with an internship at the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce, where she got her start in advertising.

More information is available on the company's website at <http://keriganmarketing.com/about/stephanie>.



STEPHANIE HALSEIDE

Dr. Tamim to present 'Peripheral Artery Disease and Stroke Prevention'

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PORT ST. JOE — Every year, more than half a million Americans suffer a stroke. Strokes have become the third-leading cause of death and are the No. 1 cause of long-term disability for adults in the U.S.

To educate the community about the causes and prevention of "brain attack," vascular surgeon Dr. Patrick Tamim will provide a free presentation on stroke on Aug. 15 at 10:30 a.m. ET in the Conference Room at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf. Tamim also will provide information about pe-

ripheral artery disease, commonly referred to as PAD.

Preregistration is requested for the seminar, which is sponsored by Sacred Heart's SENIORSpirit! membership program. Call Paulina Pendarvis at 229-5627 to register.

Tamim is a graduate of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He completed residency in general surgery and a vascular surgery fellowship. He specializes in the treatment of vascular diseases, including stroke prevention, open and endovascular treatment of aneurysm

and peripheral artery diseases, varicose and spider veins, and dialysis access.

Sacred Heart SENIORSpirit! is a free program for people 55 and older. Benefits include free screenings, seminars, special inpatient benefits such as three free guest meal tickets (up to \$5) per hospital stay, a monthly calendar of events detailing all SENIORSpirit! events, and discounted prepaid lab coupon program.

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

and Bay counties. The 19-bed facility features 24-hour emergency services, inpatient services, surgical services, diagnostic and laboratory services and a helipad to be used by Sacred Heart's regional air ambulance service to provide rapid transport for trauma or critically ill patients. The hospital is operated by Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and a part of Ascension Health, the nation's largest system of Catholic, not-for-profit health care facilities. For more information, visit www.sacredheartonthegulf.org, find us on Facebook or call 850-229-5600.

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Please indicate on the envelope YOUR COMPANY NAME, that this is a SEALD BID and include the BID NUMBER. Please provide an original and three (3) copies.

Bids must be submitted to the Gulf County Clerk's Office at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 by Friday, September 2, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., E.T. Bids will be opened at this same location on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., E.T.

Any questions concerning this bid should be directed to David Richardson at (850) 227-9562 or Bobby Blair (850) 227-1115.

Gulf County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Warren Yeager, Jr., Chairman Attest: Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk August 4, 11, 2011

3387S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No. 516

Application No. 2011-07

Year of Issuance: 2009

R.E. No. 02729-000R

Description of Property: South 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Willie Nobles & Dorothy Ruth Nobles

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 7th day of September, 2011.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2011.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2011

3388S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No. 589

Application No. 2011-08

Year of Issuance: 2009

R.E. No. 03083-780R

Description of Property: Unit 16, EAGLE LANDING SUBDIVISION, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 51, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Sand Castle Developers LLC/Swiftwater LLC

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 7th day of September, 2011.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2011.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2011

3399S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY

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

Certificate No. 411

Application No. 2011-12

Year of Issuance: 2009

R.E. No. 02387-000R

Description of Property: Lots 7 and 8, of Block 1 of Harden's Addition to the City of Wewahatchka, according to the official map or plat thereof on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Clifford C. Millergren and M. Janice Millergren

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 7th day of September, 2011.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2011.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2011

3431S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

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. LaFerre, 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 THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

THOMAS S. GIBSON Personal Representative P.O. Box 39 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 THOMAS S. GIBSON RISH, GIBSON & SCHOLZ, PA. 116 Sailors Cove Drive P.O. Box 39 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 850 229-8211 FL Bar No. 0350583 ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER August 4, 11, 2011

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:

LOT 2, BLOCK A OF SUNSET POINTE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT

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AT THE SALE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLACE THE REQUIRE STATE DOCUMENTARY STAMPS ON THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

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

DATED this 25th day of July, 2011.

