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Significant week for Port of Port St. Joe

State and economic development officials visit to assess needs

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The Port of Port St. Joe is showing up on the sonar of folks in high places in town this week to assess the potential of Florida's last undeveloped deepwater port.

Ananth Prasad, Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, and members of the Gulf

County legislative delegation were in town Wednesday on a fact-finding mission about the port.

Also scheduled to attend were Rep. Marti Coley (R-Marianna), Rep. Jimmy Patronis (R-Panama City Beach) - schedule permitting - state Sen. Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee), a representative from the staff of Congressman Steve Southerland (R-Panama

City) as well as FDOT and county officials.

This on top of a recent meeting in Panama City between port officials and Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Florida) that port officials said was very constructive, the senator expressed his support for port development.

"I think the meeting, particularly with Representative Coley coming, is a signal that people inland

recognize the impact the port could have for the region," said Port Authority executive director Tommy Pitts. "To us, it is very exciting that there is that kind of interest."

Pitts said interest extends to the Governor's Mansion. During an interview at the annual Lincoln Day dinner earlier this year, Gov. Rick Scott voiced support for development of the

port and the importance of meeting the needs in developing each of Florida's 14 deepwater ports.

"The state is very supportive," Pitts said. "The governor is very aware of our activities."

Among those activities is a more proactive partnership with the St. Joe Company in developing the old mill site, as well as the parcel north of the mill

site that St. Joe previously leased to the Port Authority.

The shakeup in leadership and strategy changes at St. Joe has led to what Port Authority board chairwoman Johanna White called a "joint effort" for job creation through the port.

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council has long

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GROUP SEEKS TO REVITALIZE PORT THEATRE

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

For many, the Port Theatre is a 73-year-old diamond in rough shape.

A private/public partnership is dedicating itself to applying some polish to the historic theater in order to turn it into the Port Theatre Art and Culture Center.

"This is a legendary community asset that will benefit all residents of Gulf County and the community," said Gail Alsobrook, executive director of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency, one of the partners in the effort to revitalize the theater. "It can be a hub for art and cultural events."

A steering committee, comprised of local business owners as well as representatives from local arts organizations, has been exploring the revitalization of the theater for some two years.

From those explorations has emerged a board of directors for the Port Theatre Art and Culture Center (PTACC) and the drafting of Articles of Incorporation.

The group will seek to become a 501 (c) 3 non-profit by the end of the year.

"This is an exploratory effort to identify everything we need to reach

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Gail Alsobrook

executive director of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency

our goal," Alsobrook said. "The people on the board have the expertise and the skills to get us there."

The effort is distinctively collaborative in nature.

The Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition has pledged start-up funds in support of an art and culture center in Gulf County. The group envisions such a center as headquarters for its annual Great Plain Air Paint Out, among other events.

The PSJRA has pledged support as the theater is in its redevelopment area and is seen a major component for revitalization of downtown.

"The revitalization of the theater could be an economic engine for the

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From Roy Rogers in the 1940s to the Harvey Arnold Band in 1980, the Port Theatre's stage played host to a variety of live acts over the decades.



Several old projectors still remain inside the entryway of the theater.

Below Left: Old film reels and some of the original wall paneling remain on the walls of the old theater. **Below Center:** The projection room, construction to be fireproof, remains largely intact. **Below Right:** The acoustics for the three-story auditorium section of the theatre, seen here looking from the projection room to the stage beyond, are considered excellent.

2000-2010: how Gulf County has changed

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

Gulf County's numbers are creeping up and up.

According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Gulf County's population percent increase is higher than the state's, along with the poverty rate.

Gulf County's population increased 19 percent between 2000 and 2010, slightly higher than Florida's state population growth of 17.6 percent, and double U.S. population percent increase figure of 9.7 percent.

With a total growth of 2,531 residents, the county population is growing faster than it did between 1990 and 2000.

The percent increase in population from 1990 to 2000 was 15.9 percent.

If the trend continues, Gulf County could see an increase of more than 3,000 residents in the next 10 years, bringing the population to almost 19,000.

Florida is the fourth most populated state in the nation, behind California, Texas and New York, and is projected to move into the number three spot ahead of New York by 2015 based on growth trends.

Census figures also reveal that Gulf County also has a disproportionate male population, with 60 percent male and 40 percent female.

Census data confirms Gulf County has felt the wrath of the recession, with increasing poverty levels and a decreasing median household income.

The median household income of Gulf County has dropped from \$38,160 in 2007 to \$35,656 in 2010, and ranks below that of the state (\$44,755) and the nation as a whole (\$50,046).

The county poverty level is also higher than the state and national levels, with 23 percent of the population living below the poverty line, up from 16.7 percent in 2007.

Statewide, 15 percent of the

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TDC takes another look at contracts

By Valerie Garman
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The Gulf County Tourism Development Council Board reviewed a series of pending special events contracts with Amber Davis's company, Statecraft, at its monthly meeting Oct. 6.

What began as three memorandums of understanding, contracting Davis for \$24,300 of event planning to be paid in nine installments between September 2011 and April 2012, is now

being re-examined by the TDC Board as individual event planning contracts upon suggestion by County Attorney Jeremy Novak.

TDC Executive Director Tim Kerigan entered into the MOUs with Davis in mid-August after she approached the TDC and offered to assist with event planning. The initial MOUs, under county policy, would have required the TDC to collect bids for the position.

Kerigan signed the set of contracts without any vote

from the TDC board.

Kerigan said he failed initially in the contracting process. He said either the contracts needed to be combined and the position put out for bid, or they should be broken down into individual event consultation contracts, which is the route the TDC will take.

County Attorney Jeremy Novak reminded the board that any time the TDC wants to spend more than \$5,000 the request must go before the Board of County Com-

missioners for approval.

Novak presented an 18-item list of past event expenditures, all of which exceeded county policy guidelines, during the meeting.

The list included such TDC-sponsored events as the Scallop and Music Fest, First Fridays, Saltwater Slam and the Pojo Live Music Festival.

Kerigan presented seven event proposals for the board's approval, all of which were pitched by Davis, and each with its own consulting

fee under \$5,000.

"What you have in front of you are individual expenses that you have the ability to approve," said Novak, who noted the original MOUs Kerigan entered exceeded that expense allotment.

Novak said the TDC does not need to collect bids for individual events with individual contractors under \$5,000.

The proposed events included a tagged trout and redfish tournament, a run at Cape San Blas, a series

of "snowbird social society" events, a sandcastle building contest, "worship on the water" events, a New Years event, and a St. Patrick's Day cooking contest.

"We can accept them, deny them, or accept something similar," Kerigan said.

Board member Jason Bogan said the redfish tournament was one of the 26 ideas he submitted to the board six months ago.

Board member Mel

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voiced the sentiment that port development in Port St. Joe was a huge step in unlocking the economic potential of the county and region.

"Things have changed phenomenally," Pitts said. "(St. Joe's) strategy has changed and as a result we are working towards the same goals of jobs and creating economic activity. We have always known we needed to attract private funds. We see a private/public partnership as the best opportunity for port development. Now we see St. Joe as an ally in port development."

"(The Port's coastal parcel) and mill site are actively being considered and marketed for port and marine activity (by St. Joe). That opens the prospect for port activity itself."

Pitts added that the barge bulkhead, and access road, along the Intracoastal Canal offers options for new customers, as does the access to rail that the port gained by the purchase of the old Arizona Chemical property earlier this year.

With potential development of the former mill site and the port's so-called Parcel A, or coastal parcel, the port's capabilities grow.

"Having properties that are developed has attracted the attention of customers," Pitts said. "(Prasad) will learn about the attributes we do have here. We have so much going for us here."

That includes close proximity to a federal shipping channel, over 100 acres of land in port hands, an adjacent wastewater plant, a significant source of freshwater in the Gulf County Canal, access to rail and two natural gas pipelines from the purchase of the

Arizona Chemical property.

Pitts also cited developments at the state and federal level which will aid the case for port development.

That includes the governor's focus on job creation, his emphasis on ports as engines for that creation and his push to reduce the regulatory burden on businesses. Further, with the expansion of the Panama Canal completed in two years, and Florida ports positioned to reap benefits from the trade that expansion will bring, the Port of Port St. Joe is in position to grow and develop.

"We have seen changes in the past year or two that make us more optimistic on deepwater expansion," Pitts said. "With the Panama Canal expansion there are a lot of changing dynamics in shipping and looking for new opportunities."

"What state studies have found is that the impact of ports on Florida's economy has been greatly underestimated."

Part of this week's meetings was to show key elected and appointed officials what a port advisory committee has helped identify as hurdles to development, including identifying funding needs.

The advisory committee has crafted a strategic plan and financing plan to meet those hurdles.

Those plans were to be discussed this week.

"It's exciting for us to have them all come here," Pitts said.

White said it was a key step in the creation of badly needed jobs.

"With all those people coming they are acknowledging the regional impact of the port," White said. "We need the jobs and we need the jobs now. People are hurting real bad."

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population lives below the poverty line, with a similar nationwide rate of 15.3 percent of the U.S. population living below the poverty line.

Gulf County is also less educated than the national and state populations.

Countywide, 75.5 percent of persons age 25 and up are high school graduates, and 13.4 percent hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

Statewide, 84.9 percent are high school graduates, and 25.6 percent have a bachelor's degree or higher. Nationally, 85.6 percent of persons 25 and older have a high school diploma, and 28.2 hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

Educational attainment is slightly up in Gulf County from the numbers collected during the 2000 Census, which cited 72.6 percent of persons age 25 and up as having a high school diploma, and only 10.1 percent of the population with a bachelor's degree or higher.

The number of hous-

ing units in Gulf County increased by 1,523 from 2000 to 2010, with a higher vacancy rate among units and higher percentage of renters documented in 2010.

Of the 9,110 total housing units documented by the Census Bureau in 2010, 58.6 percent were occupied and 41.4 percent vacant. Of the occupied houses, 74.8 percent were owner occupied and 25.2 percent were renter occupied.

The 2000 Census documented 7,587 total housing units, 65 percent of which were occupied and 35 percent vacant. Of those occupied, 81 percent of units were owner occupied, and 19 percent renter occupied.

Of those 2010 vacancies, 19.3 percent were for rent, 6.6 percent for sale, and 61.5 percent were units for seasonal or recreational use. Of the 2000 vacancies, 20.9 percent were for rent, 5.4 percent for sale, and 47.9 percent were for seasonal or recreational use.

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Magidson voted no on each event and Bogan abstained for personal reasons.

