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## Commissioners question TDC spending

By Valerie Garman  
Star Staff Writer

With an additional \$1.1 million from British Petroleum to juice up its annual \$600,000 budget, the Gulf County Tourism Development

Council has gone on a spending spree this year, without acquiring any approval from the Board of County Commissioners on its lengthy list of expenditures, county commissioners said during two recent

public meetings.

Because the TDC operates as a county department, county policy requires approval from the commission for any expenditure of \$5,000 or more. Policy also requires county

agencies to collect verbal bids for services ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and to legally advertise services with a price tag of \$10,000 or more.

While the TDC budget nearly tripled this year,

the TDC and BOCC have until recently disregarded these policies, allowing TDC executive director Tim Kerigan to call all the shots in spending the council's nearly \$2 million budget, commissioners

noted.

"We went from having a roughly \$250,000 marketing and events budget to having four times that much," Kerigan said. "It's

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## Remembering a passionate advocate for children

### David B. Langston Drive dedicated

By Tim Croft  
Star News Editor

There was, Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson noted, symmetry to the somewhat winding nature of David B. Langston Drive.

After all, Magidson added, nothing Dr. David Langston, star basketball player, educator, creator of a foundation to provide opportunities for children of all colors and backgrounds, for

whom he spent his life advocating for, accomplished was done in a straight line.

Langston, who passed away more than two years ago while returning from a junior college basketball tournament, was remembered and memorialized last Wednesday with the official dedication of David B. Langston

Drive.

"One part of him would be proud, but he wouldn't want all the attention," said Langston's son Eric. "He made some mistakes in his life, and he felt if he would get the kids young enough he could teach them to avoid

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Langston's sister, Linda Tschudi, and son, Eric, make remarks during the ceremony. When his turn came, Eric battled his emotions to get his prepared remarks out.



The late Dr. David Langston



Children were Langston's calling, providing opportunities to further their education and transform them into economic contributors to their community.

The family of the late Dr. David Langston gather around the road sign that will mark the roadway named in his honor, one that links a community long divided by railroad tracks.



## Courthouse security gets boost

By Tim Croft  
Star News Editor

Maybe it took a bit, years in fact, but the Gulf County Courthouse has less of an open-door feel.

And that is a good thing, court administrators, deputies and judges say.

The Gulf County Courthouse completed an upgrade of security last week, going live last Wednesday with a new full body scanner and monitor bank at the front entrance.

In addition, the back entrance off the courtyard between the sheriff's office and jail is now closed to the public. The only access is using an employee card on a swipe station at each door.

The back entrance also has a camera wired to the monitor bank at the front entrance to allow the deputy on duty to observe the comings and goings at the back entrance.

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From left, 14th Judicial Court administrator Jan Shadburn, County Judge Tim McClellan, Circuit Court Judge Shonna Young Gay, Robyn Gable, assistant court administrator, Sheriff Joe Nugent and County Commission chair Warren Yeager.

## NFCD to break ground on new center

Star Staff Report

North Florida Child Development will hold its groundbreaking event for the New Early Child Development and Family Resource Center at 176 Field of Dreams in Port St. Joe, located across from the Gulf Franklin Campus of Gulf Coast State College on Highway 98.

The groundbreaking

ceremony will be Monday, Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. ET.

U.S. Representative Steve Southerland will be the guest speaker at the event. A reception will follow at Sacred Heart Hospital in the cafeteria.

The facility will add space and services from the current Highland View facility and will also inject additional jobs and payroll into the community.



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# Responsibilities expand for school nurses

By Valerie Garman  
Star Staff Writer

School nursing is more than just ice packs and Band-Aids.

With an increase in complex medical conditions in children across the country, school nurses are becoming more of an asset as school funding goes down.

"What's happened is we've gotten better and better at helping children with prenatal births," said Martha Bergren, director of research for the National Association of School Nurses. "But now more children are having more health problems when they become school-aged. Success in one sphere has led to more challenges in the educational sphere."

Although the need of ten goes unrecognized, the Gulf County School District has made it a priority to continue to provide students with a strong school health program in partnership with the Gulf County Health Department.

"We have one of the richest and most effective school health programs in the state," said Marsha Lindeman, administrator of the Gulf County Health Department. "It's almost unheard of to have (these

services)."

With a registered nurse and three health aids in Port St. Joe schools and a registered nurse and two health aids in Wewahitchka schools, Gulf County is an anomaly among Florida counties.

Florida has one of the highest student-to-school nurse ratios in the country, ranking 48th out of 51 nationwide, with 2,537 students per school nurse, according to the National Association of School Nurses.

Gulf County, however, had roughly 1,900 students enrolled for the 2010-2011 school year, and two registered nurses present, making the student-to-school nurse ratio 950 to one.

"Twenty-five percent of all schools don't have a nurse at all," Bergren said. "And 14 percent of those schools don't even have an unlicensed stand-in."

Bergren said when it comes time for schools to cut budgets, the health sector is often the first to go.

With major cutbacks in education funding across the state, Lindeman admitted she was worried the school board would slash funding for nursing programs in county schools when it adopted its 2011-2012 budget.

"They took some pretty

steep cuts, but they never once considered a cut to the money they give to the Gulf County Health Department," Lindeman said. "They never once cut a penny from the school health budget."

Bergren said when a school has a full-time registered nurse, kids are 57 percent less likely to be sent home in the middle of the day.

"People think of school nursing as just ice packs and Band-Aids," said Gulf County School Health Coordinator Amy Driggers. "It is that, but it's so much more."

When Driggers worked as the Port St. Joe School nurse eight years ago, she never anticipated the job would one day involve helping diabetic students meticulously count carbohydrates to control blood sugar, or the number of students carrying inhalers and EpiPens would escalate.

The trend is national, with newly diagnosed cases of diabetes almost doubling in the last 10 years, the prevalence of food allergies among children up 18 percent from 1997 to 2007, and asthma rates continuing to grow, with one out of every 10 school-aged children diagnosed with asthma.



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(Pictured clockwise from left) Lori LaCivita, RN for the Port St. Joe Schools, Amy Driggers, Gulf County School Health Coordinator, and Wendy Baker, one of three health aids at the Port St. Joe Schools.

Driggers said this time of year is absolutely chaotic in the school health sector, as she and her staff meticulously draw out individual health plans for kids with specific health issues and organize screenings and immunizations.

Every student who has been diagnosed with a serious health issue has an individual care plan laid out by a doctor, so the nurses know how to best help each child on a day-to-day basis and in case of an emergency.

With seven students in the Port St. Joe schools with Type One diabetes, the health care staff also trains teachers and faculty to respond to the highs and lows the disease causes.

"We're training the teachers and faculty so the parents can go to work in peace," Driggers said.

Lori LaCivita, the registered school nurse for Port St. Joe schools, said it is common to see health problems in children that were once thought to only

effect adults like high blood pressure and Type Two diabetes.

Body mass index screening results from a 2010 school health service summary for Gulf County by the Florida Department of Health revealed that 16.5 percent of the first, third and sixth graders screened were overweight and 22.41 percent were obese.

"We have such a rise in childhood obesity that you're going to see these things," LaCivita said.

LaCivita said diabetes used to be categorized into juvenile onset (type one) and adult onset (type two), but as childhood obesity rates continue to rise the lines are becoming blurred.

The new trend in managing diabetes is counting carbohydrates, a micro-managed meal plan that helps manage blood glucose levels. LaCivita helps a handful of students with carbohydrate counting on a daily basis.

LaCivita also spends

a lot of time with the student and his or her parents to better understand the child's specific health needs.

"The number one thing is to make sure they're safe at school," LaCivita said. "Every student is different, but it's all based on a formula with their specific need in mind."

The school health staff spends time bouncing back and forth between schools, Driggers between Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe, and LaCivita between Port St. Joe Elementary and Junior-Senior High.

LaCivita said she can't imagine not having a registered nurse on staff.

With no nurse, schools may rely on the principal, secretary or teacher to address students' health needs.

"You can't expect the teachers to address the medical needs on top of everything else," LaCivita said. "Our teachers are overwhelmed enough just trying to teach them."



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Full body scanner, X-ray machines and monitors are among the upgrades to security that went live in the Gulf County Courthouse last week.

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"This brings us up to all the other courthouses our size in the state," said County Judge Tim McFarland. "I went over to Franklin County recently and their courthouse was ahead of ours, and I thought we need to change that."

The county and its courthouse made national news 25 years ago, when a husband distraught over divorce proceedings entered the court hearing armed with a gun and shot and killed the judge, an attorney and a witness.

Clyde Melvin, the shooter, died in prison two years ago.

Circuit court and county judges have frequently written letters or appeared before the Board of County Commissioners, seeking improvements in security at the courthouse.

The issues were on display last week when Circuit Court Judge Shonna Young Gay sentenced the robbers from the December 2010 armed robbery of Vision Bank.

Following sentencing, several family members and friends charged through the swinging gates separating spectators from court officers and a host of friends and family members of several of the convicted robbers lingered around the courthouse, expressing their outrage.

The security improvements are the result of a partnership.

The 14th Circuit State Courts Program provided \$25,000 upfront for the monitors, cameras and X-ray scanning equipment. County commissioners and McFarland's office chipped in support and some dollars for additional equipment, such as metal detectors, and Sheriff Joe Nugent provided the full-body scanner.

"It was a group effort all the way around," McFarland said. "Chief Judge Hentz McClellan and the 14th Circuit State Court System graciously assisted in funding these security upgrades, and these measures could not have been realized without the full support of Sheriff Nugent and the Gulf County Commissioners."

"The citizens of Gulf County will be the beneficiaries of this remarkable group effort for years to come."

The high-tech measures, McFarland noted, bolster a well-trained and knowledgeable security detail provided by Nugent.

"These (improvements) will make somebody who might be considering doing something crazy to think twice about," Nugent said.

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some of those mistakes and team them to be a success, as a person, economically, in the community."

In a sense, the dedication was a symbolic remembrance.

It was a remembrance of a man who, with a cellphone constantly at his ear and a deep gravelly voice that easily announced his presence, made a mark on a community of considerable distinction.

Losing his parents early in life, he and his brother, Norris, whose untimely death at an early age would compel David to name his youth foundation in his brother's honor, Langston, with the help of several mentors, rose to unimagined heights for an African American in Gulf County in the 1960s and 70s.

Langston, enshrined in the Port St. Joe High School Athletic Hall of Fame, was arguably the finest basketball player in county scholastic history, taking the Tiger Sharks to a state title before a distinguished college career at Drake University and a brief professional career in the now-defunct American Basketball Association.

He was a Sunkist High School All-American as a senior in high school and named all-Missouri Valley Conference while at Drake.

But the tools, the discipline and work ethic he learned along the way drove him to earn a bachelor's degree at Drake, a master's at Indiana State and a Doctorate of Education from LaSalle University.

"He placed a lot of emphasis on education," Magidson said. "He took that emphasis for his education and transformed it to educating children."

"I think it is fitting that this road has some curves. David never took a straight line to get what he wanted

accomplished."

He would return to his roots in Port St. Joe to create the Norris D. Langston Youth Scholarship Foundation, which would ultimately reach into seven counties with after-school programs, tutoring, mentoring and motivational speakers.

"He was for the community, for all races," said Langston's sister, Linda Tschudi. "He was about educating the children. That is why I have the privilege of educating (children at Port St. Joe Elementary School, primarily students with special needs)."

And he cajoled and lobbied local and state leaders to fund his passion. Two former state education commissioners spoke at the foundation's annual banquet, as did Allen Bense, then the speaker of the Florida House.

He could, as friend Eugene Raffield once noted, get more done with a car and a cellphone than just about anybody.

The dedication, though, was something else. Advocated by former city commissioner John Reeves, the roadway represents a badly needed link and erasure of the railroad tracks that once divided a community, black and white.

The road links Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on the north end of town, a primarily minority area, with Williams Avenue on the south end, in the main shopping and business district of Port St. Joe.

It is a symbol, Reeves stated frequently over the years, of what Langston was about — Langston did not care about skin tone or household income; it was all about hard work and keeping on the straight and narrow and reaching for the American dream.

Langston firmly believed still existed for all willing

to put in the effort.

"He worked hard for the youth — white, black, green, purple, polka dotted, it didn't matter," Eric Langston said. "He wanted to educate them and (empower) them economically."

