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Eastern Shipbuilding expanding to Gulf County

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

That didn't take long. Less than a month after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the St. Joe Company and the Port of Port St. Joe Port Authority to collaborate on developing the port, St. Joe announced an agreement to lease a portion of the old paper mill site to Eastern Shipbuilding Group out of Panama City. St. Joe announced it had agreed to lease 20 acres on the

paper mill site that Eastern Shipbuilding will use to expand its existing shipbuilding, vessel construction and repair and industrial steel fabrication operations, according to a press release. ESG is in the process of filling 500 new positions needed to meet its current and future contracts for vessel manufacturing. ESG has several multi-year, multi-million dollar contracts. The company primarily builds vessels for work on oil rigs. "It is very overwhelming," said Johanna White, chairwoman

of the Port of Port St. Joe Port Authority. "We finally can see some jobs, good jobs, coming to Port St. Joe. The partnership with the St. Joe Company is amazing and so different. They accomplished in three months what we've been trying years to do for years. "It doesn't matter whether this is on St. Joe land or Port Authority land, it will help us all build our footprint and bring jobs to Port St. Joe. Our alliance is bearing fruit. It's a win-win. I am just so overwhelmed." The Port St. Joe mill site

provides ESG, which will continue its current operations in Panama City and Allanton, access to one of only 14 congressionally-authorized deepwater ports in Florida. "The hard and diligent work of our current workforce has earned Eastern Shipbuilding Group the manufacturing contracts that necessitate our expansion to Port St. Joe," said Brian D'Isernia, president of Eastern Shipbuilding Group, in a release. "Eastern Shipbuilding Group remains committed to manufacturing the highest quality vessels

our customers demand in a global market." St. Joe has been working with the Port St. Joe Port Authority, long at odds over port development but recently on the same page as evidenced by the MOU signed last month, to reposition the area for port-related industrial and commercial activities. St. Joe's former paper mill site is about 180 acres and offers about 2,000 linear feet of bulkhead, which has the potential to

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Port St. Joe NJROTC program celebrates 35 years

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Thirty-five years ago, the NJROTC program became operational at Port St. Joe High School. Four years ago, the program faced extinction as cadet numbers fell below the U.S. Navy benchmark. Last week, with the program flourishing and the number of cadets nearing 20 percent of the school population, four times the Navy standard, the cadets put their commitment and passion on display during the unit's annual inspection. This year, Commander Michael L. Egan, commanding officer at the Naval Diving and Salvage Station in Panama City Beach, drew the honors of inspecting officer.

Though he had issues with time zone changes — Egan arrived a few minutes late because of the transfer from Central to Eastern Time — the commander was duly impressed. "It is my honor to be here to inspect these cadets and see how great a job they are doing," Egan said. He said his high school did not have such a program when he was in the ninth grade. He left college after one year, worked construction for a time before he found the U.S. Navy. "These folks have a big head start," Egan said. "I'm so proud of these kids. We need these kids getting ready. Keep charging in the direction they are going."

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Commander Michael E. Egan congratulates Javarri Beachum and other cadets found to be perfect on their dress and appearance at the Port St. Joe High NJOTC during their annual inspection as the program celebrated its 35th year. **At top**, the NJROTC drill team competes several times a year against other teams from around the region and state.

Whitfield eyes county District I seat

Special to The Star

Freddie Whitfield of Wewahitchka has announced his intention to seek the County Commission District 1 seat. "I'm happy to announce my candidacy for District 1," Whitfield said. "This comes four years after retiring. I am in shock with what is going on with our county or should be going on and is not." Whitfield founded Tracer Electrical Contractors in Wewahitchka and the company grew to have a footprint in six states, Whitfield said. After just one year, the company had moved into the top 10 percent in the nation among electrical contractors based on revenue, Whitfield added.



FREDDIE WHITFIELD

The company continues to thrive four years after Whitfield retired. "It makes me feel good that something I started is still doing well," Whitfield said. That success, Whitfield noted, allowed him to construct Whitfield Lakeside Park for family and friends. "And I must have a lot of friends because there's been thousands of people come through there over the past 10 years," Whitfield said. He said countless weddings, reunions and events have been held at the Park — at no charge to anyone. "We feel like we can share a little bit of what we've had success with," Whitfield said. Whitfield, while with Tracer, also returned to school for continuing education, earning a host of business and trade certifications. "I'll work hard as a commissioner," Whitfield said. "I'll make the tough

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New community resource center open in North PSJ

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

When a man rode his bike to the North Port St. Joe Community Resource Center all the way from Jones Homestead seeking assistance with Social Security claims, he left with more than what he came for. During his visit, Midge Askew, the center's emergency assistance coordinator, also helped the man secure a new pair of glasses, something he badly needed but

couldn't afford because of the high cost of an eye exam. She also had the man's taxes prepared for free. When a woman came to the center seeking rent assistance because she was laid off, Tamlyn Smith, the center's resource coordinator, also was able help with more. Smith helped the woman apply for unemployment, began the process of finding a new job, offered her a free tax service and assisted with rent payment.

"We just call it a one-stop shop," Smith said of the new center. "By having it all right here for them, there can be no excuses." A tremendous community effort became tangible on Feb. 15 as the ribbon was cut for the new North Port St. Joe Community Resource Center, which will provide area residents with job search assistance, career counseling, resume and interview assistance, free tax preparation, access to emergency assistance and soon incorporate a food pantry.

The development of the center was a collaboration between the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, the Washington Improvement Group and the Christian Community Development Fund. "With the unemployment rate in Gulf County above 10 percent and even higher among minorities, people in this community are struggling to find a job," said Kim Bodine, executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "We

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Port St. Joe High School guidance secretary Wanda Nixon was awarded the title of Gulf County Non-Instructional Employee of the Year. Nixon will go on to compete in the state awards program.

Guidance secretary's award 'a ray of sunshine'

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

With her husband preparing to undergo his second heart surgery, Wanda Nixon received a pleasant diversion from the stress of his illness last week.

Nixon, the guidance secretary at Port St. Joe High School, was awarded the title of Gulf County Non-Instructional Employee of the year.

"It was just a little ray of sunshine when they came in and told me," Nixon said. "When they all walked in I was shocked."

Nixon was awarded a \$1,000 stipend for her achievement and will join Gulf County Teacher of the Year Jennifer Guffey in representing Gulf County in the state-wide awards program later this year.

"By no means was I expecting it," Nixon said. "I was totally

shocked and surprised and very happy."

Nixon has worked for the Gulf County School District for more than 20 years.

This is her first year back at PSJHS after she spent 17 years as the administrative secretary at the former Port St. Joe Middle School.

Nixon also drove a school bus for nine years, filling in for the maintenance secretary in between her routes. She has worked as a lunchroom cashier and has previously held the same high school guidance secretary job she has now.

"I made my little round, my little circle," Nixon said of her career in the district, which positioned her at the high school, the middle school, and then back at the high school again.

Nixon joined forces with a new guidance counselor Pam Lister

this year at PSJHS and spends the day assisting her with schedule changes, making sure the seniors are on track and a host of other things.

"When something comes at you, you just do it," said Nixon, who noted that she tries to make Lister's job as easy as possible.

Nixon said there never is a dull moment at PSJHS because you never know what's going to come through the door. She said it is a job that she truly enjoys getting up for every day.

In her first year back at PSJHS, Nixon said she already feels right at home.

She said her favorite part of the job is spending time with the seniors, whose excitement about graduation and college is contagious. Nixon said watching her seniors succeed is the most rewarding experience.

"I love to see the kid who works so hard, who came from nothing, and they're reaching for the stars and they get it," Nixon said.

Nixon was nominated as the PSJHS non-instructional employee of the year by her coworkers, something she was surprised to receive in only her first year back.

There were seven finalists for non-instructional employee of the year, one representative from each county school, and one maintenance, transportation and district office representative.

The seven finalists for the title of non-instructional employee of the year were each observed by three ex-administrators, and voted on based on overall performance.

"I was so completely shocked to even be the representative for our school," Nixon said. "I am really proud."

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decisions and if they are wrong, I will apologize. It's not about having the right to do something; it is doing the right thing.

"I see this less as a campaign than a crusade. I do want people to join me. I want them to call me at 832-4347 and join this crusade. The voters made some changes in 2010 but we need to finish the job."

Whitfield said one of the first things he would push for once elected would be to establish a standard of conduct for all commissioners and department heads who handle money.

That would be a baby step, Whitfield said, but turning things around on the Commission, creating the atmosphere he believes serves the people is fundamental.

He said serving the people means listening to the people, allowing them input into all decisions surrounding county government.

"The only difference between a democracy and a dictatorship is discourse," Whitfield said. "If we've lost that, we have lost all."

Whitfield added that taxes and government, while a reality, continue to make it more difficult to survive in today's business environment.

But he said there was a way to move government forward, to make fundamental changes, while still operating with efficiency.

"You have to continue to run government while you make changes," Whitfield said.

"I feel in my heart we are suffering from complacency, incompetence and corruption from the county courthouse to Washington."

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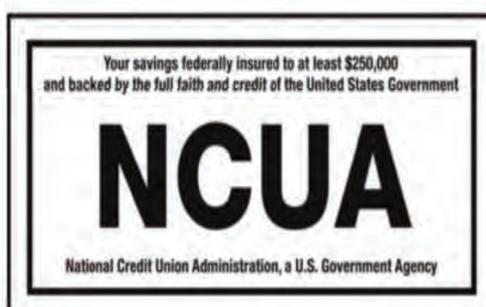
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The man in the mirror

The traffic on the interstate can be pretty bad on Fridays. If I don't leave work before 3 or after 6, my 30 minute commute home can turn into an hour on Fridays, sometimes two in the summer months with tourists.

I don't mind it so much. With satellite radio, I can listen to the Paul Finebaum Show and pretend I'm back home in Alabama. They yell and scream and talk about college football year-round.

On this day, I had missed my "launch window" and hit the traffic. I was going ten miles an hour on the interstate. People were doing what they always do; rushing around the left and right merge lanes trying to get there first when it only makes the situation worse for everyone.

Traffic stopped now and again and I started checking my bald spot in the rearview mirror. From every angle, my hair just seemed to be disappearing and my horseshoe needing a bigger horse. The Monday before; I had gotten my hair cut in Poquoson, Virginia.