REBECCA NORRIS Gulf County Clerk of the Court

By: Barbara A. Baxter As Deputy Clerk August 4, 11, 2011

3457S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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. LaFerre, 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 THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

THOMAS S. GIBSON Personal Representative P.O. Box 39 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 THOMAS S. GIBSON RISH, GIBSON & SCHOLZ, PA. 116 Sailors Cove Drive P.O. Box 39 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 850 229-8211 FL Bar No. 0350583 ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER August 4, 11, 2011

3458S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No. 588

Application No. 2011-16

Year of Issuance: 2009

R.E. No. 03083-775R

Description of Property: Unit 15, EAGLE LANDING SUBDIVISION, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 51, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida

Name in which assessed: Swift Water, LLC

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 14th day of September, 2011.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2011.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk August 11, 18, 25, 2011 Sept 1, 2011

3460S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

LOT 2, BLOCK A OF SUNSET POINTE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT

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THEREOF AS REQUIRED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES(S) 41-43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 29th day of July, 2011.

REBECCA L. (BECKY) NORRIS Clerk Circuit Court

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

3457S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No. 996

Application No. 2011-14

Year of Issuance: 2009

R.E. No. 03806-175R

Description of Property: Lot 15, of Block A, of SeaShores/St. Joe Beach Unit #3, according to the Plat thereof on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, in Plat Book 3, at page 35.

Name in which assessed: Anthony Alfred Peter Davis and Darin Neal Qualls

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 14th day of September, 2011.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2011.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk August 11, 18, 25, 2011 Sept 1, 2011

3458S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No. 588

Application No. 2011-16

Year of Issuance: 2009

R.E. No. 03083-775R

Description of Property: Unit 15, EAGLE LANDING SUBDIVISION, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 51, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida

Name in which assessed: Swift Water, LLC

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 14th day of September, 2011.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2011.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk August 11, 18, 25, 2011 Sept 1, 2011

3460S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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lows: Certificate No. 1326

Application No. 2011-17

Year of Issuance: 2009

R.E. No. 06268-044R

Description of Property: COMMENCE at the Northwest Corner of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, and thence North 00 Degrees 04 Minutes 21 Seconds East 1341.09 feet to the Southwesterly right of way boundary of County Road No. 30-E, thence run along said right of way boundary as follows: South 23 Degrees 25 Minutes 11 Seconds East 1642.44 feet to a point of curve to the left, thence Southeast-erly along said curve with a radius of 11426.79 feet thru a central angle of 00 Degrees 29 Minutes 20 Seconds for an arc distance of 97.50 feet, thence continue along said curve with a radius of 11426.79 feet thru a central angle of 00 Degrees 29 Minutes 54 Seconds for an arc distance of 97.50 feet, thence run North 19 Degrees 21 Minutes 28 Seconds West along said approximate mean high waterline 35.62 feet, thence run North 14 Degrees 39 Minutes 38 Seconds West along said approximate mean high waterline 10.81 feet, thence run North 66 Degrees 10 Minutes 13 Seconds East 263.37 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.28 of an acre more or less. ALSO: DESCRIPTION: 12 FOOT INGRESS/EGRESS EASEMENT

A parcel of land lying and being in Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, and Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 12 West, Gulf County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Northwest Corner of said Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, and thence North 00 Degrees 04 Minutes 21 Seconds East along the West boundary line of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, for 1341.09 feet to the Southwesterly right of way line of County Road No. 30-E, thence South 23 Degrees 25 Minutes 11 Seconds East along said right of way line for 1642.44 feet to a point of curve; thence continue along said right of way line along the arc of a curve to the left which has a radius of 11,426.79 feet and a central angle of 00 Degrees 29 Minutes 20 Seconds for an arc length of 97.50 feet; thence continue along said curve to the left which has a radius of 11,426.79 feet and a central angle of 00 Degrees 29 Minutes 54 Seconds for an arc length of 97.50 feet; thence leaving said right of way line, South 66 Degrees 05 Minutes 29 Seconds West for 12.00 feet; thence North 23 Degrees 54 Minutes 31 Seconds West for 53.35 feet; thence North 68 Degrees 05 Minutes 29 Seconds East for 12.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Name in which assessed: Richard J. Nelson III & Theresa R. Nelson

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure 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 Defendant, Kimberly Franklin, Unknown Spouse of Kimberly Franklin, Plaintiff, vs. JENNY L. ACREE A/K/A JENNY ACREE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNY L. ACREE A/K/A JENNY ACREE; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT (S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants,

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure 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 Defendant, Kimberly Franklin, Unknown Spouse of Kimberly Franklin, Plaintiff, and JENNY L. ACREE A/K/A JENNY ACREE, is Plaintiff, and JENNY L. ACREE A/K/A JENNY ACREE, is Defendant.

Clerk shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., ET in the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., 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.