And, lastly, the road was the result of a community partnership.

GAC Contractors donated construction of the road and Preble Rish Engineers — owner Ralph Rish was a long-time friend and supporter of the Langston Foundation — donated the engineering.

County Commissioner Warren Yeager and former County Commissioner Nathan Peters Jr. provided district road bond funds to the project and the St. Joe Company donated the land. Fairpoint Communications was willing to move several underground lines to make the road possible.

"This is a special day for the city," Magidson said. "This shows what people coming together with their minds in the right place can get done."

Tschudi attempted to sum up what she thought her brother would see in last week's dedication.

"He would be proud of all his accomplishments, but he wouldn't want the pat on the back," she said with a rueful smile.

Charles Beachum was among the 75 or so attendees. Beachum said he knew Langston since he was "this" high, pointing to a spot below his knees.

He remembered the David Langston of the athletic fields and how those lessons translated into Langston's life.

"I can still hear him saying, 'Winners never quit and quitters never win' and he took that to his grave," Beachum said. "I believe in a spirit world. David's spirit was here today."

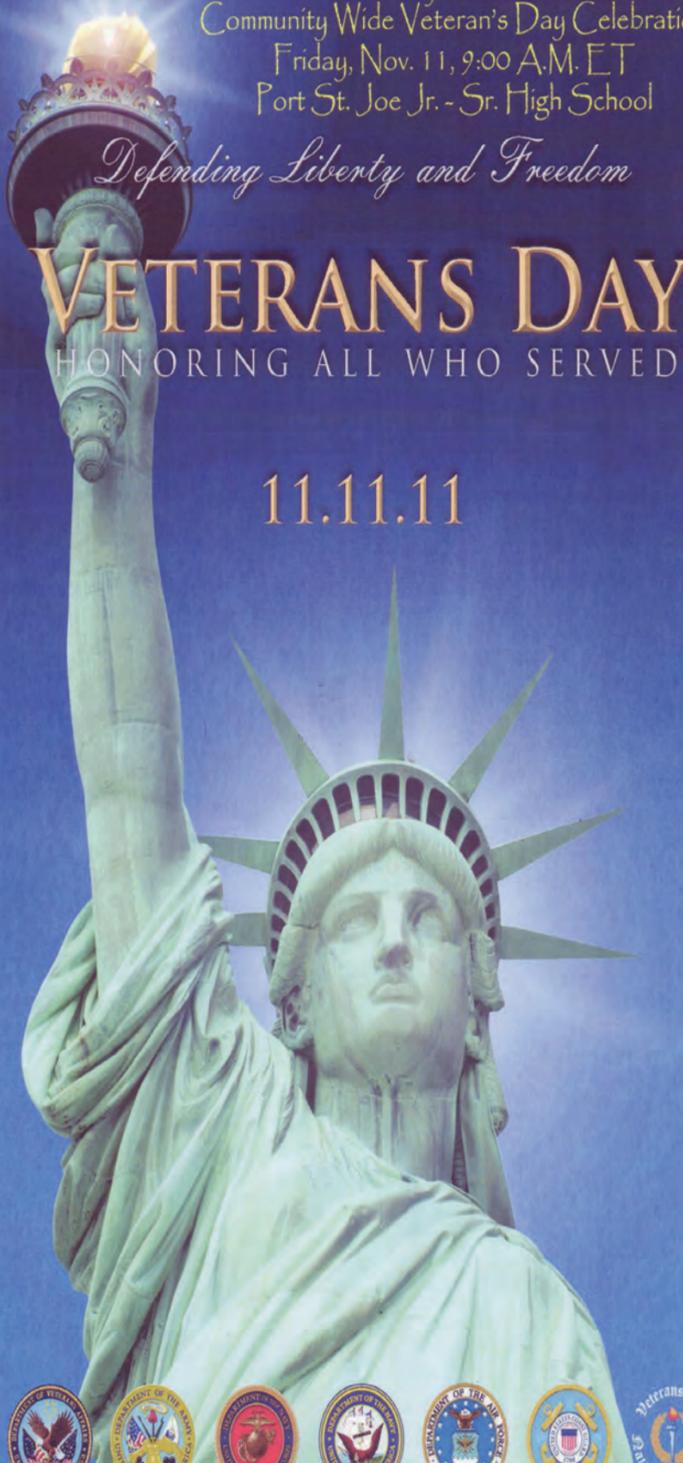
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# Opinion

## Vanity fantasies

What is it? What is it that makes us think we are better (or smaller) than we are? I guess that's easy. It is vanity or needing a "warm fuzzy" as I like to call it. Is it bad? Not necessarily, unless it really messes things up for other people.

I did not know about this thing called "vanity sizing." I'm a man, how am I supposed to know about such things? Recently, I had a good friend explain it to me. It basically comes down to the fact that clothing people are changing what things are (sizes) to make folks feel better about themselves.

With women's clothing, it seems that over the years the sizes have gotten smaller or larger or messed up (a lot). If you were a size 6 in 1960, you were able to wear a size 4 in 1970. That same size 6 in 1960 would be size 00 today. I think the closer to zero you are in women's clothing, the smaller you are supposed to be. I don't know. I just know that this seems to be kind of confusing and a little vane.

This vanity sizing in women's clothing does explain a couple of things that have always puzzled me. One being the reason it takes women so long to shop for clothes and the other being the reason they have to try on everything in the store. They really have no idea what size they are on any given day. How could they? This "Vanity Fantasy" has spilled over into everything else we do. Just think about it, the folks at the bank want you to buy more house than you can afford. The folks at the car lot will let you take an extra year or two to pay for that fancy vehicle (that you deserve).

Do you have children or have you ever been to school? This vanity fantasy takes place in the schools every day. What used to be a C+ or a B- is now an A. Why? It's simple - more A's mean happier parents and less controversy for everyone.

*Get your warm fuzzies right here!*

I've taught college math courses for over 15 years, students are quick to ask for extra credit and tell me that I'm ruining their perfect GPA. I'm equally quick in telling them that I don't believe in extra credit and also that perfect GPA's don't mean much either.

What about grade point averages? Students are graduating high school

with GPA's of 4.9 and 5.0 on a 4.0 scale. Hmmm, does that mean they are "better than the best?" I understand that they take advanced classes and they have to do something about taking those into consideration, it just seems all out of whack to me.

*I think it's ok to keep score.*



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BN Heard

I think we need to lose more, to fail more and to make more C's. If you don't, you live life in this vanity fantasy and you don't really appreciate the good stuff (which really has nothing to do with any of this).

After researching this vanity sizing more, I found out that clothing designers do this with men's clothes as well. I found a "cheat sheet" of sorts that explained what a pair of pants with a 36-inch waistline actually is. With one brand, it actually is 37 inches. The rest went way on up, with one well-known brand's 36-inch pants actually accommodating a fellow with a 41-inch waist.

Do you think he feels better? Probably.

Do you think he weighs less? No.

I'm sure there are "vanity scales" to handle that situation.

If they want to help me out with this vanity sizing, I might have a suggestion or two. I don't have any trouble with the waist business. I know I have a 35-inch waist - a real one. I'm good with it.

However, I also know I have a 29-inch inseam. Do you know how embarrassing it is to be a hair under 6 feet tall and have a 29-inch inseam? People stand around the store looking at the sizes and ask questions like "Who has a 29-inch inseam?"

They hold a pair of 34 x 29 inch pants up and say things like "This guy must look funny," or "You have to be kidding me."

I have a Fred Flintstone body, I'm used to it.

*Envy me when it comes clearance time, the 29-inch inseam pants are always still there.*

The clothing industry doesn't need to change the inseam sizes to make me feel better about myself.

However, some little stickers to go over the sizes on the back of my jeans might be nice though. I could change the 29 to a 34.

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## Keyboard KLATTERINGS

# A teachable moment from the TDC

County commissioners are correct in trying to bring accountability to the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

The TDC is a special taxing unit established in Florida law and commissioners, along with their constituents, have every right to expect full transparency from the agency and its board.



**TIM CROFT**  
Star news editor

Where, however, have the commissioners been?

Listening between the lines, there is plenty to shock about with what is going on with a county agency suddenly flush with more than \$1 million in BP money and

spending as if having won the Lotto.

As reported by Star Staff Writer Valerie Garman on the front page of this newspaper, the TDC is simply acting as business as usual, though feeling strong with green-hued steroids with dead Presidents on them.

County attorney Jeremy Novak probably summed it up best when he told commissioners at one point during a recent meeting that the TDC has "had little structure" in the past.

That explains a lot.

For instance, an executive director who enters into contracts worth hundreds of thousands of dollars without the approval of anyone else - not his own board or the Board of County Commissioners.

As another, a county agency operating under a marketing agreement that exists in theory only - a company was issued a letter of award on its bid but never signed a formal contract with the county, without a plausible explanation provided.

But there is just a whiff of hyperbole and hypocrisy in this sudden attention to the TDC that is alarming for county taxpayers.

Be clear, the money at issue here is largely money paid by British Petroleum as a portion of fines to the impacted Florida counties to bring back tourists.

That, in truth, is part of the problem, a rush of cash that overwhelms proper policy requirements and logic.

That would seem the case with an event such as the PoJo Live Music Festival.

Paying more than \$30,000 to a headliner few had heard of.

Spending tens of thousands of dollars, much of it spent out of the county, on perks for the bands.

Blowing a budget without any way to quantify that blowing the budget would provide the requisite bang.

That is a pretty fair interpretation of an event that allegedly fell under the category of being "high impact" but lacked much bump for local lodging establishments, which lacking attendance figures for the free festival is the lone way to assess impact.

Even the TDC executive director acknowledged being a tad overwhelmed by his embarrassment of riches - and how the money has been spent at a time of great economic hardship in the county also turned out to be an embarrassment.

But in typical years, the TDC operates under a budget in the high six figures, the expenditure of those dollars the Board of County Commissioners is charged with overseeing.

So to take the executive director to task in a public meeting about an apparent lack of accountability is akin to the fox scolding the chicken for not eating enough to maintain bulk.

County commissioners should be requiring that accountability from the first dollar expended each year - accountability is not something to trot out when the public winds blow from a certain direction.

That commissioners see no accountability from the TDC is on them, not the executive director of the TDC.

Commissioners have long talked a good game about accountability and transparency in county government and if the TDC episode is anything, it is indication work remains.

Further, if the company the executive director's brother owns and operates wins an award for marketing services to the TDC, ensuring a contract has been signed is on commissioners.

To bring up the issue of conflict via nepotism at this point makes little sense since it was the county - the Board of County Commissioners

- that gives final approval to award the contract in the first place.

The entire argument is particularly disingenuous coming from the very commissioner whose close personal and professional relationship with a contracted partner of the TDC opened this current can of worms.

The commission was already on notice concerning policies and procedures and the dynamics of agencies and boards that operate under the auspices of the BOCC.

A county grand jury earlier this year took the TDC to task for not fully adhering to open meeting and records laws during the hiring process of the current executive director; the grand jury's admonishment compelled the county attorney to refine and reinforce county policy as it applied to the various county boards such as the TDC.

And for commissioners to argue they did not know or fully grasp what was going on within the TDC is a stretch given that the BOCC chairman sits on the TDC board and the county attorney's wife works within the TDC office.

This episode feels eerily familiar to that which recently roiled the county EMS department, without the dollars.

In that case, as with the TDC, entrenched operating procedures - many of which flew in the face of county policy - were allowed to fester, along with a communication disconnect between department and BOCC, until accountability and transparency were eclipsed by politics and personal agendas.

That is not far removed from what has happened recently with the TDC.

The TDC indeed has work to do to put its house in order, as commissioners urged, but commissioners should also be looking in the mirror for the answers.

If true accountability and transparency are going to exist in county government, it must start on that podium, with those five commissioners. They must lead, not follow, be proactive, and professional, in ensuring sunshine in government not reactive, and personal, to the latest crisis.

Commissioners are elected to lead, and at hand is another teachable moment about leadership.

## 'True Grit' takes more than an eyepatch

I ate breakfast last week at a local church and caught a little grief from the cooks for passing on the grits.



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kesley Colbert

The good pastor even questioned my country roots as I settled for the eggs and sausage. Listen, I took it all in stride. It's hard to get a free meal off of a Methodist!