"I'm voting no on every one of them for a reason," Magidson said. "I think we're heading down a very slippery slope here folks, and you all know what I'm talking about."

Magidson said it appears to the public that the TDC is trying to skirt bidding requirements.

"We have gone to one source, or one source has come to us, and we've just rolled over and said okay," said Magidson, who noted that the TDC board never voted on last month's golden scallop treasure hunt event.

The board approved two of the proposed

events, denied one and motioned to table the remaining four, leaving them open for further discussion at future meetings.

Board member Warren Yeager said the board members needed to take the personalities out of their decisions.

"I'm concerned that it's personalities," Yeager said. "Let's take the personalities out of it. Let's look at it honestly and openly."

Magidson said personalities were not the issue.

"We're spending other people's money and we better spend it right," Magidson said. "This body has operated under the radar for far too long."

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downtown area," Alsobrook said.

The first board meeting for the PTACC was held last week and the vision for the theater emerged:

One that will honor the legacy of the theater; a multi-use facility to serve the community in a number of ways and will appeal to all age groups; a cultural hub for the community; programming to unite families; a tourist attraction; a showcase for local talent; and a place for inspiration and fun.

"We want it to be a user-friendly center," Alsobrook said. "We see it being used for live theater, movies, dance classes and recitals, the Children's Theater, for town hall meetings. This could be a showcase for downtown."

The Port Theatre opened in June 1938 and many folks still recall seeing movies such as "Lassie Come Home" and "The Greatest Show on Earth" as well as live acts such as Roy Rog-

ers grace the stage of the theater.

The theater closed in 1967 and fell into general disrepair, battered twice by hurricanes, during the ensuing years.

Paula and Wade Clark purchased the theater in the 1990s, but sold it several years ago and the building remains closed and unattended.

In June 2003, the theater, after considerable effort by the Clarks, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Despite years of neglect, a letter from the Florida Department of State included the following passage:

"To qualify for listing in the National Register, a property must not only be shown to have a documented area of historic significance, it must also retain physical integrity. The theatre, although subjected to damage from two hurricanes, has retained its historic character. The

entry, lobby, auditorium, reconstructed balcony, projection room, manager's apartment and circulation patterns characteristic of a public theatre remains intact."

The U.S. Department of Interior noted, "The Art Deco Style treatment of the facade is largely intact and still maintains a distinct and significant presence on the main commercial thoroughfare of Port St. Joe."

Further, the Department of Interior letter notes that acoustics "within the three-story auditorium space is exceptional."

The PTACC board members met last week with Harry Arnold, the current owner of the theater to begin the exploration of the financial commitment needed to begin the revitalization of the theater.

"The town needs it, I think it'd be the biggest draw on Reid Avenue," Arnold said of a revitalized Port Theatre.



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Sweet rambling

People take classes to learn to stay on topic. Speakers go around the country teaching people and selling books about the art of keeping the audience's attention.

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You have heard their lines. "Tell them what you are going to tell them, tell them, and then tell them again." They preach "filtering and eliminating the fluff."

What if I like the fluff? What if I like listening to someone talk about nothing in particular? What if I don't consider it rambling? What if I hear something different?

Babies are a wonderful example of conversations about nothing. They ooh and ah and gurgle when they are babies. As they get a little older, they start stringing together more words that are just babbling. Parents love to hear it, I know I did. My children would talk and talk and I would simply respond.

Often I would say "I feel the same way" or "You have to be kidding me" or my favorite, "I love you too." It was music to my ears.

As they got older, I could understand what they were saying as they were playing with dolls in the dollhouse or action figures or just looking at themselves in the mirror. They would let their dolls or little men talk to each other and it allowed them to escape into a make-believe world.

Being able to listen from around a corner or from behind a door, I was able to escape with them. What they were saying was just rambling, but it was sweet rambling.

As teenagers, my children still ramble about school, music, boys, girls and things that wouldn't mean much to most people. As their Daddy, it means a lot to me. Sometimes, my mind will stray and I would try to tell myself that it's music that won't always be in my house.

Adults ramble, sometimes to the point of making you think they have regressed to toddler status again. If you were to hear me talking to my dogs, you would

probably think this of me. Sometimes it is just pure gibberish, but my dogs seem to like it. They love me.

There is a fellow in my office that will come in and start talking about one subject and cover ten more subjects in five minutes. He is an "expert rambler." It doesn't bother me, I like it. It is his version of poetry. He can go from rockets to pinewood derby cars to rock music to geology in the blink of an eye.

To my ears, it is sweet rambling because he is my friend. Conversations with him can also be very entertaining.

Does he go off on tangents? Does he go on and on? Is he long-winded?

Yes, yes and yes. I like it.

In talking to my 90-year-old friend Phyllis, she says people accuse her of rambling. Phyllis says that some of her relatives don't want to hear from her because of this reason. Friends (and hopefully relatives) shouldn't hear "rambling." They should hear poetry or music or simply "I care enough to listen."

When I talk to my Mama on the phone, she will get started on a story and it will get longer and longer. She gets excited and tells me who I can tell and who I can't. Sometimes it takes her breath away. I love it. I absolutely love it.

To hear the excitement in her voice and how it goes up and down with the story is soothing to me. Is it rambling? Yes, sweet rambling that I want to hear.

Listening to rambling takes us places, lets us pretend, allows us to escape and lets us love and show we care. It is entertaining. Folks will sit in front of a television for hours watching shows that are pure rambling. These same folks will complain about having to listen to their parents, grandparents or friends ramble for five or ten minutes. I don't understand.

Then there are these folks that call you on the phone rambling about

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Advanced citizenship

Keyboard KLATTERINGS

By most any measure, last week's public hearing on the development order for the Northwest Florida Renewable Energy Center was an exercise in what democracy should be.

Even if the vote did not go the way opponents desired, that does not undermine the lessons the public hearing could offer other governing bodies in the county.



TIM CROFT
Star news editor

As was said late in the meeting, no doubt some would go away unhappy, some happy, but all who wished had been heard.

More than two dozen people signed up to speak before Port St. Joe city commissioners and

were given their time, none of them hearing a buzzer at three, five or seven minutes to alert them they had gone overtime, none of them shut off from making their points.

The lone request from Mayor Mel Magidson was to try to be brief and non-redundant and while many speakers could not adhere to either request, all were allowed their full say.

That the hearing, held solely to consider this development order, was held in the Centennial Building to accommodate the crowd and lasted almost four hours is also testament to government providing a forum for citizen input.

Advanced citizenship, though, depends on informed citizens and on several points reasoned debate was drowned.

The contention that somehow this project sneaked up on citizens is a non-starter. This project has been around since 2009.

The county, city and Florida Department of Environmental Protection held two public workshops in 2009 – the DEP participating specifically due to the controversy a similar project attracted in Tallahassee.

There were two town hall-style meetings held by opponents this year.

Reporting on this project has been extensive for two years, whether one, as one audience member said, takes

this newspaper or not.

This was no stealth initiative, but one of the most significant stories, on many levels, in Gulf County the past two years.

Secondly, there were statements made that were ill-informed or disingenuous.

A Tallahassee resident stated the project was up for a federal loan guarantee. That is wrong. Months ago the U.S. Department of Energy put a term sheet for a federal loan guarantee on hold due to lack of funds. The country's economic environment has only worsened.

By all accounts, there is no loan guarantee. The company is lining up private financing.

Important to remember: this was one of the most forcefully stated arguments from opponents of this project in the town hall meetings this year. But even with federal money no longer in the equation, the argument lives on.

More disingenuous was the statement by the same Tallahassee resident that a challenge to the air emissions permit was filed and simply not heard, contrary to Florida law.

The challenge was in fact withdrawn by those who filed it and was done so the week before a hearing was set for Port St. Joe, the precise sort of hearing on the merits of the project's permitting that many opponents now seek from the city and county.

Such a hearing was scheduled before an administrative judge. Folks wanting to point fingers about the alleged lack of a public forum to consider the technical merits of this project can point at this withdrawal of the challenge by opponents.

And for the contention that opponents had insufficient preparation time for any challenge hearing, the attorney spearheading the case has been working against the project for two years – 30 days was insufficient to mount a hearing on the merits of the opposition.

Finally, Commissioner Bo Patterson was insensitive in trying to identify Port St. Joe natives in attendance and how long they had

lived here, but the larger point was on target.

The crowd that came out last week was roughly 200, with a number of those in favor of the project.

To argue that opponents were in the majority at last week's hearing and therefore should sway commissioners' votes is a stretch. Maybe opponents were a majority of those attending the meeting, but given the crowd's size and divided viewpoints it seems hard to create a mandate out of the meeting, as was asserted last week.

It is these highly-disputable statements, without supporting facts, that undermine the reasoned arguments of residents such as Trish Petrie and Jon Hooper, who have followed this project for two years while voicing concerns, poring over permit materials and asking pointed and appropriate questions.

In the end, city commissioners had little choice. As County Commissioner Bill Williams told one opponent months ago, what was being asked of local officials was to overrule the decisions of those state and federal agencies charged with making those decisions.

And, in large measure, many anti-project arguments voiced last week were with those agencies – another reason the withdrawal of the challenge was in the long run a disservice to those who feel a full public vetting of the project has not been made.

But the bottom line is that this project jumped through all the hurdles and was deemed worthy of moving ahead.

Certainly, as it moves forward elected officials and residents must maintain vigilance about pledges by the project developer regarding safeguarding the environment and pledges that the community has a new economic development partner instead of a future white elephant that soils a postcard paradise.

Time will tell. But the advanced citizenship – democracy is designed to make one work – on display last week provides a dose of hope.

Visit to Elvis' home not tax-deductable

"When are you going to stop writing those articles?"

I paused before answering and glanced discreetly toward the questioner's face. I couldn't tell if it was an innocent query or a sublime message screaming for me to get off the stage. Maybe this person had "found me out." They realized this whole journalistic facade is a masquerade. Or perhaps it's another one of those syntax-rich analysts who perused my little blurbs searching for double negatives and dangling participles.

I've never actually thought of my stories as writing. I just kind of think of something that happened and I retell it out loud. I have learned to jot the yarn down as I go 'cause the newspaper business doesn't lend itself too well with verbal thoughts. If you read something that I said that comes out in print and makes absolutely no sense, rest assured that it was a great premise that simply got lost in the translation.

