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Audit takes TDC board, director to task

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

A financial audit of the Gulf County Tourist Development Council revealed a series of deficiencies and weaknesses and an absence of internal controls on several levels.

After the report was released to the Board of County Commissioners last Thursday, county administrator Don Butler suspended TDC executive director Tim Kerigan for two weeks pending board action.

"He did the right thing,"

said BOCC chair Commissioner Bill Williams. "This is an unfortunate set of circumstances and I think (Butler) did what he felt he had to do. I support him, absolutely."

The audit report, prepared by Roberson & Associates, P.A. of Port St. Joe and Vance CPS, LLC of Panama City Beach, has also been provided to Gulf County Sheriff Joe Nugent who will forward the information to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

"Do I think there was

"There can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were identified."

Audit Report

maliciousness here? No," Williams said. "But everybody needs to understand we are never going to be on this course again. That is my job as a fiscal steward of tax dollars.

"Reading the report I am taken aback with the

level of, what is the right word, malfeasance?"

And, Williams said, there is blame to be spread around, from the Tim Kerigan to the TDC board to the BOCC to the Clerk of Courts.

The audit report details

that the intent of the audit was not to find all significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, therefore "there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were identified," the report reads in part.

Among the more damning sections of the report pertain to compliance.

Under a section pertaining to conflicts of interest, the audit detailed that more than \$435,000 was paid during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2011, to "related"

parties without review of the TDC board and some of those expenditures did not comply with county policies requiring contractual agreements and evidence of competitive bids.

Williams indicated those expenses pertain to those paid to Kerigan Marketing, owned by the brother of Tim Kerigan. Kerigan Marketing was awarded a contract for marketing services for the fiscal year in question, but the contract, which capped expenditures at \$115,000 but was never

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Health Department workers transport coolers full of M&Ms in a drill designed to prepare for a pandemic outbreak of flu.

Health Department tests emergency response, works toward accreditation

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

M&Ms posed as life-saving vaccines at the Gulf County Health Department last Thursday as staff members successfully responded to a simulated flu outbreak.

Coolers full of zip-locked fun-size M&M packages were delicately distributed to different points in

the community by staff members, who were required to keep the "vaccines" at a temperature between 35 and 46 degrees.

The exercise simulated a pandemic flu sweeping the nation, with the second wave of the virus projected for mid-February and a third wave looming.

The mass prophylaxis exercise was designed to test the staff's capability to protect the health of

the population in the event of public health emergency through the distribution of immunizations.

The simulated flu outbreak required members of the health department staff to receive a shipment of vaccines and disperse the vaccines at distribution points in the community to prevent the virus from spreading.

"We exercise frequently just to make sure we're ready in case there is an incident in the community," said Clarissa Ortiz, the

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Members of the operations team track the movement of the "vaccines" to the two different points of distribution in the community.



County women killed in single car accident

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

A Wewahitchka woman was killed in a single car accident just before midnight last Thursday.

Heidi Nicole Wiley, 28, was traveling south on State Highway 71 near Canopy Road in the Honnyville area on the north end of the county when the vehicle she was driving left

the road.

According to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office, Wiley apparently overcorrected and the vehicle rolled at least once, clipped a telephone pole and ended up on its roof.

Wiley, who was not wearing a seat belt, was pronounced dead at the scene.

She is the third person killed on Gulf County roads in less than two weeks.



Mary Thomas was a smiling presence around her neighborhood in Port St. Joe before she disappeared and died three years ago under circumstances that remain a mystery.

Police seek help in 3-year-old disappearance, death

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Mary Thomas was last seen on Feb. 12, 2009, at the Starlight Restaurant in Port St. Joe.

Seven days later, her family, concerned of a week without contact became alarmed.

Thomas' smiling pres-

ence and open heart were well known in the neighborhood along the alphabet avenues. It was completely unlike her not to be in contact with family and friends - and those who knew Mary Thomas would attest that by blood or not, most she encountered were family.

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Water pipe replacement work begins next week

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The first phase of the replacement of some 20 miles of aged water pipes begins next week in Port St. Joe.

The first phase, expected to last 12 months and cost \$2.2 million, will aim to replace 10 miles of pipe, concentrating on sections with particularly old galva-

nized pipes.

The replacement is the first step in addressing what has been identified as the No. 1 source of problems with discoloration and sediment in water coming from taps - pipes in the water distribution system that are 50-70 years old.

"The city is totally committed to fixing the water," said city manager Charlie

Weston. "That is our number one priority."

Work will begin in Byrd Alley, which sits between Monument and U.S. Highway 98 between 11th and 16th Streets.

"This where we think we will have the most immediate impact," said Clay Smallwood of Preble Rish Engineers.

There will be minor in-

conveniences as the work progresses throughout the city proper over the next year. There may be minor traffic delays as traffic flows are altered as pipe is replaced.

There is also the potential for brief interruptions in water - measured in minutes rather than hours, Smallwood noted - as new pipes are attached to meters.

"We are trying to be proactive to get it done and proactive on people being aware of what we are doing," Weston said.

Check back to The Star or www.starfl.com for updates on where pipe replacement work is moving in the coming weeks and months.

This is the first of three phases of water distribution pipe replacement the city

will undertake in the next few years.

The city is already working with the State Revolving Fund on the second phase, scheduled to begin next year, which would complete most residential areas of the city.

The third phase, which will involve sewer and water, will focus on the commercial district in town.



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Celebrating a life as the end nears

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

"I'm not gonna mourn, I'm gonna party."

Richard Logan

If you visit Richard Logan, he'll tell you he's not dying today, but maybe tomorrow.

He'll tell you he's 94 and suffering from congestive heart failure and last week, was told that he might not live much longer, that there's nothing the doctors can do to help anymore, and that he was almost

dead last Sunday.

He'll ask you if he looks like somebody who's dying as he raises his glass and sips his wine from a straw. You'll look at him and think yes, but still tell him no.

He'll tell you he's vowed to not spend his last days

in mourning. In his own words, "I'm not gonna mourn, I'm gonna party."

He plans on spending his last days talking, sharing stories and reliving experiences.

He wants to gather his friends, drink some wine

and maybe eat his favorite food, Oysters Rockefeller.

He'll tell you that instead of wasting time being depressed after he heard the news, he instead called his friends and invited them over for a drink.

"How many people do you know that are about to die call up all the people they know and say, 'hey, let's have a drink,'" Logan asked.

He'll tell you he's writing a book about his life, that he has seven unfinished chapters and could probably write 30 more if he needed to. It's a book that he understands might never be finished.

He'll ask his caregiver to go find the manuscript and the caregiver will come back with a few scattered pages, out of order with some

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Although Richard Logan has given away many of his possessions, a portrait of himself at age 4 still hangs on the wall at his home in Port St. Joe. **At top**, Richard Logan holds a pin-up photo he took during the Vietnam-era.

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duplicates, and titled "Age 94—Too old to write? By Richard H. Logan".

He'll tell you he's a World War II veteran, a journalist, an editor, a teacher and a photographer.

He'll tell you many of his accomplishments have occurred by accident: his professional photography career, becoming a journalism professor and a writer and publishing his first book were all accidents.

With that, he'll share with you his life story, not chronologically, but as snapshots in time, moving on to the next memory as quickly as the one before exited his mind.

He'll tell you last week wasn't the first time he's been told his time was short.

In July of 1944, when he was serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps, three military doctors told Logan he wouldn't live more than a year. Sixty-seven years later, he's still here.

He'll tell you he's visited more than 70 countries, often as an honorary guest of the government, and that he and his wife were once in Taiwan and Egypt.

If you're lucky, he'll share his old photographs with you.

He began his professional career as a self-taught photographer, but later studied photography at the University of Denver; the Fred Archer School of Photography in Los Angeles and the Wino School of Photography. He also received a Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he taught as an assistant journalism professor. He later taught journalism at Southwest Texas State College.

He's had nearly every type of photography job

"Why would I have any regrets? We all have to go to heaven sometime."

Richard Logan

in the business — he's operated professional photographic studios, worked as a photographer for publishing companies and newspapers and even owned his own advertising and industrial photography agency.

His book, "Elements of Photo Reporting", written by accident of course, was reviewed by the New York Times.

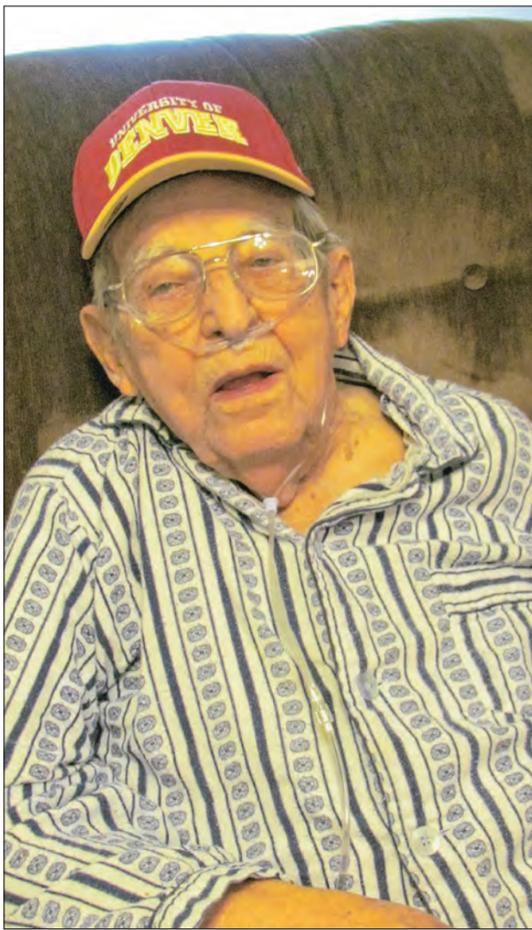
He has kept most of his old photographs filed in a dusty case. They are printed in black and white on large, stiff poster board. There are portraits of old students, pin-ups from the '60s and '70s, scenes from Death Valley and the Yucatan Peninsula, structural photos of hardware and machinery from his time in the service, and one of a perched mountain jay.

The pinup photos will prompt him to talk about his younger years, which he spent drinking and chasing girls, or rather as he will tell you, the girls chased him.

"I wasn't going out trying to put the make on them, they were trying to put the make on me," he said.

He'll share with you his mottoes "I had seven beers with the wrong woman," and, "let the good times roll."

Most of his possessions have been given away to friends and to Faith's Thrift Hut, a building he purchased and donated to



DR. RICHARD H. LOGAN III.

the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society and named after his wife, Faith. He's kept his framed awards on the wall from the Professional Photographers of America as well as some of his carpentry pieces and a portrait of himself when he was only 4 years old.

He has also arranged to donate his house on Garrison Avenue to the church across the street once he and his wife pass.

He'll tell you about the many problems with women he's had in his life. He's been married three times, and one of those marriages lasted only four days.

He's been married to his wife, Faith, for 61 years now.

Faith sat next to him

last week and never spoke a word. She is 92 and suffers from dementia. Her caregiver, Scott Todd, said she does really well, but most of the time she's not there. Logan has arranged for her to remain living at home with her caregiver after he passes.

He'll tell her "I still love you, dear," as he reflects on their 61 years of marriage.

Other than Faith, he has no family.

He'll tell you he's lived his life with no regrets. "Why would I have any regrets?" he'll ask.

"We all have to go to heaven sometime," Logan said. "So what are you gonna do? Are you gonna mourn?"

He'll tell you he's had a good life.

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The Knave of hearts

Somewhere around the 17th century, the “Knave” in a deck of playing cards became the “Jack.” The Knave cards carried a “Kn” in the corner and could be mistaken for a King. A knave would never be mistaken for a king.

Except in the case of my “Knave of Hearts,” he might be mistaken for a King.

A knave is an unprincipled, crafty fellow. I know one, he lives in my house.

This Knave of Hearts sleeps in my bed (with my wife), lounges on my sofa, watches my television and eats my food. Does that sound unprincipled and crafty? Does he sound like a king?

Sounds like my problem, doesn't it? Maybe it is. It doesn't stop there. When I'm gone, he trashes my house and my yard and sits and watches as someone else cleans it up.

Knaves are described as “rascally” and sometimes as “hounds.” My knave is of course Doolittle, my oversize poodle who is now pushing 90 pounds.