Me and grits go way back. Mom would add a tad extra water and force them into us via a baby bottle. Before we could walk, we learned to grind corn between two rocks. Leon would bust it up with a hammer. That little fine dust would get in your hair, your eyes, your nose, your mouth.....I brushed some out of my left ear last week; been stuck there for sixty years.

I've eaten grits for breakfast when there wasn't nothing else. I've eaten grits for lunch when we'd mix it with Polk salad or pork rinds. I've eaten it for supper when we'd wet our appetite on a rack of squirrel legs and then fill up on grits. I've had it baked, seared, fried, grilled, boiled, broiled, sautéed and blackened.

On cold winter days Mom would treat us to hominy grits and chitlens. I've stirred it in amongst eggs, hog brains, bacon

bits, red-eye gravy and Cheerios. I've poured'em over biscuits, sausage patties, toast, pancakes, chicken livers and mayonnaise sandwiches. I've had grits served to me so runny they wouldn't hardly stay on the plate. I've seen'em so lumpy you'd a'thought it was a bad batch of mashed potatoes. I've eaten grits when they were as thick as a bowl of Quaker oats left out overnight. I've had them things grow in my mouth to the point I near 'bout couldn't get enough sweet tea to wash them down. I've had them swell up in my belly. There ain't no other feeling in the world like "grit stomach"!

And this is not a story about growing up poor. Far from it! We were the happiest people on the face of the earth. We didn't have any money. But that doesn't have anything to do with being poor. It wasn't like Leon and Daddy were eating steak and Butterfingers while me and David Mark were left with the grits. We shared everything around that kitchen table. We laughed and loved, cried, fought and grew up staring at those grits.

I asked Mom every day "why was it always" grits. She didn't lecture on being frugal; or how we needed to sell a hog or two; or how much better off we were than a couple of neighbors just down the road. She would mention those starving children in India and remind us how

good grits were for us. I didn't figure the nutritional value of any foods back in those days. We didn't know polyunsaturated from amino acids. We went strictly on how it fared on your palate. "But Mom, they don't taste like nothing!" I could be a little persistent in my younger days. "Son, let's put some more butter on yours....."

I've eaten grits that were swimming in margarine. I've smothered them with pepper and salt. I tried cheese. I've thrown in chunks of onion. I've put ketchup on grits. I've poured buttermilk, sorghum molasses, cane syrup and honey over them. Mom would compress them into little balls and we'd eat them like hush puppies. She would slice fresh cornbread open and stuff the grits in to make a sandwich. We celebrated David's fourth birthday with a five-layer grit cake.

In the first grade, Miss Carolyn had us gluing those Pilgrims and turkeys onto the poster board with some kind of white sticky paste. Yogi allowed that, finally, someone had invented a practical use for grits. And I know for a fact that "grit stomach" worked on fire ants. We got invaded one summer. They were all over the yard. Dad sprinkled a big handful of grits around every hill. The ants would eat their fill, even take some extra grits down to the queen. Dad would wait an hour or so and water down the

hills real good. As soon as the ants took a drink and the water hit those grits in their bellies.....it would blow them little fellers up from the inside out!

If you went down to the City Café between 4:30 and 10:00 a.m., you were going to get grits. Period! Me and David would both order a breakfast of cheeseburgers and French fries. Dixie Faye would somehow manage to get a bowl of grits in there between the pickle and the toasted bun. Mr. Jack Cantrell took it upon himself to point out as we stood up to leave, "You boys didn't finish your grits." It was like it was un-American or something!

I know grits are like ice cream in Georgia. And I certainly understand heritage, tradition, truth, justice and the American way! The terms "finger licking" and "southern fried" warm all of our hearts. And I'm almost dead positive certain there is a statistic out there somewhere that reports that 97.3 percent of all the grits sold in the world are purchased in the South. I think that is wonderful. I never said I didn't like grits....or that I don't like them today. I just believe that God, in His infinite wisdom, allotted each person a certain amount of grits to eat in his or her lifetime. I ate my appointed share before I was 10-years-old!

Respectfully,  
Kes

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# TDC from page A1

a lot of money. We've tried to do our best with it, and the numbers show we've done well marketing our county."

County commissioner Bill Williams brought the issue to the commissioners' attention at the Oct. 11 and Oct. 25 commission meetings, presenting several invoices for extraneous expenditures supporting events such as the PoJo Live Music Festival and funding NASCAR sponsorships without the board's approval.

Williams motioned for an immediate external audit of TDC expenditures, as long as the audit costs less than \$5,000, in order to track the operational and financial sectors of the agency.

Williams also recommended Kerigan work with Dawn Moliterno, executive director of the Walton County TDC and chairperson of the Northwest Florida Tourism Council, for assistance with spending strategies for the remainder of the BP funds.

"We have a division of this county that has spun and continues to spin out of control," Williams said on Oct. 25. "To me this is an immediate emergency that needs to be addressed. Accountability and internal control is not there."

Until the audit is complete, Williams asked Commissioner Warren Yeager, a member of the TDC board, to oversee the TDC expenditures.

"This audit will help clarify some issues," Yeager said at a special meeting Oct. 31. "Let's have this discussion at our regular board meeting next time to make sure everything is in order."

At the Oct. 31 special meeting the board called for any BP-related expenditure to go before the board for approval in the consent agenda.

## BP money distribution

This year, BP distributed a total of \$30 million to tourism development councils in a "seven county coalition" in Northwest Florida that includes Gulf, Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay and Franklin, to be used solely to promote tourism to offset losses last summer after the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

The agreements made with BP give area TDCs full discretion to determine proper use of payment and only requires organizations keep a "reasonably detailed" record of how the payments were used and submit quarterly reports.

Gulf County received \$1,161,534 from BP for the tourism program in 2011, in three allocations: \$387,178 on April 23, June 11 and Sept. 11. Of the money allotted, the TDC spent \$639,077 as of Oct. 17, not including outstanding invoices.

In Florida's Coastal Northwest Communication Council's executive summary of the 2011 funds, each county's allotment

was broken down into a spending plan. Gulf County's plan allotted \$585,000 for advertising, \$90,000 for public relations support and media tours, \$335,000 for area event support and \$150,000 for high impact events.

The Gulf County TDC held one "high impact" event, September's PoJo Live Music Festival, which accounted for \$174,104 in BP funds as of Oct. 17, according to the 2011 invoice list.

Of the money spent on the two-day festival, about \$80,000 was spent on band contracts (\$36,000 of that for headliners ALO), another \$20,000 for band accommodations and hospitality, \$6,000 for the PoJo shuttle bus, about \$9,000 for promotional ads, posters and banners, \$9,500 for T-shirts and koozies, and \$3,079 for imprinted PoJo grocery totes.

The PoJo Live Music Festival alone exceeded the proposed \$150,000 budget for high-impact events, with \$174,108 of invoices from the high impact event account and more money drawn from the area event support account.

Williams and Commissioner Ward McDaniel questioned extraneous expenditures for tent rentals and the \$6,000 PoJo taxi service, an expenditure Williams described as "absurd."

McDaniel asked why no bids were collected for tent rentals, and why the TDC chose to rent with an out-of-town party rental service, with so many local

families struggling.

## Quantifying impact

The only sales documents from the PoJo Live Music Festival cite \$485 made from T-shirt sales and \$7,434 from the sale of tickets, which were required to purchase alcohol at the event.

Because the concert was free, Kerigan was unable to provide a record of the number of attendees for this "high impact event," focused on attracting out-of-county visitors.

Bed tax collections have been consistently higher in 2011, with record numbers in July and the numbers for August almost back to where they were in 2009.

The bed tax collections for September have been steadily rising since 2008. The September 2011 bed tax was \$74,190, up from \$49,091 in 2010 and \$36,028 in 2009. Overall, the gross revenue from this fiscal year totaled \$847,657, topping last year's \$740,845 and \$790,526 from the year before.

Kerigan estimated roughly \$1.3 million brought into Gulf County in September.

"September is usually one of our slowest months," Kerigan said. "We've had some great increases, but at the same time we need to fine-tune our policies."

During the weekend of Sept. 16 and 17 when the PoJo Festival was held in St. Joe Beach, most area hotels and motels reported average occupancy.



The El Governador Motel in Mexico Beach didn't fill up that weekend, with 45 of the 125 rooms vacant.

The Mainstay Suites and Port Inn reported occupancy levels more typical of July, at 90 and 95 percent.

The Gulf View Motel was full Thursday through Sunday that week, but owner Jan Smith said the motel usually stays full, with documented full occupancy last year for 96 weeks straight.

Owner and manager of the Dixie Bell Motel Dan McDonough reported full occupancy, but he said the 10-unit motel is usually fully booked on weekends.

McDonough said events like PoJo help more than they hurt.

The Driftwood Inn in Mexico Beach had all of its 20 beachside units and four houses full for the weekend, but manager Shawna Wood chalked it up to normal traffic.

"In the past, you'd have to book three months in advance, but this year you could still call two to three weeks ahead and get something," Wood said. "This year was amazingly better (than last year), but we still weren't back 100 percent."

See TDC A7

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## TDC from page A6

### Questions about spending/contracts

From January to October 2011 the TDC spent \$210,989 from the area event support account.

The highest allotments were \$25,000 for the Gulf County Sheriff's Office Bass Tournament, \$25,000 for the Fourth of July fireworks, \$25,000 for a Visitgulf.com NASCAR sponsorship at the Oct. 22 Camping World Truck Series Race at the Talladega Super Speedway (Truck No. 82 driven by Grant Enfinger), \$20,000 for July's Florida Scallop and Music Festival and \$15,632 to print Gulf County visitor guides.

Funds from the account also helped to fund other area events and Visit Gulf County promotions.

In total, \$251,989 has been spent on advertising and public relations support, with \$224,489.42 worth of invoices made out to Kerigan Marketing.

Kerigan Marketing, owned by Jack Kerigan, brother of TDC executive director Tim Kerigan, has been providing marketing services for the TDC without a contract since its previous contract expired in March 2010, another issue Williams presented at the BOCC meeting.

The county issued an award letter to Kerigan Marketing in the spring of 2010, but no formal contract

was signed.

County attorney Jeremy Novak addressed the TDC's need for a formal contract with Kerigan Marketing at the Oct. 6 TDC board meeting.

"The TDC had no formal structure in the past," Novak said. "The county issued an award letter in the spring of 2010, and Jack (Kerigan) has been operating under that."

Novak said the county needs to sign a contract with a termination date as soon as possible, and presented a revised version of the TDC's original contract with Kerigan Marketing for the BOCC to look over at the meeting Oct. 25.

"My problem with it is two-fold," said Williams, who also expressed disapproval for the "conflict of interest" arising from Tim Kerigan contracting his brother's company as the TDC's sole marketing services provider.

Williams cited Florida Statute 112.3143, which lays out voting conflicts for public officials in regards to relatives. The statute states: "Relative" means any father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law."

Jack Kerigan addressed the board, citing higher bed taxes in Gulf County for 2011 and growing Web site traffic for VisitGulf.com.

"Every media pitch we

put out has a plan," Jack Kerigan said. "Our team is completely transparent in everything that we do."

Williams said it is impossible to be transparent without a contract.

Jack Kerigan offered no explanation as to why no contract was signed after the award letter was issued.

Tim Kerigan said it is unfair to compare the Gulf County TDC to the Walton County TDC because Walton County is a larger operation, receiving more than \$8 million from BP in 2011 and with a much larger staff to handle the funds.

"Obviously there are things we need to address," Kerigan said. "We certainly are doing what we can with the staff we have."

Kerigan said he has not tried to do anything unethical, and that the TDC has held to its allocations with the BP funds, with a spending plan similar to Santa Rosa County. Kerigan said where the TDC has failed is by not requesting BOCC approval for expenditures totaling more than \$5,000.

"If we're looking at policies and procedures, we can handle that," Kerigan said. "But when are we going to have this amount of money to spend again?"

Williams responded by demanding Kerigan put the house back in order.

"Follow statute, follow suit, do your job and we're fine," Williams said.