"My wife retired." It was a pretty weak answer but I still wasn't sure if the question was friendly or if I was under fire, "and someone has got to earn a living for us." That was about as directly indirect as I could be. And I was only half-kidding. Cathy figured she'd been in the bread winning business long enough. She bailed. I figured we didn't owe

anyone an explanation over inner-house policy. And Cathy's retiring is not open for debate. Shucks, I debated it for the whole year she was thinking about it to no avail!



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

As a matter of fact, she retired over my vigorous protest. Grandchildren time was more important to her than money! She

didn't hear me when I pointed out how much more we could do for the kids if she kept working. She didn't hear me when I pointed out that it might interrupt the lives of sons and daughter-in-laws if she moved in with the grandkids. She didn't hear me when I pointed out that school teachers had spring break, fall break, Christmas and all summer to visit grandchildren. When you get right down to it, I might have come out better if I had just had her hearing tested.....

Our bank account naturally took a hit. But, guys, that ain't the half of it! These grandkids had the audacity to be born "way up" in Georgia and the far reaches of North Tennessee. That's a lot of gas money! And she naturally has to take them out to eat, which means a lot of "ravioli money" out of my pocket! And the zoo is just across town. And "Cars 2" is in every theater. And we have to have a Johnny Appleseed outfit. And Disney has a cruise now just for the Mickey Mouse Club

watchers. And Halloween costumes have to be ordered.

We didn't spend that kind of money when Cathy was sequestered in a classroom teaching math and history. She brought money home instead of taking it out! The gross national product of Toccoa, Georgia and Franklin, Tennessee, doubles every time Cathy visits! We get brochures and coupon offers in the mail from both cities. Chucky Cheese has a room reserved for her.

She has piled up more mileage lately than the "Antique Road Show." She's on a first-name basis with service station attendants in four states. AAA recently inducted her into their national car and driver Hall of Fame.

I think the new freedom is affecting her brain. She just flew to Memphis to see our niece play soccer. Listen, we don't even have a grandchild in that splendid city on the bluff! This retirement gig is definitely taking on some wings! I've got credit card charges from Graceland, Rendezvous Ribs, the Wolfchase Galleria, Beale Street tours and Sun Records' gift shop. I'm paying for sight seeing I'm not seeing, tours I'm not on and meals I'm not eating. She's springing for shrimp cocktails and steak tartar for the whole group while I'm existing on cheese and crackers, peanut butter sandwiches, diet Cokes and dirt cake. She left knowing I'm no Rachel Ray in the kitchen. I

pointed that out rather vociferously but she didn't hear me again.

This retirement thing may be great.....if you are the retiree. It's not so hot if you are the one left treading water. I'm trying to do the right thing here. I've been to the convenience stores to see if they could use an ex-math whiz as a lotto clerk. Maybe Cathy could turn her vast babysitting skills into some grocery money. She can do yard work.... any kind of job will keep her off the road.

So far the plan to put her back to work is not panning out. The more she hangs around the grandkids, the more she wants to hang around the grandkids! This thing about not going to work is growing on her. Her easy chair has become pretty easy to find! I was going to discuss it with her this morning but Avery burped—Cathy was ten miles north of Atlanta before I could get down to that part where I thought she was gone too much!

The bottom line is I've got to keep writing. And please keep buying these newspapers. Buy some extras and pass them out to your friends! I'll try to return the favor by dangling fewer participles. I'll do you some great human interest stories. I'll pen an expose or two. I'll write about your ditsy aunt. I'll finish that story where Leon rode the big horse into the prom.

Thank you for your continuing support. Respectfully,
Kes

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Myths vs. Facts

Dear Editor:

When someone signs a petition they should do so because of facts, not emotional arguments. There has been a campaign to sign a petition against the Biomass Plant being built in Port St Joe. Anyone has a right to their opinion and to sign any petition they choose, but let's separate the facts from the emotional arguments about the Biomass Plant that our city commissioners have now wisely issued the Development Order needed for Rentech to proceed.

1. Myth: Tourists won't come with a biomass plant in PSJ. Fact: Most visitors won't even know it is here. A similar biomass plant is on the University of South Carolina campus and the football fans and students don't stay away. You don't even know it is there. There is no noise or smell that would give it away. The paper mill and garbage burning plant in Panama City have not destroyed their tourism, growth or property values there and they have odors that this plant will NOT have.

2. Myth: Taxpayer dollars will be used to build the plant. Fact: Rentech will have private investors to build the plant. Rentech has announced it is not seeking federal tax dollars to develop this project. There are some federal, state and local tax incentives that Rentech may make use of, but these incentives are available to any renewable project and any project built here.

3. Myth: There will be two smoke stacks billowing smoke in downtown Port St. Joe. Fact: There will be six stacks, NO SMOKE, and the site is almost two miles back from U.S. Highway 98, located in the industrial park.

3. Myth: The stacks could impede Tyndall jets and create problems. Fact: In the Development

Order Application the federal law citing shows the project is not in conflict with FAA and/or military regulations. Have any of you seen a jet from Tyndall flying at 100 feet above St. Joe?

5. Myth: The plant will deplete the fresh water from the canal. Fact: Arizona Chemical and Premier Chemical used 1,750,000 gallons of water a day. The Biomass Plant uses a little over half of that. While these other industrial plants were operating in Port St. Joe, the city had no supply problems.

6. Myth: The emissions are going to kill us and the bay. Fact: There has been extensive air modeling showing that the emissions will not add in any significant way to the existing air emissions found in the area in order to obtain the Air Permit from DEP. The emissions will exceed all required Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS) required by federal regulations.

Fact: The building of the \$200,000,000 plant will create approximately 200 jobs in Gulf County. Operating the plant will involve approximately 25 direct jobs and 75 indirect jobs for Gulf County with an annual payroll of approximately \$2,000,000.

Fact: Rentech has met or exceeded every federal or state requirement and has been permitted by EPA

and DEP, no easy task, requiring an expenditure of \$10,000,000 on its part to get to this stage. The City Commission did the right thing by issuing the Development Order to allow them to begin building.

Fact: Gulf County is a "depressed" county and losing ground. Without industry that is clean and green, it cannot exist without imposing higher taxes on the land owners. Our County did well when St. Joe Paper Company and Arizona Chemical were here. Workers were employed; children were educated and went to college. Now, there are no jobs, no industry, and eco-tourism, while we all support it, by itself cannot provide enough income to allow the citizens of Gulf County to live the American Dream.

Fact: Gulf County needs the Biomass Plant here and needs other industries that are compatible with our pristine and rural environment. Without industry we will fall back into the "dead zone" like Gulf County found itself in after the hurricane and fever in the 1800s. Port St Joe began as a robust community, being the site of the first signing of the Constitution. Then it became a sleepy fishing village, at best, until St. Joe Paper Company chose to be here. Rentech could be the St Joe of

the 21st Century for Gulf County. We need to be first again. Thanks to the City Commission for their unanimous vote to allow them to start building.

Patricia K. Hardman, PhD
Port St. Joe

Rentech biomass incinerator

Dear Editor: I was one of the citizens who spoke out in opposition to the Rentech Biomass Incinerator at the recent City Commissioners Meeting. I expressed my concern about the proceedings at the Planning & Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting, which was held on Aug. 30.

It became very obvious that the decision to accept or deny the Technical Advisory Committee's recommendation had been made even before the meeting was held. The "findings" sheet had already been typed up and included a statement that the PDRB's recommendation to approve the Development Order be presented to the city commissioners. Opposition affidavits, petitions for public meetings, letters and exhibits from an environmental lawyer had been either sent to the PDRB or presented at the meeting.

Yes, there was time allocated for input from the public. Yes, several people made comments raising questions or speaking out in opposition. The PDRB members neither asked questions nor made comments. They did not even consider the topics brought up by the citizens.

The words "mockery" and "travesty" come to mind when describing the proceedings at this meeting. Why bother having time allocated for public input if the PDRB will not even address the

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citizens' comments? Is this democracy at work? I addressed this situation when I spoke at the City Commissioner meeting on Oct. 4. I stated that my fervent hope was that this type of behavior would not be repeated a second time. At the Oct. 4 meeting, more than 24 people spoke regarding the biomass incinerator. The vast majority of these folks spoke in opposition to the approval of the Rentech Development Order. The Commissioners heard the comments, made a few replies, and then voted unanimously to accept the PDRB's recommendation that they approve Rentech's Development Order.

Does the phrase "rubber stamp" come to mind?

Landy Luther
Port St. Joe

To Gulf County citizens

Dear Editor: Mayor Mel, I saw and heard your statements on public television Channels 7 and 13 in Panama City and I quote you, "This biomass plant will produce 200 local jobs during its construction and approximately 25-40 full-time jobs, again local, during operation of the

plant." Okay. I will go on record as asking you to produce the names of the local construction companies and of the local labor crews. I bet that like the last two big jobs in Port St. Joe, CVS Drugs and the new Dollar Stores, they will come from out of county and even out of state. Voters, take a look for yourselves at the tags on the contractors' work trucks. By the way, if you have no federal funds for this "project," how will we pay for this plant? More taxes?

Bet me that not one 100-foot tall smokestacks will turn away tourists and new buyers to this area. Gulf County will be the loser in the near future. Bay waters along the so-called city drinking water "ditch water" gets more dirty or unfit. Bay fishing, swimming and scallops will be again a thing of the past, just as it was during the days of the old mill and of the chemical plant. Clean air, take a deep breath now, enjoy and remember how it was. Health issues will increase I promise.

Wind or solar power would have been a much better choice. Clean air - no pollution.

John Parker
Highland View

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you needing a vacation home or new mattress or credit card. These people are absolutely NOT "sweet ramblers." They, like some politicians, get paid to ramble. A lot of what they say is certified gibberish (you may call it something else).

Give me babies babbling, little girls playing pretend with dollhouses, teenagers talking about prom dresses, people at the office talking about recipes, Phyllis talking about TV evangelists and Mama talking about growing up.

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If you are my friend, never apologize for rambling. I want to know about your flowers, your sister, your Aunt Gladys, your secret brownie recipe, your favorite song and what it means to you and what brand of tea you use. I really do, I'm not nosey. I just like to hear it.

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A banner year for two turtle species found locally

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The Florida sea turtle nesting season has come to an end, and there is good news for two of Florida's federally endangered sea turtle species. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and its partners documented a record high annual nest count for green turtles in Florida. Leatherback turtles also had a high number of nests, with the count falling just shy of the previous high mark in 2009.

Loggerheads, the species that nests most commonly in Florida, did not have an increase in numbers this year. The nest count for this federally

threatened sea turtle was close to average for the previous five years. However, since 1998, the trend in the number of loggerhead nests is a general decline.

