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Officials tour Port of Port St. Joe site

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

Location, location, location was a primary topic for discussion on Oct. 12 as a group of state and local officials toured what may be the future site of a new deepwater port.

"It's a blank canvas right now," said Port Authority executive director Tommy Pitts. "We're talking about an economic development project that will create many jobs in our area."

Ananth Prasad, secretary for the Florida Department of Transportation, Rep. Marti Coley (R-Marianna), local government officials and members of the Port Authority and its advisory team were among those who met to discuss the potential of the last undeveloped deepwater port in Florida.

Port St. Joe is home to one of just 14 deepwater ports in the state.

The port has constructed a barge terminal bulkhead along the Intracoastal Canal and is working in partnership with the St. Joe Company on plans to develop a parcel and the adjacent former paper mill site as an access point for larger ships.

The Port Advisory Team, in partnership with Atkins Engineering and J.D. Sanchez Consulting, presented a strategic growth plan and a capital improvement financing plan for port development during the Oct. 12 meeting, which laid out potential funding options, strategic development objectives, basic needs and key facts about the port.

"The purpose of the project is to research the possibility of port growth and research the market," said a representative from Atkins Engineering.

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The Port's primary, short-term objective is to develop a $13.4 million shallow-water barge site along the Gulf County Canal seen here.

Going out with a bang

Beach Blast ends with burst of packing

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

They were, as one observer noted, the "redshirt freshmen" to the area.

The third annual Semper Fi Beach Blast brought more than 30 women from out of town to visit the area for the first time and two dozen or so more who either live in Gulf County or attended the Beach Blast the past two years for a weekend of fun, laughter, a few tears and plenty of activity.

The Semper Fi Sisters, clad in their red shirts, were everywhere over the weekend.

Some participated in the Sheriff's Office bass fishing tournament, others enjoyed the various locales where the songwriters, in for the Blast on the Bay Songwriters' Festival, were playing and singing.

They partied, they gabbed and, in general, got away for a spell from the everyday tensions of having a loved one in the military.

"They had a really good time," said event organizer Brenda Garth. "Everything went so well. The community was fantastic."

The big event of the big event, however, was Saturday's packing party at the Centennial Building. After a serenade from several of the songwriters in town, the group went to work and turned the inside of the Centennial Building into an assembly line spitting out care packages for troops.

By afternoon's end, the count of care boxes exceeded 700, more than double last year.

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The assembly line begins; the "sisters" packed more than 700 care packages for troops, double last year's total. **Top**, included in each care package were photos of local folks thanking the troops overseas – such as this one of the Port St. Joe High School cheerleaders saying thanks after a recent football game. **Left**, each care package sent to a military member overseas carried this gnome recognizing this year's Beach Blast. The hope is to get back multiple photos from soldiers of the gnome at various outposts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Vision Bank robbers sentenced

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The three convicted suspects who robbed the Vision Bank in Port St. Joe on Dec. 20, 2010 were sentenced in separate hearings this past week.

Jaylin Pittman, identified by his co-defendants as the first one in the bank and having fired a gun, pled no contest to armed robbery and was sentenced Oct. 13 to 17 years in prison with credit for 296 days time served.

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Jaylin Pittman, identified as the first in the bank and also armed, received 17 years in prison.

He was also fined $855 in court costs and fines.

The first 10 years of Pittman's sentence are a mandatory minimum sentence for the first degree felony of robbery with a firearm. Pittman must serve at least 85 percent of the final seven years under sentencing guidelines.

Ricardo Clemmons, 21, pled no contest to a charge of being a principal to armed robbery, was adjudicated guilty and under a plea arrangement, was sentenced to six years in prison with credit for 296 days time served, plus court costs and fines of $855.

Clemmons' plea arrangement, said State Attorney Tim Register, was based on the fact he was the lookout man and never entered the bank.

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Ribbons, balloons and a cause: Kicking off this year's Relay for Life

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

The room was full of ordinary heroes dressed in purple.

Amidst posters of Spiderman, Superman and purple balloons were cancer survivors and caregivers, ready to pledge time and money to help in the fight against cancer.

The Gulf County Relay for Life organizers held a kickoff party Oct. 11 at Boondocks restaurant to begin discussing plans for the 2012 Relay, which will be held April 27 at Port St. Joe High School.

Event Chair Kim Kurnitsky revealed the theme for the 2012 relay as "Ordinary Heroes," an ode to all the superheroes in the community who have battled against cancer.

"I think it's very appropriate," Kurnitsky said. "That's what you guys are, ordinary heroes. Everybody in this room, you are all heroes."

The committee set a goal to raise $62,000 for the American Cancer Society at the 2012 relay.

The ACS uses the money to fund cancer research, education, advocacy programs and special services for patients like providing wigs, treatment transportation and lodging.

Cancer survivor Amy Sasnett shared her struggle with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer that attacks the lymph nodes. She underwent eight chemotherapy sessions at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Sasnett thanked the relay

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Port St. Joe High School Junior Varsity cheerleaders perform a special Relay for Life cheer during the kickoff party: "Please help us save lives! Relay, relay, relay for life!"

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Deshaun Winfield, 20, of Apalachicola, was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in jail.

He was identified as being the second man in the bank and having taken the weapon from Pittman.

He also pled no contest to armed robbery and was adjudicated guilty.

Pittman originally pleaded not guilty and went to trial Sept. 20.

However, with Clemmons and Winfield prepared to testify against him at trial, Pittman changed his plea mid-trial to no contest.

During last Thursday's sentencing hearing before Circuit Court Judge Shonna Young Gay, a series of relatives and friends of Pittman asked for mercy, noting that Pittman had no criminal record, was running with the wrong crowd and made a horrible decision.

"I have to believe Jaylin can be rehabilitated," said his uncle Amos Pittman Jr. "I know what he did was wrong. I am just asking the court to have mercy on Jaylin and his family."

Pittman acknowledged his mistakes and stated a desire to help keep other children from making the same decisions he did.

"I want to help people not make the same mistake I made," Pittman told the judge. "Be your own self, don't be a follower; be a leader.

"It's not a joke, it is real. When you pick up a gun the consequences, the consequences are dire."

Register argued that Pittman deserved significantly more prison time than his co-defendants.

Nancy Neal, the bank employee Pittman grabbed and pushed into the bank as she arrived for work, described the fear she felt as she heard a gun go off behind her — Register acknowledged the gunshot, which hit a wall outside the bank, was likely accidental — and Pittman threatening her with her life, saying, "Someone is going to die today."

"I (now) know the fear and trembling that phrase brings," Neal said. "In the end, it was a conscious decision by them to commit a crime, a bank robbery.

"I see two robberies taking place, one of the bank, for not a lot of money, and the second (the defendants') futures."

Neal said her only thoughts during the minutes of the ordeal were how to ensure the safety of her co-workers and herself.

While Neal escaped serious harm, she was badly bruised on both arms by the rough treatment from being pushed in the bank.

Register said Pittman's actions were senseless, illegal and planned-out, and he deserved a sentence of at least 20-25 years.

"Every time I think of this case my blood boils," Register said. "This is inexcusable. It wasn't just a stupid decision, it was evil and illegal. He pointed a loaded firearm at an innocent woman just going to work and told her she had to die."

Gay denied a defense motion to consider sentencing Pittman as a youthful offender — the defense argued for sentencing as a youthful offender given Pittman was 18 at the time of the incident — and also handed down a sentence beyond the 61 months, with 12 years probation, recommended under a pre-sentencing report.

According to law enforcement reports, the men entered the bank via a back door pushing Neal in as she prepared to open the back door.

A neighbor behind the bank called 911 around 8:20 a.m. ET saying the bank was being robbed and shots had been fired.

Units from the Port St. Joe Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Gulf County Sheriff's Office responded.

The three men made off with roughly $200 in coins.

All three were apprehended within blocks of the bank and in custody within 21 minutes.

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Left, Ricardo Clemmons received six years under a plea agreement. **Right**, Deshaun Winfield entered into a plea agreement under which he will serve 10 years in prison.

Songwriters' festival a 'blast'

Star Staff Report

According to musician and songwriter Walt Aldridge, you haven't lived until you've heard Billy Ray Cyrus's "Achy Breaky Heart" performed by a traditional German oom-pah band.

Aldridge and 19 other Nashville songwriters shared stories and songs this weekend, as venues throughout Port St. Joe, Mexico Beach and Indian Pass packed to the brim with country music aficionados for the Third Annual Blast on the Bay Songwriters' Festival. This year marked the biggest festival yet, with 20 songwriters playing in seven different venues along the Forgotten Coast.

The festival kicked off Thursday night with a beach bonfire in Indian Pass, where songwriters played informal, acoustic sets under a harvest moon. Hundreds came out to enjoy the bonfire, which was complete with a spicy, low country boil of shrimp, potatoes, corn and sausage. The artists played in rounds Friday and Saturday night at venues like the Thirsty Goat, Provision's, The Haughty Heron, Mango Marley's and Toucan's.

A group also sang at the Semper Fi Sisters "care packing" party for the troops on Saturday at the Centennial Building.

The festival wrapped up Sunday with an afternoon of picking and storytelling at the Indian Pass Raw Bar. The songwriters were met with floods of laughter and applause for comedic songs like Steve Leslie's "What's a nice place like you doing on a girl like that?" (A question posed to a rough looking girl's Texas tattoo), another songwriter's ode to Spam, and Bruce Wallace's "Damn you Bubba."

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Above, Jillia Jackson performs at a beach bonfire in Indian Pass on Oct. 13, kicking off a weekend of music. **Below left**, 15-year old Abigail Rose performs "Head on Collision," a song she wrote shortly after getting her driver's permit. **Below right**, Steve Leslie performs at the Indian Pass Raw Bar on Sunday.

LANGSTON DRIVE DEDICATION ON TUESDAY

Star Staff Report

The City of Port St. Joe invites the public to the dedication of David B. Langston Drive at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Langston Drive is located between Williams Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. The dedication ceremony will take place at the curve nearest MLK Drive.

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The First United Methodist Church relay team won a trophy for the most spirit points in the 2011 relay.

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supporters, because with help from the American Cancer Society, she stayed at their Hope Lodge at UAB free of charge.

"It gives someone like me the chance to go somewhere like UAB and get treatment," Sasnett said. "I also got to stay there with fellow cancer survivors. I could always talk to someone."

Sponsorship chair Jera Horton led a glow stick luminary ceremony at the kickoff, a stand-in for the event's candlelit ceremony, in recognition of loved ones who lost the fight against cancer.

"You were and always will be a part of us," Horton said. "We light these candles as a continued commitment to the fight.

"Last year (the luminary ceremony) just really touched my heart. There's nothing like being onstage and seeing those candles."

The committee also honored the 2011 teams that raised the most funds: First United Methodist Church raised $11,056; Port St. Joe Elementary School raised $5,300; the VFW raised $4,394; El Governor Motel raised $4,200; and rounding out the top five was the Gulf County Sheriff's Department with $3,317.

There will be a Relay for Life committee meeting Nov. 15 at Centennial Bank in Port St. Joe at noon ET. The first team meeting will be Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. ET at Capital City Bank in Port St. Joe in the upstairs meeting room.

Anyone interested in getting involved by starting a relay team or donating can visit the event website at www.relayforlife.org/psjfl or call event chair Kim Kurnitsky at (850) 227-4093.

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The five-year capital improvement plan laid out the basic funding needs for the project, with an estimated minimum funding requirement of $67 million between 2011 and 2016 for the construction of a shallow-water barge site and several deepwater projects.

The plan's highest priority and primary short-term objective is the development of an operational shallow-water barge site in the Gulf County Canal, parallel to Industrial Road. The total cost is estimated to be $13.4 million, and the Port Authority hopes the project can be completed within the first three years of the five-year capital improvement program.

The second objective is a series of longer-term deepwater projects in St. Joseph Bay that will occur beyond the five-year period with an estimated cost of $53.8 million.

Another long-term objective is to provide opportunities for properties along the Gulf County Canal, extending to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and inland from Industrial Road to Highway 71, to be used for "job-generating maritime-related uses."

The document cited the 2014 Panama Canal expansion as a huge prospect for port development because the Port of Port St. Joe would be closer to the Panama Canal than the Port of Miami.

The document also laid out potential federal and state funding options, but Prasad said the project needs to focus on finding private sector partners for further funding.

"Those days of 'if you build it, they will come' are gone," said Prasad, who acted as a liaison for Gov. Rick Scott during the meeting. "Government is not how we're going to create jobs. What we want the Port to do is work with the St. Joe Company and local leaders to get those things lined up. The private sectors are what's going to create jobs."

Port development was one of the key elements of the governor's economic development/job creation initiative announced Wednesday.

"Gov. Scott is very focused on ports and infrastructure," Prasad said. "He is very much committed and is going to support this 150 percent."

Prasad said Scott wants all Florida ports to grow, so the Port of Port St. Joe should be designed to work in partnership with other Florida ports.

"What we want to do is steal from Mobile, Charleston and Savannah," Prasad said. "Florida is going to win. We're not going to lose to Georgia or Alabama."

Prasad said the next step is to market the port to potential private investors, who will ultimately drive the bulk of the funding for port development. He said timing is essential, and the governor will provide legislative support to ensure the project moves quickly."