### BREAKDOWN OF BP FUNDS SPENT IN 2011

Total to Gulf County TDC in 2011 - \$1,161,534  
Total Spent as of Oct. 17 - \$639,077.40

#### High Impact Events

PoJo Live Music Festival - \$174,104.08  
Hardware/Setup - \$39,974.57  
Band Contracts - \$81,350  
ALO - \$36,000  
Bob Schneider - \$10,000  
Matt Costa - \$8,500  
The Sheepdogs - \$7,500  
Honey Island Swamp Band - \$4,500  
Michael Tolcher - \$4,500  
Spiritual Rez - \$3,000  
Thomas Wynn & The Believers - \$2,750  
Mishka (deposit only) - \$2,000  
Bo Spring Band - \$1,200  
Sara Mac Band - \$500  
The Curry Brothers - \$500  
Buddy Hamm - \$250  
Greg Wood - \$150  
Band Accommodations/hospitality - \$20,917.82  
PoJo Merchandise/Promotions - \$15,039.43  
Personnel Services - \$12,679  
Security - \$1,225  
Two-day shuttle service - \$6,000  
Event Assistance/ Bartenders - \$2,554  
Camera crews - \$2,900  
Alcohol - \$4,143.26

\*PoJo cost from area event support account - \$4,784.27  
\*Money collected from T-shirt/alcohol sales - \$7,919

#### Advertising and Public Relations Support - \$251,989

Paid to Kerigan Marketing - \$224,489.42  
Television - \$106,885.25  
Print - \$44,200.27  
Interactive - \$51,487.75  
Outdoor - \$19,276.15  
Public Relations Support - \$2,640  
Paid to other marketing entities - \$30,140.63  
Television - \$30,000  
Print - \$140.63

#### Area Event Support - \$210,343.27

Top 10 account expenditures (single invoices)  
1) Gulf County Sheriff's Second Annual Bass Tournament - \$25,000  
2) Fourth of July Fireworks - \$25,000  
3) NASCAR Sponsorship at Talladega Camping World Truck Series Race - \$25,000  
4) Florida Scallop and Music Festival - \$20,000  
5) Gulf County Visitor Guides - \$15,632  
6) Blast on the Bay Songwriters' Festival - \$15,000  
7) Gator Classic Catfish Tournament - \$15,000  
8) Gulf Alliance for Local Arts First Fridays - \$10,800  
9) Scallop Drop Treasure Hunt (not including event consultation) - \$6,551  
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## Squirrel season returns Nov. 12

By Stan Kirkland  
Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Commission

In less than two weeks, anyone who visits the lower Apalachicola River will swear a war has broken out. Rest assured, it's no war, but the annual opening of squirrel season.

Small-game season, which is the open season for gray squirrel and quail, runs from Nov. 12 to March 4 throughout the state. Hunters are allowed to kill 12 squirrels daily.

The lower Apalachicola River isn't the only area where squirrel hunters will be out in numbers. In the Florida Panhandle, there'll be lots of squirrel hunters hunting the hardwoods along practically every river and creek where they have access.

On the Apalachicola River below Wewahatchka, most of the boat ramps will

be crowded with trucks and boat trailers while their owners hunt out of their boats. Where there's private property, some hunters use simple cabins as their base for sleeping and eating. Other hunters use tents and sleep primitive style, on the ground.

One hunter who made the trip every year for almost 30 years is Tony Bigot of Fort Walton Beach. The 64-year-old hasn't hunted the past couple of years but he said it was a trip that he and eight or nine friends made together every year.

"It was really a ritual for us. We would go down on Friday afternoon or night (the day before the opening), sleep in a friend's cabin and then hunt Saturday morning and go back in the afternoon," he said.

Bigot said they hunted near Brothers River and generally found lots of squirrels.



JOHN DRUMMOND | Special to the Star

From left, Michael Dobbs, John Drummond and Mark Bateman bagged 21 gray squirrels.

"Sometimes you'd kill your bag limit in a couple hours. But usually, we'd get five or six in the morning and about that many in the afternoon."

Bigot said he always prided himself on his sense of direction and being able

to find his way back to the camp, but one day every oak, gum and cypress looked the same and he knew he was lost.

After wandering in circles for several hours, he found a guy cutting firewood and paid him \$5 to take him

back to the boat landing.

"My friends were there looking for me. I took a lot of kidding," he said.

Bigot said he enjoyed his annual opening-weekend trip so much that he took both his son and daughter to experience the Southern

tradition.

"We enjoyed the hunt but all the other stuff — eating camp food, sitting around a fire at night and smelling like smoke, and everyone telling stories about their hunt — those are things I'll always remember," he said.

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#### Inshore

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Gag grouper season will come to an end and this month. This fall season has produced many good fish. Most legal fish are holding still in the 100 to 200-foot range; however, the cooler water temps will soon have grouper close to shore. Some kingfish are being caught, but it is a hit-or-miss fishery. Loads of sand trout and some sheephead are getting hooked at the inshore towers close to the tip of the cape.

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# Brown, Wewahitchka sprint past Bozeman

By Jason Shoot  
Florida Freedom Newspapers

Wewahitchka's Theryl Brown and Bozeman's Jacob Martinez staged a duel for the ages Friday night at Gator Field.

It was Brown, however, who went home pleased with the end result.

Brown ran for 343 yards and five touchdowns, and his 11-yard touchdown run with a minute and a half remaining in the game lifted the host Gators to a thrilling 52-45 win in front of a raucous Homecoming crowd.

"He is something else," said Wewahitchka coach Denniz Kizziah. "We are apparently comfortable winning this way. I guess it seems each week it gets a little more exciting and we figured out how to make it more exciting this week."

Representing District 2-1A, Wewa improved to 7-2 overall with its seventh consecutive win. Bozeman, which resides in District 3-1A, slipped to 2-6 with its fifth straight loss.

The Gators needed every one of Brown's heroics to withstand Martinez and his Bozeman teammates. Martinez, the Bucks' quarterback, finished with a whopping 528 yards of total offense, 312 on the ground and another 216 through the air. His perfectly placed 26-yard strike to Alex Hobbs in the end zone gave Bozeman a 45-44 lead with 3:21 remaining.

The consequence of that play was it left Brown far too much time to put his legs to work. The Wewa tailback carried the ball five times for 43 yards on the ensuing drive, culminating with his go-ahead touchdown run.

Daniel Taylor returned

the Gators' kickoff 36 yards to the Wewa 35 with 1:16 left and put Bozeman in position to tie the game or steal a victory. Brown had other intentions, though, and he stepped in front of a hurried Martinez pass in the end zone on fourth-and-15 to seal Wewa's victory.

Martinez had given the Bucks a 36-33 lead with a 1-yard touchdown run with 6:46 remaining, but Wewa's Jalyn Addison returned Bozeman's kickoff 72 yards for a touchdown to put the Gators back in front 44-39.

Perhaps the biggest difference between the two teams was that Wewa already had played several games of this nature, contests that resembled tennis matches as much as football games with the way the ball moved back and forth, up and down the field. Over its past seven games, Wewa's offense has generated 345 points, while the defense has allowed 223.

"Over 33 years of coaching, I have had some good teams and some bad teams," Kizziah said. "I'm not sure yet which one this is. I told the coaches if we could get past Bozeman, which is a pretty good team, we were pretty good. And we did that. Anyway we can get the win, we'll take it."

The first half was a wild shootout between the two offenses. Martinez rushed for 183 yards and three touchdowns on 10 carries through two quarters, and he also contributed with three completions to receiver Tommy Cook for 78 yards.

Martinez ran for touchdowns of 18, 83, 30 and 1 yards. He also threw a pair of touchdowns, connecting with Cook on a 29-yard touchdown pass in the first

half. Martinez finished 8-for-18 passing, and his two interceptions each were picked off by Brown.

The Bucks piled up 342 yards of offense before halftime en route to a 26-24 lead through two quarters, but they weren't successful slowing down Wewa, either. The Gators had 233 yards of offense, including 101 rushing yards on Brown's 14 carries.

Brown finished the game with scoring runs of 25, 15, 74, 94 and 11 yards. Addison, in addition to his kickoff return, also turned a short completing into a 43-yard touchdown pass in the first half.

Brown has rushed for 1,885 yards on the season. That is No. 1 in the state, regardless of classification, according to MaxPreps, and Brown has surpassed Ike Mincy as the single-season rushing leader in Wewahitchka High School history.

Taylor finished with nine carries for 70 yards, and his 12-yard touchdown run two plays into the second half gave the Bucks a 33-24 lead. Brown responded two plays later, though, tearing through Bozeman's defense for his 74-yard scoring romp.

The Gators already had clinched a postseason berth with a 3-1 runner-up finish in district play. A Sneads victory over Vernon this Friday will force a three-way tie for the district title and playoff spots.

Wewahitchka is off this week before traveling to West Gadsden next Friday.

"We are starting to get beat up some so this off week come at a good time for us," Kizziah said.

Star News Editor Tim Croft contributed to this report.



Back row, left to right: Jaclyn Kerigan, Shannon Pridgeon, Nicole Endres, Haley Wood, Brittnee Peak. Front row, left to right: Autumn Haynes, Katie Gardner, Oneika Lockley, Raney Besore, Nichole Spilde, Katie Lacour

# Port St. Joe falls in district volleyball finals

Star Staff Report

The season came to a crushing halt Tuesday night for the Port St. Joe High School volleyball team.

The Lady Tiger Sharks lost a District 4-1A semifinal match against Blountstown at Liberty County High School, ending their season.

Blountstown won 3-1 in sets and moves on to play Thursday evening for the district title.

With six seniors, Port St. Joe was upset about losing out a playoff spot, guaranteed to the winner of Tuesday's game.

"The Lady Tigers of Blountstown just put together a really good match," said Port St. Joe coach Wayne Taylor. "I feel for our girls, with six seniors it's really difficult when your season comes abruptly to an end like this. We really thought we had a good shot in the regionals this year

but Blountstown just outplayed us."

Some statistics for the season for the seniors: Katie Gardner - 56 service aces, 80 kills and 13 solo blocks; Oneika Lockley with 313 service receptions and 273 digs; Raney Besore had 40 kills; Autumn Haynes had 74 kills, 46 service aces and seven solo blocks; Katie Lacour had 62 service aces and 289 assists; and Nichole Spilde had 41 kills and 27 service aces.

# West Gadsden shuts out Port St. Joe

By Tim Croft  
Star News Editor

The red zone was a blank slate for Port St. Joe Friday night.

The Tiger Sharks were in West Gadsden territory five times, twice reaching inside the 10, but could not finish the task and were shutout 21-0 in a crucial District 4-1A matchup.

The arithmetic for Port St. Joe (3-5 overall, 1-2 in the district) was rendered bleak by the loss.

The Tiger Sharks must beat Liberty County at home next week and hope West Gadsden (3-5, 2-1) stumbles at least once in the final two weeks to force a three-team shootout for the district's second playoff spot.

"We could not execute in the red zone, bottom line," said Port St. Joe coach Vern Barth. "We moved the ball at times, but we did not execute when we needed to. We have to figure some things out and regroup and be ready for a good Liberty County team."

"We'll be ready." The Tiger Sharks offense seemed more than ready from the outset Friday, but the opening drive stamped the DNA for the game before it was three minutes old.

Port St. Joe took the opening kickoff from its 17 and moved to the Panther 22. However, quarterback Trevor Lang threw into traffic inside the Panther

5, his pass intercepted by Caleb Cook. Cook slipped one tackle, picked up two blocks down the left sideline and transformed the turnover into a 96-yard touchdown return.

Isereal Grande kicked the extra point and it was 7-0 West Gadsden with 9:03 left in the opening period.

"That interception really hurt," Barth said. "We were ready to snatch momentum, but instead of being up 7-0 we were down 7-0."

Port St. Joe moved right back down the field on the next possession to a fourth-and-one at the Panther 39. Port St. Joe faked the punt, Lang, the up man, was stopped on a rushing attempt and the Panthers took over.

They moved 66 yards in 12 plays on their only sustained drive of the half to score. Quarterback Andronde Kelly connected with Marquis Brown in the right flat that Daniels turned into a 16-yard touchdown and Grande's kick made it 14-0.

Port St. Joe twice more moved into a position to score. The ensuing march reached as deep as the Panther 6, but a sack and a holding penalty sent the Tiger Sharks in reverse and Daniel May was wide left on a 40-yard field goal.