"We're pleased with the green turtle and leatherback nesting totals in 2011," said Dr. Blair Witherington, an FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute scientist. "Nesting by both species has been rising dramatically and can be attributed at least in part to major conservation efforts over the past few decades. However, our loggerhead nesting totals have declined or are at best stable, which suggests that this species has a different, and perhaps more difficult, set of

conservation challenges."

Nest counts are performed each year through Florida's Index Nesting Beach Survey, which was created to measure seasonal sea turtle nesting, and to allow for accurate comparisons of beaches and years. The standardized index counts take place on 255 miles of selected beaches along both the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

In one of the largest wildlife counts in the nation, hundreds of FWC partners diligently survey Florida's nesting beaches throughout the sea turtle nesting season.

"We are grateful for the large number of partners and volunteers that make

this survey possible," Witherington said. "Without them, we couldn't collect nesting data on such a large scale."

The FWC's role in coordinating Florida's sea turtle nest counts is funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and sales of the state's sea turtle license plate.

For more information about sea turtle nest counts, visit www.MyFWC.com/Research, click on "Wildlife," then click on "Nesting" under the "Sea Turtle" heading.

Sick or injured sea turtles can be reported by contacting the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).



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A leatherback sea turtle hatchling emerges from a nest in St. Lucie County.

BLACK BEAR, BLACK BEAR

Family fun at Forgotten Coast Black Bear Festival set for Oct. 15



FWC PHOTO | Special to The Star

Events like the Forgotten Coast Black Bear Festival help Floridians of all ages learn more about the state's largest land mammal.

Special to The Star

As fall settles into the Big Bend, the Florida black bear begins foraging for winter. It's a perfect time to celebrate the state's largest land mammal.

Come out for the third annual Forgotten Coast Black Bear Festival, an event dedicated to helping people understand and live in harmony with the Florida black bear.

The family-oriented festival is Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sands Park in Carrabelle. The festival is free and a great way for families to spend the day together doing something fun and educational.

The small, Gulf-side community of Carrabelle sits in the heart of Apalachicola National Forest, one of Florida's biggest undeveloped habitats for black bears.

"Our goal is for festival-goers to learn everything they always wanted to know

about the Florida black bear — and more," said David Telesco, bear management program coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). "Helping people understand bear behavior is one of the primary goals for the festival. If people who live in bear country understand what makes bears tick, they will know what they can do to discourage bears from hanging around in their neighborhoods."

Telesco will offer informative presentations about black bears and their biology. Betsy Knight will tell interesting stories about wildlife rehabilitation, and Laurie McDonald of Defenders of Wildlife will share tips on how to coexist with black bears.

Other activities at the festival include exciting tours into a bear habitat with Adam Warwick, an FWC biologist who gained instant fame by

rescuing a black bear from drowning in the bay off Alligator Point. Join us in the storytelling tent, where you can sit on hay bales and enjoy stories from local authors or listen to great music by locally renowned southern rock and blues band King Cotton and folk musician Dale Crider.

Bring your kids to the "Come Be a Bear" activity, and watch them transform into a black bear and learn about the life of a bear through the seasons.

The festival is presented by the FWC, Defenders of Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, Florida Forest Service, city of Carrabelle and the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

For more information about the third annual Forgotten Coast Black Bear Festival visit www.mycarrabelle.com or call the festival coordinator, Allen Loyd, at 727-823-3888.

Stone crab season to open

FWC extending state regulations into federal waters

Special to The Star

Get your claw-crackers ready because Florida's recreational and commercial stone crab claw harvest seasons open Saturday, Oct. 15.

Stone crab claws must be at least 2¾ inches in length to be harvested legally, but claws may not be taken from egg-bearing female stone crabs. Recreational harvesters are allowed to use up to five stone crab traps, and

there is a daily bag limit of one gallon of claws per person or two gallons per vessel, whichever is less. Recreational and commercial traps may be baited and placed in the water beginning Oct. 5, but none may be pulled until Oct. 15. The season lasts until May 16, 2012.

Though stone crab harvest rules will remain the same, the FWC voted in June to extend state management regulations for stone crabs into federal waters. This came after the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council voted to repeal the Fishery Management Plan for stone crabs in federal waters and allow the FWC to manage them in all waters surrounding Florida. This change goes into effect Oct. 24.

For more information on harvesting stone crabs



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FWC

Stone crab claw harvest season opens Oct. 15 for both recreational and commercial harvesters. Claws must be at least 2¾ inches in length to be harvested legally.

for fun, as well as commercial stone crab regulations and licensing information, go to MyFWC.com/Rules and click on "Fishing — Saltwater."

Visit the Fresh from Florida website at www.FL-seafood.com for ideas on how to turn your stone crab catch into a feast the family will love.



Sheriff's Office bass tournament

Star Staff Report

With \$25,000 in prize money and a first-place catch of \$10,000, the second annual Gulf County Sheriff's Office Bass Tournament is primed to kickoff Oct. 15-16.

The tournament is sponsored by the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

The tournament will

begin and end at the White City Landing.

All proceeds from the tournament benefit various community outreach programs by the sheriff's office, including Christmas for Kids, the Halloween Haunted House and others.

Visit for www.gcsotournament.com for more details and to download a rules and regulation form.

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Freshwater

All eyes this week will be on the upcoming bass tournament this weekend at White City. This is the second year that the Gulf County Sheriff Department is hosting the event with a top prize of \$10,000. All proceeds go to the G.C.S.O Explorer Post and other Gulf County youth programs.

Inshore

With high winds and scattered rain over the last few days, most anglers were left at home or at the docks. Good schools of mullet are everywhere in the bay and in Indian pass right now and a good cast net is a must. Nice reports of good sized red fish and trout have been the norm lately caught on live shrimp and live Ly's.

Offshore

Offshore fishing is a hit or miss this month so far. Strong winds and high seas are keeping even the larger for hire boats at dock. Gag grouper are still in the 100-150 foot range out of Mexico Beach, holding over wrecks and offshore ledges. Red grouper are still being caught in Apalachicola and south of Cape San Blas.



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Tiger Sharks dominate Franklin County 38-6

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

PORT ST. JOE — Too many and too much of the host Tiger Sharks spelled defeat for Franklin County last Friday night at Shark Field.

Port St. Joe had seven players combine to rush for 349 yards and five different players score touchdowns as the Tiger Sharks dominated from the opening whistle of a 38-6 victory.

In snapping a three-game losing streak, Port St. Joe (2-3, 1-1 in District 4-1A) also kept its playoff hopes alive while rendering the mathematics a daunting equation for the Seahawks (2-4, 0-2).

"We've been there the last three weeks, we've just

been sluggish and we've been playing some pretty good football teams," said Port St. Joe coach Vern Barth. "This was a big game for us. We came out very focused.

"We knew we needed to set the tone early."

That the Tiger Sharks most certainly did.

Port St. Joe's control of the first half was utterly total.

The Tiger Sharks had 39 offensive plays for 271 yards while holding the Seahawks to 11 offensive plays and 48 total yards.

Port St. Joe scored on its first five possessions, eating up the clock with just one drive fewer than eight plays. The Tiger Sharks also benefited from superb field possession, starting

only one march as deep as their own 20 — and needing just two plays and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty to score on that possession.

Meanwhile, the Seahawks had just two first downs in the first 24 minutes, fumbled twice to set up Port St. Joe touchdowns and failed to generate any momentum.

"Ouch," said Franklin County coach Josh Wright after a second consecutive trip into Gulf County — the Seahawks were at Wewahitchka last week — ended in a loss. "From the get-go, they had us pegged. They did their homework. On defense, we would go inside and they would go outside. We'd go outside, they'd go inside.

"We just didn't do the job. They did."

Port St. Joe took the opening kickoff and marched methodically to the Franklin County 14 before stalling and settling for a Daniel May 31-yard field goal.

The Tiger Sharks would not be denied the end zone again in the half.

Port St. Joe stopped Franklin County on downs and took over at its 20 following a Seahawk punt.

Quarterback Trevor Lang — back in the lineup after losing three weeks to a shoulder injury — sprinted for 26 yards and another 15 yards was tackled on after a horse collar tackle.

Natrone Lee (a game-high 133 yards on 11 carries) burst over the right side of the line on a coun-

ter play from the Seahawk 40 one play later for the touchdown and May made it 10-0.

Franklin County's Dwayne Griggs fumbled on the first play of the next drive, the Tiger Sharks recovering at the Seahawk 47. Eight plays later freshman Travarous Riley went 9 yards for Port St. Joe and it was 17-0 after May's extra point kick.

After holding Franklin County three-and-out on its next possession, Port St. Joe got the ball back at its 43 following a punt and 10 plays later it was Walt Bowers from the 6 for a touchdown, the extra point kick blocked.

May turned that setback around on the ensuing kickoff when he drilled

his kick into the leg of a Seahawk and Chase Nichols pounced on the loose ball to give Port St. Joe possession at the Franklin 43.

Eight plays later it was freshman Jarkeice Davis (99 rushing yards) catching a 7-yard pass from Lang for the touchdown. May's extra point made it 30-0 at intermission.

Leonard Green caught a 6-yard pass from Zachary Armistead to get Franklin County on the board on the opening drive of the second half, but the extra point kick failed and that was the Seahawk highlight for the night.

Corey North rushed in from the 7 in the final four minutes, Lang hitting Lee for two points to complete the scoring.

LGA tournament raises money for two local charities

Special to The Star

Wow! What a golf tournament. Gale force winds and rain were in the forecast but we had a beautiful day to play. We had players from Ohio, Tallahassee, Tennessee, Franklin, Bay and Gulf counties. Some were scared off by the forecast, but the field thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Ladies Golf Association of St. Joseph Bay Golf Club held their sixth annual Autumn Action Golf Tournament to benefit two local charities — High School High Tech of Gulf County, which serves high functioning youth with disabilities to give them experience in vocational opportunities and summer internships for work experience,

and Gulf County Domestic Violence Task Force, which has a goal to end domestic violence in Gulf County through education of our youth and emergency financial support for victims.

Winners, we had plenty.