"The window is short," Prasad said. "Everybody is kind of jockeying for this position. The governor is very focused on it. We're going to be very nimble and move on a dime and do whatever it takes."

He said the Port Authority must now focus on putting the puzzle pieces together, and the state will provide the missing piece if needed.

"The foundation is here," said Prasad, who noted the port's inherit advantages like excellent connectivity to the highway, rail connections and natural depth will aid in the investment and development process.

Pitts presented diagrams outlining the potential market reach and economic impacts of the port, which could span a 500 mile radius.

"We have a very large population in our marketplace," Pitts said. "It's very much a regional impact. We're not just talking about Port St. Joe."

Pitts said development of the port will reach much farther than Port St. Joe, providing foundation for regional economic growth in struggling surrounding counties like Holmes, Franklin, Liberty, Calhoun and Gadsden.

Pitts said port development also brings potential for new manufacturers in the area, who will benefit from being near a transport center. He said he has received support letters from area counties and inquiries and letters of intent from various companies.

"Right now we're working towards closing some deals," Pitts said. "We're going to continue our discussions about various potential tenants."

Gulf County Chamber Director Barry Sellers said in his 20 years in economic development the future port site has the most potential he has ever seen. He said the strategic growth and capital improvement financing plan brochure sells itself.

"No other Port – Miami, Jacksonville, Tampa, can say they have this much opportunity for growth," said Patrick Jones, vice chairman of the Port Authority Board. "We have our basic infrastructure. It's just sitting there waiting for us to use."

Jones said the creation of the Port Advisory Team gave the project an instant, credible network and they intend to use it in any way possible, while also welcoming outside ideas.

"This day is a vision and it's a dream," said Johanna White, chairwoman of the Port Authority Board. "In many, many counties the economic times have hit hard, very, very hard. Many people are moving away, losing their homes. We thought the time is now (to push forward on port development)."

Star News Editor Tim Croft contributed to this report.

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Opinion

The great escape

CRANKS MY TRACTOR
BN Heard

It was one of those nights. I don't know what caused it. Perhaps it was the leftover Jerk Chicken I had eaten earlier in the day, perhaps it was the movies I had been watching or maybe it was something else. All I know is that it was real, or seemed real – scary real.

I went to sleep at around 1:30 a.m. and, sometime thereafter, I went to prison. I'm unsure if it was a regular prison or POW camp. It had to be one of the two. There were no bars, but there was lots of barbed wire, fences, buildings and other male prisoners or inmates.

In the last couple of days, I've watched "The Shawshank Redemption," "Cool Hand Luke" and "Conspiracy Theory." None of those seemed to fit quite right; the scenery in my dream was more like "The Great Escape" or "Stalag 17."

The first thing I remember is walking around in a fenced area with lots of white buildings, the dream might have even been in black and white. None of the other prisoners were trying to hurt me or make me eat eggs, so I didn't seem to be Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins) or Cool Hand Luke (Paul Newman). We (the prisoners) were just wandering around. It was too real.

I didn't have, or need, a copy of "Catcher in the Rye," so "Conspiracy Theory" was out of the question. I knew I would miss Julia Roberts.

There were no paints or paper mache and I wasn't molding a fake head like Clint Eastwood did in "Escape from Alcatraz."

I was just walking around with the other prisoners.

Then I thought about the butterfly. This could be punishment for THE BUTTERFLY. On a recent family vacation, I got a henna tattoo of a butterfly on my right bicep (so I could make it fly). It embarrassed my teenage daughters.

Papillon had a butterfly tattoo, this might be it.

No, I didn't have on red and white striped pajamas in my dream, Dustin Hoffman was not there and I wasn't eating bugs. I was not Papillon.

On the other side of the barbed wire fences there were other people roaming around and cows. I don't know where the cows came from and I don't know if it was some sort of people and cow prison. It still seemed like a POW camp at this point and I was right in the middle of it.

A man on the other side (with the cows) called me over to the fence. I started walking toward the fence, but I was scared – very scared. It was all too real.

Startled, I woke up and checked the time. It was somewhere between 3 and 4 a.m. I was scared, but I was still interested in my dream and getting out of wherever I was. I went right back to sleep and landed right back at that fence again.

The fellow at the fence said "I've got something you can use." I don't remember saying anything. The man handed me a small pair of wire cutters through the fence. I remember looking around to see if any one was looking. I slipped the wire cutters into my pocket.

There was a cow looking at me through the barbed wired fence.

Then the man gave me another pair of wire cutters, or bolt cutters, that were about twice the size of the first pair he gave me. Again, I looked around to see if any one was watching. I slipped the second pair into my other pocket. They wouldn't fit, so I pulled my shirt tail out to cover them up.

I was starting to sweat. Then the fellow pulled these huge bolt cutters out of nowhere and threw them over the fence. The handles seemed to be about three feet long. I remember asking myself, "I have a 29' inseam. What am I going to do with these?"

I picked up the long bolt cutters and faced the buildings inside my prison or prison camp. I stuck the bolt cutters down the back of my pants, one handle in each leg. Then I started walking "straight-legged" toward the buildings. I remember it feeling like I didn't have knees.

A guard approached me; I knew I was done for. The guard didn't say anything; he just let me pass by walking straight-legged like a man on stilts. I woke up again in a cold sweat. It was around 5 a.m.

While I was awake,

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Unlocking the port's potential

TIM CROFT
Star news editor

Last week was significant for those who see the port of Port St. Joe as a regional economic engine.

A visit by the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, Ananth Prasad, to Gulf County for a look at the port and the landscape, joined by several state officials, in particular state Rep. Marti Coley (R-Marianna), could be a change-maker.

Having state officials on the ground examining potential is a major step for a port that has languished while folks talk endlessly about the potential, like a dog in search of its tail.

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council, a regional economic development agency, has identified the Port of Port St. Joe has one of the most significant, if not the most significant, keys to job creation and economic development not just in Gulf County but Northwest Florida.

That makes it perfect for the governor's mantra of seeking job creation.

When he visited for the annual Lincoln Day dinner earlier this year, Gov. Rick Scott became animated and passionate about the potential of the ports in Florida, including Gulf County, a view reflected in the recent announcement of his economic plan which put considerable emphasis on ports.

Further, that district FDOT staff are members of the port advisory team currently crafting a marketing plan and identifying potential customer bases and financial needs is crucial to the effort of raising the port's profile.

However, they say talk is cheap and it is past time that all the talk is transformed into action on several levels.

This seems particularly true if, in fact, the port of Port St. Joe is be a player when the expansion of the Panama Canal is finished sometime in 2014, as projected.

There is little time to waste in getting federal approval for the U.S. Army Corps to dredge the existing and federally-certified shipping channel off the coast.

Local and state officials should be pushing the state's Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. to spur the Army Corps to action on the dredging.

There is also little time to dally on bulkhead or uplands improvements needed to market as navigable destinations for people and goods the old mill site and the parcel to the north once leased to the port.

There is scant time to expend on the final improvements to be made to bring customers and traffic over the barge terminal already in place along the Intracoastal Waterway.

The state might not have much money to pony up for the effort – in truth the port has garnered millions in state and federal funds to craft a master plan, create the barge terminal and make other improvements – but the county's legislative delegation could take a cue from Coley and ensure that the development of the port of Port St. Joe be a priority in the state's grand plan to create jobs.

But Prasad also commented about private partners and for this the St. Joe Company is essential.

As visioning exercises during much of the previous decade demonstrated, the port is likely not developing without more hands on deck as partners and the partner poised in the best position is St. Joe.

The company owns the old mill site – and its existing bulkhead – that offers a toehold to coastal land that is a key to port expansion by allowing larger-draft ships access to the port facilities.

The old mill site is also critical to the development of the parcel to the north.

Being accessible to the larger ships, in addition to barge traffic that would benefit from the rail and inland waterway access the port currently provides, is critical if the port is ever to create the kind of customer base and in turn jobs that so many envision as its full potential.

But one thing the governor makes clear is that government can not create jobs, only the environment for creation, and Prasad was echoing that position when he noted that port development hinges on private partners, in particular The St. Joe Company.

And there is a link between community and St. Joe that should make the case for a focus on the port stronger.

This is where the company made riches as paper makers for over 60 years. The company took its name from the community from which it grew and while Port St. Joe was a mill town, its heartbeat was the mill whistle telling all when it was time to work, eat or play.

Post-mill, St. Joe has both put in to the community – donations for parks, school programs, hospitals, to name a few – and taken out – the move of a three-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 98 to accommodate a development.

But as changes on the board and in the company headquarters in Jacksonville, as job cuts have impacted even Florida's largest landowner, focus and strategies changed.

One central reason for the upheaval within the company was its value and how much all those acres of land across Northwest Florida and southern Georgia were really worth.

So a public/private partnership to develop the port could create several winners.

While assisting in that development by providing land and marketing expertise, St. Joe can attach a value to its holdings while increasing the value by putting people back to work and creating for the wide swath of acreage St. Joe owns consumers.

The port of Port St. Joe, meanwhile, can turns years of talk into plans to develop the kind of facility capable to handling a wide variety of goods and creating consumers for the wide swath of acreage St. Joe owns.

And, just maybe, a community desperate for positive economic news will finally have the economic engine over which so much talk has been expended.

Pretty is as pretty does

HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

I saw where Sarah Palin dropped out of the presidential race. Good for her! She was too pretty to be president. And I'm not comparing her with Haley Mills or Farrah Fawcett here. That beauty thing is relevant as to situation, location, eye of the beholder, who's in the picture with you, how dark it is in the back booth ...

She's better looking than Ross Perot or John McCain. And I'd give her the nod over Al Gore and Newt Gingrich. But running for President of the United States is not a beauty contest.

Or is it?

It wasn't in Abraham Lincoln's day. I don't think he could make the cover of "GQ." "People" magazine usually goes for flashy blonds. "Sports Illustrated" doesn't cover rail splitting, so Abe couldn't have adorned that cover either. And it is rather hard to imagine him debating illegal immigration, world trade agreements or the Wall Street roller coaster on TV today. He would be a publicist's nightmare! We've got a guy here with good walking-around sense, who could acquit himself well in most any situation, honest to a fault, a real viable candidate. But we can't show his face until after the election!

Picking a president is kinda like searching for the right person to take to the prom. We all, naturally, want to take the best looking date in town. I was seeking a tall, sleek, handsome beauty queen. No one preferred to be tied to a dog when the band struck up "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White".

If you were lucky enough, you'd find a semi-cute girl to walk in on your arm and the evening was all bright and rosy until she opened her mouth! You asked if she'd like some punch and she replied, rather too quickly and a little louder than necessary, "Ain't they got no ice cream!"

You mercifully turn down her street after the "dance of a thousand nightmares" has drawn to a close and she's still filling your ear, "Did you see Jo Anne's dress? I thought them puffed up sleeves were wings! If she had flapped about twice I swear she would have lifted off the ground. I can't believe they didn't have no ice cream!" You finally make it to the front door and are hurrying your good night when the erstwhile beauty adds the clincher, "Next time we go out, how's bout you bring the chewing tobacco!"

Didn't someone once say it's not the wrinkle free skin or the surgically repaired nose…..but the content of your character that counts!

And please, PLEASE don't think I'm saying that since Sarah Palin is attractive she is a ditz. Far from it! I dated a good looking girl once that was smarter, more thoughtful and much more in touch with reality than I was. If she'd had just a little money I would have married her in a heartbeat. I'm simple saying you can't judge a book by looking at the cover.

But here is the real problem. If I take the wrong date to the prom, no harm—no foul. Sure, I'm uncomfortable for an evening. The guys give me the "we can't believe you brought her" look, and there is an awkward moment on the front steps when I pretend to tell her what a wonderful time I had. But the evening ends and I can get on with my life.

If we select the wrong president, the prom lasts for four years! That is an eternity to be saddled with the wrong date. Can you image the embarrassment and uncomfortable moments that can arise in that length of time! It could warp you for life! Or set you on a road that you don't want to go down.

Harry Truman wouldn't win any beauty contest, but I think he was the right man at the right time in our history. The much honored George Washington had such bad teeth he would hardly open his mouth. His hair fell over his collar and he was only an average speech renderer at best. Every picture I've seen of Thomas Jefferson looks like he was raised on green apples and sour onions. Dwight David Eisenhower helped win a World War and "Presidented" over one of the greatest decades in our history, but he looked like a quiet, unassuming, ordinary man to me. You wouldn't have picked any of these fellers for "Dancing with the Stars."

Martin Luther King Jr. was right! It is not about the pigmentation of your skin. Or who your "momma and them" are, or how much money your Aunt Matilda has accumulated, or how much the boys think of you down at the Lodge….. IT IS about the content of your heart!

Here's our mission, if we choose to accept it. We've got to run down a long list of "possibles" and select the correct presidential candidate. Don't expect any true insight from ABC, CNN, Jon Stewart and the like. Sometimes your neighbor doesn't know any more than you do! And the candidates don't really help. They put on their best smile for the camera and yell for lower taxes, more jobs, shrinking national debt and a chicken in every pot. It's hard to see their hearts through all the mudwhomp and habberdashing!