He is in his 20's in “human years.” This might explain his raiding of the pantry and trash. Anytime he and his miniature sister are left at home alone for a few hours they have a heyday.

Recently, we came home to find uncooked noodles, coffee, bread wrappers, trash bags and fruit on the floor throughout the house. This is upsetting, but life goes on. It happens frequently if we leave the pantry open or forget to take out the trash.

My youngest daughter says it is “just their way of coping.” What is it that Doolittle has to cope with? He gets all of the food he can eat, water he can drink, television he can watch, a expensive mattress and a big yard. It's the loneliness. He needs us around, dogs are like that. Sometimes I think he needs me so that he can revel in the kingdom we have created for him. You know — kind of throw it up in my face. That's OK.

Doolittle continues to meet me at the door and love on me and listen when I talk to him. Wow, he deserves something for Valentine's Day.

Being lonely on Valentine's Day can be very difficult. I know that. My Daddy's birthday was Valentine's Day, and it was always difficult on my Mama. They went to eat at the same place every year and she continued to do so after he passed away.

Hopefully, they have a Red Lobster in heaven.

Then there are folks who just don't have a significant other on Valentine's. Some handle it well and others find it hard. I enjoy reading the online version of the local college newspaper “The Flat Hat.” The writer at the paper gave “Nine simple ways to elude loneliness on Valentine's Day.”

The first two were both “Run Away.” I think they were to different places, but it was funny.

Can you run away from loneliness?

Is loneliness a location? No. I think you take it with you. Logically, you can't run away from it.

Loneliness is not necessarily being alone, it's feeling alone. You could tear up the house like Doolittle does, it just causes a mess and most folks don't have someone to clean it up. What is the solution?

You could invent someone in your head, like an imaginary friend or love. However, this doesn't work out so well. They can't really come out and play. Maybe they can if you have a really good imagination; people would be really concerned about you though.

The solution? Rather than run away, you should “run to.” Run to your friend or friends, relatives and your pets. They are all good Valentines. Doolittle will lick your face, if you are into such things. I wouldn't recommend it; I've seen what he eats and other things he does.

Whether or not you have somebody to spend Valentine's Day/night with, find someone else — share your love. Call a friend that you know who might be lonely, call your Mama and Daddy if you can and share your love.

There is nothing like a Valentine's card or heart cut of red construction paper or a rose made out of pipe cleaners, especially from a child. Tell lots of people you love them and if you have one that is really special, by all means get her/him something.

A card, flowers, candy, pearls, diamonds or a pipe cleaner rose. It's the thought combined with the “I love you.”

If your Valentine is a dog like Doolittle, you are not supposed to feed them chocolate. Doolittle has polished off two bags of Halloween candy bars before, he's fine. He's still a knave, but he's fine.

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'I'm glad it is there'

Tommy Lake saw the eye rolls, the sideway looks, the sly smiles.

He was going to have his surgery where?

In Port St. Joe at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf? Not Panama City or Gainesville or Dothan?

Was he, in short, out of his mind?



TIM CROFT
Star news editor

“When I told people I was going to have major surgery here, I got plenty of people asking me why I was going to do that,” Lake said. “But the experience was above my expectations.”

The experience that sent Lake to Sacred Heart had lingered for a time.

Lake has gastrointestinal issues and the bouts of pain could be debilitating.

One of those recent bouts sent him to the Sacred Heart emergency room.

“They could see when I came in the door I was in a lot of pain,” Lake said, adding that volunteers and medical staff got him situated and comfortable immediately, telling him the paperwork could wait. “The service was exceptional. The people were exceptional. They took good care of me and diagnosed the problems.”

In a short time, he was seeing Dr. Richard Brunner, the general practice physician who has worked at Sacred Heart for much of the two years it has been open.

The need for immediate surgery was diagnosed. Lake had his choice — it turned out to be as easy as a handshake.

“I believed in the hospital, I believed in Dr. Brunner and I believed in the staff,” Lake said. “And it was one of those things, not only did I have confidence in the staff, but the logistics of being in Gainesville, with three small children and a business I had to keep going — this was perfect.”

But as he discussed his upcoming surgery with friends and folks around town, well, the response was akin to wondering if he needed a CT scan of his brain rather than gastrointestinal surgery.

“I told them I am thinking of

doing it here and they wondered what I was thinking, but it is right down the street from my house, I have confidence in the staff and the doctor,” Lake said. “I am going to a new, clean hospital. It seemed right.”

Surgery went well as did his few days of recovery in the hospital prior to his release.

“They treated me like gold,” Lake said. “By about a day or so into it I felt like I was with family. Having that comfort makes you confident. I would barely reach for the button to ask for help and they were there literally on the spot.”

“My family was treated like gold. The bottom line is I felt like I was being treated by family. That is pretty wonderful.”

As he looks back and considers his decision, Lake wonders why there was ever any doubt in his or anyone else's mind.

Sacred Heart on the Gulf, for Lake, was home, literally.

“After the fact I am even more glad I did it there than before,” Lake said. “I am glad (the hospital) is there. I would recommend it to anyone who would need the services they offer there.”

As the hospital nears its two-year anniversary next month, those services continue to grow, as the hospital formally dedicated a new women's center last month and accepted significant donations toward a new cardiopulmonary unit.

That growth, Dr. Henry Roberts, president of the Sacred Heart Foundation, is fueled by the community and by commitments such as the one the Port St. Joe Lions Club just completed — five years early. (See related story on Page B1)

Success in fundraising efforts, particularly the annual Sportsman's Banquet, allowed the Lions Club to officially retire its 10-year, \$50,000 pledge to the hospital last month, five years ahead of schedule.

“I think that kind of thing is the local community saying thank you,” Roberts said this week where he was, as usual, on the road on Foundation business. “It is saying thank you for believing in us, sticking with us, doing

what you said you would do.

“It is affirmation from the community saying thank you for following through on your commitment, so we are following through on ours.”

Roberts noted that commitment has defined the partnership between hospital and community from the outset. St. Joe Company donated some \$7 million worth of land and upfront costs while the community raised another \$3 million in private donations.

As was stated in this column five years ago after a trip to the Sacred Heart Hospital in Destin; that facility is defined by plaques that line hallways and stand guard outside rooms and attest to the community's contribution to the hospital.

No different on the Gulf. Observe the plaques around that hospital, be greeted by the warm friendly smiles of the volunteers and staff that are the first impression of that beautiful facility and there is little doubt it is a community hospital, a home.

“As we raised money, we could do the kind of things we wanted to do,” Roberts said, adding that money raised in the community is leveraged through Ascension Health, the parent company of Sacred Heart on a 3:1 or 4:1 ratio. “Having the Lions Club step up as they did means we are able to do what we want to do sooner.”

“For instance, look at the digital mammography and bone density equipment we were able to get through the health department and by leveraging donations from the community,” Roberts said. “To have that for the community was huge for us.”

For one proud Lion Club member, Lake, and so many others who have had lives saved and changed by a facility that has grown over the past two years, Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf is also huge.

A huge collaboration of community and health care provider at a time of great economic upheaval.

Sacred Heart, Port St. Joe, Gulf County — you done good. That facility turning two in a few weeks is a testament, and celebration, of you.

I wonder what Pam said?

I was a little suspicious of the whole Valentine charade as far back as the first grade. Miss Carolyn Blades insisted we buy each

student in the class a Valentine card. It wasn't the money. Shucks, you could buy a cellophane sack full of them up at Mr. James Williams' Ben Franklin Store for fifty cents. I just felt a little uneasy

handing Bob Edwards and Buddy Wiggleton a red shaped heart that said “Be Mine Forever!”

We repeated this scene in Miss Dorothy Booth's second grade class. Miss Belle Alexander in the third grade was just as excited as her predecessors over this “exchange of cards” phenomenon. A blind man could see a pattern developing here. And I was beginning to take on a healthy dislike for the middle of February. Vicki Fields could out run me in elementary school. She'd chase me down and beat on me at recess. And then, with the sweetest smile, she'd lay that “You're My Valentine” card on my desk. We should have been reading Sigmund Freud instead of jumping mud puddles with Dick, Jane and Spot!

By junior high I was beginning to see a little promise in this holiday that pushed love and devotion to the forefront. We had discovered that candy could be substituted for cards. I wish someone had told Miss Carolyn that! We experienced the amazing

goodness of a “box of chocolates” years before Forrest Gump came along. And, of course, by this time in my development, when

I looked over my shoulder and saw Vicki closing in, I slowed down just a little bit.

I wish you guys could have seen Jane Hill our sophomore year in high school. What a knockout!

She had the prettiest smile and the darkest eyes and the best looking hair and the neatest walk. It was rather strange. We had been going to school together for ten years. I don't know what all of a sudden changed her! She sure didn't look like this in Miss Belle's class, I guarantee you that!

That little fat guy with the wings and bow and arrow had shot me right in the heart! Problem was, he had apparently missed Jane.

I spent Christmas vacation shooting basketballs up at the gym with Deake Bradley and David Paschall and devising a plan to get Jane to notice me. I couldn't just walk right up to her and tell her how I felt. Oh man, she'd laugh for sure!

Leon could give me some good advice but I was too embarrassed to broach the subject with him. Same with my parents. Jane's locker was just down the hall from mine ... but I couldn't think of anything intelligent to say to her. Why didn't I write a special note on those Valentine Cards I kept laying on her desk for

all those many years! She stopped me at lunch one day to ask about a math assignment, I gave her the page numbers and tried to seize the moment but my mouth quit working. I stuttered and floundered and stared at the cafeteria tile. What a klutz!

We both played basketball. On the out of town games the boys and girls team would ride the same bus. It was very quiet and the coaches kept us separated on the ride over but if both teams won we could mix and mingle on the ride back. I would seek Jane out, but she'd be sitting with Betsy Dinwiddie or Ann Carol MacCaleb — she didn't even know that I existed! I'm telling you, finding the right Valentine wasn't as easy as them cards down at the Ben Franklin Store made it seem!

I took a job at Jane's father's DX Service Station hoping to impress her. I pumped gas, changed oil, pulled those big tractor tires off by hand, burned holes in my shirt gluing hot Camel patches on inner tubes and wiped enough wind shields to qualify for the Windex Hall of Fame ... and Jane never showed up one time! If I could have gotten my hands on that little winged fat guy I would have drowned him in the water trough out back we used to find holes in deflated tubes!

Pam Collins was Jane's best friend. They lived practically next door to each other over on Paris Avenue. Ricky Hale was Pam's first cousin. A plan was beginning to form. I

wanted to ask Jane to the Valentine's dinner at the church. But I needed to know what she was going to say BEFORE I approached her. “Rick, I'm kinda, thinking, maybe, uh, uh, of taking Jane to the Valentine party. Would you ask Pam to talk to Jane and see what she would think of me asking her out?”

Ricky didn't look surprised or startled at all. “Jane's too skinny. Why would you want to go with her?”

It was the first fight Ricky and I had had since those pillow “free-for-alls” back in kindergarten. I had him in a headlock and was trying to twist his neck around backwards when he agreed to talk to Pam. I have no idea what Pam said to Jane. I could only imagine. I saw Jane first thing Monday morning beside her locker and I turned eight shades of red.

I bolted down to English class without a word to anyone. There wasn't enough cards, candy or flowers in the world to straighten this mess out. I was right about Valentine's Day back in the first grade! The whole thing is a sham! I wish this floor would just open up and swallow me. I've made a fool out of myself over a silly gi—

“Good morning, Kes,” Jane accented the greeting with a slight pat on my shoulder as she headed toward her seat.

You know, I could be wrong about this Valentine gig.

Respectfully,
Kes

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signed. County commissioners had noted during several recent meetings they had uncovered more than \$200,000 worth of TDC marketing business secured by Kerigan Marketing. The audit puts the number at more than twice that.

The TDC also received money from BP as part of its fine payments due to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The audit questions whether some expenditures were proper under the guidelines set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding between the county and BP.

Finally, in the matter of compliance, the audit found that some per diem travel expenses were requested that exceeded the allowed amount.

The audit also took the TDC to task for its disbursement of Marketing Grants for local events. Such grants, the audit report noted, require an application with detailed information pertaining to the economic benefit to the county, impact on tourism, etc. and subsequent documentation must include the turnout for the event, proof of advertising and if goals were met, etc.