Located: 905 20th Street, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

and all fixtures personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

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

Dated at Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida this 27th day of July, 2011.

Rebecca Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Clairfield & Okon, PA. Attorney for Plaintiff 500 S. Australian Ave. Suite 730 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 713-1400 Aug 4, 11, 2011

3471S IN THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 11-31-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. CHRISTOPHER D. LEONE, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 26, 2011, and entered in Civil Action No. 11-31-CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein the parties were the plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, and the defendant, CHRISTOPHER D. LEONE, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 25th day of August, 2011, at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse, Port St. Joe, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 5, Block B, Sweetwater Shores at Money

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Dated this 1st day of August, 2011.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk August 11, 18, 25, 2011 Sept 1, 2011

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, Plaintiff,

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2004-HE7 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-HE7 Plaintiff,

vs. JENNY L. ACREE A/K/A JENNY ACREE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNY L. ACREE A/K/A JENNY ACREE; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT (S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure 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 Defendant, Kimberly Franklin, Unknown Spouse of Kimberly Franklin, Plaintiff, and JENNY L. ACREE A/K/A JENNY ACREE, is Plaintiff, and JENNY L. ACREE A/K/A JENNY ACREE, is Defendant.

Clerk shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., ET in the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., 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.

Located: 905 20th Street, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

and all fixtures personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

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

Dated at Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida this 27th day of July, 2011.

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Front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on September 8, 2011, the following described property:

Lot 9, Mystic Palms, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 8, of the Public of Gulf County, Florida

Dated: August 3, 2011 Gulf County Clerk of Court

3493S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, at its meeting on the 20th day of September, 2011, at 6:00 P.M., EST, in the regular Commission meeting room at the Municipal Building, Port St. Joe, Florida, will have the 2nd reading and consider for final adoption an Ordinance with the following title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE 412; AMENDING CERTAIN TIME FRAMES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Copies of the Ordinance are available for public inspection at City of Port St. Joe City Hall, located at 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida.

Interested persons may attend and be heard at the public hearing or provide comments in writing to the City Commissioners, City of Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. Transactions of the public hearing will not be recorded. Persons wishing to appeal any decision made during the hearing will need a record of the proceeding and should ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony on which the appeal is based. Any person who wishes to attend and requires assistance may call the City Clerk's Office at (850) 229-8261, Est. 114.

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

BY: S/MEL MAGIDSON, JR.

Mayor-Commissioner Attest: S/James A. Anderson City Clerk-Auditor August 11, 2011

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3496S PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Final Agency Action Taken by the Northwest Florida Water Management District

Notice is given that stormwater permit number 1123 was issued on August 3, 2011, to Dunes Club Condominium Association the addition of a dry retention facility to treat and attenuate the existing Dunes Club development, Port St. Joe.

The file containing the application for this permit is available for inspection Monday through Friday (except for legal holidays), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ERP Office, The Delaney Center Building, Suite 2-D 2252 Killearn Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57 F.S., or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-404, Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333-4712. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice or within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing notice of this intent in the mail for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., concerning the subject permit. Petitions which are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of intent. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceedings, the

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accordance with the requirements set forth above. August 11, 2011 3507S ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: The Gulf County School Board is accepting bids for lockers at Wewahitchka Elementary School. A bid package may be picked up at the Gulf County School Board Maintenance Department, 150 Middle School Road or faxed by calling 850-229-8369. Bids will be accepted starting August 11, 2011 and ending August 25, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. E.S.T. August 11, 2011

CLASSIFIED NOTICES 1110

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HELP WANTED 4100

LOST 1160

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2100 - Pets 2110 - Pets: Free to Good Home 2120 - Pet Supplies 2130 - Farm Animals/Supplies 2140 - Pets/Livestock Wanted 2150 - Pet Memorials

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APPLIANCES 3110

NEW TODAY Frigidaire 13 cycle washing machine. Very good condition \$180 Call 647-2666

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Exp. Chef/Cook & experienced Wait Staff. Apply in person to 71 Market St. Apalachicola between 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm. Web-Id 34170461

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APARTMENT RENTALS 6110

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HELP WANTED 4100

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HELP WANTED 4100

APARTMENT RENTALS 6110

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APARTMENT RENTALS 6110

2 br, house for rent; close to St. Joe Bay; 457 Madison St. Oak Grove; 850-227-7822

ROOMMATE WANTED 6150

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