The next time Port St. Joe had the ball the Tiger Sharks pushed to the West Gadsden 2 in the final minute before a sack, a penalty and clock management is-

sues snuffed the drive just prior to intermission.

Port St. Joe enjoyed a 127-95 cushion in total offensive yards yet was down by two touchdowns.

"That was definitely not the way we game-planned it," said West Gadsden coach Antonio Bradwell. "The interception helped a lot. It is a win and gets us to the next game next week. That's what we wanted. We'll take it."

The second half was a story of offense undermined by penalties — the teams combined for 21 yellow flags in the game — and turnovers — four in the final 24 minutes alone.

The Tiger Sharks gained just 40 net yards in the half — the Panthers picked up the pace in the second half and finished with 293 total yards — and were in Panther territory only one more time.

That excursion ended with another faked punt and another West Gadsden stop.

The Panthers turned the stop into points by covering 46 yards in three plays, Dexter Alls bulling the final 11 yards up the gut. Grande's extra point kick turned the scoreboard for the final time.

During Friday's game against Liberty County, kickoff at 7:30 p.m. ET, Port St. Joe High School will induct eight new members to the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremonies will take place during halftime.

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# PSJ Gene Raffield teams win

Star Staff Report

Jaguar Head Coach David Davis told his team at practice last week that they were going to Franklin County on a business trip and the idea was to take care of business. That is exactly what all three Port St. Joe Gene Raffield teams did.

The Dolphins won 30-0, the Jaguars 40-0 and the Buccaneers 42-6. With the wins all three teams are guaranteed a spot in the Big Bend Super Bowl, only the second time that has happened since the GRFL was formed in 1999.

With only one more regular season game to play, all three teams are

undefeated. If they can get past the always-tough Blountstown on Saturday, they will have set a remarkable record. For two, this year's performance is a welcome change. The Dolphins were middle-of-the-pack last year but this year they have not been scored upon while winning going 5-0.

Last year the Buccaneers did not even exist. They won their first two games in double overtime, followed up with Saturday's blow-out win over Franklin County.

The Jaguars, the Port St. Joe team with the best record of any Gulf County team over the past decade, just expect to win. Big

Bend Champions the last two years and three of the past four.

The success of the program ultimately comes down to the kids. The parents have to give their support getting the players to practice and encouraging them to succeed. The coaches have to teach and inspire. But it is the young men that put in the work, run the wind sprints, sweat in the heat and push themselves to get better. They're the reason for all this success.

There were enough highlights Saturday to fill the page. They include an interception returned for a touchdown by Jasmin Thomas for the Buc's first

score, a 77-yard touchdown run by the Dolphin's Brennon Foxworth and Jaguar tackle Jonnolan Treglown's touchdown while playing fullback for the first time.

Nothing tops what the Buccaneer team did on the last play of their game. The Seahawks have a courageous player with disabilities on their team. On the last play of the game he took a handoff from the quarterback and, escorted by the Franklin County team and the Buccaneers, went 85 yards to the end zone. When he reached the end zone, there were high fives all around with as many congrats from the Bucs as from the Seahawks.



COURTESY OF MAL PARRISH

The second Dolphin defense gang-tackles a Seahawks runner.

## St. Joseph Bay Golf Club to hold 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 Mu-

seum. 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, 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 Port Inn.

Cash prizes for the golf 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 World War II 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 over 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 World

War II years.

Hole sponsorships are available and tournament registration information can be found at [www.stjogbaygolf.com](http://www.stjogbaygolf.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.

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## WHS basketball alumni tournament

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Wewahitchka High School basketball has finalized plans for an Alumni Basketball tournament to be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the WHS gymnasium.

In addition to team play, there will be an individual 3-point shot competition,

along with a dunk competition, with cash prizes to the winners. Please make plans to attend what we feel will be a very entertaining day of basketball. The first game is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. CT on Saturday. Additional games' times are 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

In addition to the Alum-

ni Games, the 3-point shoot-out and the dunk competition will be open to anyone interested in participating in these special competitions.

Please make your plans to come out, next Saturday to the WHS Gymnasium and show your support of WHS basketball in this special fundraising

event. It should be a fun and enjoyable day. Tournament passes will be on sale at the door for \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The concession stand will also be open, so plan on coming out to eat lunch and support WHS Basketball while you also enjoy watching some great basketball games.

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Sun, Nov 6	71°	55°	10 %
Mon, Nov 7	77°	58°	10 %
Tues, Nov 8	77°	58°	10 %
Wed, Nov 9	77°	58°	10 %

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

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

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

**St. Joseph Bay**

Date	Time	Height	Type	Time	Height	Type
11/3	Thu 03:21AM	1.4	H	01:31PM	0.3	L
11/4	Fri 04:06AM	1.1	H	01:14PM	0.6	L
	09:39PM	1.1	H			
11/5	Sat 03:52AM	0.8	L	06:57AM	0.9	H
	12:17PM	0.8	L	08:36PM	1.2	H
11/6	Sun 03:28AM	0.6	L	07:18PM	1.3	H
11/7	Mon 04:00AM	0.3	L	07:21PM	1.6	H
11/8	Tue 04:32AM	0.2	L	07:36PM	1.7	H
11/9	Wed 05:07AM	0.0	L	07:59PM	1.8	H

**Apalachicola Bay, West Pass**

Date	Time	Height	Type	Time	Height	Type
11/3	Thu 04:31AM	1.1	L	09:08AM	1.2	H
	05:21PM	0.5	L	11:51PM	1.2	H
11/4	Fri 05:53AM	0.9	L	11:01AM	1.1	H
	06:13PM	0.6	L			
11/5	Sat 12:18AM	1.2	H	06:57AM	0.6	L
	12:53PM	1.1	H	07:00PM	0.7	L
11/6	Sun 12:41AM	1.3	H	06:49AM	0.4	L
	01:19PM	1.1	H	06:42PM	0.9	L
11/7	Mon 12:03AM	1.3	H	07:34AM	0.2	L
	02:25PM	1.2	H	07:19PM	1.0	L
11/8	Tue 12:23AM	1.4	H	08:15AM	0.1	L
	03:19PM	1.2	H	07:52PM	1.1	L
11/9	Wed 12:44AM	1.4	H	08:52AM	-0.1	L
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## Wewa student aces eighth-grade FCATs

Valerie Garman  
Star Staff Writer

Renee Bernal doesn't like writing, but her descriptive essay about her favorite place on last year's FCAT writing exam earned her a 6, the highest score possible.

Bernal wrote about the woods behind her house, a place she uses as an escape from the chaos of her overscheduled teenage life.

"It's quiet," Bernal said. "I just like to go back there and be by myself."

In addition to her 6 in writing, the soft-spoken 14-year-old also scored in the highest level on the eighth-grade reading, math and science exams, with a 5 in each subject.

Bernal, a ninth-grader at Wewahitchka High School, was recognized at the Oct. 6 school board



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Renee Bernal, a ninth-grader at Wewahitchka High School, was recognized at the Oct. 6 school board meeting for scoring the highest level on all of the eighth-grade FCAT tests, with 5s in reading, math and science and a 6 in writing.

meeting for her outstanding academic achievement, an accomplishment Wewahitchka High School principal Debbie Baxley

believes has never been seen before in Gulf County.

"I was just astounded when I saw it," Baxley said. "I mean, it's

quite amazing. She's one of those children that's going to do well no matter what you do, but I have to give all the credit to (the former middle school) staff."

For her stellar FCAT performance, Bernal received a trophy, certificate, \$100 from the school and \$100 from an anonymous donor, which she plans on spending at this weekend's Florida Seafood Festival.

"I just do it. I just answer it and go on," Bernal said of her testing strategy, which often leaves her finished long before time is up.

"She's definitely a top student," said Misty Wood, Bernal's geometry honors teacher at WHS. "She works really hard and doesn't let anyone get the best of her."

Wood said Bernal's family is a big part of her life, and they provide the support needed for success.

"We don't get fives in science very often — it's tough," said Wood, who noted that the science FCAT often holds students back from achieving the highest score in all disciplines. "To get the top score in all four, it's something special."

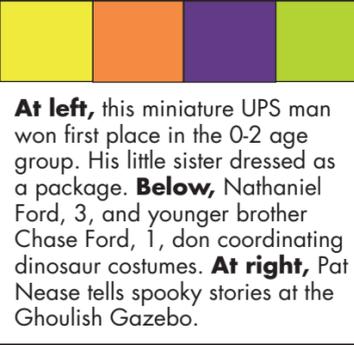
Bernal has maintained a 4.0 GPA through elementary and middle school, and with a schedule loaded with honors and advanced classes, she plans on continuing her exemplary academic career through high school.

Bernal even took algebra in eighth grade through Florida Virtual School so she could stay challenged and start high school ahead of the curve in math, her favorite subject.

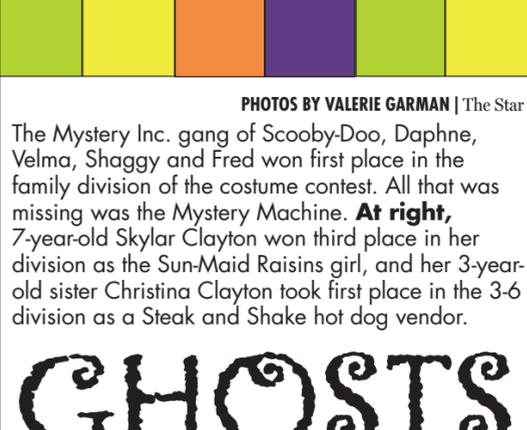
"It's just easy for me," said Bernal, who thinks she got the "math gene" from her father.

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**At left**, this miniature UPS man won first place in the 0-2 age group. His little sister dressed as a package. **Below**, Nathaniel Ford, 3, and younger brother Chase Ford, 1, don coordinating dinosaur costumes. **At right**, Pat Nease tells spooky stories at the Ghoulish Gazebo.






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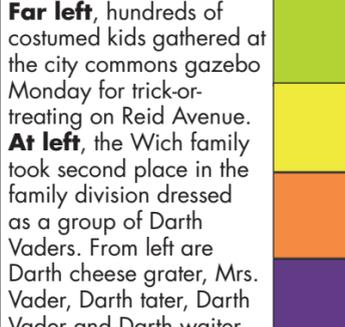
The Mystery Inc. gang of Scooby-Doo, Daphne, Velma, Shaggy and Fred won first place in the family division of the costume contest. All that was missing was the Mystery Machine. **At right**, 7-year-old Skylar Clayton won third place in her division as the Sun-Maid Raisins girl, and her 3-year-old sister Christina Clayton took first place in the 3-6 division as a Steak and Shake hot dog vendor.

## GHOSTS ON THE COAST

Star Staff Report

Hundreds of trick-or-treaters descended upon Reid Avenue on Halloween night for the Chamber of Commerce's annual Ghosts on the Coast event. The night was complete with dance performances, costume contests, storytelling by Pat Nease, carnival games, hay rides and plenty of candy. The downtown merchants transformed Reid Avenue into Trick-or-Treat Terrace, with spooky decorations and treats at every doorstep. The event was sponsored by the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce, Progress Energy and the Gulf County Tourism Development Council.





**Far left**, hundreds of costumed kids gathered at the city commons gazebo Monday for trick-or-treating on Reid Avenue. **At left**, the Wich family took second place in the family division dressed as a group of Darth Vaders. From left are Darth cheese grater, Mrs. Vader, Darth tater, Darth Vader and Darth waiter.

## 5th annual Panhandle Sportsman's Banquet tonight

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 today, 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 area sportsmen and enjoying 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



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A highlight of every banquet is Charlie Norton's specially prepared ribeye steaks.

"famous, no-man-left-hungry" ribeye steaks will take up a good portion of the dinner plate, leav-

ing 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 the 2010 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 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.