But we've got to do due diligence on this one. Don't fall for the pretty face or the flim-flam rhetoric. If we ever needed to get to the heart of the matter—it is now! 'Cause here's the bottom line, guys, I don't want the next president to turn out like my first date to the prom. We might not could survive four years of that!

Respectfully,
Kes

Letters

Port St. Joe 'sold out' by city leaders

Dear Editor:

My wife and I knew nothing about a biomass project planned for Port St. Joe until late August, when we received a mailing from the Gulf Citizens for Clean Renewable Energy. At that point, we got involved with this concerned group and tried to alert the citizens of Port St. Joe of the dangers of an incinerator such as this. We were astounded to learn from many citizens that they knew nothing of a biomass incinerator either. We thought we could simply put out signs telling them of the dangers of pollution from an incinerator, but in addition, we had to educate them on what it was and that it was being planned for our city, because of the lack of city-wide notification or town hall meetings.

A few days later, on Aug. 30, the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) members "sold out" the city of Port St. Joe by approving the development order for the biomass energy incinerator and sending it for a final decision to the City Commission. There would have been more people at the PDRB public hearing but it was held at 4 p.m. ET when most working people could not attend. It seemed these city leaders did not want many people there that could speak out against the biomass incinerator.

The city commissioners tried to fast-track the biomass issue by having it on their agenda for Sept. 6, a week after the PDRB vote so as to not give the opposition time to get the word out. But, that was delayed until Oct. 4. Again, on that date, the city commissioners "sold out" their own citizens by voting at this public hearing to approve the development order sent from the PDRB. At this particular meeting, due to organized efforts of many concerned individuals and groups, the majority that attended the meeting were opposed to and spoke up against this "dirty polluting" incinerator.

The city commissioners and the PDRB should be ashamed of themselves for already having made up their minds to approve this project, trying to ram it down the throats of the citizens, and pretending to listen to their opinions. This was very evident at the PDRB meeting, where they passed out copies of their "Findings", stating under No. 8, "The PDRB had all of its positions filled and had a quorum present at the Aug. 30, 2011 meeting", and along with their "Recommended Order" stating "Based on the findings set forth above, which are incorporated herein by reference, it is the vote of the PDRB that the Application be approved for submittal to the City Commission with a recommendation that the City Commission approve the project." How did they know this before it even happened? This will be remembered at the next election … Count on it. We want honest representatives, and who will listen to majority opinions of the citizens.

There have been those who are congratulating the city leaders on a job well done. I'm glad they are more savvy on poisonous toxins than The American Lung Association and The American Lung Association of Florida who oppose these types of incinerators. In a few short years, when you have a certain type of cancer from dioxins or other toxic chemicals, or have a tough time breathing, or no more edible seafood, or no more tourists wanting to come here, you will think back on this and remember how your city leaders sold you out. But it will be too late.

Dave Dorris
Port St. Joe

Missing in action: City leaders drop the ball

By Marcus Sturdivant

Two weeks ago, the city commissioners of Port St. Joe approved a change to the city ordinance by a vote of 3-2 to allow bars to remain open until 2 a.m. I am very disappointed in the three commissioners voting for the proposal, especially the one I voted for in the last election. I can assure I will not make the same mistake again. I attended the meeting, speaking in opposition to the proposal, as did three others. What struck me as being odd was the glaring absence of most of the pastors in Port St. Joe as well as representatives from their respective congregations. I guess they had other things more important to attend to. After all, who cares if these three city commissioners have set in motion an agenda to fundamentally transform Port St. Joe?

Anyone with any common sense surely understands by increasing the number of hours bars can remain open will result in more people becoming intoxicated. Folks, this isn't rocket science. More opportunity to drink is going to result in more drunks, which in turn will result in more accidents and more people being injured and killed. Before becoming a pastor I was also a police officer. I have now been retired for over 20 years and I still recall the terrible damage drinking drivers inflicted on innocent people. The absolute worst accident I ever worked involved a young man who had been drinking but was not "legally" drunk. This young man gambled, emboldened by the alcohol he had consumed, and foolishly passed another car on a winding road separated by double yellow lines. He unfortunately struck another car headed in the opposite direction, killing all three passengers. A husband, eight-month pregnant wife and a three-year-old girl lost their lives because someone thought it was cool to drive and drink. Sadly, the woman was an only child. Here parents lost their only daughter, their only granddaughter and soon-to-be grandson. Although this young man had not been in a bar, drinking alcohol still played a contributing part. The message I think it perfectly clear; do not drink and drive. Again, it isn't rocket science to figure out that extended hours of drinking will result in more serious accidents. If someone is injured or killed because of alcohol consumed in a bar in Port St. Joe after midnight, these three city commissioners must bear the responsibility. I would encourage anyone injured by a drunk driver as a result of this new law to seek full restitution from the bar owners and the three city commissioners who voted for the ordiance.

The truth is, by voting for this amendment it tells me one of two things; this person either listened to his/her sin nature rather than the Holy Spirit or he/she does not have the Holy Spirit at all. Given what I know about God's word, I can assure you the Holy Spirit did not direct anyone to vote for the amendment.

The key to living a successful Christian life is to make the right choices. Anytime someone justifies his or her actions by starting the conversation with "this is what I believe," we can know they are not listening to the Holy Spirit. I want to share something I discovered a long time ago and it is this; just because we believe something to be true does not make it so. The majority may rule; as was the case with this ordinance, however, this does not mean the majority is right.

Finally, true Christians in this community need to get involved. If Christians continue to remain silent then Port St. Joe is going to slowly evolve into something none of us like. We have a unique community that in my humble opinion is a great place to raise our children and to grow old gracefully. If we are not protective of what we have it will be taken away and replaced by something far worse than we can imagine. I salute the mayor and Commissioner Buzzett for voting against the amendment. We need to elect three more city commissioners of the same caliber. Above all, we need to listen to the Holy Spirit rather than ourselves. The Holy Spirit will always direct us to the right choices.

Marcus Sturdivant is a resident of Port St. Joe.

Flexible spending accounts slash your taxes

JASON ALDERMAN

Admit it: You probably spend more time comparison shopping online than reviewing your annual benefits enrollment materials. That's a big mistake because the money you could save by choosing the right employee benefits package probably far exceeds any savings you could get on a big-screen TV.

For example, many people don't sign up for an extremely valuable benefit – flexible spending accounts (FSAs). If your employer offers them, FSAs let you pay for eligible out-of-pocket health care and/or dependent care expenses on a pre-tax basis – that is, before federal, state and Social Security taxes are deducted from your paycheck. Using an FSA to cover expenses you would have paid for anyway reduces your taxable income by that amount, which in turn lowers your taxes.

Here's how it works: Say you earn $40,000 a year and are in a 25 percent tax bracket. If you contribute $1,000 to the health care FSA and $3,000 for dependent care, your taxable income would be $36,000 – about a $1,000 reduction in federal taxes alone, depending on your marital status, withholding deductions and other factors. (Use the calculator at www.dinkytown.net/java/Payroll125.html to evaluate your situation.)

Health Care FSAs let you pay for IRS-allowed medical expenses not covered by medical, dental or vision insurance, including deductibles, copayments, orthodontia, glasses and contact lenses, prescriptions, chiropractic, smoking cessation programs and many more. Check IRS Publication 502 at www.irs.gov for a list of allowable expenses.

Dependent Care FSAs let you use pre-tax dollars to pay for expenses related to care for your children, disabled spouse, parent, or other dependent incapable of self-care, including:

• Licensed day care or adult care facility fees.

• Services provided in or outside your home (including babysitter, nursery school or summer day camp) so that you and your spouse can work, look for work, or attend school full-time.

• Before- and after-school programs for dependents under age 13.

• Babysitting by relatives over age 19 who aren't your dependent.

For some lower-income families, using the federal income tax dependent care tax credit is more advantageous than an FSA so crunch the numbers or ask a tax expert which alternative is better for you. Just be aware that you cannot claim the same expenses under both tax breaks.

Your FSA contributions are deducted from paychecks throughout the year. As you incur eligible expenses, you submit receipts to the plan administrator for reimbursement. Also, many employers now offer prepaid health care cards, which let you draw on your account at the point of service to pay for qualified medical expenses, thereby eliminating the need to pay cash up front and submit reimbursement forms.

Keep in mind these FSA restrictions:

• Maximum contribution amounts vary by employer, but commonly are $2,000 to $5,000 a year for health care and $5,000 for dependent care FSAs.

• Health care and dependent care account contributions are not interchangeable.

• Estimate planned expenses carefully because you must forfeit unused account balances. Some employers offer a grace period of up to 2 ½ months after the end of the plan year to incur expenses; but that's not mandatory, so review your enrollment materials.

• You must re-enroll in FSAs each year – amounts don't carry over from year to year.

To learn more about how FSAs work, visit Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc. (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/benefits).

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I dreaded going back to sleep, but then again, I knew I had to "go back in there" and try to escape. I had three pairs of wire/bolt cutters. Surely, I would get out.

I went back to sleep and back into my dream. I was in a chicken house inside the prison/POW camp. I was trying to hide or bury the three pairs of wire/bolt cutters. The ground was hard, I was covering the cutters (I'm tired of saying wire/bolt) with dirt, hay and every thing else that chickens use. In the meantime, I was late for dinner and I knew I would be missed, so again panic set in.

After hiding the cutters, I started running toward the white building where the prisoners ate. They were all coming out. They were finished, I was doomed.

Then this big fellow started walking toward me. He had three Tupperware containers of leftovers (I don't know, it was a dream). He was having trouble carrying the three stacked containers and dropped the one on top. It hit the ground and a hamburger patty fell out. He smiled at me with his toothless grin and said, "You can have it."

His "look" and smile scared me.

It was 7 a.m., the alarm clock radio blared Rod Stewart's "Do Y a Think I'm Sexy?"

I don't want to think about that dream anymore.

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The Sportsman's Banquets draws hundreds every year for regional food and auctions of more than $20,000 worth of contributions and prizes.

Panhandle Sportsman's Banquet to be Nov. 3

Special to The Star

That little hint of fall teasing us early each morning gives notice that one of area sportsmen's most anticipated events is soon to occur.

The fifth annual Panhandle Sportsman's Banquet will be Nov. 3. Port St. Joe Lions Club members are busy working to make this year's event not only bigger and better than ever, but a special moment to remember.

Attendees will enjoy the historic surroundings of the Port St. Joe Centennial Building while socializing with numerous area sportsmen and enjoying appetizers of Apalachicola oysters, boiled shrimp and all the trimmings beginning at 5 p.m. ET. The beverage bar will also open at that time.

At 6:30 p.m. the serious eating begins. Chef Charlie Norton's "famous, no-man-left-hungry" rib-eye steaks will take up a good portion of the dinner plate, leaving just enough room for the salad, potato and rolls. Don't forget to save room for Sister's "almost equally famous" banana pudding.

The real winners at this year's banquet, though, will be the beneficiaries of the community service projects supported by the Lions Club. More than $15,000 was raised at 2010's banquet for community service programs in the panhandle.

There have been a few changes made to this year's event.

First is the location, the Centennial Building in Port St. Joe. Because of conflicts between hunting seasons and the Nov. 3 date, the Box R Ranch was unavailable. The good news is the Centennial Building will remove the threat of inclement weather and provide the backdrop of the historic building, erected in recognition of the signing place of Florida's first Constitution.

Second, live music. Not just any live music, but as long as we're being somewhat nostalgic, many of us remember the band "Southern Satisfaction" from our high school dance era. They have not only aged well, but they are better than ever and agreed to make this year's banquet even more special with a one-night reunion tour. Some of the band's past members will blend with the current group and add some special music to the event.

At 7:30 p.m., it's time to let a few notches out of your belt and get ready for the real excitement. More than $20,000 worth of contributions and prizes will be distributed to the guests through silent auctions, live auctions and raffles. A few of the items offered will include shotguns, hunting rifles, pistols, rods and reels and numerous other outdoor products. There will also be items available for women and children. This will mark the second year of the $8,000 cash drawing held during the event. The lucky winner could win up to $8,000 if his ticket is drawn last from the box, but each ticket holder will have a 1 in 25 chance of at least doubling their money.

Tickets for the event are $50 in advance and $60 at the door. They can be purchased at Hannon Insurance and Ramsey's Printing and Office Products in Port St. Joe and from any Lions Club member.

Additional information or ticket purchases can be made by calling 227-1133, 227-7767 or 527-1338.

From top, Bobby Pickels, left, and Willie Ramsey scan the crowd for the bids on several shotguns. A highlight of every banquet are Charlie Norton's specially prepared ribeye steaks. Items are auctioned off to benefit Lions Club community outreach efforts throughout the year.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

White-tailed deer roam at St. Joseph Peninsula State Park. Citizen support organizations help keep state parks clean and operational.

Join the friends of state parks

Special to The Star

Many state parks have a citizen support organization, a group of dedicated volunteers who operate for the direct benefit of the state park they support. The Friends of St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Inc. is the CSO for St. Joseph Peninsula State Park and the Constitution Convention Museum State Park. We are driven by our love for the beautiful St. Joseph Peninsula State Park and the history shared at the museum. We work closely with the parks' rangers by raising funds for various needs of the parks. We have 118 CSO volunteers who participate in beach clean-ups, building and maintaining board walks and trails, assisting with programs and special events, maintenance of cabins and keeping the park clean.