The Teen Team winners were Witt Shoaf, Sammy Bucceri and Carl Sheline. They were sponsored by Drs. Anne Brown and Fred Thomason. In the adult category the first-place winners were Buddy Renfro, Kenny Woods, Wayne Parrish, and Guerry Magidson from St. Joseph Bay Golf Club, winning \$500. Second-place winners were Eric Schoelles, Damon McNair, Penelope Evenoff and Phil Dodson from the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club, winning \$350. Third-place winners were Debbie Ashbrook, Andrew Rowell, Rob Stegemeyer and Herman Bell, split between St. Joseph Bay Golf Club and Tyndall winning \$250 which they donated back to the

Gulf County Domestic Violence Task Force. Fourth-place winners were Jake Jacobs, Denise Allen, Cleo Hobbs and Geri McCarthy, split between St. Joe and Tyndall, winning \$100.

Other awards that were given were Closest to the Hole, No. 4 Marvin Shimfessel, No. 7 Dr. Anne Brown, No. 12 Debbie Ashbrook, and No. 15 Jeremy Heynes. Closest to the Line — Women, Denise Allen and Men, Wayne Parrish, Teens, Sammay Bucceri. More than \$3,000 in door prizes donated by many generous local merchants were given out as well.

The Spite the Pot was won by Richard Radford of Eastpoint with a pot of \$603. His comment was, "I have never won anything in

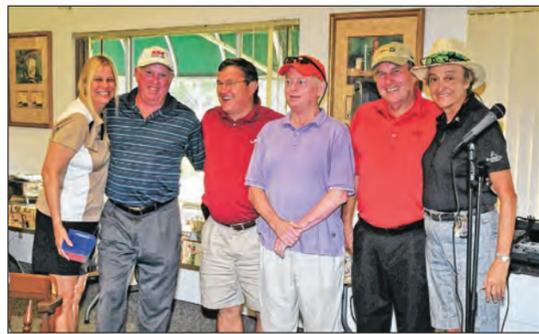
my life." He made the same comment when he won a door prize. He had a very good day and enjoyed the golf round as well.

The major sponsors of the event were Rentech, GAC Contractors Inc., Gulf 2 Bay Development & Construction, Penelope's Pet Stop, Progress Energy, Coastal Community Association of South Gulf County, Mainstay Suites, Port Inn, Thirsty Goat, Duren Piggly Wiggly, Fairpoint Communications, The Shrimp Company, Preble-Rish, Forgotten Coast Realty, David Lister, DDS and El Governor Motel. There were 38 Hole Sponsors by local businesses. We would also like to thank Marie Stephens, our photographer. The Gulf County

Tourist Development Council partially underwrote the event.

Bill Cramer Chevrolet sponsored the hole in one prizes with a new Chevrolet being the major prize. Unfortunately, no one made the hole in one.

Through these sponsors' help, more than \$10,000 was raised to benefit two local nonprofit charities. High School High Tech of Gulf County and Gulf County Domestic Violence Task Force will be able to serve their folks because of the businesses, golfers and a tremendously caring community. Our deepest appreciation goes out to all the volunteers, golfers, businesses and individuals that made this tournament such a success.



First place winners with the representatives of the two charities, from left, Debbie Ashbrook, Kenny Wood, Guerry Magidson, Wayne Rish, Buddy Renfro and Pat Hardman.

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Lady Tiger Sharks heading to playoffs on a roll

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

With the season drawing to a close and district playoffs set for Oct. 25-27, Port St. Joe extended its District 4-1A winning ways with a pair of key wins.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Tiger Sharks (10-7 overall, 4-3 in district play) hosted Blountstown, which had beaten Port St. Joe in five sets at Blountstown earlier in the season.

This time, playing in front of a home crowd, the Lady Tiger Sharks prevailed in five close sets.

"With distractions of Homecoming week, the ladies really had to work hard for this win," said Port St. Joe coach Wayne Taylor of the match, which ended with scores of 27-25, 20-25, 25-23, 17-25 and 15-12.

Leading the team with kills were Nicole Spilde and Autumn Haynes with nine apiece.

Katie Lacour had 25 assists, and Oneika Lockley had 29 digs and 27 service receptions.

"That final set was an all-around team victory," Taylor said.

Two nights later, the Lady Tiger Sharks hosted West Gadsden and won the match in straight sets, 25-16, 25-20 and 25-13.

Lacour and Haley Wood each had four service aces.

Katie Gardner, Raney Besore, Spilde and Nicole Endres each had six kills, Lacour had 29 assists and Jaclyn Kerigan had 13 error-free service receptions.

On Monday, the Lady Tiger Sharks were at Tallahassee Rickards where they came away with another straight-sets win. The game scores were 25-14, 25-15, and 25-5. Gardner had five aces with six points off serves, Lockley had six aces and nine points from serves, Haynes added eight aces and

nine points off serves and Lacour had five aces and eight points off serves.

The Lady Tiger Sharks traveled to Franklin County on Tuesday for their final district match of the season.

The team plays host to East Gadsden at 7 p.m. ET tonight.

Next week, the final two regular season matches will be at home. Start times for both matches will be 6 p.m. for junior varsity and varsity will follow at approximately 7 p.m.

Wednesday night will bring Bay High to Port St. Joe and Thursday night is our final regular season match, against Wewahitchka.

This will be Senior Night as well as the annual Dig Pink charity event for breast cancer awareness and research.

Come out support the Lady Tiger Sharks. Give 'em a reason to roll out both sets of bleachers and rock "The Dome."

Gators win fourth straight in shootout

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

GRACEVILLE — Wewahitchka is getting pretty comfortable on the edge.

For the second time in three games, the Gators (4-2 overall, 2-1 in District 2-1A) overcame a huge second-half deficit to pull out their fourth-straight win 47-46.

The Gators were down 46-19 in the third period before mounting their comeback which culminated with Theryl Brown catching the game-winning pass from 24 yards out with 2:36 remaining.

The Gators dominated the final period, allowing Graceville zero offensive yards while scoring nearly at will.

"They could do nothing and we played on their side of the field the entire fourth quarter," said Wewahitchka coach Dennis Kizziah.

Wewahitchka scored the final 29 points three weeks ago to beat Franklin County, but topped that comeback against a district foe as the Gators continued their trek from an 0-2 start to a matchup next

Friday against Sneads that will have significant playoff implications.

"We are exactly where we want to be, pointing toward Sneads next week," Kizziah said. "You are living right and doing what you are supposed to do when you win games like this. That's all we can figure."

The Gator comeback was fueled by a change of offensive strategy. With Graceville largely bottling up the rushing of Brown and quarterback Justin Flowers, Kizziah decided to spread the field and throw.

"We made them make adjustments they could not make," Kizziah said.

Flowers finished 14 of 21 passing for 267 yards and five touchdowns.

"He was throwing the heck out of the ball," Kizziah said.

Brown had six catches for 139 yards and three touchdowns, adding two 2-point conversions. Ben Hayward had five receptions for 103 yards and two touchdowns.

Jayln Addison added two rushing touchdowns for Wewahitchka.

"They did a good job stopping the run and Theryl got a little banged up," Kizziah said. "But they were concentrating so much on stopping Brown and Flowers that left a little room for Jayln."

The game swung critically in the final six minutes. Graceville faced fourth-and-17 at its 40 when the Tigers faked a punt and were stopped cold by Wewahitchka.

The Gators drove down the field to the 24 and faced a fourth-and-17. Kizziah said the only pass he had not called to that point was for Brown to run a corner route.

Despite being triple-teamed, the senior standout made the grab of a ball Flowers threw perfectly, Kizziah said.

"It's a win, and we'll take it," Kizziah said. "It doesn't matter how it happened. We just go about it a different way, I guess."

The Gators (4-2, 2-1) then stopped the Tigers at the 30-yard line to preserve the District 2-4A win.

The Gators play at John Paul II in Tallahassee on Friday.

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A glass of wine with a taste of art

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

With a seven category art display and an array of fine white, red and blended wines, there will be something to tickle everyone's taste buds at the 13th Annual Mexico Beach Art and Wine Festival.

Enjoy art, music, wine and a beautiful beach background at the event from 2-8 p.m. CT Oct. 15 at the Driftwood Inn in Mexico Beach. The event will also feature plenty of food, live and silent auctions, and live musical entertainment.

The festival is sponsored by the Special Events for Mexico Beach Committee and raises money for the "Best Blast on the Beach" Fourth of July Fireworks display. The entry fee is \$5 and children under 12 are free.

"There will be something for everyone's taste palate," said Kimberly Shoaf, director of



FILE PHOTO

Patrons check out locally-crafted woodworking while enjoy a taste of the grape at last year's Art and Wine Festival.

the Mexico Beach Community Development Council. "There will be beer and wine and a good time."

The Drew Tillman Band out of Tallahassee will be performing, beginning at 3 p.m. CT on the beach outside of the

Driftwood Inn. Tillman is a nationally recognized singer and songwriter, popular among the Tallahassee music scene.

According to Tillman's website, the heart of his music is rooted in the blues and fueled by the drive of American rock and

roll. He has an energetic playing style, unique vocals and a strong desire to please his audience.

"(Tillman) has played for us before at the Mexico Beach Music in the Park events," Shoaf said. "There's going to be plenty of dancing on the beach because the band will be playing out there."

The art show will begin at 2 p.m. CT and will feature art from a variety of mediums. Categories include oil and acrylic, watercolor and pastels, sculpture and pottery, stained glass and jewelry, wood carving and furniture, photography and digital art.

Shoaf said the event usually brings in artists from all over.

Entries will be judged and prizes will be given to the artists who excel in each category. Awards include \$200 for best in show, and \$100 for first place in each category. Grand prize winners and second place

winners will also receive gift baskets from local businesses. Awards will be announced at 6 p.m. CT.

The live auction will begin after the announcement of the winners and will feature work from the artists who participated in the show. Shoaf said the committee also brought back a silent auction for this year, which will feature artwork and donated gift baskets from local businesses.

"It's a great event that's held right on the beach," Shoaf said. "You get to peruse various forms of art while enjoying fine wines. It's just an overall good time."

Shoaf said planning the event each year takes a lot of organization, teamwork and volunteer efforts.

"We have a great committee that wants this event to succeed," Shoaf said. "They go above and beyond to make sure it's successful."