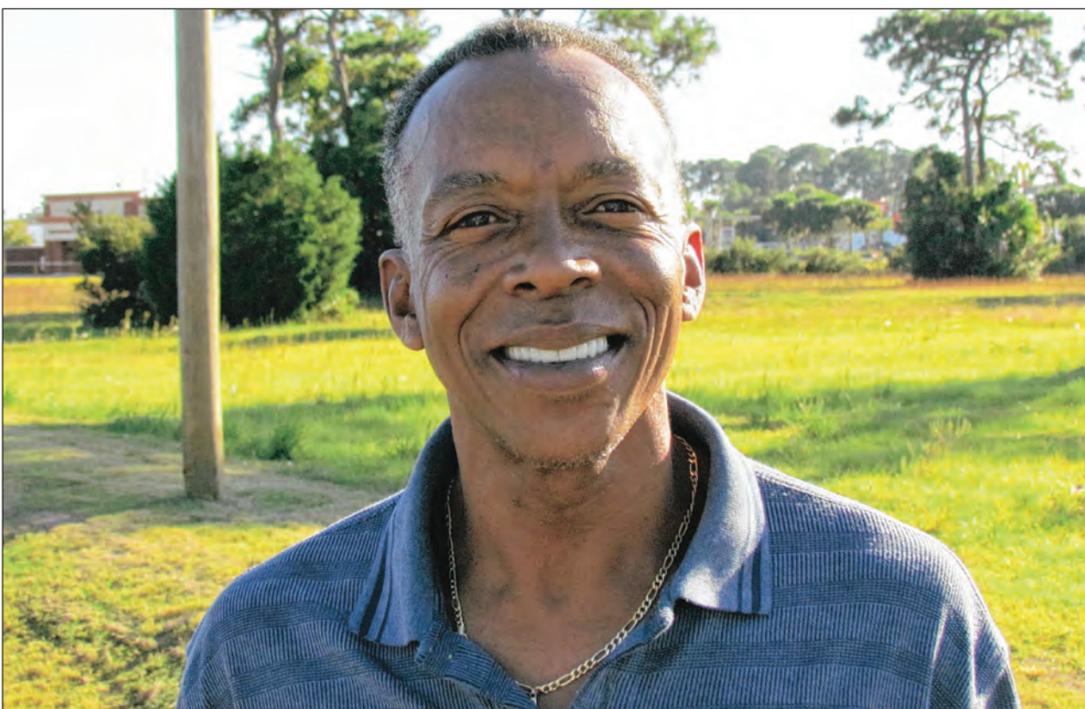
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# Billy Quinn Jr. recognized by governor

Star Staff Report

Billy Quinn Jr., manager of Rish Park in Port St. Joe, was recognized by Gov. Rick Scott on Sept. 30 for his superb customer service: "A letter came across my desk from a Florida citizen who had written to the Agency of Persons with Disabilities. The letter describes the superb customer service demonstrated by Billy

Quinn Jr., a park manager at Rish Park located on St Joseph Peninsula. During their stay, they daily observed Mr. Quinn and his staff helping others with disabilities so they could enjoy the wonderful facility. His attention to detail plus his genuine concern for others was evident. Thanks to Billy and his staff. Keep up the great work and awesome customer service." Congratulations Billy!



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Billy Quinn Jr., manager of Rish Park in Port St. Joe



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Left to right; Patty Fisher, Dianne Semmes, Marlyn Grawey, Carolyn Watson and Donna Roberts.

## Coats for kids

Special to The Star

GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club had its annual Coats for Kids drive on Oct. 14. Club members gave 70 coats, 40 blankets and a number of hats gloves and T-

shirts to Wewahitchka Elementary School and North Florida Child Development.

The goal is for no kid to go without a coat. Their next Coats for Kids Drive will be on Nov. 9 at Port St. Joe Elementary School.

## Fish Fry Benefit

A fish fry benefit will be held for Theodore Taylor on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 11 a.m. ET at Frank Pate Park. The meal will include fish, potato salad, baked

beans, bread, cake and tea for a \$6 donation. All proceeds from the fish fry will assist Taylor with finances for a needed heart and kidney transplant.

## All request Oldies but Goodies

The Gulf County Senior Citizens and Community Center, located at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe, would like to invite you to join them on Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. until noon ET to enjoy the "Oldies but Goodies

Show" by DeeJay Steve McIntire. He will be playing all types of music by request from the 50s, 60s and 70s. This event is free and open to the public. Please call Debbie at 229-8466 for more information.

## 2011 Thanksgiving dinner planning meeting

Star Staff Report

There will be a meeting Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. ET at the Oak Grove Church, 613 Madison Street in Port St. Joe, to plan the 2011 countywide Thanksgiving dinner. The committee needs financial support from individuals and organizations to raise funds to purchase turkeys and hams so 850 dinners can be prepared, heated and delivered

to needy people in Gulf County. Anyone who would like to make a donation is asked to mail it to the following address. Please call Jerry Stokoe at 381-6122 if you have any questions. Volunteers are needed to make this project a success! Mail donations to: Oak Grove Church, P.O. Box 967, Port St. Joe, FL 32457. Place "Donation for Thanksgiving dinner" on legend.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Happy 2nd Birthday Alonah Shay Newby Love, Mommy, Sissy, Ammaw, Papa and Aunt Shosho

## PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



### MEET SAROBE

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society would like to announce our RABIES VACCINE CLINIC on Saturday, November 12th. Please bring your dogs and cats in for a Rabies Vaccination (\$8.00/pet). Vaccines will be available at the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, 1007 Tenth St. Port St. Joe from 12 pm - 3pm. Dogs must be leashed and cats in carriers. For

more information call the Humane Society at 850-227-1103. Hi, my name is Sarobe and I am 9 months old. I came into the shelter with a nice man in his truck with a collar on me with an on my collar. The nice people at the HS have tried to get in touch with my owners but...no luck... so if you are out there Mommy and Daddy please come by! Everyone here is really nice to me and I love them, but I want a home of my own. I love to play with kids and my other friends at the shelter. I am learning to walk on my leash and promise to study my commands. If you can give me a home, I will love you forever. I am up for adoption to a good loving home! Please come by and meet me...you will fall in love!

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Bow Wow Bash and helped us raise money for the doggies and kitties we had a fun time! PLEASE HELP US! If you are not able to adopt a pet then please help us save a life by sponsoring one today just Contact Melody at 227-1103 or Shelter Mom Melissa at 625-5676 for more information on how to help! You may also find more information about our other dogs and cats we have here on our website at www.SJBHumaneSociety.org. Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Also Faith's Thrift Hut is in great need of donations also and all the proceeds go directly to support the animals in our care! Faith's Thrift Hut Has Expanded! We now have more furniture & appliances. Plus lots of other great thrift store treasures. The hours for the store are Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome at both our store and our shelter! Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!

## Wewahitchka Woman's Club membership

Special to The Star

If you would like to help make a difference in the lives of others and our community, please consider joining the GFWC Wewahitchka

Woman's Club Inc. This is an international club, with over 100,000 members around the world that are proud to say they are a GFWC member. There will be a membership social on Monday, Nov.

14, at 5:30 p.m. CT at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church, 138 E. Orange Street, Wewahitchka.

If you have any questions about the club or the upcoming social, you may contact one of the

following members: Patty Fisher, 639-9794; Dianne Semmes, 639-5345; or Carolyn Watson, 639-3801. The members of our club look forward to receiving new members, and hope you will be one of them.

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By Rebecca Kerigan and Ashely Kennedy

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Nov. 2: NJROTC field trip to NAS Pensacola;  
 Nov. 4: Registration deadline for ACT at Bay on Feb. 11, 2012;  
 Nov. 7: Gold Cards issued;  
 Nov. 8: ASVAB testing at 8:15 a.m. in Commons Area for all juniors; School Board Meeting at

PSJJSHS at 10 a.m. ET;  
 Nov. 11: Veterans Day program, 9 a.m. ET in gym.  
 Any girls who attended the youth cheerleading camp with the varsity cheerleaders should remember to meet at halftime of the football game on Nov. 4 to perform. Only girls wearing their camp shirts will be permitted onto the field. If you still have not picked up your shirt from camp, you may do so in the high school office.  
 Athletic Hall of Fame inductions will take place before the Nov. 4 football game vs. Liberty Co.; eight new members will be inducted.  
 Seniors who are planning to go

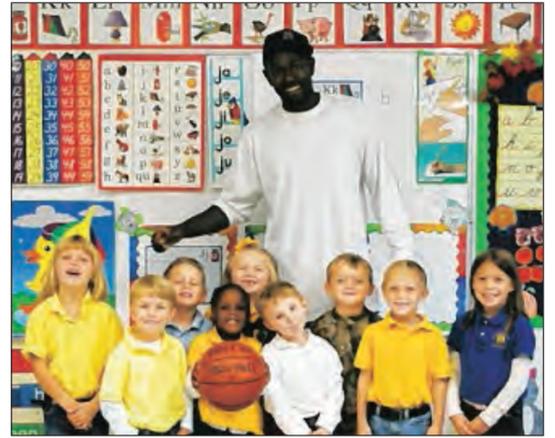
on the senior trip need to pay their \$60 payment for November by Nov. 30. If the October payment has not been paid, it is late and needs to be turned in to Ms. Alcorn as soon as possible.

**Sports**

Nov. 2: Cross country district at Wewahitchka at 11 a.m.;  
 Nov. 4: Football vs. Liberty County at 7:30 p.m. ET;  
 Nov. 9: Football vs. Sneads 7:30 p.m. ET;  
 GO SHARKS!

**Clubs**

All Math Club, National Honor Society and Keyettes members who have 5th or 6th period free need to help clean out the flower beds in the front of the school.  
 Keyettes will be having a Pizza Palooza every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the commons area to raise money for Toys for Kids.  
 National Junior Beta Club inductions were Thursday, Oct. 27. President Logan Haddock, Vice President Samantha Ridgley, Secretary Brooke Curcie, Treasurer Marcell Johnson and Historian Damari Cutler conducted the ceremony with a harvest theme. New members being inducted were R.J. Batts, Christina LaPlante, Chloe Burke, Hayden Lee, Mary Butts, Shaye McGuffin, Lauren Davis and Tyler Monroe.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

From left are Maelee Lewis, Carter Costin, Alex Taylor, Miracle Smiley, Riley McGuffin, John Cullen, Luke Pickels, Bryce Forston and Mazie Hodges. In the back row is Theron Smith.

**'T' challenges students**

Special to The Star



A basketball could be heard bouncing in the hallway of Faith Christian School on Oct. 20. Theron Smith, a former NBA player, surprised the K-5 class with his visit. "T," as he is known, showed tricks with a basketball and challenged the students to try the same. Students were also shown how to practice basketball fundamentals. Students were given an opportunity to catch the basketball thrown to them by T, and they were thrilled to have a turn. It will be a memory they shall cherish throughout their lifetime.

choose when he or she grows up. T's greatest challenge to the boys and girls was to accept Jesus into their hearts and to follow His will for their lives.

Mr. Smith played collegiately for Ball State University. He has played for the Memphis Grizzlies and Charlotte Bobcats. He has also played overseas in France, Italy, China and Romania. Currently he is playing in Buenos Aires.

T told them of the importance of an education, no matter what career a student may

The Faith Christian School K-5 class is seen pictured with Theron Smith.



**Saying no to drugs**

PHOTOS BY TIM CROFT | The Star

The students at Port St. Joe Elementary School, concluding a week of events pertaining to drug awareness and prevention, marched adorned in plenty of red to salute Red Ribbon Week last Friday. The annual event is a school-wide challenge to students to stay away from harmful influences such as drugs, cigarettes and alcohol. The kids hiked from the school to Buck Griffin Lake, where Mayor Mel Magidson read a proclamation declaring the week Red Ribbon Week and encouraged the students to stay away from drugs.



**FCS HONOR ROLL**

Special to The Star

This is the Faith Christian School honor roll for the first quarter.