Within the past four years, we have provided funds through the sale of T-shirts, ice and lately, fire wood. This past year, our "Tour of the Cape" was very successful. There was so much support from the local community, which drew interest to our area. We hope to continue the event again next year. It is also our plan to put on a haunted trail event next year, which should be a great event for the family. We host several scout and school events each year. Please come help us support these events and support the park.

Anyone interested in supporting the park is encouraged to become a member of our CSO. We have a few meetings each year and an annual celebration for our members each March with a barbecue.

We have 118 CSO volunteers who participate in beach clean-ups, building and maintaining board walks and trails, assisting with programs and special events, maintenance of cabins and keeping the park clean.

A meeting is planned for 7 p.m. ET Oct. 27, and refreshments will be provided. We hope to make plans for the upcoming tour in February and next year's Halloween event. Please come to the new fire department if interested. If you cannot attend, information for membership is available at the park entrance. Just ask a ranger.

For information about Florida state parks, visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Thank you, and we hope to see you at the meeting.

Linda Gerald, President
The Friends of St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Inc.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY BLUEWATER OUTRIGGERS

Freshwater

Low water in the river systems has got the bass all schooled up. Great reports from anglers catching large amounts of bass from Apalachicola to the Dead Lakes this past week. Depot Creek has started to produce crappie in decent numbers this past week along with the usual suspects.

Inshore

Inshore fishing in St. Joe Bay has been a mixed bag. Strong numbers of trout are coming in, but most are too small to keep. Fishing the Fire Tower area and Pig Island seem to be producing good numbers with an occasional keeper. The Canal or I.C.W. is still holding a good amount of red fish and trout as well.

Offshore

The mahi-mahi have moved off of the buoy line in Mexico Beach and might be gone for the winter. Good-sized kingfish have invaded St. Joe Bay and can be caught from the Sea wall behind Bluewater Outriggers. Large spinning reels or surf tackle will help you with the long runs the kings will make. Live baits are working great; however, saltwater flies and trolling gear are landing fish here as well.

Port St. Joe will be missing Natrone Lee (with ball) and Daniel May (No. 51) for at least the next two weeks as the Tiger Sharks enter the stretch drive.

Tiger Sharks reach critical stretch of season

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Confidence is higher this week though numbers were lower for the Port St. Joe High Tiger Sharks.

The Tiger Sharks (3-3 overall and 1-1 in District 4-1A), won their second-straight game with a 28-0 shutout of host Rocky Bayou last week, but will continue to play without two starters for at least two more weeks.

"We have been playing all year for this part of the schedule because it is the beginning of our playoff," said Port St. Joe coach Vern Barth of a slate that includes two critical home district games after a trip to Tallahassee FAMU this week. "If we can just overcome the injury bug we'll be alright."

The Tiger Sharks will be without running back/defensive back Natrone Lee for at least two more weeks after Lee suffered a chest injury two weeks ago against Franklin County.

Lineman/linebacker Daniel May, like Lee one of a handful of seniors on the roster, will be lost for two to three more weeks due to an ankle sprain he suffered in the same win over Franklin County.

"I need the other guys behind them to give the best effort they possibly can," Barth said. "We got them playing time against Rocky Bayou and for the next couple of weeks, at least, they need to step up."

The blanking of Rocky Bayou was one of the more complete efforts the Tiger Sharks have offered, Barth said.

The long bus ride to Okaloosa County left his team sluggish at the start, but they soon got rolling and were up 28-0 at intermission, allowing for liberal substitution.

"We played well in spurts," Barth said. "We got off to a slow start offensively, but once we figured out what they were doing defensively, the offense started clicking.

"Defensively, it was another solid effort. And we had the opportunity to play some of the younger guys."

Rumello Zaccaro rambled for 114 yards and two touchdowns to lead Port St. Joe, which also got 73 yards and a touchdown on four carries from Corey North. Arion Ward completed the scoring by intercepting a pitchout and rumbling 13 yards for a touchdown.

Port St. Joe faces FAMU High on Friday, a highly-ranked Class 2-A team. Barth said FAMU will offer a look at the speed and talent the Tiger Sharks need as they prepare for the final stretch of the season.

"They have a lot of speed and they are a very good team," Barth said. "It will be a good test for these guys, especially with the games we have coming up."

Those include district foes West Gadsden and Liberty County, both at Shark Field, over the next two weeks.

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> **Vern Barth**
> Port St. Joe coach

Blountstown, which beat Port St. Joe, Liberty County and West Gadsden are all undefeated in district play, but West Gadsden begins its district schedule this week and Liberty County and Blountstown end the season with their annual rivalry game.

Therefore, two wins would all but ensure a playoff berth for the Tiger Sharks and a split, provided the win was against Liberty County, could still leave Port St. Joe in the mix.

Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum Golf Tournament

Star Staff Report

St. Joseph Bay Golf Club has announced it will hold a benefit golf tournament Saturday, Nov. 19, with proceeds supporting the Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum. The club is open to the public and the tournament will be a four-player, scramble format, kicking off at 12:30 p.m. ET with a short ceremony to honor America's veterans and a 1 p.m. shotgun start. A meal and awards ceremony will follow.

As part of a full weekend event, a reception will be held at 6 p.m. ET on Friday, Nov. 18, with hors d'oeuvres and beer and wine for a $10 entry fee. A cash bar for spirits will also be available. A silent auction will be held with auction items including framed limited edition military art, unique military collectibles, an FSU helmet and a football signed by Bobby Bowden, an FSU basketball signed by Charlie Ward, and a two-night stay at the Port Inn.

Cash prizes for the gulf tournament will include $400 to the first-place team, $350 for second place and $200 for third. A "Hole-in-One" challenge will offer a new vehicle or cash prize.

The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum has been honored by Smithsonian Magazine for three-straight years and is dedicated to preserving the memories of the amphibious soldiers who trained at the camp, which is located in Carrabelle. The museum houses more than 5,000 square feet of artifacts, vehicles, photos, memorabilia and memories of the soldiers, sailors and other military as well as civilian personnel who trained and worked at the camp during the WWII years.

Hole sponsorships are available and tournament registration information can be found at www.stjoebaygolf.com or by calling 227-1751. Special lodging packages are available starting at $69.99 per night. The event is being supported by the Gulf County Tourist Development Council and the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

Wewahitchka playoff hopes on the line Friday

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The preliminaries are over – the Wewahitchka season and playoff hopes are up for grabs as Sneads comes to town.

The Pirates will face Wewahitchka at 7 p.m. CT on Friday at Gator Field.

Sneads enters the game undefeated, along with Vernon, in District 2-1A.

Sneads, which has Wewahitchka and Vernon remaining, and Vernon, which still has three district games remaining, have district foes to face.

For the Gators, 2-1 in district play, it all comes down to Sneads, their final district game.

"This is a playoff game for us, maybe the third we have played the way the schedule has played out," said Wewahitchka coach Dennis Kizziah. "We determine our destiny. We win and we are right there in it. If we lose we are probably out of it."

In a large part, this is right where Kizziah wanted the Gators more than a month ago after they lost their first two games, including a loss to Vernon.

Kizziah said at the time that if the Gators were to win their next five, they would arrive at the Sneads contest in position for a playoff spot.

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> **Dennis Kizziah**
> Wewahitchka coach

Wewahitchka put the finishing touches on that five-game winning streak last Friday, as they manhandled Tallahassee's John Paul II 47-0 to raise its overall record to 5-2.

"It was a game at a time we needed," Kizziah said of the Gators easiest win of the year. "We got some reps in and then were able to take out our starters. And we got to play a lot of the younger guys.

"We played okay. We went over there and accomplished what we wanted to."

Theryl Brown rushed for 135 yards, taking him to more than 1,100 for the season, and one touchdown and also returned two punts for scores to pace Wewahitchka. Justin Flowers was 4 for 6 passing with a rushing touchdown and a passing touchdown to Chris Myrick, who also grabbed a scoring reception from Rashard Ranie.

Sneads will come to Wewahitchka without the top running back in the area – based on total yards – suited up after Tre Keys, who had rushed for more than 1,200 yards, tore up a knee last Friday against Baker and is done for the season.

"That's real big," Kizziah said. "But we are preparing for them just like he's going to be there because they have some very good running backs. They run a Wing-T and Keys just happens to get the bulk of the carries. But they have some other backs who can hurt you."

Kizziah said his team is healthy and prepared to take matters – such as a playoff spot – into their hands.

"We've got to go out and play like we can play," Kizziah said. "We have to set a tone early and play swarming defense. This is it. Our season is on the line."

COED SOFTBALL

Star Staff Report

The Coed Softball League plays on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. ET at the field by the Centennial Building. Anyone interested in playing should show up with a glove ready to play.

Gene Raffield teams remain undefeated

Star Staff Report

Last Saturday morning at Shark Field, two Gene Raffield football teams put on a show and improved their records to 3-0. The first team on the field to play the Sneads Pirates was the defending Big Bend Champion Jaguars. For the first time this year, the Jags offense failed to score on their initial possession. With the Pirate offense on their own 20, Roman Harrison smashed into the backfield and put a vicious hit on the Sneads ball carrier knocking the ball loose. Gene Quinn swallowed it up for Port St. Joe. On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Devin Crews rolled to his right and, off a key block by Caleb Butts, went into the end zone untouched.

The next possession for the Jags was all Cameron Harmon. He ran for 35 yards, and two plays later scampered 25 yards for the touchdown. Three minutes before the end of the half, with the Jaguars on their 25, Harmon went 75 yards for his second touchdown of the day.

To open the second half, helped by two long penalties and the initial first downs the Jaguars have allowed this year, the Pirates reached the PSJ 15. The defense, determined to keep their season long shutout record intact, came to life driving Sneads back to the 40. The offense took over on downs. In the last period, Harrison went 37 yards for a touchdown to bring the final score to Jaguars 26-0.

Not to be outdone by the older Jaguars, the 7 and 8 year old Dolphins continued the PSJ winning day with a 16-0 defeat of a strong Sneads Pirate team. Brenon Foxworth had a 35-yard run to set up a 27-yard touchdown by Max Cargill. The offensive play of the day had Josh Farmer run 90 yards to the Pirate 2. On the next play, Cargill took the ball in on a sneak.

For the third game in a row, the Dolphin defense held the opposition scoreless. Aiden Gainer and Hayden Byrd led the defense with five tackles each. Farmer had four tackles. Foxworth had three and an interception.

Because Sneads does not have an 11 and 12-year-old team, the Buccaneers did not play. The next home games are this Saturday. The Jaguars and Dolphins will face teams from Liberty County. The Bucs are attempting to work out an exhibition game.

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Cameron Harmon celebrates a touchdown.

Roman Harrison celebrates a touchdown, knocking Sean Yowell to the ground with a chest bump.

Dig Pink for breast cancer tonight

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

For the third year in a row the Port St. Joe High School volleyball team will be digging pink.

This year's Dig Pink event, which promotes volleyball along with breast cancer awareness, will be held during the final regular season game, tonight, against county rival Wewahitchka in the R. Marion Craig Coliseum.

Tonight is also Senior Night for the Lady Tiger Sharks. The junior varsity match begins at 6 p.m. ET and the varsity at 7 p.m. ET.

Everyone is encouraged to wear pink, which in the past two years has helped transform "The Dome" into something resembling a nursery for an infant girl.

"It is a cool event for us because we get to wear everything that we have to wear that is pink," said Raney Besore of the Lady Tiger Sharks. "The boys like it to because they can wear pink. It is fun.

"It's kind of a cool event in that we are playing for fun and we are raising money for breast cancer. (Those who battle the disease) are strong, so we have to be strong."

The Dig Pink event is held as part of a national campaign by the Side-Out Foundation, which is committed to the unification of volleyball and its alliance with the movement for breast cancer awareness and education.

Founded seven years ago, the Side-Out Foundation also hosts clinics and camps with the aim of supporting breast cancer awareness and raising funds for clinical trials.

"We raised $1,200 two years ago, the first year we did it, $1,000 last year and our goal for this year is $1,200," said Port St. Joe coach Wayne Taylor. "For a little school and a small community, given everything else we ask of them, that will be pretty good.

"This has become a pretty big deal with college and high schools."

Taylor said the idea came after his wife's sister battled breast cancer several years ago. Her cancer is now in remission, but in his research at the time Taylor came across the Side-Out Foundation right after it had been created.

His team took to the idea immediately.

"Everyone knows someone who has been impacted by breast cancer," said Jaclyn Kerigan of the Lady Tiger Sharks. "It could affect us, it could affect our loved ones."

And, in talking to team members, that most have a personal story to tell.

Oneika Lockley said she will be playing for her grandmother who has breast cancer.

"I'll play that night the hardest I have played all season," Lockley said.

Nicole Spilde said she'll be playing for Gina Meisner, a friend of the family who has successfully beaten the disease.

"It hits home," Spilde said.

All proceeds from the Dig Pink night, after costs, will go toward the Side-Out Foundation, a non-profit based in Washington, D.C. Event t-shirts are on sale for $15. Contact Taylor to purchase one via e-mail at wtaylor@gulf.k12.fl.us and samples can be viewed online at psjhs-gcs-fl.schoolloop.com/.