BLAST ON THE BAY SCHEDULE

This weekend is the third annual Blast on the Bay Songwriters' Festival. Below is a schedule of performances throughout the weekend: (All times Eastern unless otherwise noted)

Friday, Oct 14

Provisions
6 p.m. - Sherrie Austin and Will Rambeaux
The Thirsty Goat
6:30 p.m. - Walt Aldridge, Steve Leslie, Kevin Denney, Abigail Rose
8:30 p.m. - Sherrie Austin, Will Rambeaux, Jillia Jackson, Haden Carpenter
10:30 p.m. - Chas Sanford, Marty Dodson, Todd Taylor, Susan Ruth
Mango Marley's (Mexico Beach, Central Time)
7 p.m. - Lisa Shaffer, Steve Dean, Bill Whyte
9 p.m. - Wil Nance, Bruce Wallace, Bud Lee, Tim Buppert
St. Joe Bar
10 p.m. - Jam Session- Haden Carpenter, Jillia Jackson and Friends

Saturday, Oct 15

Dockside Cafe
2 p.m. - Songwriter's Workshop moderated by Steve Leslie, Will Rambeaux and others
Haughty Heron
7 p.m. - Lisa Shaffer, Steve Dean, Bill Whyte
9 p.m. - Wil Nance, Bruce Wallace, Bud Lee, Tim Buppert
Toucan's (Mexico Beach, Central Time)
6 p.m. - Walt Aldridge, Steve Leslie, Kevin Denney, Abigail Rose
8 p.m. - Sherrie Austin, Will Rambeaux, Jillia Jackson, Haden Carpenter
10 p.m. - Chas Sanford, Marty Dodson, Todd Taylor, Susan Ruth

Sunday, Oct 16

Indian Pass Raw Bar
2 p.m. - Walt Aldridge, Steve Leslie, Kevin Denney, Abigail Rose
4 p.m. - Lisa Shaffer, Steve Dean, Bill Whyte, Sherrie Austin
6 p.m. - Wil Nance, Bruce Wallace, Bud Lee, Tim Buppert
8 p.m. - Chas Sanford, Marty Dodson, Todd Taylor, Susan Ruth

FILE PHOTO

Returning artist Chas Sanford plays to a packed house at the Indian Pass Raw Bar during last year's festival.



'Ride for Peace' next weekend

Star Staff Report

Area bikers can cruise for a cause Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Fourth Annual "Ride for Peace" Poker Run sponsored by the Gulf County Domestic Violence Task Force.

The run takes bikers on a coastal tour, starting at Honeyville Park in Wewahitchka and stopping at various parks and restaurants along scenic U.S. Highway 98, including Frank Pate Park, Toucan's and The Runway Restaurant and Oyster Bar.

"It's a chance for people to get out and ride their bikes for good," said Pam Martin, who works for the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence Task Force. "It's a beautiful trip through Mexico Beach and St. Joe Beach."

Sign in is at 10 a.m. CT at Honeyville Park and last bike out is at 11 a.m. CT. The run will bring bikers back to Honeyville Park by 3 p.m. CT, in time for a free live concert during which local Wewahitchka musician Jerry Arhelger, who has recorded and written songs in Nashville, will be performing.

There will also be door prizes, a 50/50 drawing and a bake sale at the event.

Martin said she encourages even those not planning on participating in the poker run to attend the concert. She also said you don't have to ride a motorcycle to participate in the poker run.

The event costs \$20 per driver, \$10 for passengers and \$5 for each additional hand.

All proceeds will benefit victims and children of domestic violence.

"It's really a lot of fun," Martin said. "It's going to be a great day, and it's for a good cause."

For more information call 850-229-2901.

Whitetail deer at St. Joseph Peninsula State Park

By Mark Knapke
Park Manager
St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, 227-1327

St. Joseph Peninsula State Park has a healthy population of whitetail deer. There is an estimated number of about 50 deer that reside within the state park. The doe, or female deer, hang out in small groups year round along with fawn and young deer up to a year old.

Bucks, male deer, hang out together in bachelor herds separated from the doe most of the year, except during mating season which occurs fall through winter. The bucks develop antlers during the summer. The antlers are

covered in velvet like tissue as they grow and harden. In the fall, the buck rub the velvet off of their antlers and later make circular scrapes on the ground where they will deposit their scent to establish a territory. During the mating season, buck battle to defend their territory and mating privileges. Mating typically occurs beginning late fall into early spring. Gestation is about six months. Fawns are typically born from spring into early summer.

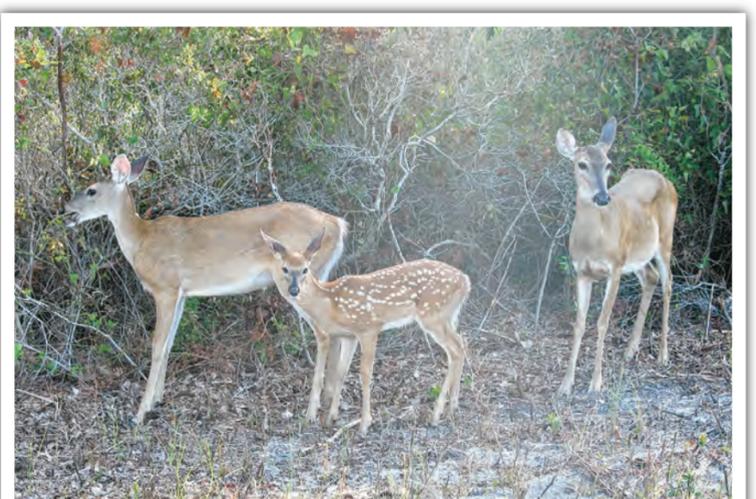
If you visit St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, you are likely to see deer along the park drive. Several fawn have been hanging out with their mothers just past the ranger

station. The fawn are so cute with their spotted coats. Please observe the speed limit in the park and do not feed the wildlife.

Other wildlife that can be viewed in the park include a number of migratory song birds, shore birds, wading birds, squirrels, raccoons, bobcat, otter, fox and opossum, as well as many other critters. We hope you come to visit St. Joseph Peninsula State Park soon and enjoy the wildlife!

Until next time, From the Rangers at St. Joseph Peninsula State Park

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Anniversary



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Senior seminar on Medicare coverage

Star Staff Report

When it comes to Medicare coverage and choices, how do you decide?

Mainstay Financial Group will present a free seminar to help you learn more on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. ET at the Gulf Coast State College Gulf Franklin Center in Port St. Joe. Join this seminar to learn the difference between Original Medicare, Supplements, Medicare Advantage Health Plans and Drug Coverage.

This seminar is part

of the monthly series of free education programs sponsored by the Sacred Heart Senior Spirit, a free program for persons 55 and older.

Benefits include free screenings, seminars, special in-patient benefits such as free guest meal tickets and a monthly calendar of events detailing all Senior Spirit events and containing health and event information.

For more information or to register for this free seminar, please call 229-5627 or visit www.sacredheartonthegulf.org.

Mulching ornamentals

By Roy Lee Carter
County Extension Director

Mulching is one of the best things we can do for landscape plants. Most of us use mulch simply because it makes our plants look better. But, improving the landscape's appearance is only one of the many benefits of mulching.

It's hard to decide which of the benefits of mulching landscape ornamentals is most important. My information on this topic was provided by Extension Urban Horticulture Specialist Dr. Robert J. Black of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

First, mulching makes it harder for weeds to grow in shrubbery and flower beds. Also, a mulch acts as an insulating blanket over plant roots, keeping them cool in hot weather and warm in winter.

Another advantage is that mulch slows evaporation and helps conserve moisture in the soil. Also, it reduces the crusting that can occur when the soil surface dries out. This is

important because it allows water from rain or irrigation to soak into the soil rather than run off and cause erosion.

As organic mulches decompose, they work down into the soil. This improves soil texture and may even increase soil fertility. Seriously speaking, mulching just makes the landscape look better.

Two types of mulching materials are used in Florida organic mulches and inert mulches. Organic mulches include compost, bark, leaves, grass clippings, straw, wood chips, sawdust and similar materials. Inert mulches are things like gravel, pebbles and polyethylene plastic film.

Applying organic mulch is a simple matter. Just spread a 2 to 4 inch thick layer of the selected material around the base of the newly planted landscape ornamentals. Then, add more mulch as needed during the year.

Never allow the mulch to pile up around the trunks or lower branches of your plants. Spring is usually the best time to add mulch to established plants.

If you're mulching with straw, wood chips or sawdust, it's a good idea to apply some high nitrogen fertilizer at the same time. One or two cups of such fertilizer per

bushel of mulch should help avoid deficiency problems.

If you're using plastic mulching (the polyethylene film), you need to add fertilizer first. Apply about two pounds of a recommended garden fertilizer for every 100 square feet. Broadcast it over the area and work it down about 2 or 3 inches into the soil. This may not seem like much fertilizer, but plastic mulch reduces the amount that leaches out of the root zone of your plants. You can apply less fertilizer to begin with. That's one reason why IFAS scientists recommended plastic mulch for commercial ornamental and vegetable crop production in Florida.

To summarize, mulching can be one of your most valuable gardening practices. Mulch helps control weeds and conserves soil moisture. It also moderates soil temperatures, improves texture and can increase fertility.

Finally, mulch adds to the beauty of your landscape for a relatively low cost. You'll get good results by using a variety of organic and inert mulching materials.

For more information on mulching ornamentals, contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200, 229-2909 or visit our website: <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Sacred Heart to host diabetes class

Star Staff Report

Have you or your loved one been diagnosed with diabetes? Jenny Stuckey, registered nurse and certified diabetes educator for Sacred Heart Hospital, will host a diabetes self-management class on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT in the conference room at the Gulf County

Health Department in Wewahitchka.

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 \$10 fee will include lunch for the day.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, 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 major risk factors include family

history, obesity and lack of exercise.

For more information or to join the class, please call Nell Tortoriello at 229-5601. For more information about Sacred Heart, please visit www.sacredheartonthegulf.org. To learn more about the Gulf County Health Department visit their website, www.gulfchd.com.

2011 Public Health Fair

Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Senior Citizen's Association, located at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe, presents their annual Health Fair on Friday Oct. 21 from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. ET.

There will be numerous vendors from area health agencies that will be providing free health screenings including vision and stroke screenings, blood pressure checks, hearing screenings and much more.

The Gulf County

Health Department will also be on hand to administer flu shots. Please call the health department at 227-1276 for more information about the flu shots.

The event is free and open to the public. All ages are invited to attend. DJ Steve McIntire from That Oldies Place will be providing music, and door prizes will be raffled throughout the day. For more information about the health fair, call Debbie at the Gulf County Senior Citizens Center at 229-8466.

Flu shot clinics

Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Health Department and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf will be providing flu shot clinics throughout the month of October.

The dates, sites and times are:

- * Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. until noon CT on the Gulf County Health Department, 807 W. State 22 in Wewahitchka;
- * Oct. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET at the Gulf County Senior Citizens Center, 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe;
- * Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon ET at Sacred Heart



Hospital on the Gulf, 3801 E. U.S. Highway 98 in Port St. Joe.