My schedule was such that I couldn't get home to Williamsburg to let Becca, my tattooed barber or Angel, my relief cutter; do the job.

The last time I had my hair cut in this Poquoson strip mall, I let them talk me into "touching up" my gray hair. They dyed it jet black, I looked like Elvis and it took two hours for them to get it where I could leave the place. I wore a hat for a couple of months.

My hair is mostly gray now, I wasn't going to let them "touch it up," I figured it was safe to just get a trim. The girl's name was Valerie, she was 19, she had a tattoo her daddy didn't know about and she still lived at home. I figured I could use the knowledge of the tattoo in the event of another catastrophe.

She shouldn't have told me about the tattoo, but the conversation moved to music and she told me she played the piano. That's when she admitted the swirly "G clef" tattoo her daddy doesn't know about.

Valerie informed me that she had just started cutting hair. I thought she was kidding.

She was not. All of the

other hair cutting ladies seemed to be interested in watching Valerie cut my hair. Their faces were covered with concern.

It wasn't so bad. Valerie just whacked it all off and I had a little tuft left in the front. The horseshoe was more than obvious. Honestly, I was happy with it and I didn't want to embarrass Valerie in front of the entourage of professionals

that were watching her and perhaps preparing to critique her after I left.

I tipped her big and made sure the other hair cutters knew it. I told her how happy I was that she had started cutting hair two days before. She smiled and I'm pretty sure she was happy enough to cause the pitch of her G clef tattoo to fluctuate. I will not tell where it is.

Back to the mirror...

As I glanced back and forth at my baldness and remaining gray hair in my rearview mirror, the traffic started to break. Then I checked the mirror again. I moved from the rearview mirror looking to the side view mirror looking.

Was I seeing what I thought I was seeing?

There was what looked to be a fellow strapped and gagged in a white pick-up truck. He was right in the front of the bed looking over the cab. There were red straps around him and a red bandanna covering his mouth.

At first, I thought this might have been a fellow whose wife had caught him doing something really bad or perhaps she was torturing him to find out what he had been doing really bad.

It was cold outside, maybe around 40 degrees. This fellow didn't seem to have a shirt on and now that the traffic had picked up, I would imagine it felt much colder than 40 degrees.

I started weaving and positioning myself for a better view. With cameras in most cell phones, we are prepared to catch such torture for evidence. Therefore, I started taking a lot of pictures.

After trying to hold the camera still and point it backwards, I got frustrated. I was getting a lot of pictures of my backseat and the headliner of my vehicle. This was not

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Keyboard KLATTERINGS

County should deny land swap at Veterans Park

Last week county commissioners took the correct action by referring a proposed swap of land near Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill to the Planning and Development Review Board.

They could have just killed the proposal outright as well. There is no win scenario for the county here.

The land swap has two immediate strikes

First, the swap was initially proposed to commissioners without going through the appropriate channel, the PDRB.

The PDRB provides the first open forum to discuss the merits of the swap and receive public input from those potentially impacted.

Avoiding that is precisely the kind of nonsense a recent audit of the Tourist Development Council addressed, taking the county to task for an overall breakdown in adhering to ordinances, policies and procedures.

That is politics as usual in the county. There must be a point at which commissioners call a halt.

Second, the county's record in land swaps isn't one to be envied (see: Dalkeith Industrial Park for Howard Creek consolidation site).

So the PDRB should view this swap with a jaded eye.

In short strokes, an individual has purchased land near the boardwalk that extends from U.S. Highway 98 to coastal beachfront on the other side of the highway from Veterans Memorial Park in Beacon Hill.

The county, as part of the acreage of the park, owns the land surrounding the boardwalk.

The proposal is to swap two triangles of land, the result being that the county would take possession of a quarter acre or so along the gulf front while the individual landowner would take possession of roughly a quarter acre around the boardwalk, essentially creating a private property line parallel to the boardwalk.

The individual landowner is seeking the swap, in the words of a letter from his attorney, to effectively close off public use of beach in front of land the individual owns along Beacon Hill.

And adding this county-owned triangle fills out the highway frontage

and makes the private landowner's property more attractive for development.

Townhomes, for example, that would further impede the view of the gulf from U.S. 98.

Further, development would create an eyesore to those who believe Veterans Memorial Park, the hill on which a memorial plaza sits and the stretch of undeveloped land around the boardwalk on the other side of the highway provides one of the most stunning views of the gulf in the county.

Many local folks feel enough of the gulf view in the stretch from Port St. Joe to Beacon Hill has been lost through development, especially WindMark Beach, such as that development is. The county does not need to enable more.

How is the land swap in the best interest of county taxpayers?

While the attorney for the landowner contends an argument could be made that the swap would bolster the mission of the park, the PDRB and commissioners should be asking how exactly the swap accomplishes that.

Let them hear an argument how giving away a sliver of Veterans Memorial Park enhances the county and the park?

The county has spent a boat load of taxpayer money – yes, those state parks and recreation grants could have gone elsewhere, but it is still taxpayer loot – to build two dozen parks from the Dead Lakes to Cape San Blas.

The land in question is county-owned and strictly for the creation of a park.

How handing over park land in exchange for land along the Gulf of Mexico – the swap proposal on its face implies the land the county would receive is of debatable value – would provide any benefit to the county is baffling.

That the county owned the land when the private landowner made their purchase is unmistakable. The county has no obligation, and indeed a responsibility to taxpayers not to, enable private profit from park land due to inconvenience of landscape.

Another compelling reason to deny the swap is Veterans Memorial

Park and what it should represent.

The Board of County Commissioners shamefully treated this park that was renamed to honor the county's commitment to the military and its veterans.

Gulf County honors its veterans, from keeping schools open during Veterans Day in order for children to celebrate the sacrifices of men and women who fought and died to hosting wounded warriors for a weekend of eats and fishing to hosting military moms, spouses, sisters, grandmothers each year through the Semper Fi Sisters.

County commissioners, however, fiddled around seeking state money to refurbish the park, money that was ultimately directed to another of the parks in the county, in another commissioner's district.

Plans to improve the park, name it in honor of veterans, all was delayed while commissioners exercised their district mentalities – be first in line at the money trough – to put Veterans Memorial Park on the backburner for more than a year.

And as was reported recently by Star Staff Writer Valerie Garman, the county has cut the Veterans Services Office to a part-time position and left veterans in the county lacking the needed full-time liaison to services to which they earned.

In short, while county residents seem to embrace its veterans, county commissioners, like too many in the halls of leadership in Washington, have forgotten about the sacrifices of veterans and slashed budgets in ways harmful to those who have most served their country.

Veterans Memorial Park, formerly Beacon Hill Park, was renamed as a desire to honor its veterans.

That park is county property. And the county's rights for this property, which should be honored grounds, are to deny any usage that does not further the intent of the park or pay homage to veterans.

As proposed, this land swap has none of those elements.

The PDRB should begin the new era of accountability and stewardship commissioners pronounced last week by denying the swap.

And when the issue reaches commissioners, the "no" should be unanimous.

Wedding eclipsed by tenth inning rally

A friend of mine from the Magnolia State asked if I would reprint the story about my wedding day. I can't find that article. My filing arrangement is not exactly up to Dewey Decimal System standards. We are in luck though, I was there when it happened.....

It was hot. I'm talking birds not flying, dogs laying up under the porch, frogs nesting below the waterline HOT! It set a June 30th record in West Tennessee that still stands to this day! Cathy wanted me at the church "before noon" for a three o'clock wedding. I'm still pondering that one almost four decades later. It was like she thought I might get distracted or something.

I was about to enter the church when I saw the basketball game going on in the yard across the street. Thanks to Cathy's expansive planning, I had three and a half hours to kill. Those guys were good. Especially, the one they called Spud Rocket! He hand checked me, pushed off and still beat me to the basket. He had elbows that would cut you as we battled for rebounds. We went at it tooth and toenail until I noticed some mighty dressed up people heading into the church.

I leaned against the side of the cathedral to catch my breath and let the sweat slow to a downpour. A group of matronly ladies feting semi-outlandish hats peered at my bent over frame. "I hope ya'll enjoy the show", I hollered after them, as they hastily ushered themselves through the giant wooden doors. "Great day for a wedding" I yelled to the next group that arrived. Cathy lived thirty miles from where I grew up. I didn't know any of these people..... and it was only ten after two. "Hey, nice hat!" I complimented one particular model. "Good of ya'll to come out" I pre-thanked some more early arrivers.

The tux slid on. And I could feel the sweat still cascading down my spine as David Mark, who had been serving as the best man all of our lives, straightened my tie and wiped my brow. Sweat kept pouring down toward my rented shoes. I swished into the sanctuary.

People, I'm telling you this with my hand up, an audible gasp rified through that congregation when they realized the groom was the half dressed vagabond who just minutes before was waving to them from the side of the church. I saw tongues wagging and bonnet's bobbing up and down. I thought for a second I was going to have to step in front of Brother Clark and restore order. But before I could move, Leon and Jackie Burns unfurled a giant banner that spanned the whole breath of the back of the church. It was a line from a popular Statler Brothers' routine of the day, "TEST! TEST! CAN YOU HEAR ME ALRIGHT?"

This marriage was off to a rip-roaring start and hadn't anybody even said "I do" yet! Cathy made everything right as she took her first step down the aisle. I was under no illusions; here was the moment this standing room only crowd had been waiting for. Cathy came from a large family. Her genuine love for people, her humble heart, her award winning smile, her sheer joy of living made her a favorite with old and young alike. I was marrying above myself!

I reminded Cathy as we exited up the other aisle to the strands of Roy Acuff's "Fireball Mail" we were missing a St. Louis Cardinal double header. Both games were being televised. And I mentioned that if we could cut this reception thing short I could still make the baseball game I was scheduled to play in down at Central.

We were standing in the basement over by one of the cake tables. We couldn't eat mind you, there was a line of folks that spiraled all the way up to the balcony coming by to shake

our hands, hug our necks and tell us a "when Cathy was a little girl" story. I tried to sneak a peanut and a swig of Coke between Aunt Robbie and Uncle Bud but to no avail. They just kept on a'coming!

We broke and ran for the car as soon as it was logistically and mannerly proper. I changed into my baseball uniform while Cathy drove. As we sped toward the ballpark we "went over" our honeymoon arrangements in St. Louis. We were going to see four games in five days. "Cathy, I know you can't wait! And honey, its gets better, there is a Kentucky Fried Chicken place practically next door to the hotel."