*Port St. Joe improved to 12-8 overall with a straight-sets win last Thursday at East Gadsden, 25-9, 25-13 and 25-14. Autumn Haynes had six kills while Katie Gardner had 11 service aces and Katie Lacour had eight. Port St. Joe hosted Bay on Wednesday and will finish the season tonight at the Dig-Pink event against Wewahitchka.

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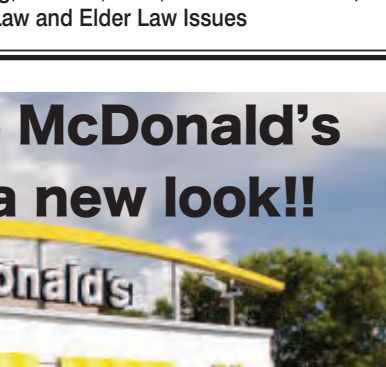

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Rehabbing 'The Dome' a brick at a time

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The exterior to the Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School gym is in need of a facelift.

The district has the idea to memorialize community greats to get the job done.

The brainchild of Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton, Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High and Gulf District Schools has launched a "Brick Paver Campaign" to apply some polish to the exterior of the R. Marion Craig Coliseum.

In keeping with the theme of Norton's new tenure as superintendent, the idea is to improve community schools by soliciting community buy-in.

The project also has more straightforward goals.

One is to make clear to those unfamiliar with "The Dome" exactly what entrance to use, accomplishing that by replacing the current awning with a uniform, or uni-brow, banner, restoring the old exterior ticket office through which fans purchased tickets, performing some landscaping improvements and creating a "honor" brick pathway to the entrance/exit.

"The vision is for out-of-town visitors, who don't understand where to enter, because it can be confusing now, to now understand where to enter," said Melissa Ramsey, who is spearheading the project from the district office. "We wanted to highlight one central area."

After entering, fans will travel directly down the hallway that contains the plaques honoring those who have been inducted into the Port St. Joe High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The brick paver project is designed to put down a pathway of decorative bricks honoring community fans of Port St. Joe athletics to replace the existing chipped concrete while improving aesthetics and creating another brand of hall of fame.

"We want it to be a memorial to honor the people or organizations who have been supporters of the school," Ramsey said. "So far we have a great response."

The hope is to sell 100-200 paver bricks by Nov. 4 in order to begin the project in mid-November, Ramsey said. The pathway bricks that are not honor bricks when the walkway is constructed will easily pop out to allow the campaign to continue in the future.

As honor bricks are sold, empty bricks will be popped out and replaced by honor bricks, Ramsey said. As currently designed, the walkway could contain more than 3,800 bricks.

"Hopefully these bricks will be there forever and this will continue in future years," Ramsey said. The aim is that the sale of bricks will cover most if not all the cost of the project.

Paver or honor bricks are $100 and can be purchased for any dedication, be "In Honor" or "In Memory" of someone special or someone who has been a particular supporter of Tiger Shark athletics.

For example, the family of the late Paul Sewell has already signed up for a brick to honor a man who followed Port St. Joe High School sports like a second family, honored by the state several years ago for attending 50 straight state high school basketball finals.

"He is a great example," Ramsey said. "He celebrated their wins and their losses for so many years. This is what this (paver project) is for."

Paver bricks can have up to three lines and 18 characters per line (counting spaces as characters).

Checks should be made payable to Port St. Joe High School and submitted to Karen Taylor at the high school. For more information on the project contact Ramsey at 229-6940 or Taylor at 229-8251.

Celebrating Disability Mentoring Day

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

David Andrews ended the day with a new briefcase, personalized business cards and an invaluable experience.

In partnership with Gulf County Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC), business leaders across Gulf County welcomed Andrews and other eager mentees as a part of Disability Mentoring Day on Oct. 13.

Andrews shadowed Vision Bank Vice President Johanna White for the day, making trips to the bank, the Port Authority Office and the Novak Law Offices, where County Attorney Jeremy Novak presented Andrews with his own briefcase and business cards.

"David is a businessman, he loves everything business," said White, who noted that the experience is valuable at both ends. "This is by far the most rewarding thing to be able to do."

Congress designated October National Disability Employment Awareness Month in 1945, and Disability Mentoring Day connects thousands of mentors and mentees worldwide each year.

This is the second year the Gulf County ARC has participated in Disability Mentoring Day. Last year, every county in Florida participated for the first time.

"It's a rewarding experience for the mentee, but once it's done and said it's a really rewarding experience for the mentor," said Dianna Harrison, administrator of the Gulf County ARC. "I was very impressed with the businesses in the community that were open to being a mentor."

The ARC offers vocational and residential programs to their clients, and works in partnership with the Bridge Program at Gulf County Schools.

Albert Scheffer spent the day mentoring with Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton.

Scheffer is an assistant physical education coach at the Port St. Joe Schools and also helps in the cafeteria.

"He's a real success story for the school system and for us," Harrison said. "Everybody knows Albert and everybody loves him."

Harrison said the ARC's ultimate goal is to assimilate its clients into society, with a Disability Mentoring Day.

"It's an opportunity for the mentees to feel like they're a normal part of society," Harrison said. "Our big focus for the clients we serve is we try to give them the most normal life possible. We do whatever it takes to make them an integral part of the community."

One of the integral goals of Disability Mentoring Day is to break the barriers and misconceptions that often keep people with disabilities from being hired.

Amanda Baker is a living example of overcoming the obstacles of a disability.

Baker spoke to the mentors and mentees at a lunch reception about the importance of employment and equal opportunities for the disabled.

"(Being employed) gives you more control over your own lives – more choices, more control over your money." Baker said. "It gives you a purpose. It lets you know that when you get up every day you have a job to do, and everybody is counting on you to do that job."

Baker graduated in 2005 from Florida State University with a communications degree and entered the workforce in 2006. She encouraged her audience to try and overcome challenges and stay motivated when entering the workforce.

"For every person with a disability that's employed, it tears down that stereotype just a little bit more," Baker said. "My big thing is inclusion, and a big part of that is employment."

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Participants in Disability Mentoring Day enjoyed lunch and an awards ceremony at the Gulf County ARC facility Oct. 13.

Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness month

Special to The Star

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Last week, Pam Martin and Debbie Ashbrook, co-directors of the Gulf County Domestic Violence Task Force, spoke at Gulf County High Schools in the HOPE classes taught by Rachel Crews in Port St Joe and Dennis Kizziah in Wewahitchka.

They shared personal stories of abuse, showed a video and talked about the importance of choices in relationships. Over 200 students learned the warning signs of abuse and how they can make better decisions. They also learned how self esteem plays a critical role in the development of their relationships.

Crews, having taught for over 35 years, said she "felt this is an important topic and well delivered." Martin and Ashbrook are planning a follow up visit to both schools and are considering an ongoing support group.

The Gulf County Domestic Task Force is a local organization whose mission is to stop domestic violence in Gulf County through education, working with law enforcement and government agencies as well as providing counseling and emergency aid to victims.

If you need a speaker for your organization call the office at 229-2901. Check out their website www.gcdv.org.

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Pam Martin, left, and Debbie Ashbrook, right, are co-directors of the Gulf County Domestic Violence Task Force.

Bringing out the ghosts at the GCSO Haunted House

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Over the next two weekends even the good guys best be scared of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

Starting this Saturday and continuing the next the GCSO will spend a third straight year inhabiting the old Comforter Funeral Home in Wewahitchka for its Haunted House.

The nights are scarefests as well as fundraisers, with the Haunted House benefiting the Wewa Food Bank as well as an effort to provide warm clothing to local children as the holiday season and cooler temperatures approach.

"The reason we do it is what we do if for," said Capt. Greg Cole of the GCSO. "To provide for those who might not be as fortunate this holiday season, with food, warm clothing and things like that. This is not only a food drive, but also a drive for warm clothing."

The planning for the Haunted House, Cole said, begins in August. Sgt. Rita Piercy begins to map out the house and how they're going to scare the dickens out of all who enter.

It is known as the "House of Horrors" for a reason and Cole, known as "Bones" for his work with cadaver dogs for the department, carries the nickname with him into planning for the Haunted House.

"Our goal is for them to run when they leave," Cole said with a laugh. "It is a true Haunted House. This is our third year and it has proved so popular just because it is pretty frightening."

Therefore, parents of wee ones, beware; Cole cautions this is a Haunted House for the older children.

"Parts of it are pretty intense," Cole said with a smile.

From 6 p.m. CT until over the next two Saturdays, Cole and Piercy, have invited all the ghosts and spirits of the night to inhabit the old funeral home at the corner of Chipola Street and State 711.

In addition to the shakes and shivers of fright, hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn and drinks will be sold.

Admission for adults is $2 plus a canned good; for children 10 and under the cost is $1 plus a canned good. All canned goods will go directly to the Wewa Food Bank.

"A lot of Haunted Houses are very expensive, and we went up a little bit this year, but the need is greater and we are just trying to provide for those who need it during the holiday season," Cole said. "Ours is not very expensive. We try to set the price so we can meet the need."

Justin Blaylock promoted to Chief Petty Officer

Special to The Star

Patti and Dewey Blaylock are very proud to announce that our son, Justin Blaylock has been promoted to Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy. We were very happy to attend the ceremonies with Patti, and Justin's wife Allison having the honors of pinning his anchors.

Justin attended Recruit Training in Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon completion of "Boot Camp" he moved to Pensacola, Florida for Naval Aircrewman Candidate School and Anti-submarine Warfare School. While assigned to Jacksonville, Florida he attended Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) School in Brunswick, Maine. In Jacksonville he was assigned to Patrol Squadron 30 as a student and learned to operate the acoustic system onboard the Lockheed P-3C Orion aircraft, earning his gold Aircrew Wings and becoming designated as a Naval Aircrewman.

After finishing his training, Justin transferred to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii as an acoustic operator in Patrol Squadron (VP) 47. While at VP-47 Justin had two tours of duty in the Persian Gulf flying maritime surveillance and overland support missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He also deployed to Okinawa and Misawa, Japan, flying submarine tracking missions and other surveillance missions. After his time in VP-47, Chief Blaylock attended Basic Instructor Training and was assigned to Fleet Aviation Schools Organization as an acoustics and oceanography instructor.

In 2007, Justin returned to sea duty at Patrol Squadron 46 in Whidbey Island, Washington. During his time with VP-46 he completed two deployments, both to the Persian Gulf. He spent time in countries such as Iraq, Qatar, Djibouti, and Bahrain flying overland support and anti-piracy missions.

Justin currently lives in Jacksonville, Florida attached to Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11.

As an evaluator with the Weapons and Tactics Unit he is responsible for the mission readiness of Combat Aircrews in eight Patrol Squadrons stationed in Jacksonville. On Sept. 16, 2011 he was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

Currently in his 13th year of Naval service, he is married to his wife, Allison, and has two lab mix puppies, Maggie and Emma.

Some awards and accomplishments he has earned during his service include the Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Iraqi Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Expert Marksman Pistol Medal.

Tupelo Lodge holds widows night

Tupelo Lodge #289 held its annual Widows Appreciation Dinner on Sept. 30.

A great meal was prepared and served to the widows by the members of Tupelo Lodge. Each widow was presented with a Certificate of Respect, a Widow's ID card and a beautiful Widow's Pin. "Each widow was appreciative of the kindness showed by Tupelo Lodge #289," said R. W. Joe Paul, district chairman. "They even asked when we could have another one."

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Left to right: R:.W:. Woody Jones, DDGM 6th Masonic District, Debra Davis, Millie Schofield, Mary McKnight, Catherine Adams, Geraldine Freeman, Vicki Beatty, W: Joe Hulsman, WM, Tupelo Lodge #289.

Wewahitchka Woman's Club donates to Semper Fi Sisters

Star Staff Report

Dianne Semmes, right, of the GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club, Inc., presents a check to Lisa Dorman, of the Semper Fi Sisters organization, to assist in mailing packages to military troops overseas. The Semper Fi Sisters meet annually in Gulf County, coming from all over the United States. During their visit they collect items donated by citizens in the community, and ship them to our troops.

Fall festival fun

The Howard Creek Volunteer Fire Department, 7132 Doc Whitfield Road in Wewahitchka, will hold its fall festival on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. CT. An AIRHeart helicopter will be on site, along with a haunted hay ride, games, a cake walk, a 50/50 drawing, door prizes and much more.

2011 Public Health Fair

Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Senior Citizen's Association, located at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe, presents its annual free 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. D.J. 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.

Gearing up with rotary

Special to The Star

Last week the Rotary Club of Port St. Joe was treated to a great presentation from the Junior/Senior High School SWAT. School sponsor Minnie Likely and SWAT officers presented a skit with great information about candy-flavored tobacco products. Their presentation included handouts and was very informative about the danger these tobacco products present to young people as well as the deceptive packaging and advertising Big Tobacco is using to entice young people to use these products. SWAT asked the Rotary Club to support their effort to have these products banned in Gulf County.

The Junior/Senior High School SWAT officers are: Jakari Sims, President; Marquis Cutler, Vice President; Tacara Shackelford, 1st Secretary; Khaliyah Johnson, 2nd Secretary; and Tyson Davis, Treasurer.