**All A's**

First grade: Magnolia Sarmiento and Halee Whicker  
 Second grade: Kristen Bouington and Shelby Causey

**All A's and B's**

First grade: Donovan Cumbie and Luke O'Barr  
 Second grade: Theron Smith  
 Third grade: Jacob Davis and Farren Newman  
 Fourth grade: Catherine Bouington and Jade Cothran  
 Fifth grade: J.J. Laine  
 Seventh grade: Elijah Sarmiento

**DAZZLING DOLPHINS**



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

**Pre-kindergarten:** Andrew Sheppard. **Kindergarten:** Desiree Causey. **1st grade:** Hannah Riley. **2nd grade:** Lilly Dennison. **3rd grade:** Parker Cornwell. **4th grade:** Raina Whitfield. **5th grade:** Katie Dykes. **6th grade:** Michael Sherrill. **Best in the Lunchroom:** Ciara Glenn. **Bus Riders of the Week:** Hannah Anderson, Alex Thomason, Clinton Moore, Brandon Brant and Curtis Todd

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## Obituaries

### Ronald H. Anstis

Ronald H. Anstis, 95, passed away Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at his home in Wewahitchka, in the loving arms of his wife of 70 years, Ileana. He was born to Alice (Lea) and Henry Anstis on April 1, 1916, in Trafford, Penn. He attended schools there and in New Port Richey, Fla. He was the manager of the Gravity Fill gas station at 6th and Baldrige in North Braddock, Penn. for 20 years and was the owner of The Outpost Bait & Tackle in New Port Richey, Fla. along with his



**RONALD H. ANSTIS**

wife, Ileana, from the 1950s through the 1970s. He retired to Yankeetown, Fla., and lived there 35 years before moving to Wewahitchka in 2006.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Ileana; his daughter: Joan Townsend (James); his grandson: Travis Townsend (Marcy) — all of Wewahitchka; his grandson Troy Townsend (Linda) of Raleigh, N.C.; his grandson: Craig Townsend (Julie) of Jacksonville; and his great-grandchildren: Kathryn and Aubrey Anna Townsend, and Ellen and Matthew Randig.

A memorial service will be held at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Wewahitchka at a later date and will be announced by Heritage Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made in memory of Ronald H. Anstis to St. John's Church, P.O. Box 595, Wewahitchka, FL 32465 or to Emerald Coast Hospice, 2925 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Panama City, FL 32405. No flowers please.

Those wishing to extend a word of condolence may do so at [www.heritagefhllc.com](http://www.heritagefhllc.com). Heritage Funeral Home, 247 N. Tyndall Parkway, Panama City, FL 32404, 850-785-1316.

### Dan Smith

Daniel Earl Smith, born Oct. 6, 1953 to Edward "Smitty" Smith and Josephine Smith, passed away Sept. 14, 2011 in Houston, Texas with his family and friends by his side.



**DAN SMITH**

of Howard Creek, Florida, Richard of Orlando, Florida, Bryan of Panama City, Florida; and numerous nieces, nephews, friends, and extended family.

Dan grew up in St. Joe Beach and attended Port St. Joe High School. He spent the last 30-plus years in Houston, Texas, where he worked as a journeyman electrician. He loved the outdoors and en-

joyed fishing, camping and hunting with his friends. He especially enjoyed riding his beloved Harley. Dan was a kind, caring and fun-loving father, son and brother. Our world is a little darker without him near, but heaven rejoiced over his arrival.

A memorial service celebrating Dan's life will be held 11:30 a.m. ET on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 5875 New Hope Church Road in Tallahassee, Fla.

### Charles Richard 'Dick' McLaughlin

Charles Richard "Dick" McLaughlin, passed away at C.C. Sims State Veterans' Home the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011. A Mexico Beach resident since 1994, he was born June 20, 1928, in East Liverpool, Ohio, where his cremated ashes will be interred. Wilson Funeral Home is handling arrangements in Panama City. Dick was a WWII Navy veteran, attended Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa., and was Event/Promotion Manager for Conneaut Lake Park, Pa., for 33 years. While in



**CHARLES McLAUGHLIN**

this locale, he did a lot of civic and volunteer work, especially for the AARP Safe Driving for Seniors program, teaching 97 classes locally over a 13-year span.

Mr. McLaughlin is survived by his wife of almost 63 years, Ruth Ann Stull McLaughlin, two sons, C. Andrew (spouse, Kitty) of Daleville, Va., and Glenn S. (spouse, April) McLaughlin of Columbia, Md. He also has a grandson, Mark McLaughlin, attending VCU in Richmond, Va.

In lieu of flowers or other expressions of sympathy the family suggests memorials be sent to COVENANT HOSPICE, 107 W. 19th St., Panama City, FL, 32405 or The EMPLOYEES FUND, c/o Shanae Boston, C.C. Sims State Veterans' Nursing Home, 4419 Tram Road, Springfield, FL 32404-2559. The family of Dick McLaughlin would like to publicly express their sincere appreciation to all the staff members of these two organizations for the compassionate and comforting care they all gave tirelessly to ease the passing of their husband/father. Thank You.

## God's life-changing grace

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Have you received this Grace today?  
If by chance you haven't, there is no other way.  
We who have received this grace have God's eternal love.  
It will never be a never-ending experience now and also in heaven above.

Billy Johnson

## Faith BRIEFS

### Dr. Tim Hines at Family Life Church

Dr. Tim Hines will be ministering Nov. 6-8 at Family Life Church on Reid Avenue, downtown Port St. Joe, in what will be a pivotal meeting for this region.

Tim has been bringing the Word of the Lord every year for more than 10 years to this city. The grace of God and the impartation of the anointing of God's Spirit has consistently manifested to help those hurting in their bodies and minds, and to reignite the hearts of the believers. Tim has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Theology and has served as alumni instructor at Brother Norvel Haye's New Life Bible College. He is married to a virtuous

woman and they have two beautiful children. They are based here in Florida, and are submitted to Pastor David Garcia of Brooksville Assembly of God.

Tim is looking forward to what God will do in these meetings at Family Life Church. We would like to invite you to come out to Family Life Church, starting Sunday morning Nov. 6 at 10:30 a.m. ET, and Sunday through Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. ET. You will not be disappointed!

### Annual Harvest Day

Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church will be observing their annual harvest day program on Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. ET at the church located at 280 Avenue C in Port St. Joe.

The speaker will be Minister Ruth Newsome

of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Panama City.

All are welcome to come give thanks unto the Lord and be blessed.

### Revival at Port St. Joe Church of God

Port St. Joe Church of God in Christ will host a community revival on Nov. 9, 10, and 11 at 7:30 p.m. ET in the church sanctuary at 163 Avenue D.

The evangelist will be Supt. David Woods Jr. come and experience a powerful move of God! Be empowered to your next level in God's Kingdom!

### 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 850-639-3600.

**Oak Grove Church**  
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**Schedule of Worship Services**

<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday School	9:00 AM
Morning worship all ages	10:00 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Mid Week Bible Study	6:00 PM
Elective Adult Classes	6:00 PM
Children & Youth Ministry	6:00 PM

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**Highland View Baptist Church**  
382 Ling Street - Highland View  
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	5:00 & 6:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer	7:00 p.m.

Pastor Josh Fidler

**Faith Bible Church**  
[www.faithbiblepsj.net](http://www.faithbiblepsj.net)  
801 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Port St. Joe, FL (850) 229-6707

9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Fellowship Breakfast
11:00 AM	Worship
6:00 PM	Worship

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Bobby Alexander, Minister to Students

**New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church**

<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday School	9:00 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
Youth Groups	5:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	
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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Howard Creek, Florida  
Pastor Henry Hester  
(850) 827-2887

Sunday School	9:45 am (EST)
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 am (EST)
Wednesday Evening Worship	6:00 pm (EST)

**First United Methodist Church of Mexico Beach**  
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Sunday School	10 a.m.	Sunday Evening Worship	6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11 a.m.	Wednesday Evening Service	7 p.m.

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Traditional Worship: 11:00 a.m. ET

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Pastor

Ann Comforth  
Music Director

Jeremy Dixon  
Youth Minister

Deborah Loyless  
Director of Children Ministries

**Wednesday:**  
Youth: 5:30 p.m. ET  
Choir: 7:00 p.m. ET

## Health BRIEFS

From Staff Reports

### Blue Cross, Ascension Sacred Heart reach agreement

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida has signed a new network agreement with Ascension Sacred Heart Health System in Escambia, Gulf and Walton counties for all health product lines of business, including for the first time, the Medicare Advantage PPO plan.

Lines of business in the agreement include BlueChoice (PPO), BlueCare (HMO), BlueOptions (NetworkBlue) and traditional indemnity plans. Also included are BlueMedicare PPO and Regional PPO for Sacred Heart – Emerald Coast and On the Gulf, Blue Select for Sacred Heart – Emerald Coast and On the Gulf and Medicaid for Sacred Heart System, to be completed by Dec. 31, 2011.

“We are truly excited to welcome the Ascension Sacred Heart Health System into the BCBSF networks,” said Jane Tuten, BCBSF senior markets vice president. “With this expanded agreement, our members can take advantage of Ascension’s quality service and care. We are especially delighted that this agreement included Medicare Advantage PPO and allows our BlueMedicare Regional PPO members access to Ascension’s services.

### Sacred Heart welcomes Gulf Coast Dermatology

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf welcomes Gulf Coast Dermatology to its community of health providers. Heather Preisser, certified physician assistant, began seeing patients in Gulf County on Nov. 1 at the Sacred Heart on the Gulf’s Medical Office Building. Gulf Coast Dermatology will see patients Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET.

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf’s Medical Office Building is located on the hospital’s campus at 3801 U.S. Highway 98 in Port St. Joe. To schedule an appointment with Gulf Coast Dermatology, call 233-3376 and specify the Sacred Heart location.

## The Artery offers after-school arts

Special to The Star

Gulf Alliance for Local Arts is excited to offer after-school art classes for children ages 5 and up encompassing visual arts including instruction in clay and painting with mixed media.

In the fall session, the “World of Clay” will focus on art in nature. Instructor Leslie Wentzell teaches children to let Mother Nature be their guide and use flora and fauna to inspire artist creations. The “World of Color” gets inspiration from recycled and found items.

Instructor Dolores Lowery teaches students to look beyond the ordinary and use found and recycled objects to add a 3-dimensional aspect to their work using acrylic paints and mediums on canvas panels and hardboard.

All classes are held at The Artery, 214 Williams Ave. in Port St. Joe. Clay classes are 2:45-4:15 p.m. ET Tuesdays for children ages 5 to 8 and 4:30-6 p.m. for ages 9-plus. Painting with mixed media classes are 2:45-4:15 p.m. Thursdays for children ages 5 to 8 and 4:30-6 p.m. for ages 9-plus.

Classes are \$10 each. Free and reduced-cost classes are available for any child who qualifies for free or-reduced cost lunches. Registration forms are available at [www.gulfalliance.org](http://www.gulfalliance.org) and can be picked up and returned to Port St. Joe Elementary School or The Artery.

For more information, call 541-3981 or email [artclasses@gulfalliance.org](mailto:artclasses@gulfalliance.org). You can also contact instructors Leslie Wentzell at [lwentzell@yahoo.com](mailto:lwentzell@yahoo.com) or Dolores Lowery at 814-2826 or [seagrassart@gmail.com](mailto:seagrassart@gmail.com).

## School district offers computer training

Special to The Star

The Gulf County School District will offer computer training for the beginner to the advanced learner beginning Nov. 7 at each high school.

There will be several levels of instruction provided at Port St. Joe High School by Wayne Taylor and at Wewahitchka High School by Debbie Gerber. Both of these instructors are Microsoft certified in Word, Power Point and Excel.

Instruction for those who want to learn the basics will be geared for the beginner with no pressure to learn on a fast track. For those who have mastered basic skills and want to progress in Word, Power Point and/or Excel, instruction will be provided. If participants want to become MOS-certified, instructors will provide the preparation, practice and testing. There is a charge for Microsoft Office Suite tests, for which the individual will be responsible.

This is the first year the Adult School Program has to charge an enrollment fee, which is \$28.50 per term. Only checks made to Gulf County School Board or cash may be used for the fee. The program is open-ended, which means participants may register and enter at any time during the school year.

The Port St. Joe High program will be 6-9 p.m. ET Mondays and Wednesdays in the business room by the gym door. Wewahitchka High classes will be 5-8 p.m. CT Mondays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the main entrance.

Times may be adjusted as need and participation dictates.

## BANQUET from page B1

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.



THOMAS BAIRD | Special to The Star

The Sportsman’s Banquets draws hundreds every year.

## FCAT from page B1

“It’s always been really easy to him, and it’s really easy to me.”

Bernal is mentored by an older National Honor Society student at the high school who will prepare her to join the organization next year as a sophomore.

In addition to her outstanding academics, Bernal is involved with volleyball and softball at Wewahitchka High. When she’s not in the classroom or on the softball field, Bernal enjoys spending time outdoors hunting, camping, fishing, four-wheeling and target shooting.