The TDC budgeted \$60,000 in sponsorship grants for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2011, but authorized \$102,300 in sponsorship grants. Those grants were initially paid without the required documentation or accountability detail on use of the money, the audit detailed.

Some grants went to for-profit organizations, a violation of the grant process which requires only non-profits are eligible.

In one case, a \$15,000 sponsorship grant went to a for-profit company in which a TDC board member had a "financial interest." This grant was not awarded by a vote of the board, but was approved by Tim Kerigan.

Some of those grant funds were also paid with BP money. The audit report questioned whether some of those grant monies were awarded outside the parameters of the

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Bill Williams
BOCC Chair Commissioner

MOU between the county and BP.

The audit report also lists a series of material weaknesses, "a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility" of material misstatement concerning financial statements.

They included that TDC personnel were unfamiliar with county ordinances and state laws that govern the operations of a TDC: the TDC board did not exercise oversight responsibility over expenditures from the TDC Trust Fund; disbursements from the TDC did not comply with county purchasing policies, circumventing controls established by policies from the Clerk of Courts office in its role as county Comptroller; internal control procedures were not followed and deficiencies not acted upon in a timely fashion by the BOCC; Tim Kerigan authorized and approved expenditures without TDC board approval; and Kerigan also approved invoices for payment that were not in compliance with county purchasing policies.

A significant deficiency, or combination, is noted as less severe than a material weakness, but the auditors believed several important to "merit attention."

First, the county had

not updated the ordinance authorizing the establishment of the Tourist Development Tax and Council since 1998. No mechanism exists to review and update the ordinance as operating changes merit.

Also, certain expense reports for travel were approved by county administration that were not properly completed and did not contain all required documentation.

"This report validates my initial concern that fiscal oversight and sound judgment was not there," Williams said. Williams and Commissioner Ward McDaniel in particular have been outspokenly critical the past few months about how the TDC and its executive director were doing business.

He noted that a series of checks and balances should be in place to ensure adherence to proper governance of the TDC, from the executive director to the TDC board to the BOCC to the Clerk of Courts.

"The checks and balances with this individual (Tim Kerigan) were not followed," Williams said. "I want each commissioner to discuss these findings with Don Butler so they fully understand what has been going on. This is a culture that has been allowed to exist far too long."

Williams said he would ask the county's legal and financial teams to examine the audit report findings and address with the proper outside parties — the FDLE or BP task force — questions raised in the audit.

While acknowledging he was just one vote and all commissioners had yet to see the audit report, Williams suggested that he would ask all current TDC board members to resign immediately and re-apply, starting a clean slate.

And he said the actions of Tim Kerigan had risen to a level where significant discipline, be it suspension or termination, was warranted.

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health department's public information officer. "This lets us prepare for anything."

Each of the 15 participating staff members wore reflective vests relaying their position in the exercise and carried a walkie-talkie for constant team communication.

Voices over the radio channeled the exact movement of the vaccines, from the arrival of the package to the transport to the two points of distribution at the Gulf County Senior Citizens building and Port St. Joe Elementary School.

Ortiz said the exercise results will help the department draw up a final emergency operations plan, with this particular plan moving towards Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) accreditation.

The state PPHR accreditation recognizes county health departments as prepared to respond to all health hazards the community might face.

PPHR is a partnership program between the Florida Department of Health, the National Association of County and City Health Officials and the Center for

Disease Control and Prevention. Florida was the first state to coordinate the national program on a statewide level.

"Here, we're working toward a particular accreditation," Ortiz said. "We will go through a series of exercises and eventually construct a (final emergency operations) plan. We always have a current plan, but we update frequently."

Currently, 33 counties in Florida are recognized through PPHR and Gulf County hopes to soon join the list.

"We try to exercise more than once a year," said health department administrator Marsha Lindeman, who was the incident commander of the exercise. "This is an internal exercise testing the staff's ability to function and to communicate successfully with each other."

Lindeman said although the exercise was internal, it was also communicated to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office and Gulf County Emergency Operations Center. In the next exercise, Lindeman said external county departments will be directly

involved. "It's important that we don't let our guard down," Lindeman said.

Lindeman said because of these types of exercises the department was equipped to successfully handle 2009's H1N1 outbreak by establishing points of distribution for vaccines throughout the community.

"The real challenge of today's exercise is to maintain the temperature of this fragile vaccine," said Lindeman, who noted that the vaccines are useless if the temperature is not controlled.

During the exercise, both vaccine packages were delivered to their distribution sites with temperatures successfully maintained.

Lindeman said that while the community typically associates the health department as a provider of health services, they also must be equipped to handle any public health emergency.

"We are also public health responders," Lindeman said. "We're here to ensure the safety of this community."

HELP from page A1

For several weeks after contacting the Gulf County Sheriff's Office, the family distributed and posted posters with her smiling face, urging anyone with knowledge of her possible whereabouts to contact the family or authorities.

On a sunny, but oh so grim March 3, 2009, Mary Thomas' body was found, within shouting distance of her home. She was not clothed, was wrapped in plastic sheeting and left in the woods roughly 40 yards from the paving of Avenue A.

Authorities are asking again — anybody with any knowledge of how Mary Thomas met her demise and was discarded as no human should be on the side of the road to please come forward.

"We've been to A to Z and back and talked to everybody," said Sheriff Joe Nugent. "We believe there

is somebody in the community who holds the key to this."

Nugent said investigators had honed in on two suspects early on. They remain suspects.

"There are no people of interest here, these are suspects," Nugent said.

The two have been interviewed and been less than forthcoming, Nugent said.

The case has gone cold. And with the third-year anniversary of Thomas' death approaching, Nugent is trying to apply some heat.

The family, he noted, is deeply frustrated by the lack of progress in the case. That was evident last year during a sentencing in a bank robbery case that involved a young man related to Thomas and her sister.

After the sentencing the sister publicly expressed her deep disappointment with losing a young man to prison while those respon-

sible for the callous way her sister died and was disposed of remained at large, directing a loud complaint toward Nugent in the courtroom.

This week, Nugent said someone in the community knows how Mary Thomas came to be in those woods, alone, wrapped in plastic and it is time for that person to come forward and provide "the family some closure."

Anybody with any information pertaining to the disappearance and death of Mary Thomas is encouraged to call Crimestoppers at 785-TIPS, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office at 227-1115 or the Port St. Joe Police Department at 227-1414.

"We just need that one piece of evidence to solve this," Nugent said, adding that any tipster will remain anonymous.

They just need the tip, Nugent said.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
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Fri, Feb 10	67°	51°	20 %
Sat, Feb 11	63°	40°	20 %
Sun, Feb 12	58°	41°	10 %
Mon, Feb 13	62°	50°	10 %
Tues, Feb 14	70°	56°	30 %
Wed, Feb 15	72°	57°	30 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
9	Th	1148pm 0.7		654am -0.1	
10	Fr	1259pm 0.3		637am 0.1	615pm -0.1
11	Sa	126am 0.3	1248pm 0.6	533am 0.2	837pm -0.1
12	Su	117pm 0.9		1049pm -0.2	
13	Mo	156pm 1.0			
14	Tu	254pm 1.2		1238am -0.4	
15	We	403pm 1.3		201am -0.7	
16	Th	515pm 1.3		309am -0.7	
17	Fr	623pm 1.3		406am -0.8	
18	Sa	725pm 1.3		452am -0.7	
19	Su	819pm 1.2		527am -0.6	
20	Mo	910pm 1.0		550am -0.4	
21	Tu	959pm 0.8		558am -0.3	
22	We	101pm 0.3	1053pm 0.6	546am 0.0	259pm 0.2

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
9	Th	338am 1.1	454pm 1.0	1039am -0.2	1042pm 0.3
10	Fr	438am 1.1	532pm 1.0	1106am 0.0	1130pm 0.1
11	Sa	535am 1.0	534pm 1.1	1132am 0.2	
12	Su	644am 0.9	601pm 1.2	1225am 0.0	1159am 0.4
13	Mo	811am 0.8	633pm 1.2	132am -0.1	1220pm 0.6
14	Tu	1022am 0.7	714pm 1.2	257am -0.2	1227pm 0.7
15	We	807pm 1.2		430am -0.2	
16	Th	919pm 1.1		552am -0.3	
17	Fr	106pm 0.9	1044pm 1.1	658am -0.4	552pm 0.9
18	Sa	114pm 1.0		752am -0.4	709pm 0.9
19	Su	1209am 1.1	352pm 1.0	836am -0.4	805pm 0.7
20	Mo	120am 1.1	347pm 1.0	914am -0.3	850pm 0.6
21	Tu	217am 1.1	400pm 1.0	946am -0.2	931pm 0.4
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Following the trek of 'Turtle Johnny'

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

This turtle is a seasoned traveler. After riding the Gulf Stream thousands of miles to the Netherlands, hitching a ride to Portugal, and boarding a plane to Sarasota, the Forgotten Coast is set to be the next stop on this traveler's nearly 5,000-mile journey.

The rare Kemp's Ridley sea turtle was found stranded on a beach in the Netherlands in 2008, far from his natural habitat. Marine experts believe the turtle was cold-stunned and swept up in the powerful Gulf Stream.

Rescuers from the Netherlands named him "Johnny", although the sex is unclear, and transported him to Portugal for rehabilitation and later to Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota for further recovery.

Johnny was released into the Gulf of Mexico in Sarasota off Lido Key on Dec. 27, equipped with a high-tech satellite tracker to reveal the breeding and feeding grounds in the Gulf of Mexico.

Rick Harris has tracked Johnny's every move since his release in December.

He and his wife often joked about Johnny making a trip up to Cape San Blas where the Chattanooga couple own a vacation home, and now it would appear a reality.

"As he progressed up the coast we jokingly would say 'Oh he's headed our way,'" Harris said. "We've got to go out and welcome him and say 'Hey, you should stick around.'"

Harris and his wife have been vacationing at the Cape since 1987 and have become fascinated with the sea turtle nesting habits. He said they feel blessed to have an area that is still "turtle friendly."

"You can't be out at the Cape without admiring the area's wildlife," Harris said.

After reading Johnny's story of survival and release, which made national news in December, Harris immediately signed up to receive daily email updates chronicling the turtle's movements.

He has delighted in watching Johnny swim up the Florida Gulf Coast, inching closer and closer to the Cape.

The turtle now appears to be hanging out in the Gulf waters off the coast of St. Vincent Island.

Harris is certain Johnny will pass by the Cape sometime this week and wishes he could be there to greet him as he passes.

"At this age, these turtles are supposed to be in the Gulf of Mexico," said Hayley Rutger, public relations coordinator for the Mote Marine Laboratory. "Every single one of them is important. They're one of the rarest species (of sea turtles)."

Rutger said Johnny's situation was as rare as his species.

"He was found stranded in the Netherlands cold and in bad shape and very unhealthy looking," Rutger said. "We had to get special permission to get him into the U.S. We were a good place because we could treat him and tag him. We have the science and the hospital here together. It gives us a chance to monitor him afterward."

Mote is one of the few facilities with permission to satellite track rehabilitated sea turtles.

"It's something Mote does quite often," Rutger said. "Since 2005, we've been satellite tagging these turtles. It's really important because you want to know where their crucial habitat is."

The Mote Marine Laboratory's sea turtle rehabilitation hospital has treated nearly 400 turtles since 1995.

Ninety five percent of Kemp's Ridley nesting occurs in Rancho Nuevo, Mexico, and the turtles have also been known to occasionally nest in Veracruz, Mexico and Texas.



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Medical coordinator Lynne Byrd, left, and Dr. Tony Tucker, manager of Mote Marine Laboratory's Sea Turtle Conservation and Research, released Johnny, a rare Kemp's ridley sea turtle, into the Gulf of Mexico on December of 2011. Johnny was rehabilitated at Mote Marine Laboratory after washing ashore in the Netherlands in 2008. Data from Johnny's tracking transmitter shows that he has made his way to the Forgotten Coast.

Rutger said Johnny's trek up the coastline is a demonstration of "homing behavior", an instinctual ability turtles have to return to specific areas when they are displaced from it.

"As far as anybody can say, it's a normal track," Rutger said. "He seems to be going to where the others are."

Rutger said Kemp's Ridley turtles are known to hang out in the shallow waters of the northern Gulf of Mexico along the continental margin.