After the SWAT presentation, the Club discussed our upcoming Bunco Tournament to raise money to help the Senior Citizens Centers in Gulf County and support programs for Troop 47 of the Boy Scouts. The tournament is to be held at the Senior Citizens Center on Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. ET. The ticket price is $25 and includes dinner and door prize opportunities. Solicitations for door prizes and auction items have been arriving by way of dedicated Rotary members.

Also discussed the Health and Safety Fair planned for Jan. 26, 2012 at the Centennial Building in Port St Joe. Invitations are being mailed to healthcare organizations and posters are being designed for this much needed event.

The Rotary Club meets every Thursday at noon at Sunset Coastal Grill. If you are interested in more information about the Rotary Club, please contact Patti Blaylock at 899-7900 or Tommy Dwyer at 991-0121.

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

MEET BECCA

Becca is an adorable, sweet and lovable 7-month old Amerian Bulldog/Terrier mix girl who loves other dogs. Becca is also friendly and affectionate. She has been Spayed and is up to date on his shots. Becca was recently selected to participate in the DAWGS in prison program and will graduate in November. The DAWGS in prison program is an 8-week intensive training program in a work camp setting. Each dog has a handler, caretaker and trainer. All are inmates who are well trained themselves and dedicated to their dogs' success. Graduates of the program are crate trained, housetrained, walk well on a leash, and know many commands like sit, stay, come, and down. Dogs are temperament tested prior to admission and must get along well with other dogs and humans. To adopt, please fill out an adoption application.Applications for Becca are available online at www.dawgsinprison.com. You can also call Sandi @ 850-229-1431. PLEASE HELP US! If you are not able to adopt a pet then please help us save a life by sponsoring one today just Contact Melody at 227-1103 or Shelter Mom Melissa at 625-5676 for more information on how to help! You may also find more information about our other dogs and cats we have here on our website at www.SJBHumaneSociety.org. Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Also Faith's Thrift Hut is always in need of donations--ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY BACK TO SUPPORT THE ANIMALS!!! Faith's Thrift Hut now has furniture & appliances. Plus lots of other great thrift store treasures. The hours are Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome at both our store and our shelter! Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!

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Amplified phones to be distributed

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Representatives from Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI) will distribute free amplified phones to qualified Florida residents at the Gulf County Senior Citizen's Association Annual Health Fair, 120 Library Drive in Port St Joe, on Friday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. FTRI is a non-profit organization that distributes FREE specialized telecommunication equipment to Florida residents who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind or have speech difficulties. Details: call 488-0055.

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Wewahitchka High School News

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Wewahitchka High School is off to a rousing start for the 2011-2012 school year. The merger of 7th and 8th grades with the high school classes has progressed very smoothly. The first quarter ended last week with report cards going home Oct. 28.

We have a new math teacher on faculty, Ms. Genevieve Baughman. The learning media center has taken on a new look with a new media specialist, Ms. Micah Peak. The WHS food service program has a new manager, Ms. Becky Hamm. The lunchroom now provides a la carte items such as pizza, salad, and assorted sandwiches in addition to the regular lunch menu. We also now have a breakfast program, which has been a big success. Everyone is looking forward to a great year. Please get involved and be part of that "Gator Pride."

Giving back to the school and community plays an integral role to the 21-member organization of National Honor Society. The juniors and seniors invest their time on several service projects throughout the school year. One ongoing project is offering tutoring services to all WHS students. NHS members make themselves available before and after school each day to assist students with homework or class assignments. It is an exciting opportunity for all involved to learn and grow academically. Another service activity NHS will continue is the long-standing tradition of Adopt-a-Highway. Numerous volunteer hours will be dedicated this school year in beautifying roadsides along State highways 22 and 71.

The Student Government Association of Wewahitchka High School is proud to announce the activities for Homecoming 2011. Students will be participating in Homecoming Week activities from Oct. 24-28 this year. The theme for Homecoming this year is TV shows. Students will participate in dress up days, float construction, and door decorating activities. All alumni that graduated in years ending in 1 and 6 are invited to attend the Homecoming Brunch on Friday, Oct. 28, beginning at 10 a.m. CT. The week will conclude with the crowning of the 2011 Homecoming King and Queen Friday night at 6:30 p.m. CT before the last home football game of the year, where the Gators will take on the Bozeman Bucks beginning at 7 p.m. Please join us for this annual event.

Students from Wewahitchka High School and Wewahitchka Elementary school S.W.A.T. programs presented an educational program to the Gulf County Commissioners at their meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27. The students discussed the dangers of candy flavored tobacco. The students were successful in their endeavor to have the commissioners pass a resolution urging tobacco retailers to stop the sale and marketing of candy flavored tobacco products in Gulf County. This is HUGE for our students. Through thorough research, they were able to present staggering statistics about the use of tobacco products among children and youth. We are so proud of our S.W.A.T. (Students Working against Tobacco) students.

At times, Wewahitchka High seems more like a community college than a high school. With four dual enrollment college classes currently meeting, including Biology I, western civilization, college algebra and English 1101, students in grades ten through twelve are able to get a serious jump start on their associate's degree. Free books and tuition significantly sweeten this deal and many students are taking advantage of the joint venture between Wewahitchka High and Gulf Coast State College.

FCAT re-takes took place last week and in order to help our students with their reading, writing and (most importantly) thinking skills, Principal Debbie Baxley implemented a Reading/Writing connection across the curriculum. In each class, from carpentry to computer science, students complete a weekly project that requires them to read a passage, think critically about the composition, and then write about what they learned. Ms. Baxley feels confident that the students taking re-takes, as well as those taking the regular FCAT in the spring, will benefit greatly from the new program.

Finally, students have shifted into high gear as the first grading period neared its end. Finishing notebooks, research projects, and unit tests dominated the business of the day. We wish each student the best of luck on his conclusion of the first nine-weeks.

The Lion's TALE

Special to The Star

Faith Christian School

The Lion's Tale

Two staff members of Faith Christian School visited Pensacola Christian Academy this week to study and master the usage of the A Beka curriculum. FCS uses the A Beka curriculum in almost all subject areas. This program uses the spiral method of teaching and has proven successful and challenging to students of all learning levels. Crystal Causey and Janice Evans observed veteran teachers of A Beka and attended seminars to better utilize the curriculum in the classroom. They successfully completed the course in Educational Procedures (12 contact hours).

Faith Christian School strives to stay current and trained in the A Beka approach to maintain thriving academics in every grade.

DAZZLING DOLPHINS

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2nd grade: Leighton Whitfield
3rd grade: Leanna Baumgardner
4th grade: Bailey Lake
5th grade: Bryce Thomas
6th grade: Lilly Whitfield
Bus Riders of the Week are: Will McCall, Max Burgos Harris, Andrew Harcus, Nick James, Max Cargill, and Justin Barriss.

Jail for Bail gets under way

Star Staff Report

Warrants of arrest have just been issued for the most upstanding citizens of the community.

This year's Port St. Joe High School Project Graduation Committee is busy making preparations for its most popular community fundraiser, Jail for Bail. The event will be held on Monday, Oct. 31 from 3-5 p.m. ET under the new Pavilion in City Commons Park next to City Hall.

All the warrants have been issued, and those individuals that do get hauled into the "jail" must pay a minimum fine before they can be released. All prisoners will be encouraged to call friends, family, and business associates to help them make their bail.

To avoid jail time, those receiving arrest warrants may pay their fine prior to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28. Mail checks, made payable to Project Graduation, to: Project Graduation 2012, P.O. Box 485, Port St. Joe, FL 32457.

All donations are tax deductible.

In 1985 Project Graduation began in our community as a way of not only offering an evening free of drinking and driving, but a celebration with fellow classmates under the watchful eye of proud parents. In addition to food, music, and games, door prizes are offered to all graduates.

Project Graduation at PSJHS has always been successful due to the generous support of our community.

The committee of loving parents wishes to thank all in advance for the support.

SHARK TALK

By Gabby Pittman and Kristen Dunham

General information

Mrs. Thompson has updated pages on the school website to include class information, pictures, videos, and needs.

Thirteen cadets from our NJROTC traveled to Panama City on Sunday, Oct. 9 to support the Delta Raider Company at the Clifford Sims Veteran Home.

The Delta Raider Company is the unit that SSGT Clifford C. Sims was assigned to when he courageously gave his life for his fellow soldiers during the Vietnam Conflict. SSGT Sims was awarded the Medal of Honor for his brave and selfless act, and on Oct. 9, he was remembered by his company mates.

The NJROTC was honored to be a small part of this ceremony.

Plans are in the works for our "PSJ School's T-Shirt Quit" raffle. Tickets go on sale this Saturday and sales will run through Nov. 22.

The drawing will be held on Nov. 23. Mrs. Andrea Heard, last year's winner of the quilt, has donated the quilt back to us for this event.

Thank you Andrea. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any NJROTC cadet.

Sports:

- Junior Varsity, Varsity volleyball vs. Wewahitchka, 6/7 p.m. ET. on Oct. 20; the Dig Pink Event
- Football game at Florida A&M High at 7:30 p.m. ET on Oct. 21
- Cross country at Marianna at 9 a.m. CT on Oct. 22
- Volleyball districts at Liberty County on Oct. 25
- Junior high basketball practice 3:00 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 25
- Cross country at Wewahitchka at 3 p.m. CT on Oct 26

Clubs:

- Keyettes pizza palooza Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. ET in the commons area at the school
- Just to refresh your memory on our Alma Mater and our fight song or maybe learn it for the first time

PSJ Alma Mater: Hail Alma Mater. To thee we sing our praise. Through thy halls of learning we march ever on. Mysteries of life unfold, veiled in lustrous film of gold revealing paths of truth and love.

PSJ Fight Song: Fight team fight, fight, fight. Down the field and on to victory. Hit hard. Break that line. Push' em back and win the game. Fight team fight, fight, fight. We are here to cheer you onward. March on to victory. We're going to WIN, WIN, WIN.

Wewahitchka Woman's Club raising funds for WHS seniors

Star Staff Report

Dianne Semmes, right, from the GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club, Inc., hands a taco salad to Cindy Traylor of Gaskin-Graddy Insurance Agency, Inc., of Wewahitchka. The taco salads are sold by the Wewahitchka Woman's Club at various times throughout the year to help in raising funds for scholarships for seniors at Wewahitchka High School.

The Christian **CONSCIENCE**

It is sad and frightening

It is sad, and frightening. At least once a week, I meet someone who has been brainwashed by his/her religious leaders to consider only material produced and taught by his or her church or religion. They have been taught, "Don't watch TV, or don't listen to the radio, don't read the paper, don't use the internet, and don't use any of the social networking sites, like Facebook, etc."

What these leaders are essentially saying is, "Don't allow yourself to be exposed to anything that might cause you to question, what you have been taught. All other teaching is of the Devil." If they come to your door, it is to try to entice you to become part of their "Bible Study," or to go to their church — in other words, become indoctrinated in their religion.

Many years ago, I attended churches like this, and after it became obvious that their motivation was to control everything I did, and everything that I was to be exposed to, I started over. I recognized this for what it was - an attempt at brainwashing.

In 1985, after I was married, in a simple ceremony, without all the fanfare, my wife and I made two covenants, with each other, and with God. One covenant was to totally abstain from alcoholic beverages. The second covenant was to search out the truth about God, and what it takes to please Him. We have kept those covenants for over 26 years.

We attended dozens of churches of many different beliefs, and found that all the churches were lacking in one or more teachings, when compared with what is taught in the writings of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We quickly found that it is easy to take a few verses, here and there, and come up with a doctrine, that doesn't accurately reflect what is conveyed, in the Bible as a whole, -and this is what they were doing. We found that "Bible School" training isn't much better, than the "Bible Studies" put on by the people, who come to your door. And the people who come out of these schools, end up thinking they know more than anyone else!

We have done thousands of concordance searches, and read various Bibles, mostly the KJV and the NKJV -—straight through, many times. We stopped counting at 20. We soon became convinced that we should concentrate on the teachings of Jesus. Jesus preached the Kingdom of God, and He sent others out to preach the Kingdom of God also. He didn't send them out to build great buildings, and fill them with people, and provide them with all sorts of programs. He sent them out to preach the Kingdom of God, heal the sick, cast out demons, and urge their listeners to become servants of God.

Questions or comments are invited. Send to us at one of the addresses below:

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Check us out this Sunday! For the spring and summer seasons, our services begin, with a time of greeting and fellowship, at 9:45 a.m. CT on Sunday. Our worship begins at 10 a.m. For those interested, we have midweek ministry, helping people on an individual basis. Inquire for more information.

Come early on Sunday morning so that you can meet us informally, and join in the praise and worship music led by T.J. On Sunday morning we worship, at the Mexico Beach Civic Center on 105 N. 31st Street. The Civic Center is located behind the Beach Walk Gift Shop, behind Parker Realty, just off U.S. Highway 98 in the western end of Mexico Beach.

Look for the white building with the dark green roof.