Please note, flu Shots are \$20. Please bring your identification card.

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By Heather Brant and Claudia Gref
General Information

Oct. 13 – FCAT Math retakes
Oct. 14 - End of first nine weeks
Oct. 17-18 – Fall Break
Sports
Oct. 13 – Volleyball at East Gadsden, JV at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7 p.m. ET.
Oct. 14 – Football at Rocky Bayou at 8 p.m. ET.
Oct. 15 – Cross Country at Mosley at 9 a.m. ET.
The Varsity Cheerleaders placed 2nd in their very first district competition on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Bozeman. Congratulations!

NJROTC News

The Cadet Corps of the Port St. Joe NJROTC consists of 55 dedicated and

motivated cadets. The company has been extremely busy. Along with providing Color Guard and flag raising support at our home football games, the company has been extremely active throughout the community.

Cadets did journeyman's work at the Paws in the Park 5K Run and Fund Raising Event, provided community support for the Scallop Festival 5K Run and provided Color Guard Support for the Panama City Navy League Luncheon. Events scheduled for October include the Homecoming Festivities on Oct. 7, providing Color Guard Support for the Delta Raider Company at the Clifford Sims Veterans Home on Oct. 9, and support for the Gulf County Sheriff's Fishing Tournament on Oct. 15.

The Cadet Drill Team will start their fall practices in preparation for their first Drill Competition on Dec. 10 at Boca Raton High School. GO TIGER SHARK COMPANY!"

DAZZLING DOLPHINS



PreK - Whitney Butler, K - Fisher VanDertulip, 1st - Trinten Lee, 2nd - Ava Ryan, 3rd - Zion Padilla, 4th - Rainey Nobles, 5th - Isabella Johnston and 6th - Cheyenne Nelson. **Bus riders of the week:** Lealand Whitlock, Austin O'Bryan, Sarah Metcalf, Emily Whitfield, Brianna Biagini, Kaylee Jones and Albert Scheffer.

Annual Fall Carnival

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe Elementary School will hold its annual Fall Carnival from 4-6 p.m. ET on Friday, Oct. 21 on the field behind the Centennial Building. There will be a Cake Walk, Bounces, Pie in the Face, Face Paint, Soda Ring Toss, Duck Shoot and much more.



Homecoming Court for 2011 was:

(Top left) Top to bottom: Katie Lacour, Megan Walker, Lacey Strickland, Kristina Furstenberg, Emerald Muniz, 6th grade attendant Kate McLemore. (Top right) Top to bottom: Raqueatha Bailey, Marsi Garrell, Natalie Wood, Katie Gardner, Erin White, and Kaley Wilder. Right, Emerald Muniz (middle) and escorted by her brother Forest Halualani (on left), was crowned Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High Homecoming Queen for 2011 by last year's queen Catherine Cordova during halftime of last Friday's game against Franklin County.



Special to The Star

Did you know that Julius Cesar, a Roman Emperor, was stabbed to death by his senators so they could regain control of the Roman Empire? It is interesting to note that Caesar's closest friend, Antony, and his adopted son, Octavian, shared power of the Empire after Caesar's demise. Once in power, Antony fell in love with Cleopatra and began to give parts of the Roman territory to her. Of course this angered many Romans so in 31 B.C. (before the birth of Christ), Octavian and Antony fought a bloody battle off the coast of Greece in which Antony's fleet surrendered. Antony abandoned his fleet and he and Cleopatra escaped to Egypt where they committed suicide. Octavian conquered Egypt and returned to Rome as the undisputed ruler of this dominant empire.

Octavian had many titles, but the Bible calls him "Caesar Augustus." This should sound familiar, as this was the Roman Emperor that instituted the census that forced Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. History draws a line at this time because the birth of Christ begins Anno Domini (A.D.), meaning "in the year of our Lord." Rome ruled the world at the time of Christ but by A.D. 500, the Empire had vanished.

After the birth of Christ, many other Roman emperors ruled the



vast empire. Domitian who ruled from A.D. 81 to 96, demanded to be worshipped as a god. Constantine, who began his reign in 324, claimed to have seen a cross in

the sky with the words "Conquer by this" written on it. He is remembered as the first Christian emperor of the Roman Empire, and after many years of the persecution of Christians, he began to persecute in the name of Christianity.

History, from a Christian perspective, is an important part of academics as well as an important part of life. George Orwell stated, "Whoever controls the past controls the future. Whoever controls the present controls the past." However, all of this seems dry to the average student when they are bombarded with a plethora of dates and places. On the other hand, a study of events and the people involved can be fascinating as drama unfolds story after story. There is intrigue, murder, blackmail, romance, bravery and inspiration in the stories passed down through the centuries. They entertain us, teach us and give us courage to stand for our convictions. We cannot afford to be ignorant of those things that are past, but we must learn from past mistakes and triumphs to be blessed with a better tomorrow.



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First United Methodist hosts guest preacher

Mathison to speak in Port St. Joe Oct. 23

Special to The Star

On Sunday, Oct. 23, at both morning Worship Services, Dr. John Ed Mathison will be at First United Methodist Church to preach. John Ed was the pastor at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church for over 30 years. Under his leadership the church grew from about 300 members to over 9,000.

Dr. Mathison retired two years ago this past June but he hasn't slowed down at all. As a matter of fact, he has picked up the pace. John Ed is traveling all over the world sharing God's love and the gift of his experience and wisdom. We are very fortunate to have John Ed with us.

John Ed is the son of Si Mathison who was the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Panama City for a number of years.

Everyone is invited to come and worship with John Ed at our casual service, Worship On the Water at 9 a.m. ET, or our traditional service at 11 a.m. ET in the Sanctuary. It's not every day that we have someone with John Ed's leadership and achievement with us.



James Vincent DeCosmo

1924-2011



JAMES DeCOSMO

Apalachicola native James Vincent DeCosmo died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, in Tallahassee following an extended illness. He was 86. DeCosmo was the only son of the late James Vincent DeCosmo, Sr. (1898-1956) and Katherine Emanuel (DeCosmo) (1900-1987) of Apalachicola. His siblings were the late Clara DeCosmo (Herndon) and the late Katherine DeCosmo (Lovett) of St. Petersburg, Florida. The DeCosmos grew up on 53 10th Street and enjoyed the beach at Indian Pass whenever they could.

DeCosmo's grandparents were Frank Vincent DeCosmo (who came to Apalachicola from Italy) and Mary Silva Randolph Buzzett (DeCosmo), who came from New Orleans along with her mother, Anna Silva. When she reached Apalachicola, Anna Silva married a Buzzett first, and after his death married Antoine Messina.

DeCosmo ("Coz" to all his friends) distinguished himself as an avid outdoorsman and a talented athlete, playing both basketball and football at Chapman High School. In 1943 he was drafted into military service and eventually served two years as a private first-class in the Army Air Corps as a navigator. On the Philippine island of Leyte, he and all his crew members survived the crash of their aircraft behind enemy lines and walked to safety.

After service, DeCosmo used the G.I. Bill to pursue a college degree. In 1946, he enrolled at the newly formed Tallahassee Branch

of the University of Florida (TBUF), the transitional institution between the Florida State College for Women and Florida State University, created by the Florida Legislature in 1947. He became a member of TBUF's only football team.

After obtaining a Master's degree in physical education at FSU, DeCosmo was hired by the department in which he was enrolled. He served 28 years, teaching all aspects of physical education and serving for many years as the assistant director of the university's famed Flying High Circus. DeCosmo created and coached a team of flying trapeze artists that was known as "The Flying DeCosmos."

After retiring in 1975, DeCosmo became a stand-out golfer in his age group, regularly posting scores that matched his age through 2005 at his favorite course, Hilaman Park, in Tallahassee. The club eventually created an annual tournament in his honor, naming it "The Coz."

DeCosmo was married to Lucy (Kelley) DeCosmo, originally of Perry, Fla., for 60 years until her death in 2009. He is survived by four children, Janet DeCosmo, Linda DeCosmo, Patricia (DeCosmo) Wesolowski, all of Tallahassee, and James M. DeCosmo, of Austin, Texas; along with 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral details are not yet complete, but will be posted at 850-656-9467 as soon as possible.

In lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to send donations to the American Heart Association.

Obituaries

Alva Franklin Kemp

Alva Franklin Kemp, 86, of Wewahitchka Fla., passed away on Sunday Oct. 9, 2011.

He was born at Wetappo Creek in Wewahitchka, Fla., and has lived in Wewahitchka for 86 years.

Mr. Kemp retired as a heavy equipment operator with Gulf County Road Department after 36 years of services. He was also employed by Gulf County Senior Citizens for 19 years and served in the U.S. Navy in 1946. He enjoyed fishing and going to church where he played his guitar for many years.

He was predeceased by his Parents Joshua and Mary Kemp; and two grandsons, Tracy Wade Kemp and David Kemp.

Survivors include his wife, Roxie Kemp and his six children: Franklin (Debbie) Kemp of Kinard, Diane (Earl) Bright of Altha, Houston (Pat) Kemp of Wetappo Creek, Minnie Carolyn Kemp

of Wewahitchka, Patty Pippin of Dalkieth, Reba Whitehurst of Wewahitchka; 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; a very special nephew, Travis Prescott, and his daughter, Andrea Prescott. Pallbearers will be Alva's grandsons and great grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be all present and former employees of the Gulf County Road Department of Wewahitchka Florida.

There was a viewing from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday Oct. 11, at the Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church. The funeral was on Oct. 12, also at the Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church at 2 p.m. CT with Rev. Joey Smith, Rev. Robert G. Miller and Dallas Presley officiating. Interment followed at Kemp Cemetery State 22.

Funeral Services will be handled by Comforter Funeral Home in Port St. Joe.

Dennis Chris McKnight

Dennis Chris McKnight of Port St. Joe, Fla., passed away Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011 in Wewahitchka, Fla., at the age of 57. He was born Aug. 26, 1954 in Panama City, Florida to the late George Thomas and Iris (Percival) McKnight. He was a long time resident of Gulf and Bay County and was a millwright.

He was survived by his brother, Scotty McKnight of Candler, Fla.; his sister, Elaine Raffield of Callaway, Florida; sister-in-law, Linda McKnight; nephew, Rusty McKnight and great-nephew, Chase McKnight.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. CT, Saturday, Oct. 15 in the Chapel at Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown.

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

David Elijah Gardner Jr.