"It's a little late in the year for them to be moving," Rutger said. "But it seems like he's heading where he needs to be."

To follow Johnny's movements as he continues to move closer to our area visit www.seaturtle.org/tracking/?tag_id=113650.



Johnny's satellite tracker allows researchers to track his movements.

First recorded green sea turtle nest found on the Island

By Trish Petrie

The new year gives us an opportunity to reflect on what occurred during the past

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW
FROM ST. VINCENT ISLAND

year on St. Vincent Island. It was a busy year for the turtles, a courting year for the wolves, and a good harvest year for the managed hunts. Federal funding cuts make it even more important for St. Vincent Island to have local supporters and volunteers to help be the caretakers of this unique wildlife refuge. The Supporters group is currently preparing for the annual meeting in February and the open house on the island in March. We hope to expand our Supporters group and our volunteers and have the pleasure of introducing St. Vincent Island to more of the local population.

The Supporters Group of St. Vincent Island NWR will be holding its annual meeting from 1-4 p.m. ET on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the St. Joseph Peninsula Bay Buffer Preserve on County 30-

A. This is a wonderful time to join this dedicated group. The Buffer Preserve is 4.5 miles south of the junction off U.S. Highway 98 and County 30-A and five miles north of the Indian Pass Raw Bar. The guest speaker will be Dr. James J. O'Brien, Professor of Meteorology and Oceanography at Florida State University. He will discuss the effects of climate change across Florida, review the latest ideas about hurricane patterns, and give a hint about future predictions. He will also discuss the rising sea level and how El Nino and La Nina affect our Florida weather. Lunch will be provided by Paul Gant. Memberships to the Supporters of St. Vincent NWR will be sold at the door — \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families.

The final count of turtle nests on St. Vincent in 2011 was 53 and those nests yielded 2,375 hatchlings. There were seven additional nests which were inundated and/or washed away. This year also had the first recorded green sea turtle nest on the island. The green turtle is much larger than the loggerheads that traditionally nest on the island. The "Adopt-A-Nest" program had about 15 participants and it will

be offered again this spring. Proceeds from "adoptions" are used to help fund the sea turtle patrol activities. Florida Fish and Wildlife has reported a decrease in the number of nests on Cape San Blas. This decline may be the reason that the number of turtle nests on St. Vincent Island is increasing. These numbers will continue to be monitored.

There are three managed hunts each hunting season on St. Vincent Island. The November hunt (Nov. 17-19) is an archery hunt and 63 hunters harvested 11 White-tailed deer (four bucks and seven does) and five feral hogs. The Sambar deer hunt took place on Dec. 1-3 with 103 hunters participating. Six Sambar deer were harvested — four stags and two hinds — along with six feral hogs. The January hunt (Jan. 19-21) — a primitive weapon hunt (muzzle loader and bow) — had 134 hunters participating. They harvested 27 white-tailed deer and 24 hogs.

The Open House is the most popular event held on St. Vincent Island. Mark your calendars for Friday, March 30. The Open House begins at 9 a.m. (EST) and concludes at 4 p.m. The event is free of charge and you do not have to be a

member of the Supporters Group to attend. The event includes exhibits, nature hikes, lectures, live music, wagon tours of the island, and snacks. Free transportation to and from the island will be provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The monthly island tours are once again taking reservations. All tours are on the second Wednesday of each month. The dates available before the summer break are March 14, April 11, and May 9. Our enhanced website will give you a lot of details about the tours plus a convenient place to sign up. Just click on "Island Tour Sign Up". The tour is free, but participants must make a reservation on the web @ www.stvincentfriends.com and seats are filled on a first come, first served basis. There is a small charge for boat transportation to and from the island. Bring everything you need, including drinking water — and leave only your footprints behind.

This monthly column is provided by the Supporters of St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge. Please visit our web page for more information and volunteer opportunities — www.stvincentfriends.com — and never miss an opportunity to visit St. Vincent Island.



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Freshwater

Unusually warm weather and water temps have improved the freshwater bite. Good reports from Depot Creek have been the talk of the town. Good sized crappie and shellcraker with an occasional catfish have all been reported. No good word from Howard Creek or the big river this week.

Inshore

Believe it or not, the Spanish mackerel have been showing up on the beaches and in the St. Joe Marina. Most of the fish are small; however, some 20-inch fish have been reported. Silver spoons and Got-cha lures will produce Spanish and also anything else that swims. Trout invaded the marina last week also. Gulp and jigs will put you in the game!

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PSJ's Walker signs with Mississippi State

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

As a middle school athlete, Megan Walker once observed a pole vault practice and asked Port St. Joe High School track assistant Coach Keith Chiles if she might give the sport a try.

On a Wednesday afternoon, surrounded by family and friends, Walker vaulted right into the Southeastern Conference.

Walker signed a letter of intent with Mississippi State on the first day of the national signing period for college track and field, which coincides with football.

"It was a hard decision," said Walker, who entertained offers from a number of schools, narrowing her choices to the University of North Florida, Eastern Michigan and Mississippi State. "It was very stressful. North Florida really recruited me hard early, but everything they had was just a little bit better at Mississippi State."

"The (Mississippi State) coach was awesome. They are in the SEC, which means I'll be

competing against the top competition. They have a good physical therapy-kinesthesiology program. They pretty much had everything I wanted."

Walker's progress from onlooker to prodigy has been steady since middle school.

She was an AAU Junior Olympic national age group champion in 2007, finished second nationally in her age group the following year and finished fourth the year after that.

She won the state AAU Junior Olympic title last summer, finishing ninth at nationals. It was her second-straight state AAU title.

At the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 1A state track and field meet, Walker has finished second, fourth and second, respectively, over the past three years.

"She is going after a state title this year," said Chiles, who specializes in coaching the pole vaulters at Port St. Joe High School.

During that span, Walker has advanced

from nudging past 7-feet on her initial attempts in middle school to bumping up against the bar at 13 feet – and easily clearing 12-6 – this summer while preparing for the Florida AAU meet.

"They are getting one of the best jumpers in the country," Chiles said of the Lady Bulldogs. "She should be at 13 feet and nationally ranked this year."

"She works very hard and shows great sportsmanship. She shows up at every meet and competes."

As Walker noted, the University of North Florida, known for having a strong jumping program according to Chiles, recruited Walker early on. She was leaning toward the school before Chiles performed an intensive search to ensure she would have the right coaching fit in college.

"Megan's aspiration is to go to the next level, beyond college," Chiles said. "She would one day like to jump in the Olympics."

Chiles was familiar with Steve Thomas, who



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had been a coach at Florida when a previous Port St. Joe vaulting standout, Lacey Johnson, was being recruited. Johnson – coincidentally – ended up choosing Mississippi State, but Chiles was impressed with Thomas.

When he found out Thomas was the jump coach at Mississippi State, the decision seemed ordained, despite the visit to Eastern Michigan.

"I don't do snow well," Walker said.

"I know this is the guy who can carry Megan to the next level," Chiles said.

Top, Megan Walker won the Florida AAU Junior Olympic meet this summer and was pushing toward 13 feet when the summer season ended.

Inset, Walker signed a letter of intent to attend Mississippi State University on a track and field scholarship.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Rachel Jones, the lone senior for the Lady Sharks, earned first-team all-District honors while leading the Port St. Joe girls in scoring.

Port St. Joe soccer dominates all-District teams

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The Port St. Joe High School soccer program has made huge strides in the five years Coach Gary Hindley has been at the school.

Playoff berths for both boys and girls have become an annual rite of the postseason – the boys twice making it to the region finals before falling to Lafayette in the quarterfinals this year.

The rise of the program was on full display this week as the District 1-1A all district teams were announced.

The Tiger Sharks, who finished 15-3-1, placed four players on the first team and three more were honorable mention.

The Lady Tiger

Sharks, 9-5-2 this season before losing in the district semifinals, placed three players on the district's first team and one was named honorable mention.

The boys making the first team were defender Daniel May, midfielder LaGrand McLemore, midfielder Drew Lacour and forward Marcel Duarte, a freshman.

May and McLemore are seniors, Lacour a sophomore. Duarte, a freshman, led the team in scoring this season.

Earning honorable mention honors for the Tiger Sharks were Javarri Beachum, a junior forward, Witt Shoaf, a junior midfielder and Blaine Bush, a senior defender.

Only Franklin County

placed the same number of players, four, on the first team and no other school had more than two players on the honorable mention squad.

On the distaff side, the Lady Tiger Sharks had Rachel Jones, a midfielder and the lone senior on the squad, being joined by forward Christian Laine – all-district first team as a freshman goalkeeper last year – and forward Allie Stripling, also a sophomore on the first team.

Only regular-season top-seeded Rocky Bayou had more players on the first team.

Goalkeeper Shannon Pridgeon, a freshman who took over full-time duties in net midway through the season, earned honorable mention honors.

Wewahitchka Dixie Boys registration

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka Dixie Youth Baseball League will be conducting registration on Saturday, Feb. 11 and Saturday, Feb. 18. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to noon CT. Registration will be held at Cox Transmission. Ad-

ditional registration will also be held during the week from 3 to 5 p.m. CT at Cox Transmission. The league is for boys ages 4-14. New players need to have a copy of their birth certificate. The cost is \$55 for T-ball through Majors (ages 4-12) and \$75 for Pony (ages 13-14).

Children need to be present at registration to be sized for their uniform.

For further information, contact one of the following: Tonya Cox at 381-2933, Tracy Malcolm at 532-4886, Debbie Setterich at 841-0394, Brian Cox at 832-6009 or Cox Transmission at 639-3506.

Lady Sharks split in preseason classic

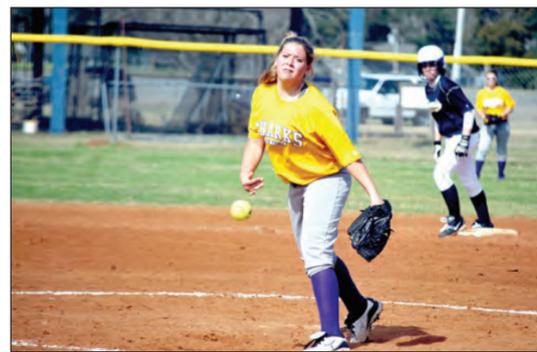
Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe High School Lady Shark softball team competed in a four-team preseason classic in Sneads last Saturday.

In the first game the Lady Sharks lost to the host team 11-1. Port St. Joe bounced back to beat Blountstown 6-0 in the second game.

Stephanie Brinkmeier and MaKayla Ramsey pitched the two games, respectively.

"Being a pre-season classic, we played a lot of players and played them in different positions to see what positions would best suit the team," Coach Belin said. "We found some areas we were strong in and areas that needed some work. Overall we are very pleased with what we



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Stephanie Brinkmeier and the Port St. Joe High softball team opened 2010 competition in a Preseason Classic at Sneads last weekend.

The junior varsity will play at North Bay Haven Charter tonight at 5 p.m. ET and again Saturday in a junior varsity round-robin with Blountstown and Franklin County.

Games begin at 1 p.m. ET. The Lady Shark varsity will open their season Thursday, Feb. 16, at home against Blountstown.

Come out and support the Lady Sharks as the 2012 softball season begins.

PSJ Dixie Youth Softball registration

Star Staff Report

Port St Joe Dixie Softball registration for the 2012 season will be held from 9 a.m. to noon ET on Saturday, Feb. 11, Feb. 18 and Feb. 25 at the STAC House. Girls

ages 4 to 15 are invited to play softball. Players must be at least 4 years old before Aug. 1 in order to play. Bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to the registration. No experience is necessary. Registration fee

is \$60 per player. Sponsor fee is \$300 per team. Softball umpires are needed as well. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact: Mike Lacour at 774-6446, or email lacour6@gtcom.net.

PSJ Dixie Youth and Dixie Boys registration

Star Staff Report

The PSJ Dixie Youth Baseball League will be holding registration for the upcoming season on the following dates: Saturday, Feb. 11. Saturday registration times are from 9 a.m.

to 12 ET. Registration time for Tuesday is 5 to 7 p.m. ET. Registration will take place at the STAC House on 8th St. Children ages 5 - 14 are encouraged to sign up. (Must be age five before May 1 and can't turn 15 on or before April 30.) All new

players to the league must submit a copy of their birth certificate. For the first time in many years, Port St. Joe is opening the Dixie Boys league for 13- and 14-year-old players. Tryouts will be held on Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon ET.