God Bless,
Pastor Tim Morrill
Mexico Beach Christian Worship Center
Box 13337
Mexico Beach, 32410
tim1@jesusanswers.com
On Facebook, look for Tim Morrill
www.mexicobeachcwc.com

Faith **BRIEFS**

"Shine the light of Jesus" Fall Festival

The Highland View Church of God and Highland View Baptist Church invite you to the "Shine the light of Jesus" Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 22 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. ET. The festival will be held on Cobia Ave. in Port St. Joe.

New Horizon AA

The New Horizon AA Group's new schedule is Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. EST or 10 a.m. CST; call 639-3600.

Something to think about

Until recently, I have been proud to live in Port St. Joe.
But it's getting to the point that's just not so.
St. Joe is not the same town that I grew up in.
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and the bars keep peddling their gin.
The booze hounds keep signing their petitions to keep the commissioners at bay.
The bars keep the booze hounds happy till they send them on their way.
With the booze hounds full and cash registers too.
I think it's sad for the ones at home, think about it folks, don't you?

— Billy Johnson

starfl.com

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Jeff Pinder Pastor
Buddy Caswell, Minister of Music & Education
Bobby Alexander, Minister to Students

New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church

Sunday
Sunday School ..... 9:00 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Youth Groups ..... 5:30 pm

Wednesday
Wednesday Night Supper..... 5:00 - 6:15 pm
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)

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First United Methodist Church
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Sunday:
Contemporary Service 9:00 a.m. ET
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. ET
Traditional Worship: 11:00 a.m. ET
Wednesday:
Youth: 5:30 p.m. ET
Choir: 7:00 p.m. ET
Rev. Mac Fulcher, Pastor
Ann Comforter, Music Director
Jeremy Dixon, Youth Minister
Deborah Loyless, Director of Children Ministries

Obituaries

Della Amos

Mrs. Della Amos, 70, of Blountstown, Fla., passed away Saturday night, Oct. 15, 2011, in Blountstown.

Della was born on March 8, 1941 in Atmore, Ala., and had lived here for the past 15 years. She was a retired restaurant waitress and cook and a member of the Holiness faith.

Survivors include three sons, Dan Thomas Daniels, Jr. and his wife, Renee, of Wewahitchka, Robert L. Daniels and his wife, Marcie, of Apalachicola, and Richard E. Daniels and his wife, Tammy, of Columbus, Miss.; two brothers, Norman Hall and his wife, Judy, of Bristol, Fla., and Junior Hall and his wife, Martha, of Rabon, Ala.; three sisters, Edna Brown of Bristol, Nell Bryant of Gatlinburg, Tenn., and Kathy Dabney and her husband, Eddie, of Bristol; and one grandson, Evan Daniels of New Orleans, La.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. CT on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tony Floyd officiating. Interment followed in Buckhorn Cemetery in Wewahitchka. The family received friends from noon to 2 p.m. CT on Tuesday at Peavy Funeral Home.

All arrangements are under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown.

Jean Mahon Little

Jean Mahon Little, 72, of Port St. Joe, passed away Oct. 11, 2011.

Mrs. Little was born August 1, 1939 to the late Roland and Minnie Lee Mahon in Altha, Florida. She taught at Charles Henderson Middle School in Troy, AL for 27 years. Mrs. Little was a member of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Port St. Joe and a few bridge clubs in the area. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and a lifelong educator.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Lou Little; two sons, Jeff Little and Malinda of Ackworth, Ga., and Scott Little of Memphis, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Leslie, Katherine, Justin, Charles and Michael.

A celebration of life was held 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, Oct. 15, at Faith Christian Church, corner of 20th Street and Garrison Avenue, with the Rit. Rev. D. Presley Hutchens, Bishop Ordinary and Dr. Pete Windam officiating.

The family received friends from 3-4 p.m. Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers please make St. Peter's Anglican Church, P.O. Box 1304 Port St. Joe 32457

Condolences may be submitted or viewed at www.southerlandfamily.com.

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Fall leaf color

ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

For centuries, the brilliant change of leaf colors each was surrounded by mystery and superstition. From Jack Frost to the blood of the great bear, almost every society had its own legend explaining the phenomenon. Today, plant scientists have finally unraveled the secret of fall coloration.

We may not see the incredible burst of vivid fall leaf color our northern neighbors enjoy each year, but we do have enough temperate region plants in some parts of Florida to give us some seasonal changes in foliage hues. Even Floridians residing in the southern most portions of our state might like to know why the leaves of some trees and shrubs change color as the weather cools in northern areas. My information on fall leaf color was provided by Patrick Minogue, Forestry Specialist with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences located at Quincy AREC.

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

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

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

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

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

Some of the trees which will add fall eye appeal to your landscape are the Golden rain-tree, Red Swap Myrtle, Dogwood, Sweet Gum, Crape Myrtle, Tulip tree, and Bradford Pear. Each of these has its own unique color, but these can change somewhat from year to year, according to seasonal conditions. However, choosing one or two of these plants will assure you of some fall change in foliage hues.

To find out what choices would be best for your area, check with your Garden Center or contact the Gulf County Extension Service @ 639-3200, 229-2909 or visit our website: gulf.ifas.ufl.edu.

'Ride for Peace' poker run this Saturday

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 the 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.

Rocktoberfest benefit for Covenant Hospice

Star Staff Report

American Legion Post 116 would like to invite everyone to rock with the sounds of the Kevin Jacobs Band and Heartbeat City to support Covenant Hospice, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing excellence in compassionate care.

Bring your lawn chairs for this great outdoor event which is taking place Saturday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. EST at at 109 Trade Circle Way in Port St. Joe (behind Emerson Cooling & Heating).

There is a suggested entrance donation of $5. In addition to the great music, the infamous Ronnie Butler will be coming out of retirement (the old Butler's Restaurant & Lounge in Highland View) to cook for the benefit of Covenant Hospice. Food includes bratwurst and Boston butt sandwiches with all the trimmings

Covenant Hospice motto "we add life to days when days can no longer be added to life" is not just a slogan but a way of life for Covenant Hospice staff and volunteers. They strive to provide the best quality of care to those they serve by working hand-in-hand with families, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities to ensure that hospice patients can enjoy their lives to the fullest.

Earlier this year Covenant Hospice achieved Partner Level-1 Status with the We Honor Veterans campaign. This is an accomplishment that demonstrates a sound commitment to serving our nations heroes. This along with Covenant's commitment to provide their services to all who are in need, no matter their ability to pay, is the reason Port St. Joe American Legion Post 116 is sponsoring this event and benefit to help provide support to this cause.

Please come enjoy a night of great music, food and more. For more information or directions you can visit the web site www.psjrocktoberfest.com, email info@psjrocktoberfest.com or call 229-8378.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Oct 20	69°	45°	0 %
Fri, Oct 21	72°	46°	0 %
Sat, Oct 22	73°	50°	0 %
Sun, Oct 23	77°	53°	0 %
Mon, Oct 24	76°	55°	0 %
Tues, Oct 25	77°	57°	0 %
Wed, Oct 26	78°	58°	10 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

St.Joseph Bay

10/20	Thu	03:21AM	1.9	H	02:00PM	0.2	L
10/21	Fri	04:37AM	1.7	H	02:27PM	0.3	L
10/22	Sat	06:25AM	1.4	H	02:41PM	0.6	L
		10:25PM	1.0	H			
10/23	Sun	01:51AM	0.9	L	08:46AM	1.2	H
		02:28PM	0.9	L	09:00PM	1.2	H
10/24	Mon	03:37AM	0.7	L	08:37PM	1.4	H
10/25	Tue	04:48AM	0.3	L	08:47PM	1.8	H
10/26	Wed	05:54AM	0.0	L	09:19PM	2.0	H

Apalachicola Bay, West Pass

10/20	Thu	03:58AM	1.4	L	08:28AM	1.4	H
		04:58PM	0.4	L			
10/21	Fri	12:17AM	1.3	H	05:32AM	1.2	L
		10:05AM	1.3	H	06:03PM	0.4	L
10/22	Sat	12:48AM	1.4	H	06:40AM	1.0	L
		11:48AM	1.3	H	07:00PM	0.5	L
10/23	Sun	01:13AM	1.4	H	07:35AM	0.7	L
		01:21PM	1.3	H	07:50PM	0.7	L
10/24	Mon	01:35AM	1.4	H	08:24AM	0.5	L
		02:41PM	1.4	H	08:34PM	0.9	L
10/25	Tue	01:57AM	1.5	H	09:10AM	0.2	L
		03:53PM	1.5	H	09:14PM	1.0	L
10/26	Wed	02:21AM	1.6	H	09:56AM	0.0	L
		04:58PM	1.5	H	09:50PM	1.2	L

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners' meeting room at the Courthouse Complex in Port St. Joe, Florida on October 25, 2011 at 5:45 p.m., E.T. for the purpose of hearing from the public in regard to the adoption of a Supplemental Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011.

A summary of receipts and expenditures proposed to be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners is hereby published as required by Law.

After said public hearing, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will make whatever revisions it deems necessary and shall thereupon adopt said budget.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
2010-2011
ST. JOE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND

REVENUES:	
Present Budget	$ 910,973
Additional Cash Brought Forward	230,180
TOTAL REVENUES:	**$ 1,141,153**
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	$ 910,973
Highland View Fire Department:	
Buildings	230,180
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$ 1,141,153**

OVERSTREET FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND

REVENUES:	
Present Budget	$ 23,922
Additional Cash Brought Forward	7,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	**$ 30,922**
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	$ 23,922
Repairs & Maint: Equip	7,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$ 30,922**

CDBG (RAFFIELD) FUND

REVENUES:	
Present Budget	$ 24,042
Additional Cash Brought Forward	199,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	**$ 223,042**
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	$ 24,042
Aid to Private Organization	199,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$ 223,042**

CONSTRUCTION & ACQUISITION FUND

REVENUES:	
Present Budget	$ 0
Additional Cash Brought Forward	279,950
TOTAL REVENUES:	**$ 279,950**
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	$ 0
Road Materials & Supplies	279,950
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$ 279,950**

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND

REVENUES:	
Present Budget	$ 1,789,160
Additional Tourist Development Taxes	265,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	**$ 2,054,160**
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	$ 1,786,160
Reserve for Contingencies	265,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$ 2,054,160**

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

REBECCA L. NORRIS, CLERK 2011-77

PSJES students learn about Florida agriculture

Special to The Star

What do you know about Florida agriculture?

If you're not sure, just ask the fifth-graders at Port St. Joe Elementary School.

On Sept. 26 they participated in an annual field trip, Ag Adventures Day, at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy. Ag Adventures Day is designed to teach 4th-6th grade students in Northwest Florida about agriculture through hands-on learning. Each group of students (an estimated total of 900 for the entire week) rotated through a variety of Florida agriculture related booths taught by Extension Agents, Extension Researchers, and volunteers with topics ranging from pumpkins, peanuts, soybeans, cotton, corn, honey bees, and soil types.

The field trip began with a fun, morning ride on the "gator" wagon to the farm. As they learned about agricultural crops, the students were also given the chance to touch, smell, and even taste some of the products. Some of the student's favorite things were to walk through the pumpkin field, dig peanuts, pick cotton, and sample boiled and roasted peanuts and roasted pumpkin seeds. The fifth-graders from Gulf County had a great day filled with hands-on, outdoor educational activities and they each got their own pumpkin to take home.

The AgAdventure banner.

Now that these students have had a little taste of Florida agriculture we hope they will share their knowledge with their family, friends, and neighbors. Learning about agriculture helps them understand the link between food growing in a field and what they see in the grocery store. This understanding is becoming more important with changing times.

This annual program is sponsored by the Gulf County Extension Office, UF/IFAS Extension, 4-H, Florida Farm Bureau, University of Florida, Florida Ag in the Classroom, and Farm Credit of Northwest Florida. We want to say a special thank you to everyone who made this fun-filled experience possible.

4-H is a youth development program for youth ages 8-18 that is assisted greatly by adult volunteers. If you are interested in participating as a 4-Her or an adult volunteer please contact Melanie Taylor at the Gulf County Extension Office. She may be reached at 639-3200, 229-2909, or metaylor@ufl.edu. 4-H is more than you ever imagined. Come join the fun!

Port St. Joe Elementary students enjoying the peanut field.

Harvesting peanuts.

A field of peanuts, cotton and corn.

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35788S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 08-00470

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD P. DAVIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD P. DAVIS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 11th day of October, 2011, and entered in Case No. 08-00470, of the Circuit Court of the 14TH Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. is the Plaintiff and RICHARD P. DAVIS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD P. DAVIS and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 5TH STREET, PORT ST. JOE, FL, 32456, 11:00 AM ET on the 10th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

EXHIBIT "A"

All that certain land situate in Gulf County, Florida: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 11 West and run West for 400 feet to the West side of County Road, thence run South 780 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence run West 150 feet, thence run south 180 feet, thence run East 150 feet, thence run North 180 feet to the Point of Beginning, same lying and being in Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 11 West.

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CHAMPION

YEAR MANUFACTURED:
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WHICH IS AFFIXED AND ATTACHED TO THE LAND AND IS PARTOF THE REAL PROPERTY WHICH, BY INTENTION OF THE PARTIES AND UPON RETIREMENT OF THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AS PROVIDED IN 319.621 FLA. STAT., SHALL CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE REALTY AND PASS WITH IT,

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

Dated this 12th day of October, 2011.