Central was a "wide spot in the road" with a very good "town" team. The competition in the little rural league was furious. Ernie Ball was pitching for them. He was a crafty lefthander with a great curve ball..... some would say it was actually a spitter. We didn't get there till the sixth inning. And we were five runs behind. An almost insurmountable lead! Cathy took up two seats what with all that white gown pulled up around her.

I pinch hit in the seventh and remained in the game at third base. We scored two in the eighth and three in the ninth to tie it. I think Ernie might have pitched for Frog Jump the day before. We won it with a four run outburst in the top of the tenth! I managed to get a key double in the middle of the uprising. What an extraordinary good day! I stood out at second base in the semi-gloaming of the late summer afternoon and took it all in. We were going to finally beat Ernie Ball, I was on my way to St. Louis for a week of baseball...and, as I peered over the third base dugout to the rickety stands it was abundantly obvious that I was married to the best dressed lady in the ballpark!

Respectfully,
Kes

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We have shared various reports from news agencies. Examples have been disclosed such as, WMBB New 13 ABC, posted July 8, 2011, "According to the Bay County Sheriff's office records, 250 people arrested last year list the Rescue Mission as their home address."

Another quote is, "Chief John Van Etten says the Mission and surrounding area more than keeps his officers busy. We just took one year stats from June to June and we had over 7500 calls for service within the half-mile radius of the Panama City Rescue Mission, which represents about fourteen percent of all of our calls for service in Panama City."

The Panama City News Herald posted August 30, 2011 that an "Officer was bitten on the head outside the Panama City Rescue Mission after he responded to a call from the Rescue Mission." These are the FACTS and are only a few of the list.

When discussed on Facebook, the comments pretty much mirror each other. They include:

-- "Taking proactive steps now would be a heck of a lot faster than having to deal with the problem when it arrives."

-- "We really don't need this here. I'm very disappointed in our city and county government

This will bring a multitude of problems."

-- "Doesn't People to People (Jerry Stokoe's group) already provide services for population in need?"

We've heard people address this live at the Port St. Joe City meetings, Jim Norton, Jay Rish, Libya Taylor, Jeff Anderson, Amber Davis, Steve Sheridan, all voicing concerns for our town. Christy McElroy and I met with Matt Scoggins and Joe Atkinson and all agreed that the best way to make sure everyone was on the same page was to present on our common ground, "no dormitory style rescue mission in our City or our County" and the best way to make sure that this doesn't happen was to request much needed ordinances. This "is" our City's and County's insurance policy.

Libya Taylor was right when she said, "No one knows where this Commission or members of Hope Center will be in six months or two years. If there is something in writing then no one will need to worry."

So, when our elected government talks about costs of creating ordinances and solutions, we need to remind them what Panama City Rescue Mission has cost the City of Panama City and Springfield in the way of crime rate, services required due to crime and law suits due to their presences.

Yes, proactive measures are a better return on our future and a cost savings in the long term for our Community and our Citizens.

Debbie Ashbrook
St Joe Beach

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working.

Then I started trying to take pictures into my side and rearview mirrors. I was more successful with this approach. After getting a few shots of my ear and my bald spot, I finally got the angles right. Yes, I was still driving. This lady may have had something against all men; I wasn't going to risk pulling over yet.

I took pictures, I studied the pictures and came to the conclusion that I needed to speed up and pull over in a safe spot for a better look. My exit was coming up, so I figured it would be a safe place to stop. If the lady decided to come after me, I could jump on the exit ramp and make my getaway.

The cars were going too fast to get a good picture as she drove by, but I could tell that this fellow was actually one of those rubber men you beat on. I guess the red bandanna was just for looks or to keep bugs out of his mouth.

While I was stopped, I went back through the pictures realizing I had a really good one of my right ear. I eased up on the exit ramp and headed home.

I shave in the shower without a mirror and don't spend too much time in front of a mirror, maybe it is better not to look at the man in the mirror.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kerigan the fall guy

Dear Editor;
I do not like politics. Although I am a city commissioner, my feeling is that all politicians should be public servants...period. But this is not about me or my ideas or standards.

It seems that a lot of mistakes were made at many levels within the county in regards to the recent TDC audit and how funds were spent. TDC staff, TDC Board, Clerk of the Court and BOCC; a lot of mistakes probably due to the fact that the county had a boat load of money pour in for the first time ever due to the BP oil spill. It felt like "Brewster's Millions" where the money had to be spent quickly and under certain guidelines in order to qualify for the funds. Yes, a lot of people made mistakes.

The County was not prepared for such a situation. That is understandable and expected. This was an emergency situation and results of the response were unpredictable. But let's not punish the long list of folks that were involved. That is not the small town way of doing business.

Let's take the easy path and fire the director of the TDC and then the rest of us can sit back and smile

knowing we have dodged a bullet. Yes, politics stinks. Does anyone else think that it seems strange that so many screwed up and only one pays the price? Is that the American way?

Another important point to mention is the amount of funds spent with Kerigan Marketing. I am certain that there were a lot of direct expenses associated with this contract such as TV commercials, ads, etc. I have not seen that mentioned anywhere and is an important fact. I know Tim Kerigan and the Kerigan family and they are good people.

Bill Kennedy
Port St. Joe

Community thoughts

Dear Editor:
Wonder what God thinks about helping the poor and homeless in our town.

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come you blessed of

My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me'

"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and gave You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Of when did we see You sick or in prison and come to You? And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it for Me.'

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

"Then they will also answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick

or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

And remember - "Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard."

Love, God (Matthew 25:31-44 and Proverbs 21:13)

You see, we don't get to make the rules, God does. I don't have all the right answers in terms of how to properly care for those souls in our community who are in need of food, shelter, clothing or other critical care. But assuredly, I say to you, if any person calls himself/herself a Christian, we have our marching orders straight from Heaven. Come on Port Saint Joe, this issue is not bigger than our God. Let's work together in unity to find a solution. We might also be wise to remember that life can change in an instant and what if one day you were the one in such need?

Renee Coffey
Port St. Joe

FCAT SCHOOL RANKING A FRAUD

If the Florida Department of Education were a private-sector public corporation, Commissioner Gerard Robinson and his staff could be indicted for fraud.

Just for openers: The Florida Department of Education did not develop the first-ever school grading program in 1999. In 1968, California threw out the first school grading program, which had been developed by Stanford University, circa 1950. Today, California's long-standing API school evaluation looks much more professional than the FCAT Program. Both cater to "No Child Left Behind". Both are published in 3D --Devious, Disingenuous, and Duplicitous.

FCAT states that 72 percent of Gulf County's students tested at Level 3 or above in reading. The Annual School District Report for Gulf County Schools, 2011, stated that 60 percent of the 10th grade students were reading below Level 3. That adds up to 132 percent of tested students. The 12th grade Science and Math scores are even stranger: No matter.

Ben Franklin put math and science into the public school curriculum to help the farmers improve their crop yields and shopkeepers to keep better books. The concept of providing useful knowledge to students in school seems to have gotten lost during the last half of the 20th Century. America's current schooling for schooling's sake has driven the U.S. to its knees. That has to stop -- now.

Florida's public schools are responsible for two things: 1) Provide students with the knowledge and skills to move up the K-12 grade level ladder prepared to enter the workforce as "trainable", or 2) prepare students to enter and succeed in college. ACT and SAT scores tell it like it is. Florida schools fail on both counts.

Florida may have the lowest percentage of high school graduates going on to college in the USA. In the K-16 student population, only 4.7% of Florida's students are attending college. In states like California, New York, or North Carolina, that number is over 20 percent. The enrollment in Florida's K-12 schools is 2,636,398 +/- . The total student enrollment in Florida's public universities, colleges and community colleges is 131,926 +/- .

To put Florida's college population into perspective, the writer of this letter was invited to become a candidate for the position of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for an urban public university that has 400,000 registered students. This one university has three times the number of registered students as the entire State of Florida. It doesn't really matter. STEM is the future. There are no private-sector, STEM-based jobs for college graduates in Florida. There are few jobs-with-a-future in Florida. That is unlikely to change anytime soon.

However, all is not lost. The current "job decession" gives select

Florida communities an opportunity to build a tech-based, industrial sector in their community that will provide jobs-with-a-future to residents and their children. Jobs-with-a-future start at \$18/hour. A community's public schools can provide a suitable workforce.

The "trainability" and "adaptability" necessary to succeed in the 21st Century's tech-driven, value-based, competitive, global marketplace can be taught in school by simply adding STEM-based principles to a student's superior, real world, basic learning skills -- Level 4+ . This is both doable and affordable. The percentage of students scoring Level 4+ in reading, math and science at the 8th and 12th grades testifies to students' competitive capabilities in the 21st Century's workforce, while measuring the competence of a county school district's Superintendent, administrators and faculty.

"Luck" is when opportunity meets preparation. Gulf County has the resources in place. It's time to prepare Gulf County's workforce for the future. Carpe Diem, Gulf County.

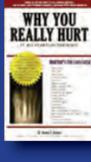
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City eyes Centennial Building acoustic improvements

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

Local architect Eric Davidson describes the amount of noise in the Centennial Building as “stressful.”

He often buys tickets to fundraisers there, but decides not to go because of the sound.

“Impact noise is the biggest problem,” said Davidson, who cited the reverberations from the chamber floor as the main cause of the negative noise in the 74-year-old building.

Davidson presented Port St. Joe City Commissioners with a proposal for reducing the noise level in the Centennial Building, with a goal to “enhance the best and reduce the worst” of the building’s acoustics at the commission meeting Feb. 7.

“The issue is really simple and fundamental, but (commissioners) don’t want to mess with it because of the historical aspect,” Davidson said. “There is a way to do this that enhances the historical legacy of the building.”

Davidson said one easy way to reduce noise in the area would be to install drapes on the walls of the interior, and suggested a Colonial theme to retain the historical appeal of the



FILE PHOTO

A crowd turned out at the 75th Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner at the Centennial Building last March.

building. He said drapes would mask about 10 percent of the reflective noise.

He said carpet and padding installation also would drastically reduce noise.

Although a voice can carry well through the space, the hard surfaces cause cacophonous reflections of every other normal noise from occupants. The building’s current chamber floor also traps sound underneath and creates loud echoes

from any impact noise.