Wewahitchka Dixie Softball signups

Star Staff Report

Wewahitchka Dixie Softball will hold sign-ups for the 2012 season on Saturday, Feb. 11 and Feb. 18

at the Honeyville Sports Complex. Sign-ups will take place each day from 9 a.m. to noon CT.

The sign-up fee is \$50

and a copy of the child's birth certificate is needed if she has not played before.

For more information call 227-6471 or 832-8809.

Offense key in district tourney for Port St. Joe

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Putting the ball in the bucket is about as simple as it gets for Port St. Joe as the Tiger Sharks headed into district tournament play this week.

The Tiger Sharks (9-16 overall, 5-7 in District 4-1A), faced tournament host Blountstown on Tuesday night in the opening round of the district tournament with top-seeded West Gadsden, which had a bye in the opening round, awaiting the winner for a 7 p.m. ET matchup.

The championship game is 7 p.m. CT on Saturday.

The final week of the regular season was a microcosm of the entire schedule for the Tiger Sharks – when they are efficient shooting and handling the ball, there is success, when not shooting or handling the ball well, not so much.

“We’re at 0-0 right now

entering the playoffs, that is what I told the kids,” said Port St. Joe coach Derek Kurnitsky. “We start over from here. Everybody has the same record.

“If we can make shots we’ll be a tough out. If we can’t, we are in trouble.”

The Tiger Sharks began last week with a 58-44 win over Wewahitchka. Port St. Joe stumbled a bit early, but the Tiger Sharks were up nine at halftime and pushed the lead from there, having one of the rare games this season in which the Tiger Sharks have scored in double digits every period.

“When we score points, hit our layups, hit our shots, we become a good ball club,” Kurnitsky said.

Chad Quinn led the Tiger Sharks with a season-high 15 points and Natrone Lee (14) and Alex King (11) also scored in double digits.

Arion Ward and Ramello Zaccarro each scored six points, Jarkiece Davis had

four and Caleb Odom two for Port St. Joe.

Two nights later, the Tiger Sharks were at home to Tallahassee FAMU and the offense struggled in a 52-39 loss.

“We must have missed 10 layups, shots right there,” Kurnitsky said.

The game was a close low-scoring affair before FAMU scored 20 of the final 33 points to pull away.

King led the way for Port St. Joe with 13 points. Davis added nine, Lee six, T.J. Williams four, Zaccarro three and Odom and Ward had two points apiece.

The regular season ended last Saturday at Bay High where the Tornados controlled things from start to finish in a 60-36 Bay High win.

Lee had 11 points and King 10 to lead Port St. Joe. Odom had five, Davis four, Zaccarro three, Ward two and Quinn one for Port St. Joe.

Club soccer tryouts

Star Staff Report

The Callaway Arsenal Soccer Club will be holding tryouts from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12 at the Callaway Sports Complex, for three competitive teams (ages 12-18) it will be forming for this Spring

season.

There will be a Boys High School-aged, a Girls High School-aged, and a co-ed Middle School-aged team. They will train on Tuesday and Thursday nights throughout the spring at Callaway, run-

ning from March through May. Former professional coach and current boys and girls coach at Port St Joe High School, Gary Hindley, will oversee the coaching of all three teams. They will be registered with U.S. Club Soccer.

Wewahitchka opens district hoops play

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka High School boys’ basketball team (8-14 overall, 5-7 in District 1-1A), opened district tournament play on Tuesday against Vernon in a tournament hosted by Ponce de Leon.

The Gators are led in scoring and rebounding

by Raheem Wright, who is averaging a double-double per game. Wright is scoring 16 points a game and hauling in 11 rebounds on average.

Sebastian Quentin and Theryl Brown also average double figures in points, each averaging 11 points per game.

Quentin leads the team

in assists at 3.5 per game with Brown averaging 2.5 assists per game.

The Gators are seeking at least a second place finish in the district tourney, which concludes with the championship game on Saturday. The top two teams in each district advance to regional play.

Port St. Joe honors 2011 football team



COURTESY OF VALERIE CLAYTON

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe High School held its annual football banquet recently and honored the standouts from the 2011 season.

Among those honored were (from left) Corey North, who won Pride of the Sharks; Daniel May, outstanding player on special teams; Arion Ward, named captain of the 2011

team; Rickey Pennington, co-defensive player of the year; and Ramello Zaccarro, offensive player of the year. Not pictured, Natrone Lee, co-defensive player of the year.

VALENTINE’S DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Star Staff Report

The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club is having a fun two-person, net best-ball tournament. It will be held at 1 p.m. ET on Sunday, Feb. 12. If not familiar with this type of tournament, there will be a sample scorecard to help you. The cost for members is \$25 per person and \$37 for each non-member, including cart and prizes.

The prize money will be determined by the number of teams playing (first place,

50 percent; second place, 30 percent and third place, 20 percent). Pick your own partner, or singles with verified handicaps are welcome, and we will find you a partner. Please sign up in the Pro Shop, or call 227-1751 for more information. We are located at 700 Country Club Road, just off of 30A.

There will also be a fish fry the same day to raise money for new window treatment in the Meeting Room. The cost to players

is \$8 and \$10 for non-players. We will start serving at 11:30 a.m. ET for those of you that would like to eat before you play, or eat up to 6 p.m. after you golf. The menu will be fish, hush puppies, Cole slaw, baked beans, and a drink. A cash bar will also be available.

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The mock crash portrayed the aftermath of a fatal car accident using the team of local law enforcement officers and rescue workers that would respond in a real accident situation.

A lesson in 'real life'

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

Jay Smith, standing in front of two crumpled vehicles, warned the audience of students beforehand.

"We're going to do something very serious here," said Smith, a crime scene investigator for the Gulf County Sheriff's Office. "I'm going to talk about some things you're not going to be very happy about. I'm going to talk about real life."

High school students from across Northwest Florida watched in horror Jan. 28 as Smith narrated a mock-crash in the parking lot of Port St. Joe High School. The students, representing high schools from Pensacola to Tallahassee, gathered at PSJHS for the third regional student government conference of the school year.

A crash only takes seven-tenths of a second to happen, Smith said, motioning toward the head-on collision of a pickup truck and small car staged behind him.

The mock crash rendered the actual aftermath of a fatal car wreck, from the discovery of the accident by a passerby to the arrival of the emergency squad and rescue of the victims, to the subsequent arrest of the drunk driver who caused the accident.

Deputies from the Gulf County Sheriff's Office were the first to respond, followed by an army of ambulances that screeched in moments later and began to initiate rescue efforts.

In the white pickup truck, things went horribly wrong, Smith said, as the paramedics covered the windows with white sheets to hide the fatalities and quickly moved on to help rescue the trapped victims of the smaller car.

"We do this way too many times," Smith said as an EMS worker pried the doors of the car open with the Jaws of Life, a hydraulic rescue tool used to free victims from the confines of a car accident.

Smith said in any serious accident, there is a "Golden Hour," meaning the chances of survival are greater the sooner the victims are removed from the vehicle.

The emergency workers freed the trapped victims and placed them on stretchers, loaded them in the ambulances and quickly screeched away.

Smith asked the students to look to one side.

"Imagine you wake up tomorrow and she's gone," he said. "And that happens far too often, folks. This is what happens day in and day out all over the U.S. and all over the world."

Smith asked to students to imagine how their parents would react to losing them.

"They're lives will change permanently, and that's forever," Smith said of each person involved in the accident and their families.



Top, the Jaws of Life are used by an ESU worker to pry open the car door during the mock crash.

Middle, students participate in "swap shops," quick, five-minute brainstorming session to share ideas during the regional student government conference at PSJHS Jan. 28.

Bottom, Gulf County Crime Scene Investigator Jay Smith narrates a mock crash at Port St. Joe High School during a regional student government conference Jan. 28.

For those who didn't make it, the lives of their families will change forever. In Gulf County alone, three young adults have died in accidents on county roads.

The survivors might face life-changing injuries. The driver of the car walked away from the accident, but now faces serious charges of vehicular homicide and DUI and a series of lawsuits from the victims' families.

"It ruins lots of lives, but as young adults, you can choose not to drink and drive," Smith said. "You need to find a ride home."

The mock crash was only one of many activities the students participated in throughout the course of the day.

It was only the second time in the last 20 years PSJHS hosted the Panhandle-wide student government conference.

"It's a big deal," said Joni White, the student government advisor at PSJHS.

The conference was the third and last of the school year, bringing 213 students together to share ideas.

In the course of the day, the students elected new district officers, participated in swap shops and five-minute brainstorming workshops to gain input on certain issues, and discussed and voted on proposed resolutions to be sent to the Florida Department of Education.

Resolutions were submitted for discussion by district high schools and brought up debates on the Florida class size amendment, block scheduling, teacher evaluations, bathroom pass limitation, developing school-endorsed recycling programs and allowing schools to hand out birth control to students.

The conference also featured Senator Bill Montford as its guest speaker.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Roger Hall, President of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, and Sacred Heart Foundation President Henry Roberts (both center) receive a \$25,000 check from the Port St. Joe Lions Club.

PSJ Lions complete \$50,000 pledge to Sacred Heart

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Lions Club made good on its \$50,000 commitment to the Sacred Heart Foundation on Jan. 11 as members presented the final \$25,000 check to Roger Hall, President of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, and Sacred Heart Foundation President Henry Roberts. (See related article A4)

The check is an acceleration of a 10-year, \$50,000 pledge the Lions Club made to the foundation during the initial

\$2.5 million fundraising effort to support the construction and technological outfitting of the hospital. Thanks to the great success of the Sportsman's Banquet, the Lions were able to complete their \$50,000 pledge five years ahead of schedule.

The donation will be deposited into the general fund of the Sacred Heart Foundation and will be used exclusively for the support of Sacred Heart on the Gulf. The Lions have had the Sacred Heart cafeteria named in honor of the donation.



Nature photos displayed at Preserves Center

Star Staff Report

The public is invited to come and view a photography exhibit displaying the winners of the first annual Friends of St. Joseph Bay Preserves Nature Photo contest. The photos will be on display at the Preserves Center at 3915 State Road 30A in Port St. Joe through Saturday, Feb. 11. There will also be a closing reception for the exhibit Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. ET where patrons can view the photo exhibit and meet

the photographers. Light refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

All photo contest proceeds benefitted the Friends of St. Joseph Bay Preserves. In addition to raising funds for the Friends and raising public awareness of the Buffer's existence, the group hopes the photos showcasing the natural beauty of St. Joseph Bay and its surrounding region will inspire people to protect the natural areas and heritage of St. Joseph Bay.

Dentist offers free services to needy

Star Staff Report

Dr. Frank D. May of Port St. Joe has a unique Valentine's Day present for the needy of this area. Since the mid-90s, Dr. May has provided free dental treatment for Valentine's Day at his office. To schedule an appointment, please send or bring by a letter to Dr. May's office giving a brief description of your dental needs, and describe your situation that makes you a good candidate for this benefit. Send the letter to Dr. May's office at 319 Williams Ave, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. Please, no phone calls. Be sure to include your telephone number so we can contact you to schedule an appointment. Dr. May will see 20 patients in need of dental treatment, and

hygienists Anealia Bush and Linda Wright will see eight to ten patients. The office hopes to serve as many as 40 patients.

Patients must be at least 12 years of age, and accompanied by a parent or guardian if under the age of 18. Treatments provided will include cleaning, x-rays, fillings, extractions, diagnostics and pain control.

Dr. May and his staff participate in "Dentist With a Heart" because they wish to impact people who otherwise could not afford to see a dentist and help those people save their teeth, as well as relieve them of any discomfort they might be having. Our office cares about this community and would like to give those in need of our services, their smiles back!



KINGSLEY MAKENZIE

Kingsley MaKenzie turns 3

Join us from 2-4:30 p.m. ET Saturday, Feb. 12, for sparkly make-up and fancy hats, boas and tutus, now fancy that.

A magical soiree it's sure to be as Kingsley MaKenzie turns 3.

We plan to celebrate this at the Centennial Park with a Special Dance Lesson from Mrs. Barbie Sabins, a Make-up and Posh Polish event with Carla Wiley and a Fun & Sassy Photo shoot with Juice box photography's Hilary Patterson. We will enjoy beautiful and posh decor by Lynne Carr, and we will end with a Fancy Nancy book as we enjoy a Special story time with our local Librarian Mrs. Paula Boone.