REBECCA NORRIS
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA BAXTER
Deputy Clerk

Submitted By:
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Oct 20, 27, 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, 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 are 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 are 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.

has been filed against you, and GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Michael J. Henry, Plaintiffs Attorney, whose address is 221 McKenzie Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32401 on or before 30 days from the date of the first publication of 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

35917S
POTENTIALLY INELIGIBLE REGISTERED VOTER'S NOTICE

The Gulf County Supervisor of Elections has received information the person listed below is potentially ineligible to be registered to vote. Failure to contact this office within 30 days after this notice is published may result in a determination of ineligibility by the supervisor of elections and removal of the registered voters' name from the statewide voter registration system. You should contact this office by calling 850-229-6117 to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and instructions on how to resolve the matter, or request additional assistance if needed.

An administrative hearing will be held regarding the potential ineligibility of these persons on November 21, 2011 at 9:30 AM EST in the Supervisor of Elections Office - 401 Long Ave, Port St Joe, FL 32456.

The Supervisor of Elections will make a determination no less than 30 days after this published notice and will notify the voter of the determination and action taken.

POTENTIALLY INELIGIBLE REGISTERED VOTERS:

John D. Richter
150 Sunshine Rd.
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205 Countryside Dr.
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290 Avenue B
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Linda Griffin, Gulf County Supervisor of Elections
October 7, 2011
This notice published October 20, 2011

35933S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

THOMAS KEITH McNEILL AND ELIZABETH SUE McNEILL,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

GEORGETTE E. HADDOCK,
Defendant.

CASE NO. 2011-128CA

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 15, 2011, in Case No. 2011-128CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit for Gulf County, Florida, in which THOMAS KEITH McNEILL and ELIZABETH SUE McNEILL are the Plaintiffs, and GEORGETTE E. HADDOCK, is the Defendant, that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

Lot 9 and the South 1/2 of Lot 10, Block 107 of Unit 9 of St. Joseph's Addition to the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 12, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

The sale will be held on November 10, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. EST, to the highest bidder for cash, in the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, Port St. Joe, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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

Dated September 16, 2011.

Rebecca L. Norris
Gulf County Clerk of Court
B.A. Baxter
Deputy Clerk
October 20, 27, 2011

36001S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs

SHEZAD SANAULLAH and HELEN NITSIOS,
Defendant(s)

CASE NO.:
11-000162-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida described as:

A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 16,17, 20 AND 21, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, AND RUN THENCE WEST 357.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE NORTH 17°19'04" WEST 17.99 FEET TO A:FOUND IRON PIN AND CAP #1718 LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 30, SAID IRON PIN LYING ON :A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWESTERLY; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY AND CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 5645.54 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 08°44'17", FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 860.98 FEET (CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING NORTH 68°18'47" EAST 860.15 FEET) TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 64°13'01" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 308.73 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT, LYING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY AND CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 1112.06 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 22°55'35", FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 444.98 FEET (CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING NORTH 75°28'58" EAST 442.02 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE:MONUMENT #1718; THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY RUN THENCE SOUTH 62°20'18" WEST 489.96 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN LB#732; THENCE SOUTH 36°49'06" WEST 149.05 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN LB#732; THENCE SOUTH 42°23'15" WEST 68.66 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN LB#732; THENCE SOUTH 25°46'15" EAST 700.22 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN LB#732; THENCE SOUTH 71°58'15" WEST 113.72 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 67°11'45" WEST 121.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 79°05'55" WEST 118.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58°34'41" WEST 120.34 FEET; THENCE SOUTH:73°59'37" WEST 124.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 67°26'21" WEST 129.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 64°24'48" WEST 150.84 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 67°06'13" WEST 173.98 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN LB #732; THENCE NORTH 17°19'04" WEST 871.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING TWO PARCELS:

A tract of land lying in Sections 16, 17, 20 and 21, Township 9 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found concrete monument marking the Southwest comer of said Section 16, and run thence West 58.28 feet to the Point of Beginning; from said Point of Beginning run thence North 20°09'30" West, 114.07 feet to a found iron-pin and cap #1718 lying on the Southerly right of way boundary of State Road No. 30, said iron pin lying on a curve concave to the Northwesterly; thence Northeasterly along said Southerly right of way boundary and curve with a radius of 5645.54 feet, through a central angle of 05°53'51", for an arc distance of 581.11 feet, (chord of said arc being North 66°53'34" East, 580.85 feet) to a found concrete monument; thence run North 64°13'01" East along said Southerly right of way boundary 308.73 feet to a found concrete monument, lying on a curve concave to the Southeasterly; thence Northeasterly along said Southerly right of way boundary and curve with a radius of 1112.06 feet, through a central angle of 22°55'35", for an arc distance of 444.98 feet (chord of said arc being North 75°28'58" East, 442.02 feet to a found concrete monument #1718; thence leaving said Southerly right of way boundary, run thence South 62°20'18" West, 489.96 feet to a set iron pin LB#732; thence South 36°49'06" West 149.05 feet to a set iron pin LB#732; thence South 42°23'15" West, 68.66 feet to a set iron pin LB#732; thence South 25°46'15" East, 700.22 feet to a set iron pin LB#732; thence South 71°58'15" West, 113.54 feet; thence South 67°11'45" West, 121.80 feet;1hence South 79°05'55" West, 118.79 feet; thence South 58°34'41" West, 120.34 feet; thence South 73°59'37" West, 124.67 feet; thence South 67°26'21" West, 129.39 feet to a set iron pin LB#732; thence North 20°09'30" West, 745.17 feet to the Point of Beginniing.

AND

LOT 1, TRACT A INDIAN LAGOON ESTATES, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY; FLORIDA AND RUN NORTH 89°'58'25" WEST 357.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 17°19'04" WEST 18.05 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #1/18) LYING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD NO. 30, SAID POINT ALSO LYING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWESTERLY; THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY AND SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS 5645.54 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01°31'20" FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 149.98 FEET; CHORD BEING NORTH 72°04'05" EAST 149.98 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #1718); THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 18°47'43". EAST 147.80 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #732); THENCE RUN SOUTH 73°59'13" WEST 153.82 FEET TO A RE-ROD (MARKED #732); THENCE RUN NORTH 17°19'04"WEST 124.59 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LOT1, TRACT "A" (UNRECORDED) MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS:

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 10 West,Gulf County, Florida and run West 357.25 feet, thence run North 17 degrees 19 minutes 04 seconds West 17.99 feet to a point lying on the Southeasterly right-of-way boundary of State Road No. 30 said point also lying on a curve to the Northerly, thence run Northeasterly along said right-of-way boundary and curve having a radius of 5645.54 feet, through a central angle of 01 degrees 31 minutes 18 seconds for an arc distance of 149.93 feet, chord being North 71 degrees 55 minutes 17 seconds East 149.93 feet, thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run South 18 degrees 50 minutes 22 seconds East 875.23 feet to a point lying on the approximate mean high water line of Indian Lagoon, thence run South 67 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds West along said mean high water line 173.98 feet, thence leaving said mean high water line run North 17 degrees 19 minutes 04 seconds West 871.85 feet to the POINT Of BEGINNING containing 3.27 acres more or less.

at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Gulf County Courthouse, Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. ET on November 10, 2011.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of October, 2011.

Clerk OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
:
Steve M. Watkins, III
FBN: 0794996
41 Commerce Street
Apalachicola, FL 32320
(850)653-1949
October 20, 27, 2011

36015S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY

CENTENNIAL BANK, AN ARKANSAS CORPORATION, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO BAYSIDE SAVINGS BANK BY ASSET ACQUISITION FROM THE FDIC AS RECEIVER FOR BAYSIDE SAVINGS BANK.
Plaintiff

-v-

R & R PROPERTIES, A PARTNERSHIP and SHIRLEY L. ROBERSON
P.O. Box 457
Port St. Joe, Fl. 32457
Defendant(s).

Case No.10-410CA

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 4th, 2011, and entered in Civil Case No. 10-410CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida wherein CENTENNIAL BANK as successor to BAYSIDE SAVINGS BANK is the Plaintiff and R & R PROPERTIES, A PARTNERSHIP and SHIRLEY L. ROBERSON is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd, Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., EST, on the 3rd day of November, 2011, the following described property situated in Gulf and Franklin Counties, Florida and set forth in the Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 43, Southgate Subdivision, as per plat recorded in the public records of Gulf County, Florida, in Plat Book 4, Page 17.

And

Lot 7, Block B. Magnolia Bluffs, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2 at Page 5 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities need special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 or Telephone (850 229-6113 prior to, such proceedings.

Witness my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, on this 10th day of October, 2011.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
Costin & Costin
Charles A. Costin
413 Williams Ave.
P.O. Box 98
Port St. Joe, Fl. 32457
850-227-1159
October 20, 27, 2011

35967S
PUBLIC NOTICE

NWFTCA Meeting Notification - Notice is hereby given The Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority will hold a meeting on October 27, 2011. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. EST at the Gulf County Commission Meeting Room, Robert Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Corridor Authority at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Amy Paulk at (850) 415-1040 or by e m a i l apaulk@gc-inc.com
October 20, 2011

36041S
IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

JAMES R. COBBLE
Plaintiff

-v-

GEORGE D. JONES
401 Hargrove Rd
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
Defendant

Case No. 10-170CC

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 6th, 2011, and entered in Civil Case No. 10-170CC of the County Court in and for Gulf County, Florida wherein JAMES R. COBBLE is the Plaintiff and GEORGE D. JONES is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd, Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., EST, on the 3rd day of November, 2011, the following described property situated in Gulf County, Florida and set forth in the Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

All of Defendant's GEORGE D. JONES undivided one-half interest in and to the following described real property located in Gulf County, Florida:

Beginning at the SW corner of Lot Nineteen (19) in Block Three (3) of Oak Grove Subdivision, and run fifteen feet (15') South for a point of beginning; thence run South 124 feet; thence run East 70 feet; thence run North 124 feet; thence run West 70 feet to the point of beginning.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities need special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 or Telephone (850)229-6113 prior to such proceedings.

Witness my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, on this 10th day of October, 2011.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
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413 Williams Ave.
P.O. Box 98
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850-227-1159
October 20, 27, 2011

36003S
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gulf County Enterprise Zone Development Agency will meet Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 12:00 noon, E.T., 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., of the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex in Room 307.

The public is welcome to attend.
October 20, 2011

36013S
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on September 28, 2011, there was filed with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. an application by the Florida State University for renewal of the license of FM Translator Broadcast Station W216BT

The station's output channel is 216, and it serves Port St. Joe, Florida. The transmitter site is located at 1003 Long Ave. Port St. Joe FL, and the transmitter power is 112 watts.

The station rebroadcasts Station WFSW, Channel 206, Panama City, Florida.

Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to this renewal application and whether the station has operated in the public interest should file continents and petitions with the Federal Communications Commission.
October 20, 2011

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Down sizing
Furniture, lamps, beach decor and some antiques

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PSJ: 1604 Monument Ave, Friday & Saturday 8:00am until ???
Fridge, dishwasher, & misc.

NEW TODAY!

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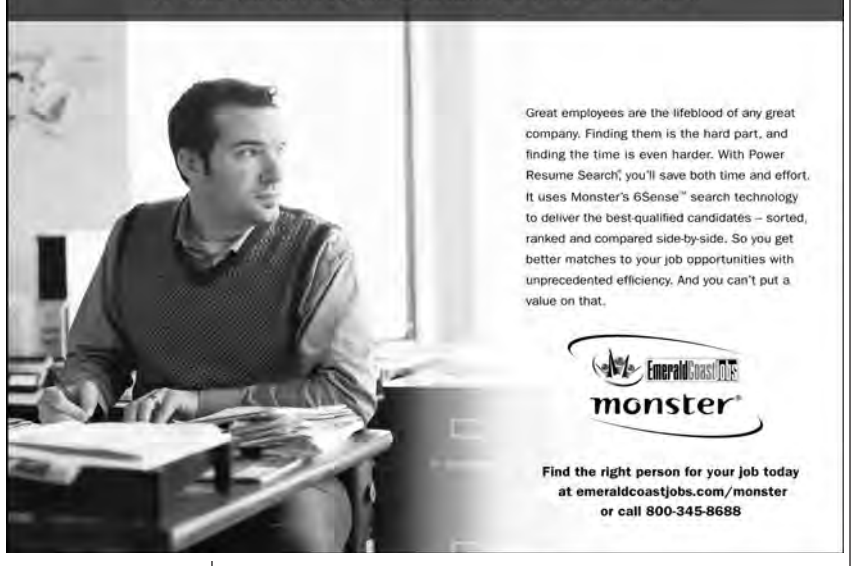

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243496	148 Squirrel Ave., Wewahitchka, FL	$119,900	Home
240660	249 Bonita St,, Port St. Joe, FL	$34,000	Lot
243493	480 Ponderosa Pines Dr., Port St Joe, FL	$44,500	Lot
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244659	400 Gulf Aire Drive, Port St. Joe, FL	$119,900	Under Contract
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Coronado #4		
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PORT ST. JOE		
1206 Palm Blvd	1.5 bd/1ba	Partially Furnished
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