The problem gets exponentially worse as the number of occupants increases.

Davidson predicts these changes would reduce the decibel level by almost two-thirds.

Any acoustic solutions would be tailored to enhance the legacy values of the building, he said.

“It’s a lot of little things,” Davidson said. “It’s actually a fairly simple building.”

Davidson said he hopes to help the city develop a master plan, complete with maintenance requirements, for the Centennial Building acoustic improvements.

Davidson said he wants to see the Centennial Building as a successful venue someday; a place where the building’s acoustics work in a convention or reception’s favor instead of against it.

With countless convention center and hotel meet-

ing room designs under his belt, Davidson said he has more acoustics experience than the average architect.

“I’ve been here eight years and it’s always been an issue,” Davidson said. “The city has been looking at this for a long time. They’ve had some experts come in and they just never followed up.”

He has agreed to do the design work for the city for about one third of the actual

cost, although he has yet to have been hired by the city.

“It’s kind of a labor of love,” Davidson said. “Right now it’s a problem for them because they don’t have the money and they’re not making the money. If the Centennial Building were good and available, more people would rent it.”

“I would think, outside of the main building integrity issues, with the cost and desire to do the work, (the city) could get it done within the next couple of years. Essentially what I promised to do for them is to create a menu for the many different (noise reducing options).”

Davidson said he will analyze the cost versus the noise reduction, and also look at the aspects of the building the city wants to preserve.

Tuesday night commissioners approved spending \$3,000 to have Davidson and Public Works director John Grantland craft a plan to address not only the acoustics, but the overall state of the building.

“We desperately need a plan to preserve that building,” Commissioner Lorinda Gingell said.

Star News Editor Tim Croft contributed to this story.

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The required annual inspection provides a major input in determining the effectiveness of the program. It is, in turn, the most important Navy day of the school year.

“They are really nervous right now,” said Samantha Nicodemus, a graduate last spring, who came to see the inspection to “see how it feels on the other side.”

“There’s a lot of preparation and a lot of practice that goes into this. They work really hard for a long time.”

Port St. Joe High principal Jeremy Knapp noted that work ethic. The inspection was, as Commander Marty Jarosz, the Naval Sciences instructor at Port St. Joe High, said, just one day.

“You see them out there every day in the morning



TIM CROFT | The Star

Commander Michael E. Egan inspected the Port St. Joe High NJROTC during their annual inspection as the program celebrated its 35th year.

before school and every day after school,” Knapp said, noting the current ranks have also contributed more

than 1,000 man-hours to the community. “They put in the work.”

Egan inspected each

cadet individually, asking them about their futures, their goals while assessing their dress — authentic naval wear, Jarosz noted.

The cadets, in varying-sized platoons, concluded with a formal military formation, drill demonstrations and a pass-in-review.

The work, the effort, the early mornings and late afternoons, are worth it, Nicodemus said.

Noteworthy in a high school football, basketball

or baseball program, the NJROTC program has turned out three cadets in the past six years under Jarosz who earned full scholarships to college.

Nicodemus earned a full ride to the University of Memphis. She said she hopes to pursue a career in linguistics or intelligence in the U.S. Navy.

“I just at first thought that it looked like fun,” she said. “But once I got into the program it taught me discipline and what is right and wrong. It taught me I wanted to go into the Navy.”

“It gives you motivation to do well in school. You do well in school you earn (commendations). It also helps you working with other people, even people you don’t necessarily like. It gives you a taste of what you’ll have to use to be an adult. I loved it. It was an awesome program.”

That the program exists at all in 2012 is a testament to parents, community advocates and Jarosz. Just four years ago, the Navy was on the verge of pulling funding for the program

— NJROTC is a partnership between the Navy and

Gulf County School Board — because of numbers below the stated threshold of 10 percent of the student population.

At the time, 21 cadets were in the program. The program was given a one-year reprieve and that has paid off: enrollment in the program has steadily climbed to over 50 this year. With just four seniors in the ranks, a typical incoming class next year could push the program close to 20 percent of the student population with more than 60 cadets.

“I give all the credit to the cadets who have been through the program,” Jarosz said. “The kids need the program. They respond. You get the kids who want to be here. Port St. Joe High School would be a different school without the NJROTC program.”

“This is 35 years of history. NJROTC has been an integral part of the community since the 1976-77 school year. These young men and women represent the best this school has to offer, the best this community has to offer and, more importantly, the best this country has to offer.”

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hope this center will make it easier for those looking for a job to get the assistance they need right where they live.”

Bodine said they were fortunate to secure a \$297,000 grant to fund the center through partnerships with Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and Catholic Charities.

“A big part of this is in capacity building with local organizations,” Bodine said. “We need to build partnerships so (the workforce board is) not operating the program, the locals are operating the program.”

Through the workforce board, the resource center, at 401 Peters St., provides job services through Employ Florida Marketplace, an interactive website catered to both employers and job seekers.

“This is where a lot of employers list their jobs,” Smith said. “If you were to come in looking for a job, I can sit you at the computer, pull up your skills or conduct a skills assessment and write referrals (based on your skills).”

The site also offers resume, application and interview training and tips on the “little things” that are important to know when seeking employment.

The resource center computer lab is available for anyone to use during regular hours.

In the emergency assistance sector, the center will be taking applications from those seeking help with rent and utility payments.

County Commissioner Tan Smiley was an integral force in the development of the community resource center.

“My main position was just putting the right people in place to make this happen,” said Smiley, who has been working tirelessly to secure many different community programs at the WIG Center. “Everything is on the



Photos by VALERIE GARMAN | The Star

Eddie Fields and Tamlyn Smith cut the ribbon outside the new North Port St. Joe Community Resource Center at the Washington Improvement Group (WIG) Center on Feb. 15.

right track now. We're moving right along, slowly but surely.”

Smiley said the WIG's Recreation Center was closed for about a year but is up and running, and with the new resource center the building can now offer even more services to the community.

Smiley pointed out a class in session across from the new resource center, part of the “Ladder Program,” a work-readiness program that targets young adults in the community.

The WIG Center also offers the Dale Carnegie Leadership and Public Speaking Training program to small groups twice a week.

“We want them to go out there and speak freely and be confident,” Bodine said. “It's a five-week, intensive program. When you have people that have barriers, you really have to immerse them in the training.”

Eddie Fields, the Chairman of the WIG Community Advisory Council said he is pleased and honored to have the resource center available to residents.

“Kim (Bodine) and Diana (Burkett of the CCDF) have worked with us magnificently along with County Commissioner Tan Smiley,” Fields said. “We plan to move forward from here.”

Fields said the next step is to establish a food pantry at the center and recruit volunteers.

“Everything is coming together very fast,” Fields said. “We see great things happening in the future.”

The hours of operation for the North Port St. Joe Community Resource Center are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. The center will be closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.



Pictured in back are County Commissioner Tan Smiley, County Administrator Don Butler, Workforce Board president Gary Ross, Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson, WIG chairman Eddie Fields and CCDF director Diana Burkett; in front are County Commissioner Bill Williams, Workforce Board director Kim Bodine, the new center's Resource Coordinator Tamlyn Smith and Emergency Assistance Coordinator Midge Askew.

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Sabal palm a Florida staple

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One of Florida's most recognized symbols is the sabal palm. It is the state tree of both Florida and South Carolina. The sabal palm often is referred to as the cabbage or palmetto palm and sometimes as the Carolina palmetto, common palmetto or, by its scientific name, the sabal palmetto.

These trees can grow in much of Florida's habitat — swamps, coastal marshes, prairies, flatwoods, tropical hammocks — and can be transplanted into just about any Urban setting, and line most

of the highways in the state. It is tolerance to salt, heat, and water makes it the ideal tree for landscaping in Florida. The average tree height is 40 to 50 feet tall. In good growing conditions and soil, they can reach up to 90 feet tall.

The sabal palm has been used by humans for thousand of years. The fruits have been uses as an aid to digestion. The bud of the tree was eaten as food, the fibrous trunk was used for shelter materials and the large, thick fronds were used as roofing material. In south Florida the Seminoles use the sabal palm to build chicken huts, shelters with water tight palm-thatched roofs.

But the most widely known

use for the palm by native Floridians has to be the use of the bud, or heart of the palm. Why it is called swamp cabbage is a mystery to me, since it doesn't taste like cabbage at all. It tastes more like cattail roots. Cooked, it tastes like asparagus.

To get to the heart of the palm is not an easy task. An axe or machete comes in really handy. The center or core of the top part of the palm is where you find the swamp cabbage. It is cylindrical, creamy white, and composed of layers of undeveloped boots.

There are many ways to cook the palm heart or swamp cabbage. Most common is to boil it with salt until soft. Some people

add fatback, bacon, onions, tomatoes, etc., anything you would boil cabbage with. Others will eat it raw, though it is hard and stringy. Bon appetit.

If you are interested in trying swamp cabbage make sure you have property owner's permission to collect the heart of palm. The palm you collect the heart from will not survive. Sabal or Cabbage Palms and all other trees and natural resources are protected in State Parks.

In 1953, the sabal palm was named as the Florida state tree, replacing the royal palm. In the early 1970s, it was placed on the Florida great seal, replacing the cocoa tree that was on the seal.



SABAL PALM



Artificial reefs scheduled to deploy April 2-8

A barge deploys artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico off Mexico Beach.

Special to The Star

The Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association has announced the City of Mexico Beach and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission awarded its 2011-2012 grant contract to Walter Marine. With this contract and

John Thompson Memorial Reef Project, the group will be deploying 72 reef modules in the Bell Shoals, Bridge Rubble, North, and Tower sites off Mexico Beach the first week of April. This is another great accomplishment in the MBARA's goal to develop Mexico Beach's permitted artificial areas

with patch reefs every 1/4 mile. This is only made possible by fundraising, grants from the FWC and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Sport-fish Restoration Fund, sponsor support, and donations from citizens and members.

For more information, visit WWW.MBARA.ORG.

FWC moves forward on black bear conservation plan

Special to The Star

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is moving ahead on its plan to manage and conserve Florida black bears so they never are again at risk of extinction. With the bear population rebounding from about 300 to 3,000 during the past 40 years, the FWC recognizes Florida's conservation success with bears and recommends the state's largest land mammal be removed from the threatened species list.