We love you so much!
Love Mom, Dad, Keaston and Jacob, GrandMomma, Grand Daddy, Paw Paw and Mee Mee, aunts, uncles and the rest of the gang
Happy, happy birthday, baby!!!



JACOB HOPPER

Jacob Hopper is turning 10

Jacob Hopper is turning 10 this Feb. 12. He will enjoy an intimate birthday party this Saturday before he and his family along with friends head to Walt Disney World to celebrate his birthday with a bang. Jacob is in for a thrill of a lifetime.

We love you so much!
Love Mom, Dad, Keaston and Kingsley GrandMomma, Grand Daddy, Paw Paw and Mee Mee, Aunts, Uncles and the rest of the gang
Happy, happy birthday, baby!!!

Weldon turns 90

On Feb. 6, Bill Weldon turned 90 years old. When asked if he had any advice to pass on to those younger than him, he simply said, "Let the Lord be your guide."

Happy birthday, Bill!



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Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Come by and see our new outside "Catio" enclosure for our great kitties. Faith's Thrift Hut is always in need of donations also, and all the proceeds go directly to support the animals in our care! 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!

www.sjbhumaneociety.org

If you are missing a pet or want to adopt a new pet, please check with your local Humane Society or Shelter. Follow us on Facebook: St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

WEWAHITCHKA WOMAN'S CLUB TURNS 75



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club Inc. recently was recognized for its 75th anniversary. Club members, from left, are Club President Laura Baxley, Dianne Semmes, Patty Fisher, Teresa Lykins, Carol Vlahos and Susan Holmes. The Wewahitchka Woman's Club is one of the oldest clubs in the GFWC Federation.

St. Joseph Bay Golf Club hosts Valentine fish fry fundraiser

Star Staff Report

The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club is having a Fish Fry on Sunday, Feb. 12, to raise funds for new window treatment in the meeting room.

The Ladies Golf Association and individual members have pledged funds for this project, and the Fish Fry will hopefully raise the balance of the funds.

Serving will start at 11:30 a.m. ET and go until 6 p.m. ET. The menu includes fish, hush puppies, cole slaw, baked beans and a drink.

A cash bar also will be available.

A golf tournament will be going on that same day. See sports section for more information. If you play in the tournament the price of your dinner is \$8 and \$10 for non-players.

This dinner is open to the public, and you do not need to play golf in the tournament. We hope you will come out for a great meal, meet some friends and see what great shape the course is in.

You may purchase tickets ahead of time at the Pro Shop or call 227-1757.

The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club is located at 700 Country Club Road just off County Road 30A.

Help control the feral cat population in Port St. Joe

Special to The Star

The feral cats in Port St. Joe want to say thanks to those humans who have fed us and provided us some shelter. As you know, times are tough, here on the streets especially.

We also want to let you know that there is help available for us. Through a new organization called Fix-A-Cat, the Port St. Joe Alley Cats Team is providing a free spay/neuter program for

the feral cats in the area. The St. Joseph Bay Humane Society also has a spay/neuter program. If you are taking care of a feral cat, you can help control overpopulation by trapping them and bringing them to the humane society.

For more information about what you can do to help, call the Alley Cats Team at 850-229-1560 or the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-229-1103 (SJBHumaneSociety.org).

Society BRIEFS

United Way free tax return preparation

The United Way in partnership with the Washington Improvement Group will offer free income tax return preparation through April 15. Each year, many don't have access to affordable tax preparation services or are unaware of programs like the Earned Income Tax Credit that can put hundreds of dollars back in your pocket.

If you made \$50,270 or less last year you qualify for free income tax preparation.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites will be the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association Center at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe and the WIG Complex at 401 Peters St. in Port St. Joe.

The hours at the Senior Citizens Center are 1-6 p.m. ET each Thursday, by appointment only. Call 229-1642 to make an appointment.

At the WIG Complex, hours are 1-6 p.m. ET each Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Feb. 11, Feb. 18, March 7 and March 14.

PHP free tax return preparation

Volunteers with People Helping People of Gulf County will offer free tax return preparation from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through April 15.

People Helping People, a non-profit organization, is at 2010 Parker Ave. in Highland View. For more information, call 229-5262.

Amateur Radio Society to offer license exams

The Gulf Amateur Radio Society will be providing license exams at 10 a.m. ET Saturday, Feb. 11, at the EOC Building in Port St. Joe, behind the Gulf County Courthouse.

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HSHT drive collects 500 pounds of food

Star Staff Report

The High School High Tech Club at Port St. Joe High School conducted a food drive in January as their community service project. The students went door to door on Jan. 28. The Bridge and the

St. Joseph Bay Country Club had additional drop off points. Almost 500 pounds of food were collected and delivered to the food pantry at People Helping People. We want to thank the community for its generous support, as well as the Piggly Wiggly for donating collection

bags, Erika White of People Helping People, who came to the school and spoke to the students about the importance of volunteerism and The Bridge and the St. Joseph Bay Country Club for being generous supporters of this food drive and our overall program.

By Clay Raffield and Caroline Rish

General Information:

- Yearbook prices will never be lower. Purchase your 2011-12 yearbook now for 25 percent off of the regular price. The sale price is only \$45. Contact Mr. Taylor in Room 718 for an order form or order online by visiting the school web page at <http://psjhs-gcs-fl.schoolloop.com>. The book this year covers all grades 7 -12 at the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School. Don't miss out — YEARBOOK IT! Sale price ends on Feb. 15.

- On Saturday, Jan. 28, the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School Student Government hosted a District 1 meeting. We had over 250 people in attendance from Pensacola to Tallahassee. At this event the delegates went to a workshop type event called "Swap Shops" and then, they witnessed the Gulf County Sheriff's Department perform a Mock Wreck to raise awareness of texting and drinking while driving. The guest speaker was state Sen. Bill Montford. It was a huge success. Mrs. Joni White was chosen as Student Government Advisor of the year. We received nothing but compliments all day. We would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!

- Congratulations to our very



own Wanda Nixon on being named "School Support Person" of the Year for the entire county. Way to go Mrs. Wanda!

- Port St. Joe NJROTC will be holding their Annual Inspection and Review Thursday, Feb. 16, at 9 a.m. All are invited to this impressive event. The Reviewing Officer this year will be CDR Michael Egan, the United States Navy, the Commanding Officer of the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center at the Naval Support Activity Panama City. Please come and help celebrate our 35th year of Commissioning. Come see these impressive young men and women in action.

- Feb. 23 - Black History Program at 9 a.m. ET. Guest Speaker - Stephen Osborne; the public is invited. Stephen is a graduate of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, class of 1978. He was born in Apalachicola on Sept. 11, 1960. Stephen is the son of the late Charles A. Osborne and Ometa Hurd Osborne of

Port St. Joe. After graduation, Stephen attended Florida A&M University as well as entered into the U.S. Army. During his tenure in the U.S. Army (20 years), he served in numerous leadership capacities in the U.S., as well as various other countries, including Germany, Korea, France, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Botswana and Somalia, Africa. Stephen also enrolled in the Soldiers Opportunity College (SOCAD), accumulating the credits required to complete his degree, attending the University of Maryland throughout his military career. Upon retirement from the U.S. Army in September 1999, Stephen was employed as a contractor for the Systems/Network Engineer within the Department of Defense and State Department in Washington, D.C. He was also assigned to the Pentagon during the attacks of 9-11. After numerous years working in the Washington, D.C. area, Stephen

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created his own IT consulting firm, providing employees for government contracts, as well as employees with Headquarters, Bank of America and Duke Energy in Charlotte, N.C., where he presently resides. Stephen is married to Derial Rhodes (Fennell) Osborne of 28 years and has two sons, Stephen "Atrial" Osborne (Sophomore N.C. A&T "Law") and Isaiah Charles Osborne (JM Alexander Middle School).

- Cap and gown photographs will be taken on Wednesday, Feb. 15. There will be a \$15 sitting fee for these photographs. If you desire for your student to take cap and gown photographs, please have them contact Coach Taylor in Room 718 to sign up for a sitting time. Photographs will be taken at school only on Feb. 15.
- ACT on Feb. 11 at Bay High School.

Clubs:

- Feb. 17; FCA in Mrs. Knox room, Junior High.

Sports:

Congratulations to PSJ Cheerleaders Emerald Muniz, Lacey Strickland, Jackie Collinsworth, Jeni McLemore, Kristina Furtsenberg, Jada

Quaranta, Kayla Caldwell, Kaley Wilder, Alex Scott, Sydney Owens, Jena Julian, Dantasia Welch and Kennedy Thacker (7th grade flyer) for placing fifth overall in the FHSAA competition! The cheerleaders also placed third in the semi-finals out of 27 teams. Way to go girls. You make us proud.

Congratulations Megan Walker for signing with Mississippi State with a scholarship in pole vaulting. Good Job Megan!

- Feb. 9 - JV softball at Bay Haven, 5 p.m. CT;
- Feb. 9 - Varsity baseball vs. Maclay in Marianna at 4:30 p.m. CT;
- Feb 10 - Boys basketball district tournament at Blountstown, TBA;
- Feb 11 - Boys basketball district tournament at Blountstown, TBA;
- Feb 11 - JV Softball Classic, three games starting at 1 p.m. ET in PSJ;
- Feb 13 - JV baseball at Liberty County, 5 p.m. ET;
- Feb 13 - Varsity baseball vs. Vernon, 7 p.m. ET;
- Feb 14 - JV/Varsity baseball at Rutherford, 5/7 p.m. CT;
- Feb 16 - JV/Varsity softball vs. Blountstown, 5/7 p.m. ET;
- Feb 17 - JV Baseball vs. North Bay Haven 4:30 p.m. ET;
- Feb 17 - Varsity baseball vs. Graceville at 7 p.m. ET.

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Don't get wrapped up in the hype

Well, the Super Bowl is over. Over 90 million people watched the New England Patriots and the New York Giants battle it out to see who could claim the coveted title as

"The NFL Champions for 2012." After four preseason games, sixteen regular season games and the playoff games, the New York Giants are now "The Super Bowl Champions for

2012." The amazing thing is all of the hype that leads up to a 60 minute football game! The week before the big game there a so many channels from ESPN to major networks showing highlights of the past season. All of our favorite football movies from "Brian's Song" to "Rudy" are shown over and over again.

The night before the big game they have the "NFL Honors" paying tribute to those who played the game so well in 2011. Then, the day of "Super Bowl XLVI" finally arrives, and it is begins with a pre-game show that last even longer than the game itself. Everyone is so excited!

Excited about what? Some are excited about all of the very expensive commercials that will be aired during the show. Some are excited about Madonna's halftime performance. Still others are just excited about having a Super Bowl party with family and friends. I wonder, how many of the

In this world, it's easy to get our values "out of whack." Some couples do a lot more preparation for their wedding than they do their marriage. Students can care more about a grade than what they actually learned. An employee can be more concerned about getting a paycheck than earning a paycheck.

90 million viewers really care about who actually wins the game?

In this world, it's easy to get our values "out of whack." Some couples do a lot more preparation for their wedding than they do their marriage. Students can care more about a grade than what they actually learned. An employee can be more concerned about getting a paycheck than earning a paycheck. In church, we can put more emphasis on a worship service than we do about serving. We can participate in the most

wonderful worship service in the world, but if people are not able to see our faith by the way we treat them and other people, of what good is it?

Jesus made it very simple for all of us when He was asked, "What is the greatest commandment?" This is what Jesus said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the

Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40. NIV)

If our families, the people we work with, and our neighbors don't see that love lived out in our lives, then are we just a bunch of hype? We can go to church three times a week, read the Bible every day and even memorize a verse a week, but if it doesn't make us more like Jesus; it is just a bunch of hype. I John 4:8 says, "God is love." We are called to do and be the same.

Well, the Super Bowl was a great game and maybe it deserved all the hype it received. But bottom line, it's not about the hype, it's about the game.

So, don't be distracted with all the hype and stay in the game!