David Elijah Gardner, Jr. passed from this life on Oct. 4, 2011 in Gainesville, Fla., surrounded by his family in love. He touched the lives of so many people with his love, laughter and zeal for life. He had a contagious personality that left a trail of friends in his path. We will greatly miss him, but we will always rejoice that God

had allowed him to be a gift to us.

The late David E. Gardner, Jr. was born on Feb. 3, 1942, in Pensacola, Fla., to the late Mr. David and Ethel Gardner, Sr. He worked for the Alachua County School System and Shands Hospital for many years before retiring to a life of leisure. He leaves to cherish him

in memory: a sister Mrs. Thelma Lewis; two brothers, Mr. Tommy Gardner and Mr. Steve Gardner; his children, David Gardner, III, LaLitha Gardner (Harry Johnson), Leroy Gardner, Dana Gardner, Reginald Clark, Brianni Gardner, Eugenia Rashell Parham, and Lynetta Gardner; a host of nieces, nephews,

grandchildren and loving friends throughout Panama City, Miami, Port St. Joe and Gainesville, Fla.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. EDT on Monday, Oct. 10, at the Zion Fair Baptist Church with interment in Forest Hill Cemetery. All services are under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home.



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Wednesday
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Elective Adult Classes 6:00 PM
Children & Youth Ministry 6:00 PM

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Children's Choir..... 5:45 - 6:10 pm
Nursery..... 6:00 - 7:30 pm
AWANA's..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm
Surrender Student Ministry..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm
The Unshakable Truth Journey..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm
Celebration Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Prayer Meeting..... 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Praise Band..... 7:30 - 9:00 pm
(Rehearsal in Sanctuary)

Sunday
Sunday School..... 9:00 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
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35641S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: Estate of KENNETH SEARCH, Deceased.

FILE NO. 11-68 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of KENNETH SEARCH, deceased, whose date of death was JULY 18, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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The date of first publication of this notice is October 6, 2011.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Theodore A. Search 3248 Creekside Drive Apt #741 Evansville, IN 47715 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Daniel Harmon III Florida Bar No.: 0544078 23 E 8th Street Panama City, FL 32401 (850) 215-2443 October 6, 13, 2011

35672S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 23-2010-CA-000226 Division:

HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-1 Plaintiff,

vs. TIMOTHY D. EVANS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TIMOTHY D. EVANS; 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 FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated June 27, 2011, entered in Civil Case No.: 23-2010-CA-000226, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-1 is Plaintiff, and TIMOTHY D. EVANS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TIMOTHY D. EVANS, are Defendants.

Rebecca L Norris, Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. ET, at the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 on the 20th day of October, 2011 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF TREASURE BAY SUBDI-

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SION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 32, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE GO S. 89°18'39" E. ALONG AN EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID TREASURE BAY SUBDIVISION FOR A DISTANCE OF 68.24 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY R/W LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 30 (HAVING A 66 FOOT WIDE R/W); THENCE GO N.15°24'53" E. ALONG SAID R/W LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 155.78 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE N. 15°24'53" E. ALONG SAID R/W LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 103.40 FEET; THENCE GO S. 15°24'39" W. FOR A DISTANCE OF 103.40 FEET; THENCE GO N. 89°18'39" W. FOR A DISTANCE OF 217.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING LOCATED IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 6, TREASURE BAY UNRECORDED.

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

Case No.: 10-0418-CA

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 21, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 on the 27th day of October, 2011, the following described parcel of real property, to-wit:

Witness my hand and the seal of the court on September 23, 2011.

Rebecca L Norris Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Elizabeth R. Wellborn, PA. 350 Jim Moran Blvd. Suite 100 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 (954) 354-3544 Fax: (954) 354-3545

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Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of Court, By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk October 6, 13, 2011

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35761S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

OPTIMUMBANK Plaintiff, and OB REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS 1570, LLC Intervenor-Plaintiff,

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

Case No.: 10-0418-CA

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 21, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 on the 27th day of October, 2011, the following described parcel of real property, to-wit:

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

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

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

THIS NOTICE dated this 28th day of September, 2011.

Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of Court, By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk October 6, 13, 2011

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35719S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, as successor in interest to Coastal Community Bank, Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES BAILEY IV and MYSTIC PALMS SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendant.

Case No.: 11-124-CA

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 21, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on October 20, 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 Records of Gulf County, Florida

Dated: September 23, 2011.

Gulf County Clerk of Court By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk October 6, 13, 2011

35865S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

TYNDALL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs. CARLA S. PATTERSON, MICHAEL E. HARTLEY "JB", GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, Defendants.

Case No. 11-217CA

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: CARLA S. PATTERSON and MICHAEL E. HARTLEY "JB"

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose on the following described property in Gulf County, Florida:

Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13, Block "M", Howard Creek Properties, an unrecorded subdivision of a portion of Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 8 West and a portion of Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 8 West,

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Gulf County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 8 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence South 89°38'25" East along the South line of said Southeast quarter of Section 31 for 213.28 feet; thence North 25°15'19" West for 564.79 feet to the P.C. of a curve concave to the Southwest; thence Northerly along said curve having a radius of 2234.30 feet for an arc distance of 197.22 feet, the chord of said arc bearing North 27°43'03" West for 197.16 feet; thence North 30°18'46" West for 212.40 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence continue North 30°18'46" West for 170.75 feet to the P.C. of a curve concave to the Southwest; thence Northerly along said curve having a radius of 884.64 feet for an arc distance of 325.88 feet, the chord arc bearing North 40°51'58" West for 324.04 feet; thence North 51°25'10" West for 401.28 feet; thence South 38°34'50" West for 218.00 feet; thence South 51°25'10" East for 401.28 feet to the P.C. of a curve concave to the Southwest and having a radius of 666.64 feet; thence Southeasterly along said curve for an arc distance of 245.58 feet, the chord of said arc bearing South 40°51'58" East for 244.19 feet; thence South 30°18'46" East for 170.75 feet; thence North 59°41'14" East for 218.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs' attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED this 24th day of August, 2011.

Clerk Circuit Court Gulf County, Florida By: Tina Money Deputy Clerk October 13, 20, 2011

35921S NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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

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

- *2.28 Schedule for Legal Advertisements
*3.18 School Calendar
*3.22 Opening and

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Closing of Schools
*3.48 Service Animals
*3.701 Visitor Identification Measure
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*7.70 Purchasing and Bidding
*8.61 Telecommunications Plan, FIRN2 and Internet Use (Option 2)

Economic Impact: These proposals may result in direct costs associated with implementation.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT:

Time: 10:00 AM EDT

Amendments: See above. October 13, 2011

35725S ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS:

The Gulf County School Board is accepting bids for lockers at Wewahatchka 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 October 6, 2011 and ending October 20, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. E.S.T. October 6, 13, 2011

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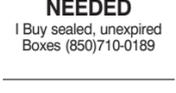
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Health assessment highlights challenges

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

In a measure of health factors throughout the state, Gulf County falls among the higher risk counties.

In Florida's 67 counties, Gulf County ranks 40th on the list, which measures residents' health behaviors based on personal choices and environment. The lower ranking counties represent those with the highest health risks.

"We know we have some really poor risk factors that set us up for unhealthy behaviors," said Marsha Player Lindeman, administrator of the Gulf County Health Department. "These are

diseases that are directly related to the lifestyle choices we make."

The health factors list examines four areas: health behaviors such as tobacco use, diet and exercise, alcohol use and high risk sexual behavior; access and quality of care, social and economic factors such as education, employment and income, and physical environment.

In Lindeman's first year as administrator, she has been given a tool that will help prioritize the services the department provides.

Every three years, the health department completes a community needs assessment that provides an outline of the county's health

profile.

Lindeman said she is lucky to have started her job in the same year the assessment is done. The statistics give her the instruments to better address the health needs of the community in partnership with other local health care providers, schools, government, businesses and civic organizations.

In weeks past, Lindeman has presented the statistics to the Port St. Joe City Commission and the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, and plans on extending the education much further.

"What you find in these assessments are lots of op-

portunities to make changes in the community that will positively impact the health of the people," Lindeman said.

She said Gulf County's low ranking on the health factors list was one of the most surprising statistics in the assessment and is a direct link to the county's chronic disease statistics, nearly all of which fall higher than the state percentage.

"This is a community that has a problem with obesity, diabetes, heart disease," Lindeman said. "All of these diseases can be prevented."

She said the city's effort in constructing new biking and walking paths, providing residents with a new place

to exercise, is a step in the right direction in addressing the obesity problem.

"You can't change it all," Lindeman said. "You can't change that in a year."

Instead, Lindeman said the health department, in partnership with Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, will introduce programs focusing on chronic disease management, helping people manage, improve and control their diseases.

"We need to introduce accessible ways to learn how to eat better and learn how to get more activity in our lives," Lindeman said. "We're looking at programs to where we bring in patients with diabetes and teach them how to choose better foods and how to cook better foods."

The new statistics provide new guidelines for the community for health education and promotion.

"We have to do both. We have to prevent and we have to help people get the best quality of life with a chronic disease," Lindeman said.

Lindeman was also shocked by statistics included in the assessment from a 2010 survey done by the Florida Department of Children and Families measuring youth substance abuse across the state. The survey is administered every two years to a statewide sample of middle- and high-school students.

According to survey data, Gulf County ranked higher than the state average across the board for alcohol use, binge drinking, cigarette use and use of marijuana and hashish. The county also nearly doubled the statewide percentage for reported cocaine or crack cocaine use, use of prescription amphetamines and use of club drugs. (For full survey results visit www.def.state.fl.us)

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Lindeman said the statistics provide an opportunity for all of the stakeholders in the community to really look at these problems and begin addressing them.

The community needs assessment also showed an increasing poverty rate in Gulf County, with 17.5 percent of the population living at or below the poverty level, and 27.6 percent of the population considered low income.

"About 50 percent of our patients (at the health department) are at or below poverty level," Lindeman said. "Certainly our population (of patients) is poorer than the case load of a private practice physician."

Lindeman recently conducted a workshop with community leaders to examine how to improve the county's health profile.

Lindeman said the workshop was interesting because the group deemed Gulf County's small size as one of its greatest strengths, but also one of its greatest weaknesses.

Although the county has the capacity to easily band together, it is also challenged with limited resources.

"They were all very enthusiastic that this community does have the capacity to change," Lindeman said. "They felt like even with fewer resources and fewer people we still can be strong."

The community stakeholders also brainstormed health goals for the community.

"In the next two years we'll work those goals, and then after three years we'll circle around and do this again," Lindeman said. "I hope we can see the trends improve."

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