The Commissioners on Feb. 9 discussed the draft Florida Black Bear Management Plan, a proposed black bear conservation rule, and heard public comments and suggestions. Final action on the draft bear management plan and rule was not taken today. The Commissioners are scheduled to take up a revision of the draft plan and the rule during their June meeting.

Pointing out a paragraph in the draft bear plan tracking the fall and rise of Florida's bear population, Commissioner Brian Yablonski said: "We had 750,000 people in Florida in 1914 and we had roughly 3,000 bears, and here we are at the last data point in 2002 and we've got 17 million people in 2002 and about 3,000 bears. That's an amazing success story. I think this is a very positive day."

Commissioner Richard Corbett said, "The major focus is how we manage and protect with a major population increase of bears and a major population increase of humans."

The draft bear management plan, released Nov. 10, 2011, was followed

by a two-month period of public input, which included public workshops in Bristol, Naples, DeLand and Gainesville. Floridians offered feedback at the workshops, online where the draft plan was posted at MyFWC.com/Bear, and by mailing written comments. About 2,500 comments were received from private citizens and stakeholder groups on the draft plan. Additionally, people had the opportunity to speak at today's meeting.

The public commented on issues such as updating bear population estimates, reducing human-bear conflicts and continuing the review of land-use changes impacting bear habitat.

Members of the public also expressed opinions on whether to allow bear hunting in Florida and whether taking bears off the state's threatened species list would affect bear conservation.

FWC staff is recommending following many of the public's suggestions to change, clarify and improve the overall plan.

Commissioners also gave tentative approval to a proposed FWC rule that would make it unlawful to injure or kill bears, continuing protections similar to the ones granted to bears as a state threatened species. The rule additionally commits the FWC to working with landowners and regulating agencies to guide future land use to be compatible with objectives of the bear plan.

The draft plan proposes:

- Seven bear management units (BMUs) to reflect areas where Florida's black bear populations are concentrated. The units would offer the

opportunity for local input on managing bear populations and habitat. For example, the Central BMU, based in Ocala National Forest, has the largest estimated population of about 1,000 bears; the East Panhandle BMU encompasses Apalachicola National Forest, with about 600 bears; and the South Central BMU in Glades and Highlands counties has about 175 bears.

- Creation of "Bear Smart Communities" in areas of high bear activity. A "Bear Smart Community" would involve its residents, businesses, public agencies and schools in educating people about how to live in bear country and respond appropriately to human-bear conflicts. For example, the U.S. Air Force's Hurlburt Field in Okaloosa County switched to bear-proof garbage cans and dumpsters, instituted an active education program and trained personnel in appropriate responses to human-bear conflicts. After two years of these efforts, Hurlburt experienced a 70 percent reduction in human-bear conflicts.

The Florida black bear is among the 62 wildlife species that soon will join the list of species, like the bald eagle, already under an FWC management plan. Florida's new threatened species conservation model requires that management plans be created for all species that have been state-listed and that plans be updated at specified intervals.

Those management plans give citizens an active role in Florida's efforts to conserve its diverse wildlife for future generations.

For more information about bears, go to MyFWC.com/Bear.

FWC adopts new seasons for gag grouper in Gulf

Star Staff Report

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission voted Feb. 8 to change how gag grouper is managed in Gulf of Mexico state waters (excluding Monroe County).

The decision, which came during day two of the three-day February Commission meeting, will achieve consistency with federal management efforts while potentially providing a region-specific recreational season in four counties.

The FWC manages marine fish from the shore to nine nautical miles in the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council manages Gulf of Mexico waters farther than 9 nautical miles out.

The following changes will make state gag grouper management efforts the same as recent federal gag grouper management efforts in the Gulf of Mexico: setting the recreational open season from July 1 through Oct. 31 and lowering the minimum commercial size limit from 24 inches to 22 inches total length.

The Commission also authorized Chairman Kathy Barco and Executive Director Nick Wiley to issue an executive order opening gag grouper season in the state waters off Taylor, Jefferson, Wakulla and Franklin counties, including Apalachicola Bay and Indian Pass. This gag grouper recreational season, if implemented, will open harvest in state waters during April, May and June, and close harvest in those waters during the July-to-October season. These changes will better align fishing opportunity with fish availability.

"I think we have to be sensitive to the economic side and the natural resource side," Commissioner Charles W. Roberts III said. "I don't think there is anybody here, especially in this room, who would like to jeopardize gag grouper. This isn't an easy decision. We have to rely on the data we have available and make good decisions."

Gag grouper has been closed in Gulf of Mexico state waters since Nov. 16, 2011.

The FWC believes applying these management changes will allow gag grouper populations to rebuild quickly while balancing the needs of anglers.

To learn more, visit MyFWC.com/Commission and click on "Commission Meetings" and "Agenda."

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Freshwater

Good reports are still coming in from depot creek this past week. Crappie and shellcraker are still being caught regularly. Stripped bass and a few hybrid bass are in the I.C.W. up stream nd near the Overstreet Bridge.

Inshore

Spanish mackerel are still holding in close to shore, and in the surf. Casting plugs and spoons will work for these guys, however, trolling mackerel trees close to shore will produce more fish. Some nice trout catches are still being reported, but no one is bragging on red fish this week.

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Port St. Joe to host youth hoops tournament

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The future of the Port St. Joe High School boys' basketball program will be on display the second weekend in March.

On March 9-10, Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School will host the Northwest Florida Youth Basketball Tournament, which will feature teams from all over the Panhandle, including Port St. Joe, Franklin County, Panama City, Pensacola and Navarre.

"This is an annual tournament and we received the opportunity to host it this year," Port St. Joe High coach Derek Kurnitsky said. "This is pretty big honor. Teams will be bringing over their all-star squads. You will have 28 to 30 Port St. Joe kids playing."

"There will be some good basketball."

There will be three double-elimination tournaments transpiring during those two days.

There will be 10-under, 12-under and 14-under brackets and teams. The Port St. Joe 10-under team, which will be coached by Sandy Quinn, is the defending champion in the tournament.

The 12-under team will be coached by Raye Bailey and Kurnitsky will coach the oldest group of players.

The tournament is just one facet of the summer youth basketball program that serves as a feeder program to the high school.

It is a program Kurnitsky pretty has much created on his own.

"We always feed up,"



Kurnitsky said. "If you don't have a system, you have to create your own feeder program."

The program emphasizes basics. Practices are less about putting the ball in the net as understanding what surrounds the play that puts the team in a position to put the ball in the net.

"We are into skill development," Kurnitsky said. "We work on the small things, ball handling, defense, passing."

The Northwest Florida Youth Basketball Tournament is free and open to the public. Play begins at 6 p.m. EST Friday, March 9, and continues through to championship games — and trophy and ribbon presentations — Saturday, March 10.

"Everyone should come out," Kurnitsky said. "This is fun basketball, good basketball. It is a lot of fun for the kids."



TIM CROFT | The Star

The "Future Ballers" at Port St. Joe will host a youth basketball tournament on March 9-10.



Men's hoops league forms

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

The old Washington High School gym is the perfect forum for members of the Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School boys' basketball team to find offseason playing time and sweat.

One problem — getting on the court.

But Port St. Joe High coach Derek Kurnitsky said he has found the appropriate solution with a Men's Basketball League that will begin play every Tuesday and Thursday on Feb. 28.

There will be two games each day, the first at 6 p.m. EST; the second to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The league, Kurnitsky hopes, not only gets his young charges some court time but also some schooling from former Tiger Sharks and other older hoopsters.

Kurnitsky said he came up with the idea in pondering playground basketball. The credo is pretty simple — no matter if the court is in Port St. Joe or New York City. As long as your team is winning, it stays on the court.

Losers have to bide their time until another turn arises.

What Kurnitsky found is while his underclassmen players were showing up at the Washington High Gym, they were not getting on the hardwood enough because the older players competing each

day were monopolizing court time.

"I want my guys playing at the gym," Kurnitsky said. "I want my kids to get better."

And from that came the idea of a Men's League.

Each team will include three to five men, graduates of Port St. Joe High School or otherwise, hoop interest is all that matters, joined by three to five players from the Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High program.

"The men like to play anyway and this will be making my high school players better by playing with the men," Kurnitsky said.

All games will be five-on-five, with Kurnitsky and other coaches from Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High performing the duties of referees.

All games are free and open to the public.

A draft will be this coming Tuesday and the league will post standings and statistics at the gym and in this newspaper. There will be a season-ending tournament, seeded based on results from the regular season.

The first week of the regular season will conclude with "A Day of Hoops" during the weekend and in which all teams will compete.

For more information or to join the league, call Kurnitsky at the Junior/Senior High School at 229-8251.

Tiger Sharks open regular season 2-1

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High baseball team, coming off a split in a preseason classic in Marianna, had the bats working during a week that ended 2-1.

Despite outitting Springfield Rutherford 6-2 on Feb. 14, the Tiger Sharks dropped the game to the larger school by an identical score, 6-2.

Trevor Lang got a hit in each of his three at bats for Port St. Joe, singling in the second, fourth and fifth innings.

Rutherford jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

Rutherford didn't relinquish the lead after scoring three runs in the fifth inning, the inning fueled by a two-run double.

On Feb. 17, the Tiger Sharks hosted Graceville and routed the visitors 9-2 behind strong offense.

C.J. Butts was 3 for 3 and drove in two runs and Tucker Smith was 2 for 3 with two RBIs for Port St. Joe. Tyler Worley was 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Pitchers Jessie Hyman, Coy

Burke and Austin Howze combined for the win.

On Monday, the Tiger Sharks hosted Vernon and won 9-5.

Howze pitched a complete game for the win and was also 2 for 4 with three RBIs. Worley was 2 for 3 with one run driven in and Butts was 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Smith and Hyman each went 2 for 3 for the Tiger Sharks, who travel to Wewahitchka today for a 7 p.m. EST contest and play at Graceville at 7 p.m. EST Friday.

Lady Gators improve after undefeated week

Star Staff Report

The Lady Gators of Wewahitchka, at least during the first four games of the season, are back.

After a difficult rebuilding year in 2011, the Lady Gators are now 3-1 on the season after beating Vernon and Blountstown in the past week.

Wewahitchka also is 2-0 in District 1-1A.

On Feb. 14, the Lady Gators swamped Vernon 3-1 behind a lethal offensive attack and the pitching of Ashleigh Price.

Price pitched seven innings, striking out five and walking four while allowing a single unearned run.