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Port St. Joe

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New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church

Sunday	Wednesday
Sunday School..... 9:00 am	Wednesday Night Supper..... 5:00 - 6:15 pm
Worship Service..... 10:30 am	Children's Choir..... 5:45 - 6:10 pm
Youth Groups..... 5:30 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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Wednesday:
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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

First United Methodist Church of Mexico Beach
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Donnie Swaggart is called by God to bring the message of Pentecost to those bound by cold, formal, lifeless religion, and to reintroduce the Pentecostal fire and the Pentecostal way of life to those who have never gone beyond the initial baptism experience. He is a regular speaker at the twice annual Jimmy Swaggart Campmeetings. Without fail, Donnie delivers a stirring message on the Holy Spirit on the Saturday night Campmeeting service. This Saturday evening message is always a deeply anticipated part of the Campmeeting and has come to be affectionately termed "Holy Spirit Night" to ministry insiders.

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Faith BRIEFS

Living Water Church open house

The Living Water Church will be having an open house Saturday at its new building at 1602 U.S. Highway 98, across from the El Governor Annex. The church recently purchased the building in order to launch a new "Life Tree Café," a community-oriented café that aims to gather people to explore life and faith.

The public is welcome to attend the open house from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. CST for snacks, coffee and drinks and tours of the new facility.

The Living Water Church has a service on the beach on the second Sunday of every month and will begin offering weekly Sunday services in April.

For more information on the church or open house, call Pastor Ted Richter at 850-890-1424 or visit the website at www.livingwateratthebeach.com.

Red and White evening of Worship

The public is invited to attend a Red and White evening of worship at 6 p.m. EST Saturday

at the Washington Improvement Center on Avenue D in Port St. Joe.

The event is sponsored by Showers of Blessings Outreach Ministry in Tallahassee, with Mother Evangelist Stella Stallworth as the conference supervisor and Evangelist Pinkie Patterson as the program chairperson.

The program will focus on the greatest gift of them all: love.

Pot roast at FUMC of Mexico Beach

First United Methodist Church of Mexico Beach,

on N. 22nd Street, will have a Valentine's Day pot roast dinner on Feb. 14. There will be two seatings, 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. CST. Tickets are a \$10 donation. Dine in or take out. Call 648-2248, 899-0004 or 648-4041 for tickets.

St. James' Episcopal Pancake Supper

St. James' Episcopal Church, 800 22nd Street in Port St. Joe, will have its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5 p.m. EST Tuesday, Feb. 21. Cost is \$3 per plate. Everyone is welcome.

The Christian and The Fool

The Christian looks to the future with joy in their life.

They know when this life's over, there will be no more trouble and strife.

The fool says in his heart there is no God.

Ask him where he'll spend eternity,

when he leaves this earthly sod.

Many will laugh it off and say

they are happy living their life of sin.

But the laughter of a fool conceals emptiness within.

A life with no meaning, and no future at the end.

That's all it will be without Jesus, and a life lived in sin.

But folks there is hope, Jesus is coming back again.

Ask forgiveness and accept Him as your Savior and He'll forgive your sin.

You will be eternally blessed and look forward to the end.

The crystal river in heaven beats the lake of fire, my friend.

— Billy Johnson

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Nichols Craddock

Oct. 7, 1932 – Feb. 2, 2012

Dorothy Nichols Craddock, 79, of Bainbridge, Ga., and formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mexico Beach, Fla., passed away Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at Memorial Hospital.

The graveside funeral service was at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, at Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Roy Matthews officiating.

The family received friends immediately following the service. Online visitors may sign the guest register at www.iveyfuneral.com.

Mrs. Craddock was born Oct. 7, 1932, in Bainbridge, Ga., the daughter of Arthur Earley Nichols and Mozell Phillips Nichols. She was



DOROTHY CRADDOCK

a graduate of West Bainbridge High School, Class of 1950 and was a dedicated real estate agent, serving the Mexico Beach community for more than 15 years

before retiring.

Mrs. Craddock was a member of Bethany Baptist Church.

Survivors include her brothers, Earl Nichols of Bainbridge, Ga., Bill Nichols and his wife, Judi, of Bainbridge, Ga.; her sister, Faye Nichols of Tallahassee, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Craddock was preceded in death by her husbands, Gene Phillips and Tom Craddock; and her son, Richard Phillips.

Heidi Nicole Wiley

Heidi Nicole Wiley, 28, of Wewahitchka, passed away Thursday night, Feb. 2, 2012, in Wewahitchka. Heidi was born on Feb. 24, 1983, in Panama City and had lived in Wewahitchka all her life. She had worked as a CAN and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors included mother and father, Martha and Charles G. Wiley of Wewahitchka; and one brother, Charles G. Wiley II of Savannah, Ga.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012, at 2 p.m. CST at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church in Wewahitchka with the Rev. Nikki Davis and the Rev. Joey Smith officiating. Interment followed in Roberts Cemetery in Honeyville. The family received friends on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012, from noon until service time at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church.

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

Local Beekeeping Course well attended

By Roy Lee Carter
County Extension Director

Monday night, Jan. 31, marked the final segment of the eight-week long class "Beekeeping in the Panhandle." This class was presented by the University of Florida's Extension Service. Fifteen counties in the Florida Panhandle and South Alabama were linked via the "polycom inactive video system" with 255 participants registered for the course, 19 from Gulf

County.

Several professors from the University of Florida; (IFAS) Apiculture Department taught classes and gave lectures on various honey bee topics. Other instructors were state honeybee inspectors, Lawrence Cutts and Elmore Herman. As a part of the course, a beekeeping tradeshow and seminar was at the Washington County Ag.

Concluding the course Monday night, Gulf County Extension Director Roy Lee

Carter presented students with a certificate of completion.

As a result of the enthusiasm generated by the "Beekeeping in the Panhandle Course," attendees expressed interest in starting a local club. Some of the benefits from starting a club would possibly be: Networking with other beekeepers, shared information, and continuing education. If you are interested, call the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or 229-2909.

Health Department welcomes new dentists in two locations

Star Staff Report

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. If you have a baby or toddler, you may have questions about thumb sucking, your child's first dental visit or how and when to clean your child's teeth.

Dr. Carl Juliao and Dr. Gaponiuk urge you to make an appointment today to learn about when children should have their first dental visit, ways to prevent early childhood caries, when to expect changes from primary to permanent teeth, proper brushing and flossing techniques,

thumb sucking, dental sealants, choosing the right mouth protector for active children and adolescents, and teaching their children to say no to tobacco.

Parents need regular dental examinations and the Gulf County Health Department Dental Department provides dental care to all ages.

"Teeth are meant to

last a lifetime, and a healthy smile is important to a child's self-esteem," Dr. Juliao said.

"I'm excited to become part of the great dental team here at the Port St. Joe dental clinic and to work together with families in caring for their smiles," Dr. Gaponiuk.

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Bridge at Bay St. Joe wins prestigious honor

Star Staff Report

The Bridge at Bay St. Joe recently was named a "Program of Distinction" by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

The organization's "Excellence in Care" program named the Bridge at Bay St. Joe a dementia care program of distinction after the facility successfully reached the standards of excellence in care the program requires, according to a press release from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

A plaque was presented to the Bridge at Bay St. Joe in December of last year, recognizing the facility as a model of dementia care in the North Florida area, the release said.

The Bridge at Bay St. Joe also will appear on the foundation's Excellence in Care website.

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Feb 2, 9, 2012

76416S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.:
23 2009 CA 000503

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HALO 2007-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

DIANE M. ZIMMERMAN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 5th, 2012 and entered in Case No. 23 2009 CA 000503 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET LOAN OBLIGATION TRUST 2007-2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE SERIES 2007-2, is the Plaintiff and DIANE M. ZIMMERMAN, are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 9th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THAT CERTAIN TRACT, PARCEL OR PLOT OF LAND LYING WESTERLY OF STATE ROAD 30 (U.S. HIGHWAY 98) IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF AND ACROSS THE RIGHT WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 30 AND GULF STREET IN YON'S ADDITION TO BEACON HILL, FLORIDA, AS IF THE NORTH

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AND SOUTH BOUNDARY LINES OF GULF STREET WERE EXTENDED TO THE SEASHORE WESTERLY OF STATE ROAD 30 (U.S. HIGHWAY 98), AND BEING A STRIP OR PARCEL OF LAND 70 FEET IN WIDTH AND EXTENDING FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 30 TO THE HIGH WATER MARK OF THE GULF OF MEXICO, AND INCLUDING RIPARIAN RIGHTS; THE LOT BEING UNNUMBERED LOT DELINEATED ON THE MAP OF YON'S ADDITION TO BEACON HILL, ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 6801 HWY 98 SUB, PORT ST JOE, FL 32456

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 11th, 2012.

Rebecca L. Norris
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

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76420S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.
23-2011-CA-000145

RBC BANK (USA) F/K/A RBC CENTURA BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

WESSON, JONATHAN R., et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOHNATHAN R. WESSON
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AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

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

LOT 1, BLOCK 3, PINEY WOODS BEACH, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 46.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Default Department, Attorney's for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and the file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice in THE STAR, or on or before February 17th, 2012, otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 10th day of January, 2012.

REBECCA L. (BECKY) NORRIS
As Clerk of said Court

By: BA BAXTER
As Deputy Clerk

Copy furnished to: A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the above-named Defendant(s) at the last known address.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at 1000 5th Street, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, Telephone (850) 229-6113, no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

Rebecca Norris
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
Elizabeth K. Baird
Butler & Hosch, P.A.
3185 S. Conway Rd., Suite E
Orlando, Florida 32812
(407) 381-5200
Feb 9, 16, 2012

76518S LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ST. JOE RENT-ALL, INC intends to dispose of or offer for sale the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801-83.809)

ST. JOE RENT-ALL, INC will dispose of said

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TION, INC., AN ADMINISTRATIVELY DIS-SOLVED CORPORATION, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on the 23rd day of February, 2012, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the 1000 5th Street, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situate in Gulf County, Florida:

UNIT No. 11-C of SEAGULL BAY, a condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium, recorded in O.R. Book 110, Page 429, and all exhibits and amendments thereof, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto, as set forth in the Declaration.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 20th day of January, 2012.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this process should contact Court Administration at 1000 5th Street, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, Telephone (850) 229-6113, no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

Rebecca Norris
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

LOT 39, BLOCK A, GULF PINES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 25, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2012.

REBECCA NORRIS
Clerk of the Circuit

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property no later than Feb 18, 2012.

Property is located at 706 First Street, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 and 131 Volunteer Ave, White City, FL the following:

W19-Rachel Covey Misc Furnishings
W26-Colea Jones Misc Furnishings
71-Chris Jones Misc Furnishings
30-Mike Benieves Misc Furnishings
35-Pam Anthony Misc Furnishings
47-Jimmy Pounsell Misc Furnishings
52-Joseph Stromsness Misc Furnishings
February 9, 16, 2011

76522S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.:
23-2009-CA-000361
CIVIL DIVISION:

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff,

vs.

CYNTHIA D. PARKER; BAYSIDE SAVINGS BANK; GULF PINES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF GULF COUNTY, INC.; JAMES C. PARKER; U N K N O W N TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 31, 2012, entered in Case No. 11-329 CA in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF QUITMAN, is Plaintiff, and PALM BREEZE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, GEORGE P. HAMM, and WETAPPO PRESERVE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on March 1st, 2012, the following described Property situated in Gulf County, Florida, legally described as:

LOT 82 & 176, WETAPPO SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 36 - 42 IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, on February 3, 2012.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at Telephone 850/229-6112.

Clerk of the Court
By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to:

Colin L. McMichen, Esq
P.O. Box 2467
Panama City, FL 32402

George Hamm
59 W. Main Street
Lakeland, GA 31635

Palm Breeze Development, LLC
59 W. Main Street

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Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:
Law Offices of Marshall C. Watson, PA,
1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
(954) 453-0365
Fax (954) 771-6052
Toll Free:
1-800-441-2438
February 9, 16, 2012

76526S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 11-329 CA

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF QUITMAN, Plaintiff,

vs.
PALM BREEZE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, GEORGE P. HAMM, and WETAPPO PRESERVE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

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WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, on February 3, 2012.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at Telephone 850/229-6112.

Clerk of the Court
By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

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Lakeland, GA 31635

Wetappo Preserve Owners Association, Inc.
209 7th Street
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

on this 3rd day of February, 2012.