She is a member of the Single Action Shooting Society, an international organization designed to preserve and promote cowboy action shooting. Bernal attends monthly SASS meetings in Wewahitchka.

“It’s kind of like a little cowboy shootout,” Bernal said. “My brother and my daddy do it, and so do my uncles.”

Bernal is also involved with Wewahitchka Search and Rescue, an organization her mom and stepdad are both a part of. Bernal often helps with the rescues, assisting people with boat

accidents, and works concession stands at the organization’s events.

Although Bernal doesn’t know what career path she would like to take, she wants to attend Florida State University after she graduates from WHS in 2015.

“My older brother goes to (Florida State University),” she said. “He’s always been a big FSU fan. We all are.”

Bernal has two sisters and four brothers and spends a lot of time hanging out with her family. She said they are all proud of her academic endeavors.

## NOTICE TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

### Members of the Board

Honorable	Bill Williams	Board of County Commissioners, District No.	3
Honorable	Tan Smiley	Board of County Commissioners, District No.	4
Honorable	Linda Wood	School Board, District No.	3
Citizen Member	Matt Scoggins	Business owner within the school district	
Citizen Member	Eugene Raffield	Homestead property owner	

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

### Summary of Year's Actions

Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in County Taxable Value Due to Board Actions	Shift in Taxes Due to Board Actions
	Exemptions		Assessments*		Both		
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested		Withdrawn or settled	
Residential	0	1	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Commercial	0	0	0	4	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Industrial and miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Agricultural or classified use	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
High-water recharge	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Historic commercial or nonprofit	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Business machinery and equipment	0	0	0	6	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Vacant lots and acreage	0	0	0	2	2	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ.

\*Include transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.

Chair's name	Bill Williams	Phone	850-229-6111	ext.	1402
Clerk's name	Rebecca L. Norris	Phone	850-229-6112	ext.	1101

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 2011 Tax Roll has been delivered by the Gulf County Property Appraiser to the Gulf County Tax Collector. The 2011 Tax Roll is open for collection beginning November 1, 2011.

The Tax Collector’s office is located in the Gulf County Courthouse Room 147, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., Port St Joe, Florida. Office hours are from 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. EST, Monday through Friday, except holidays. The Mailing address is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd. Room 147, Port St Joe, Florida 32456.

Real and Personal Property taxes will be collected as levied by the following Taxing Authorities:

- Gulf County Board of County Commissioners
- Gulf County School Board
- Northwest Florida Water Management District
- City of Port St Joe
- City of Wewahitchka
- St. Joseph Fire Control District
- Tupelo Fire Control District
- Howard Creek Fire Control District
- Overstreet Fire Control District
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### Discount Schedule

- 4% Discount if paid in November
- 3% Discount if paid in December
- 2% Discount if paid in January
- 1% Discount if paid in February
- Payable without discount in March
- Taxes delinquent April 1

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# Hardman honored by Florida coalition

Special to The Star

While most people in Port St. Joe know her as Dr. Pat, president of the Coastal Community Association and owner of Gulf 2 Bay Development and Construction, Dr. Patricia Hardman is also the founder and Chief Operating Officer of Dyslexia Research Institute which is based in Tallahassee. She has studied and worked in the field of dyslexia, ADHD and related learning disorders since the early 1970's. On

Oct. 14, The Coalition of McKay Scholarship Schools (The Coalition) presented her with their Distinguished Service Award for her efforts in Florida to provide options in education for children with disabilities. The award was presented at Nova Southeastern University at The Coalition's fall conference.

Hardman's efforts have helped to change many of the laws in Florida relating to students with disabilities. In 1985 Hardman worked with Representative Betty Easley to develop Florida

Statute 1007.265 which allows college students with disabilities to substitute courses for required courses such as math and foreign language. This has allowed thousands of students in Florida to complete their college education as opposed to having to drop out because of these courses.

When the FCAT only allowed an abacus as the "calculator" for students with dyscalculia and visual impairments, Hardman and Senator Steve Wise brought this matter before

the Senate. She helped to craft legislation that would allow appropriate accommodations on the FCAT for students with disabilities.

Hardman worked with Senator John McKay on the drafting of the McKay Scholarship Program. She was appointed to the McKay Task Force when accountability measures were being discussed and created in the early years of the program. Hardman worked with Governor Bush in holding back legislation that would over-regulate the private schools accepting McKay Scholarships. The Accountability Legislation that was passed in 2006 stayed true to the goal of letting parents have choice in educating their children with disabilities, while allowing private schools the autonomy to develop their programs to fit the needs of the child.

Hardman worked



Dr. Pat Hardman and Steve Hicks, President of The Coalition of McKay Scholarship Schools.

tirelessly this year with The Coalition Board to draft language to make the McKay Scholarship accessible to students on 504 Plans. This has allowed many more children access to the McKay Scholarship.

While parents may never know her name, or know what she has done for countless children throughout Florida, The Coalition of McKay Scholarship Schools wanted Hardman to know that they recognize her service to

children with disabilities. Steve Hicks, president of The Coalition presented her with the Distinguished Service Award.

The Coalition of McKay Scholarship Schools is a not for profit Florida organization of private schools that participate in the McKay Scholarship Program. This is the largest program in the U.S. which provides parents of children with disabilities scholarships to attend other public or private schools.



## "Dogs for Dogs"

November 11, 2011

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Her eyes met mine as I walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to have her. She wagged her tail, not too exuberantly, so I wouldn't be afraid. As I looked at her in the kennel she blocked my view from a little accident she had in the back of her cage. She didn't want me to know that she hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and she didn't want me to think poorly of them. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

On Friday, November 11th, 2011 (and every 2nd Friday of each month) we will feature "Dogs for Dogs". Come by the Port St. Joe Marina around lunchtime (11:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.) and enjoy a hot dog or chili dog (min. 2), (chips, and soda) included for a \$5.00 cash donation. All donations will be given to St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

This event is open to the public, so please help us spread the word.

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold a Special Meeting on November 15, 2011, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T.

The meeting will be open to the public.

### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Port St. Joe

The City of Port St. Joe is considering submitting a USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant proposal to remove asbestos containing materials from the former Gulf Pines Hospital, 102 Twentieth Street, Port St. Joe, FL. A public hearing will be held on November 15, 2011 at the City Commission Regular Meeting in the Commission Chamber of City Hall (305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd ~ Port St. Joe, FL) to discuss the grant proposal and solicit public comments on the proposal. A draft proposal with Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives will be available for public review and comment by November 15, 2011 at the City Hall.

Transactions of the public meeting will not be recorded. Persons wishing to appeal any decision made during the meeting will need a record of the proceeding and should ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony on which the appeal is based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Jim Anderson, City Clerk, City of Port St. Joe, at City Hall, telephone number (850)229-8261 Ext 113.

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36295 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF Samuel W. Berkheiser, Deceased.

File No. 2011-76-PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Samuel W. Berkheiser, deceased, whose date of death was January 21, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Ceceil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE

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DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is November 3, 2011.

Personal Representative: Samuel W. Berkheiser, Jr. 40 5th Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 Attorney for Personal Representative: Max W. McCord Florida Bar No. 28119 105 West 5th Street Panama City, FL 32401 (850) 640-1131 November 3, 10, 2011

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100
360655 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

vs.

THREE MEN AND AN IDEA, LLC, a Dissolved Florida Limited Liability Company, ROBERT J. JASINSKI, Individually, and KENNETH ALLEN PETERSON, JR., Individually, Defendants.

CASE NO. 11-246-CA CIVIL DIVISION

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 11, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Lobby of the Clerk's Office, of the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Florida, on November 10, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. ET the following described property:

Parcel #9, Sunshine Acres (unrecorded)

Commence at the Southwest Corner of Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, and thence run North 89°24'40" East for 1726.20 feet; thence North 01°31'37" West for 1798.77 feet; thence North 89°24'40" East for 1997.96 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said Point of Beginning run North 01°31'37" West for 189.24 feet; thence North 89°24'40" East for 220.26 feet; thence South 01°31'37" East for 457.29 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of State Road No. 386; thence South 60°13'45" West along said right of way line for 250.00 feet; thence North 01°31'37" West for 389.96 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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Said parcel of land having an area of 2.62 acres, more or less, and being subject to a 30.00 foot wide roadway easement along a portion of the Westerly boundary thereof, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest Corner of Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, thence run North 89°24'40" East for 1726.20 feet; thence North 01°31'37" West for 1798.77 feet; thence North 89°24'40" East for 1997.96 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said Point of Beginning run North 01°31'37" West for 30.01 feet; thence North 89°24'40" East for 30.01 feet; thence South 01°31'37" East for 419.97 feet; thence South 60°13'45" West for 34.06 feet; thence North 01°31'37" West for 419.97 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 27, 2011.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2011.

Susan Curlee Wilder Petitioner/Personal Representative 217 Coronado Street Port Saint Joe, Florida 32456

Clinton T. McCahill 305 Sixth Street Port Saint Joe, Florida 32456 850-229-9040 Tel. 850-229-9049 Fax 850-0073482 Attorney for the Petitioner Personal Representative October 27, November 3, 2011

360955 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: The Estate of BETTY JEAN CURLEE Deceased.

CASE NO.: 11-23 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BETTY JEAN CURLEE, deceased, File Number 11-23 PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, the address of which is 1000 Cecil Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port Saint Joe, Florida 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against

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

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF 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.

DATE: October 18, 2011.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711.

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ROBERT W. BOOS Florida Bar No.0558079 DEBORAH H. OLIVER Florida Bar No.0485111 STEPHANIE M. MARTIN Florida Bar No.0030585 Adams and Reese LLP 101 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 4000 Tampa, Florida 33602 Telephone: (813) 402-2880 Attorneys for Plaintiff November 3, 10, 2011

361895 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION

JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST MARGIE O. SMITH A/K/A MARGIE ODEAN SMITH A/K/A MARGIE D. SMITH A/K/A

the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 1, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida. (the "Property") at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. ET, on the 17th day of November, 2011, in the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida.

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MARGIE SMITH, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000307 DIVISION:

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST MARGIE O. SMITH A/K/A MARGIE ODEAN SMITH A/K/A MARGIE D. SMITH A/K/A MARGIE SMITH, DECEASED

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in GULF County, Florida:

LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK D OF C. F. HANLON SUBDIVISION NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the The Star.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 19th day of October, 2011.

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Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of the Court By: BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk

\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F11021934 November 3, 10, 2011

362055 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, successor in interest to Coastal Community Bank, DBA Coastal Community Mortgage, a Florida Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

KENDALL D. CRAWLEY, and WATAPPO PRESERVE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

CASE NO: 11-211-CA

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: KENDALL D. CRAWLEY 1541 FARRINDON CIRCLE LAKE MARY, FL 32746

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

Lot 143, Wetappo according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 36 through 42 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Barbara Sanders, Sanders and Duncan, P.A., the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 157, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, on or before December 5, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on October 24, 2011.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk November 3, 10, 2011

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36103S PUBLIC NOTICE
Hwy 22 Storage 1249 Hwy 22, Wewahitchka, FL Unit #96-Lynn & Molly Griffin, Unit #87-Victor Strickland and Unit #12-Sherry Young will be sold on November 10, 2011 at 8:30 am if not paid up. October 27, November 3, 2011

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS McNEILL, SR. Deceased.

File Number 11-13PR

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of JAMES THOMAS McNEILL, SR., deceased, whose date of death was July 4, 2010 and whose social security number is XXX-XX-XXXX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative: BETTY L. McNEILL 1031 Indian Pass Rd. Port St. Joe, FL 32456 Attorney for Personal Representative: Charles A. Costin Florida Bar No. 699070 Post Office Box 98 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 Telephone: (850) 227-1159 November 3, 10, 2011

Proposals are to be marked with "RFP Audit Services" and received by the Port by noon, Thursday, November 10th. After that deadline Port staff will open the proposals and assemble them for consideration by the Port Commissioners at the Authority's meeting on Wednesday, November 16th. The Port's address is 206 Monument Avenue, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The phone number is 850-229-5240 should there be any questions. Thank you for your interest in providing auditing services to the Port St. Joe Port Authority. November 3, 10, 2011

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36233S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS McNEILL, SR. Deceased.

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