Meanwhile, the Wewahitchka offense was cranking.

Jessica Smith was 3 for 4 with a double and two singles; Tara Walding was 2 for

3 with a double; Tori Lanter was 2 for 3 with a double; and Alyssa Bass was 2 for 3 with a pair of singles.

Three days later, the Lady Gators traveled to Blountstown and won 5-4 on a Caitlin Burch double which drove in the winning run in the top of the seventh inning.

Price pitched seven innings, striking out five and walking two.

Smith was 3 for 4 with three singles; Lanter 1 for 4 with a sacrifice and RBI; Walding was 2 for 4 with a triple and single; Price had a single and walked twice; and Burch was 1 for 4 but the one hit was a huge one for the Lady Gators.

Wewahitchka hosted Sneads on Tuesday, play at Port St. Joe at 6 p.m. EST today and host Cottondale at 4 p.m. CST Friday.

Spring break soccer camp

Star Staff Report

All-Pro Soccer will be holding two spring break camps in the area March 13-15. The first will be sponsored by the Gulf County Soccer Boosters and will be from 10 a.m. to noon EST at the Port St. Joe Soccer Complex on those dates. On those same dates, the Callaway Arsenal Soccer Club will be hosting the camp from 3 to 5 p.m. CST at the Callaway Sports Complex. Both camps will be supervised by former professional player and coach, Gary Hindley. Coach Hindley, a five-time Coach of the Year selectee, is the boys and girls coach at Port St. Joe High School. At both camps, there will be individual instruction for field players and goalkeepers from ages 7-17. Questions or to obtain a registration form, call Coach Hindley at 850-276-6353 or gihallpro@aol.com.

PSJ Dixie Youth Softball registration

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe Dixie Softball registration for the 2012 season will be from 9 a.m. to noon EST 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. Call Mike Lacour at 850-774-6446 or email lacour6@gtcom.net.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Feb 23	71°	65°	20 %
Fri, Feb 24	71°	48°	40 %
Sat, Feb 25	63°	44°	10 %
Sun, Feb 26	64°	55°	10 %
Mon, Feb 27	69°	53°	10 %
Tues, Feb 28	70°	58°	10 %
Wed, Feb 29	72°	57°	60 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
23	Th	1158am 0.4	1159pm 0.4	517am 0.2	522pm 0.2
24	Fr	1148am 0.7		427am 0.2	558pm 0.1
25	Sa	1158am 0.8		825pm 0.0	
26	Su	1221pm 0.9		959pm -0.1	
27	Mo	1256pm 1.0		1146pm -0.1	
28	Tu	1427pm 1.1			
29	We	239pm 1.1		104am -0.2	
1	Th	343pm 1.2		206am -0.3	
2	Fr	449pm 1.2		255am -0.4	
3	Sa	552pm 1.3		334am -0.4	
4	Su	655pm 1.2		409am -0.4	
5	Mo	759pm 1.2		437am -0.3	
6	Tu	907pm 1.0		501am -0.2	
7	We	1026pm 0.9		515am 0.0	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
23	Th	352am 1.0	423pm 1.0	1031am 0.1	1045pm 0.2
24	Fr	438am 1.0	437pm 1.0	1048am 0.3	1121pm 0.1
25	Sa	526am 1.0	456pm 1.1	1105am 0.4	1159pm 0.0
26	Su	619am 0.9	520pm 1.2	1125am 0.5	
27	Mo	729am 0.9	549pm 1.2	1242am 0.0	1149am 0.6
28	Tu	835am 0.8	625pm 1.2	135am 0.0	1218pm 0.7
29	We	1012am 0.8	708pm 1.2	246am 0.0	1253pm 0.8
1	Th	803pm 1.1		410am 0.0	
2	Fr	114pm 0.9	913pm 1.1	525am -0.1	410pm 0.9
3	Sa	150pm 1.0	1032pm 1.1	625am -0.1	548pm 1.0
4	Su	217pm 1.0	1149pm 1.1	715am -0.2	652pm 0.9
5	Mo	239pm 1.0		757am -0.2	741pm 0.7
6	Tu	1257am 1.2	258pm 1.0	835am -0.2	823pm 0.5
7	We	159am 1.2	314pm 1.0	909am 0.0	903pm 0.4

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be expanded. The mill site also is adjacent to a federally-authorized turning basin and navigational channel.

St. Joe also owns about 4,700 acres of undeveloped land adjacent to the site, with more than three miles of frontage along the Gulf County Canal, which connects the Gulf of Mexico to Florida's Intracoastal Waterway.

Additionally, Eastern's Port St. Joe facility has access to almost 80 miles of St. Joe Company-owned railway that links Port St. Joe to other railway systems, connecting to Gulf County to cities to the north.

"We ... see this as a first step to maximizing this region's potential for port-related industrial and commercial activities."

Park Brady
chief executive officer for The St. Joe Company

"We are pleased to welcome Eastern Shipbuilding Group to Port St. Joe and Gulf County and see this as a first step to maximizing this region's potential for port-related industrial and commercial activities," said Park Brady, Chief Executive

Officer for The St. Joe Company, in a press release.

As White noted, St. Joe, as a partner, provides some of the key pieces of the puzzle to unlocking the potential of the port footprint, which would also include some 100 acres owned by the Port of

Port St. Joe, including rail and other infrastructure.

In signing the MOU, St. Joe officials said they hoped to develop and market the entire acreage owned by the Port of Port St. Joe and the St. Joe Company, saying it was the most effective way of bringing development to the port.

On Tuesday night, Port director Tommy Pitts informed Port St. Joe city commissioners that St. Joe land, the mill site and surrounding land, would be added to the port's master plan.

Momentum for developing the Port of Port St. Joe

began last February when Gov. Rick Scott, speaking at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner, spoke of the potential of the ports in Florida to be job creators and expressed interest in the development of the Port of Port St. Joe during an interview with a reporter.

A contingent of state officials visited the port facilities last fall and spoke at length of the potential and the need for a public/private partnership to grow the port.

Further, the scheduled completion of the widening of the Panama Canal in 2014, enhanced shipping opportunities with that expansion and the fact that geographically Northwest Florida ports among those closest in proximity once the expansion is completed fueled desires to develop the Port of Port St. Joe.

The Port of Port St. Joe also has an MOU with the Port of Panama City, which is nearing capacity, in which the latter supports shipping and marine

activities in Gulf County.

"This is huge," said Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson Tuesday night. "This will be a tremendous shot in the arm for our economy."

"We don't know how many jobs this will mean, yet, but I like to think this is the first domino to fall. It couldn't come at a better time for the city and this area."

A host of state and federal officials lauded the announcement, the vision of ESG and St. Joe and the partnership that figures to produce jobs and growth in a county where unemployment is more than 10 percent.

The ESG Port St. Joe facility is likely to be something of a "finishing" station for vessels, D'Isernia indicated in media reports. Once a vessel is launched, there remains four or five days of work to complete the vessel. That work will be done in Port St. Joe. The number of employees at the facility would be significant, D'Isernia also indicated.



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Expert to speak to Supporters of St. Vincent

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

Florida is considered by international scientists to be part of a “warming hole,” Dr. James O’Brien said.

While other portions of the country, such as Iowa, Kansas, Ohio and parts of the Midwest and Northeast, are experiencing a steady warming of climate, Florida is not seeing similar types of changes, O’Brien said.

“Georgia and Florida are in a warming hole,” O’Brien said while vacationing with his grandchildren. “So we don’t

have the warming trends that you see in other parts of the country. It’s probably because we are surrounded by ocean.”

O’Brien, a professor emeritus of meteorology and oceanography at Florida State University, should know. He has been studying the oceans and their impacts on weather patterns for 45 years.

For 25 of those years, he was on a team of scientists and researchers that ultimately identified the phenomenon of El Niño, and in turn that led to the identification of El Niña — changes in the oceans’ temperatures and patterns that have great effects on weather through-

out the Southeast and the hemisphere.

The unusually warm winter is a product of El Niña, which alternately cycles on a regular basis with El Niño, O’Brien said.

“These two ocean phenomenon contribute greatly to the weather in the Southeast,” O’Brien said.

In the mid-1990s, O’Brien said, there resulted a push by scientists to reach beyond government agencies and get the “information to people who would need it.”

See **EXPERT B5**

WANT TO GO?

The annual meeting of the Supporters of St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge will be from 1-4 p.m. ET Sunday, Feb. 26, at the St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve Center. You must be a member of the Supporters group to attend and memberships will be sold at the door; \$15 for individuals, \$20 for families. The meeting will be catered by Paul Gan’s Bar-B-Q.



Photos by VALERIE GARMAN | The Star

Sunset Park disguised itself as the Big Easy last Saturday with green, gold and purple masks and beads at every booth. **Below**, would you like rice with your gumbo?

GUMBO COOK-OFF A TASTY TIME

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer

The smell of Andouille sausage, Cajun spices and seafood filled the air at Sunset Park this weekend as thousands of patrons flocked to sample a taste of New Orleans at the 14th Annual Mexico Beach Gumbo Cook-off.

Thirty-one entrants hauled in gallons of secret family gumbos, gumbos that cooked for hours to develop just the right flavor, gumbos with crab, shrimp, oysters, chicken and sausage, with rice or no rice, with rye or roux made with bacon and cayenne pepper and paprika, or with a special secret ingredient never to be revealed.

By 2 p.m. CT, the soup was gone, along with 1,000 cups of beer and 61 bottles of wine.

Even with Saturday’s overcast weather conditions and rain predictions, it was the biggest cook-off ever, and the rain managed to stay in the clouds for the duration of the event.

“It was our largest crowd to date,” said Kimberly Shoaf, director of the Mexico Beach Community Development Council. “I would say there were easily 3,000 people that came out, so this is about 500 people more than last year.”

Shoaf said she knows the event is a success if the all soup sells out.

Last year’s event raised \$6,500, money that was put towards the Fourth of July fireworks show and accompanying events. Shoaf estimated this

See **GUMBO B5**



Beacon Villa resident celebrates 101st birthday

By Valerie Garman
Star Staff Writer



VALERIE GARMAN | The Star

Mildred Delarua celebrates her 101st birthday at the Beacon Villa Retirement Center in St. Joe Beach on Feb. 17.

Mimi Delarua’s eyes smiled as she looked back on her 101-year journey.