CLERK OF THE COURT

BA BAXTER
As: Deputy Clerk
February 9, 16, 2012

76737S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No. 964

Application No. 2012-02

Year of Issuance: 2009

R.E. No. 03801-051R

Description of Property: BEGIN at the Southwest Corner of Lot 1, Block A, of Integras Rehabilitation Phase II, a subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 2, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, and run thence South 02 Degrees 42 Minutes 19 Seconds West along the West Boundary of the Club House and Pool Area as shown on said plat of Integrals Rehabilitation Phase II, for 55.29 feet, thence North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 47 Seconds East, for 100.98 feet to a point lying on the Westerly right of way line of Four J's Road, as per Official Records Book 287, Page 918, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, point lying on a curve concave Southeasterly, thence Northeasterly along said right of way and curve with a radius of 89.98 feet, through a central angle of 08 Degrees 56 Minutes 28 Seconds, for an arc distance of 13.57 feet (chord of said arc being North 17 Degrees 54 Minutes 16 Seconds East, 13.56 feet); thence North 22 Degrees 31 Minutes 42 Seconds East along said right of way line for 39.60 feet, to the Southeast Corner of said Lot 1, Block A, thence North 87 Degrees 17 Minutes 41 Seconds West along the South boundary line of said Lot 1 for 117.84 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.131 acre, more or less. Said lands being Parcel "A" of William C. Williams, III, Minor Replat -2004.

Name in which assessed: Integras Therapy & Wellness Center

Dated this 18th day of January, 2012.

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

By: Donna L. Ray
Deputy Clerk
January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2012

76839S NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS BID NO. 1112-06

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

C.R. 30-A SCOP ROAD PAVING PROJECT PROJECT #003.239)

This project includes approximately 8,300 LF of roadway widening, resurfacing, and striping along County Road 30-A located in Gulf County, Florida.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, (850) 227-7200. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes. Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$50.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

All bidders shall be FDOT Qualified per Section 2-1 of the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition in the following work classes: Grading, Drainage, Flexible Paving, and Hot Plant Mix- Bitumi-

Dated this 18th day of January, 2012.

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

By: Donna L. Ray
Deputy Clerk
January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2012

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Certificate No. 964

Application No. 2012-02

Year of Issuance: 2009

R.E. No. 03801-125R

Description of Property: Lot 5, Block A, Integras Rehabilitation Phase II, as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 2, of the Plat Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Integras Therapy & Wellness Center

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 29th day of February, 2012.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
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Deputy Clerk
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Dated this 18th day of January, 2012.

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nous Course. If you have any questions, please call Clay Smallwood at (850) 227-7200.

Completion date for this project will be 120 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder. Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$200.00 per day.

Please place YOUR COMPANY NAME, SEALED BID, and the BID NUMBER on the outside of your envelope, and include the original bid, plus 3 copies.

Bids will be received until 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at the Gulf County Clerk

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unrecorded, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Gulf County, FL; thence South 89°38'25" East along the North line of said Section 6 for 279.59 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of a 60 foot County Road; thence South 24°24'30" East along said Easterly right-of-way line for 2615.27 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 77°27'33" East for 218.00 feet; thence South 24°24'30" East for 7.78 feet; thence South 12°19'20" East for 92.64 feet; thence South 77°40'40" West for 218.00 feet to said Easterly right-of-way line, thence North 12°19'20" West along said Easterly right-of-way line for 92.64 feet; thence North 24°24'30" West along said Easterly right-of-way line for 6.95 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing .5 acres more or less.

AT PUBLIC SALE, TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER, FOR CASH, ON February 23, 2012, AT 11:00 ET AT FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE, 1000 5TH STREET, PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA.

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

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 GULF COUNTY COURT ADMINISTRATION, P.O. BOX 826, MARIANNA, FLORIDA 32447, (850) 718-0026, ADARequest@jud14.flcourts.org 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 OR VOICE IMPAIRED. CALL 711.

DATED: January 20, 2012

Rebecca Norris
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: B.A. Baxter
Deputy Clerk
February 2, 9, 2012

769055
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000048 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

GLASCO H. BENDER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 16, 2011 and entered in Case No. 23-2011-CA-000048 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for GULF County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and GLASCO H. BENDER; LORIGINE A. BENDER; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURT HOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 23rd day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 7, OAK GARDENS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 242 ABBY DRIVE, WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32465

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 25, 2012.

Rebecca L. Norris,
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

****See Americans with Disabilities Act**
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.

ADA Coordinator
P.O. Box 1089
Panama City, Florida 32402
Phone: 850-747-5338
Fax: (850) 747-5717
Hearing Impaired: Dial 711
Email: ADARequest@jud14.flcourts.org
February 2, 9, 2012

77285S NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Auction
2010 Destiny mobile home, 62' long x 16' wide. Some minor damage to the carpet but home is in very good condition. Mobile home being sold "as is" and does not include appliances, heating/air, or duct work. The mobile home is currently owned by the City of Mexico Beach and is located in Rustic Sands Campground and may be viewed by contacting the campground's office. Sealed bids can be sent to: The City of Mexico Beach; Attn: Chris Hubbard, Mobile Home Bid; P.O. Box 13425, Mexico Beach, FL 32410. Minimum bid will start at \$10,000. Bids are due no later than 4:00 p.m. CST on February 29, 2012, with the bid opening to take place immediately thereafter. For additional information, please contact Chris Hubbard, Mexico Beach City Hall, (850) 648-5700.
February 9, 16, 2012

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Santa Rosa County Auditorium, Milton, FL Feb 25th & 26th
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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

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Back: Devan Holyfield; Front (left to right): Shelby Wood, Alexa Allison, Kayla Wood, Jessica Smith

3 RIVER REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

By Taylor Hill

On Jan. 23-25 students from school districts all over the Panhandle came together at the Florida State University Panama City campus for the Three Rivers Science Fair.

Five students represented Wewahitchka High School in the senior division. This was the first time in 10 years WHS has had students in a regional science fair — the students were extremely excited to see what the competition would entail.

The following five students received awards from various categories:

Jessica Smith received the U.S. Army Award for an outstanding science project for “The Glucose Intake of Goats” project and got the U. S. Army Award for an outstanding science project, and an invitation to extend her project over the summer through Auburn University and 4-H affiliates;

Kayla Wood on “The Durability of Paper Towels” went home with

the U. S. Army Award for an outstanding science project, and an Honorable Mention in the Physical Sciences Category;

Devan Holyfield with “Dog vs. Human Saliva” was awarded with the Mu Alpha Theta Award for the most challenging, original, thorough, and creative investigation of a problem involving mathematics;

Alexa Allison on “Color and Taste” was also rewarded with the U. S. Army Award for an outstanding science project;

Shelby Wood had many awards for her project on “Red Bull’s Effect on Heart Rate.” She received second place in the Biological Sciences Category, the Bay County Islamic Society Award for Excellence and \$50, and the Office of Naval Research Award for Excellence and \$50. Shelby will be traveling to the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair in Lakeland on April 3-5. Congratulations to all of our five competing students and good luck to Shelby at State.

Gulf Coast State College presents ‘The Big Goodbye’

Panama City, FL – The Visual & Performing Arts Division of Gulf Coast State College presents the world premiere stage adaptation of “The Big Goodbye”, based on the novel by Wewahitchka author Michael Lister.

Walk the mean streets of wartime Panama City, Fla., with Jimmy “Soldier” Riley, a wounded, woman-haunted knight-errant. This noir crime drama is stylish, retro, and highly entertaining. Directed by Jason Hedden, the play features GCSC theatre students, alumni and community actors.

Performances will be held in the Amelia Center Theatre Lab on Feb. 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. CT and matinees on Feb. 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Seating is limited and general admission is \$10. Admission is free for GCSC students, faculty, staff and retirees with proper ID. Members of the GCSC Alumni Association will receive 50% off general admission with their current membership card. Advanced tickets are available online only at www.BrownPaperTickets.com. This production is recommended for mature audiences.

For more info call 872-3886 or visit www.gulfcoast.edu/arts.

ANNUAL PORT ST. JOE HIGH SCHOOL JROTC INSPECTION

Star Staff Report

The U.S. Navy will inspect the Port St. Joe High School Naval Junior ROTC (NJROTC) Program beginning at 9 a.m. E.T. on Thursday, Feb. 16. Commander Michael L. Egan, U.S. Navy will preside. CDR Egan is the Commanding Officer of the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center at the Naval Support in Panama City.

This required evaluation is a major input in determining the effectiveness of the NJROTC Program and is, therefore, the most important Navy day of the school year. Part of this daylong event includes a formal military formation, personnel inspection, drill demonstrations and a pass-in-review.

All former Cadets, Veterans, Cadet Parents and interested individuals are cordially invited to attend the ceremonial portion of

this event. The program will begin promptly at 9 a.m. in the school gymnasium and will be concluded by approximately 10:15 a.m. We ask that guests arrive no later than 8:50 a.m. to avoid disruptions. Your presence will add much to the day’s events. Of particular note is that this inspection and review marks the 35th anniversary of the NJROTC Program.

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Krista Parker earns honors at Troy University for fall semester

Star Staff Report

TROY, Ala. — Troy University has announced its honor students for fall semester, according to Dr. Earl Ingram, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Full-time undergraduate students who earned a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester are recognized on the Chancellor’s List, the university’s honor roll. Full-time undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.65 or higher on a 4.0 scale are recognized on the Provost’s List.

Krista Parker of Port St.

Joe was recognized on the Chancellor’s List.

Troy University offers associate, bachelor’s, master’s and education specialist degrees, preparing students in the fields of fine arts, communication, business, education, sciences and the humanities, applied science, nursing and allied health sciences.

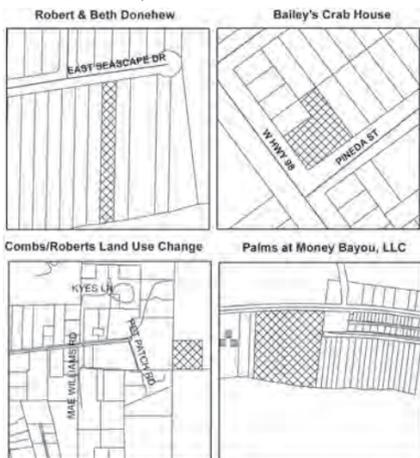
Troy University operates four campuses in Alabama and maintains degree programs at more than 60 campuses in 15 states and 11 foreign countries, serving almost 31,000 students worldwide.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, February 20, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Resume the Variance Application for Bailey’s Crab House & Seafood Market - for Parcel ID #03946-000R - Located in Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - Encroach into the roadside setback by 8’ and rear setback by 12’ for business improvements.
2. Development Review for Phase 1 and Phase 2 - Palms at Money Bayou, LLC - for Parcel ID #03179-005R - Located in Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida - Development review for approval and development order.
3. Variance Application - Robert & Beth Donehew - Parcel ID #06314-105R - Located in Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - corrective action to an existing dune walkover that is not in compliance.
4. Small Scale Land Use Change - Combs/Roberts - Parcel ID #00683-000R - Located in Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida - Correction change for 4 +/- acres from Conservation to Agricultural.
5. Public and Open Discussion
6. Staff

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



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Parents: Please complete ESE parent survey

Star Staff Report

The Florida Department of Education works with the school districts state-wide to gather information on how well our schools are partnering with parents of students with disabilities. Your responses help guide efforts to improve services and results for children and families. For 2011-12, the state target for the percentage of parents to report that schools are facilitating parent involvement in

their children’s school is 52 percent for parents of preschool students and 42 percent for parents of K-12 students. If you haven’t already, please help Gulf County Schools to exceed these targets by completing the confidential survey for the 2011-12 school year at www.esesurvey.com. Hard copies of this survey are available upon request.

Please call 229-1492 for Port St. Joe Schools and 639-6840 for Wewahitchka Schools to request a hard copy.

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Port St. Joe’s Lake named to McCallie School honor roll

Star Staff Report

Barrett Lake of Port St. Joe has been named to the first semester Headmaster’s List at the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tenn.

To qualify for the Headmaster’s List, a student must earn all A’s in regular courses and no grade lower than a B-plus in honors or Advanced Placement courses.

Barrett is the son of Tommy and Jennie Lake of Port St. Joe.

McCallie, a college preparatory school for boys, is considered one of the nation’s top independent schools.