“I’ve had a very enjoyable life, you know,” she said.

It was enough to bring her daughter, Diane Dieter, to tears.

“It’s wonderful,” Dieter said, as she recognized that not too many people are blessed with this much time with their mothers.

Mildred “Mimi” Delarua, a resident at Beacon Villa Retirement Center in St. Joe Beach, welcomed her 101st birthday last Friday, Feb. 17, with the surviving friends and

family members who helped shape her story.

The consensus was that she didn’t look a day over 85.

The attendants at Beacon Villa said Delarua spent all week looking forward to a visit from “her people.”

“We’ve just had the nicest family,” Delarua said. “We’re lucky about that.”

Her life has blessed her with two children, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She smiled again as she remembered the births of those children and grandchildren. Family has always been a number one priority for her, her daughter explained.

Delarua received a visit

from extended family across the country for her 100th birthday party last year.

“We had a real big blast in Apalach for her 100th birthday last year,” Dieter said. “Relatives came in from California to Virginia to Tennessee to Alabama.”

And although her articulation has slowed, Delarua agreed she was excited about turning 101 and was grateful to spend it with her close family.

When asked if she had any advice for the younger generation, Delarua said she wouldn’t know how to put it into words.

See **101ST B5**

PSJHS junior recognized for STEM achievement

By Tim Croft
Star News Editor

When she learned she had been named the county’s representative to a statewide event recognizing the top STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) scholars, MaKayla Ramsey experienced a bit of butterflies.

“I was a little nervous because I wasn’t sure what was going to happen” during her two-day stay in Orlando. “But I am glad I went. It was so much fun, and I learned a lot.”

Last week’s event was through the Sunshine State Scholars program being championed by the Florida Education Foundation and the Florida Department of Education.

This year’s program was aimed at honoring the top STEM-focused students from each school district, with an awards ceremony which culminated two days of presentations about STEM courses.



MAKAYLA RAMSEY

In addition, each student had direct access to Florida university and college recruiters to discuss postsecondary opportunities and reasons why their talents and knowledge would bring them the greatest success if kept here in the Sunshine State.

“I was honored to be the one chosen to be the representative for the district,” Ramsey said. Ramsey, who should be a sophomore but is a junior on a three-year accelerated track to finish high school, carries a 3.96 unweighted GPA.

The litany of STEM courses she has taken since middle school — honors biology, honors chemistry, pre-calculus, honors algebra, geometry — have dominated her class time as she points toward a career in medicine.

“I always wanted to be a surgeon or an anesthesiologist, but now I don’t know,” Ramsey said. “I just want to go into medicine, and I think I’ll figure out where I am supposed to be.”

Thursday and Friday included programs keynoted by Chancellor Frank Brogan of the State University System of Florida and Stacy Carlson of the Helios Education Foundation, one of the event’s main sponsors. Dr. Jimmie Davis of STEMFlorida, Rosemary Woods, vice president of transportation, and Atkins, sponsor of the luncheon, also spoke.

“The speakers were

See **STEM B5**

BIRTH



Josephine Audrey Haynes (Josie) is born

Nora and Brynn Haynes proudly introduce their little sister, Josie, born Feb. 2 at 5:32 p.m., weighing 9 pounds 6.6 ounces and measuring 21 in. long. Parents are John and Beth Haynes of Atlanta, Ga. Maternal grandparents are Chris and Dick Kemerer of St. Louis, Mo., and paternal grandparents are Zoe and Jack Haynes of Howard Creek, Fla.

ANNIVERSARY



Nunnery 60th Wedding Anniversary

Lonnie and Bessie Nunnery of Wewahitchka will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren. The reception will be Sunday, March 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. CST at the Wewahitchka Community Center. All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. Your presence will be a treasured gift and they respectfully request no other.

The couple was married on March 5, 1952, in Bainbridge, Ga. They have two children, Harold Nunnery and Debbie Sumner, and four grandchildren, Sherry Paul, Katrina Johnson, Kim Bryan and Jeremy Nunnery. They also have twelve great-grandchildren.

Lonnie is retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is a member of the Tupelo Masonic Lodge No. 289. Bessie is the secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 229. They are both members of Wewa Search and Rescue and Abe Springs Freewill Baptist Church.

Senior Citizens Association welcomes public to meal sites, asks for donations

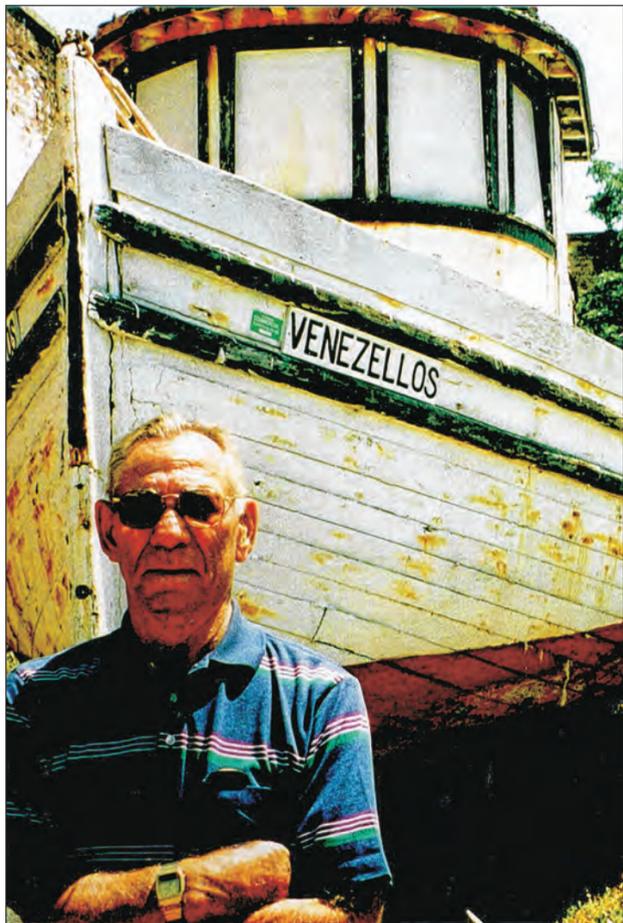
Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Senior Citizens at their Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka meal sites welcomes seniors 60 and older to visit and enjoy activities, such as bingo, arts and crafts, gospel singing, blood pressure checks, exercise classes and educational programs. We have an all request Oldies but Goodies Show by D.J. Steve McIntire at the Port St. Joe center the first Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon EST. A hot, nutritious meal is served every Monday through Friday. Donations are welcomed and transportation may be available.

The Port St. Joe site, 120 Library Drive, is asking for donations of nonperishable foods like juice, canned tuna and chicken, soup and vegetables, for our low-income seniors. Small, inexpensive bingo prizes are also always needed for our clients that love to play bingo several times a week. We are looking for a volunteer to conduct a senior-friendly exercise class once a week.

Anyone interested in coming to our sites for meals and activities or donating the items listed above may call Debbie at the Port St. Joe site at 229-8466 and Faye at the Wewahitchka site at 639-9910. Gulf County Senior Citizens is a nonprofit organization.

BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday

On Feb. 27, Jimmy James will celebrate his 90th birthday! After all these years, shrimp still tremble at the mention of your name! Happy Birthday, and we love you!

— Your family

Volunteers sought in Gulf for new Money Mentor Program

Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Extension Office is looking for volunteer mentors for a new program that will be implemented — the Master Money Mentor (MMM) Program. The goal is to train people interested in the topic, but need knowledge and skills in order to assist others.

Training will be March 6-9 in Blountstown. Transportation will be provided.

Ten participants will receive 20 hours of training, will return 50 hours of service and help families by providing free help with their household finances in these challenging times.

Materials for the program are provided through the University of Florida/IFAS Extension and funded through a Bank of America foundation grant. Most Master Money

Mentors must complete the entire training program and background check before becoming certified as a MMM. If you are a trained professional in an aspect of money management, attendance at the last day of the training is all that would be required.

While every family's financial picture is different, Money Mentors can help in three important areas: assisting families as they make spending and savings plans, helping them analyze their credit behavior and limit debt and encouraging families to be proactive with lenders when problems arise.

Email Melanie Taylor at metaylor@ufl.edu, call 850-639-3200 or 229-2909 for information, to receive an application and plan on being part of this new project.

George Washington High School Reunion

Special to The Star

To all of our George Washington High School Classmates, the Classes of the 1970s are hosting the 2012 George Washington High School Reunion on July 5-7. Our theme this year is "Tigers United: Past, Present and Future."

We are planning a fun-filled time for all and are looking forward to seeing all of you in Port St. Joe. Registration fees are due on or before April 30. Start now by gathering items for your class wall and use this occasion to donate them to the museum. Feel free to contact any of the following committee members for further information.

Reunion Committee: Lamar Speights, chairperson, (904) 563-4529; Simona Williams Beard, secretary, (850) 229-6971; Deborah Stallworth Crosby, treasurer, (850) 227-5041; Andrew Granger, events coordinator, (850) 849-7622; Maxine Leslie Hammons, communications, (407) 282-7161.

American Legion Post fish fry on Friday

Star Staff Report

The Willis V. Rowan American Legion Post 116 will be holding a fish fry Feb. 24 at the

VFW Post at 1774 Trout Ave. in Highland View. Dinner is 6 p.m. EST, and a \$6 donation is requested. The Post will be

serving up locally caught fish by expert fishermen Tom, George and Brooks and will include sides of cole slaw, baked beans and hush puppies.

PET OF THE WEEK
St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



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Meet the impressive Max. A 5yr old Husky Dog. Max walks well on his leash and is very attentive. He is a little unsure about his new surroundings after losing his life long family and home. Max does know the command sit and is a willing student. He would do well with

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If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a Donation. All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com or adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Applications are available at www.sjbhumane.org and can be emailed to our office or faxed 850-227-1191. We require all potential adopters to complete an application form. Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations.

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!

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Bus Riders of the week: Brooklyn Sheppard, Sydnee O'Donnell, Corbin Ingalls and Will McCall.

PRE-K DONATIONS



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The Wewahitchka Pre-K class visited the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society on Feb. 14 and brought toys, treats and food they collected for the animals.



This year, Valentine's Day went to the dogs

Star Staff Report

Instead of a traditional card exchange, Darlene Ake's Pre-K class at Wewahitchka Elementary brought in items to donate to the animals at the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

The class took a trip to the humane society on Valentine's Day and hauled in decorated paper bags filled with treats and toys for the animals. The students played with the puppies in the front yard before going to the park to enjoy a Valentine's Day pizza party.

"Our Valentine's Day went to the animals this year," Ake said.

SHARK TALK



By Sarah Taylor

General Information

The Junior High Beta Club organized a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis by selling chain links for a competition between grades and a fundraiser in Mrs. Knox's seventh language arts classes and Mrs. Edmiston's 8th grade science classes. The largest fundraisers were the seventh grade language arts classes, which raised about \$1,450. The fourth period class won collecting \$525.70, followed by second period collecting \$357.70. 3rd period came in third place collecting \$300.20, and 1st period came in 4th place collecting \$271.55. A big thank you from the Beta Club to seventh-graders and other students for all their help. Maxx Harrison was the top fundraiser bringing in \$257, followed by Elizabeth Furstenberg with \$115 and Cheyanne Hanlon with \$109.95 — great job! Altogether, the Junior High Beta Club raised \$1784.04 for Cystic Fibrosis.

• Feb. 24 — The Junior Executive Board from Port St. Joe High School will be bagging groceries at Duren's Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, Feb. 24 for donations. They also will be holding a bake sale the

same day at Piggly Wiggly. All donations from these fundraisers will go towards the Junior/Senior Prom. The Prom will be Saturday, April 21 at the Centennial Building. This year's theme is Viva Las Vegas.

• Feb. 24 — The Prom Fashion Show will take place at 2:30 p.m. EST on Friday, Feb. 24, in the Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School gym. The community is invited to attend but will need a visitor's pass from the front office.

• Feb. 25 — There will be a NJROTC Military Ball at 7 p.m. EST.

• The Port St. Joe High School National Honor Society sponsored a school Blood Drive on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Thirty-four students willingly gave blood to build Gulf County's blood bank reserves.

• Coach Gannon is selling last year's white game jerseys for \$40; white and purple game jerseys from 2000-2001 for \$20; and white (No Pain No Gain)

T-shirts for \$10. See Mrs. Taylor in the school office to purchase one of these.

• Feb. 28 — Eighth- and tenth-graders will be taking the FCAT Writing.

Sports:

• Feb. 23 — Shark's baseball in Wewahitchka at 5 p.m. EST; Lady Shark softball at home vs. Wewahitchka at 5 p.m. EST;

• Feb. 24 — Lady Shark softball at home vs. South Walton will be at 5 p.m.; Shark baseball in Graceville will be at 5 p.m.

• Feb. 27 — Shark weightlifting meet in Altha at 4 p.m.;

• March 1 — Shark weightlifting meet at 4 p.m.; Shark baseball - varsity only — at West Gadsden at 6 p.m.

Clubs:

• Feb. 28 — SWAT Meeting — Junior High at 10:45 a.m.; National Honor Society at 11:50 a.m.

• Mar. 1 — Winter Sports/Clubs and Organizations pictures at 9 a.m.; Junior Executive Board Meeting at 11:50 a.m.

After-School program focuses on health in February

Special to The Star

During February, the 21st Century After School Program learned about "How to Keep a Healthy Body." We also practiced Art through Literature by reading a book entitled "Bentley the Snowflake" and created our own snowflakes using art supplies. All students participated in Heart Healthy Month and attended learning sessions provided by the Gulf County Extension Agency. We would like to thank our representative Melanie Taylor for sharing with us this valuable information



Photos special to The Star



Coin Show sponsored by Ft. Walton Beach Coin Club.

Saturday, February 25, 10 am – 5 pm and Sunday, February 26, 10 am – 4 pm.

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I will be the first to admit that I am technology challenged. Whether I'm trying to find the right remote for the television or struggling to use one of my iPhone features, it is a continuous battle. When the leaders in the technological world tell us that we are just scratching the surface, I can't imagine what they are going to come up with next. I am very impressed with the intellect and abilities of the people who research and develop all of these new gadgets.

But let me tell you what impresses me even more. I was reading the other day something about some startling new discoveries they have learned about our brain. Dr. Gary Small has been doing a lot of research on the aging of the brain. He made an astonishing discovery! He said that as we get older, the sweet spot in our brain begins to fire more rapidly. When we reach middle age, our brain actually fires more rapidly than it does when we are younger. Our

brain cells are constantly communicating thanks to an insulation in our brain called myelin. As we age, the myelin thickens and enables us to think more clearly. As a result we have better management and assessment skills.

We are able to solve complex problems quicker and with greater accuracy. When we reach the age of 45, our memory is at its peak. At age 53, our financial planning abilities are at their best. Our vocabulary usually reaches it

prime when we are in our sixties and seventies. That is great news!

Dr. Small went on to say that it's important to take care of ourselves to make sure our brains are functioning at their best. He said we need to exercise on a regular basis. That pumps the much needed oxygen and nutrients to the brain. He also suggests eating plenty of whole grains, fish and nuts to keep the brain healthy. Then he said we need take time to

relax. These three things work together to keep our brain, and our bodies in optimum health. In Psalm 139 verse 14, the psalmist says, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." We are amazing, aren't we? Researchers say we are only scratching the surface of what we can do with technology, and that is astonishing. But what is even more astonishing is how much we don't know about our own bodies. The more

researchers learn, the more they realize there is to discover.

I am sure I will continue to be impressed with the many new gadgets that people with brilliant minds bring into our lives. But I am also sure that I will always be in awe and praise our Creator because, we are all "... fearfully and wonderfully made."

Pastor Mac Fulcher
First United
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How about a helping hand

The poor you always have with you, John tells us in God's word.

There are homeless folks that had one, week's ago, or this is what I've heard.

I wonder if those tornado victims were down on the homeless like a few around here.

A tornado around here could also be severe.

So be careful of the judging you do.

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Mary Devine Hendricks

Mary Devine Hendricks, 89, of Mexico Beach, died Feb. 13, 2012.

Mary was born in Sacramento, Calif., on April 11, 1922.

She married Ernest Hendricks on May 3, 1942, and thus began her life as an Air Force wife.

Following her husband's retirement from the military, Mary completed her Associate of Arts degree at North Florida Junior College. She remained active for several years as a volunteer at Tyndall AFB in both the Retiree Affairs Office and the eye clinic. She and her husband were also quite active in the Wings and Swings Square Dance Club.

Mary served as an Elder and Sunday School teacher in the Port St. Joe First Presbyterian Church where she was also a member of the Presbyterian Women of the Church. She served more than once on the Presbytery of North

Florida Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Mary belonged to the Sea Oats and Dunes Garden Club for many years and actively promoted the Arbor Day Foundation.

Out of the goodness of her heart she knit hundreds of hats for premature babies born at Panhandle hospitals. Mary was also an enthusiastic supporter of the FSU Seminoles and loved a good game at Doak Campbell Stadium.

Mary was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Ernest L. Hendricks, and a son, Douglas Lloyd Hendricks.

She is survived by her three children, Mary Dee Hendricks, McCook, Neb.; David Hendricks and his wife, Liz, Arapahoe, Neb.; and Pat Hendricks, Mexico Beach. Mary is also survived by three grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Local services were provided by Comforter Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Bill WhiteEagle

Bill WhiteEagle, 86, passed away Monday, Feb. 20, 2012, in his home with family.

Bill was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Apalachicola.

Bill is survived by his wife of 40 years, Judy; son, Bill (Michelle); son, Ben (Geanise); son, Del; daughter, Angie (Jim); daughter, Gwen (Troy); son, Neil (Waipio); son, Lance; son, Talon; and many grandchildren who loved their 'Papa'.

A memorial will be at 1 p.m. EST Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Apalachicola. All who would like to be invited to attend.

Logan memorial service

A memorial service will be held for Dr. Richard H. Logan III at Hope Family Worship Center, 2001 Garrison Ave. in Port St. Joe. The service will at 2 p.m. EST Monday, Feb. 27, 2012. Dr. Logan died on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012.

Roy Pitts

Roy Pitts of Wewahitchka, Fla., went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 13, 2012. Roy was born April 20, 1925, to George and Rosella Pitts of Kinard, Fla. Roy was a veteran of World War II in the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dewey Pitts and a daughter, Windale Laurimore.

His survivors include one son, Winiferd Pitts of Wewahitchka; one daughter, Charolette Hysmith of Camden, Tenn.; his brothers, Jesssie Aaron, Barnum, Clifford and Williard Pitts of Kinard; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. CST Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at Kinard Community Holiness Church with a visitation for one hour prior to the service. Interment followed in Cypress Creek Cemetery, Kinard, Fla.

All services were under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home, Wewahitchka Branch Chapel.

Kennedy family card of thanks

To all our family and friends: We want you all to know that without you being there for us during the loss of our son, Kyle, we would not have made it through this most difficult time in our lives as well as we did. There are no words to express to

you all how much your prayers, love, support, and thoughtfulness meant to us and our family.

We would also like to thank all those who provided the delicious food, sent flowers and plants, and made donations to People

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"It was important to be able to forecast and predict impacts," he continued.

So working through entities such as the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences extension services and the Southeast Climate Consortium, comprised of researchers throughout the Southeast, O'Brien said this information is trickling down to those most likely to feel the effects.

"We helped convince state forest managers that they would have problems with forest fires," as the cycle of La Niña arrives, O'Brien said.

By predicting a cycle of upcoming dry weather, land managers on state and federal lands are able to prevent a season of wildfires through prescribed burning in forest lands. O'Brien noted prescribed burning such as this is a recent trend, partly because of the identification of changes in ocean currents and temperatures.

O'Brien will be the featured speaker during the fifth annual meeting of the Supporters of St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge.

The meeting will be from 1-4 p.m. ET at the St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve Center, located at 3915 State Road 30-A, 4.5 miles

south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 98 and County Road 30-A in Port St. Joe, and 5 miles north of the Indian Pass Raw Bar.

O'Brien came to the attention of the Supporters of St. Vincent through a talk he gave at a meeting hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at St. Mark's.

"I must have done okay because I have three requests to give the same talk, including from the group at St. Vincent," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said he will discuss a host of relevant topics.

"I am going to give the real scoop about climate change in

Florida," O'Brien said. "What is really happening in Florida with climate change and what's really the truth about sea level rise. It will be a layperson's talk about what is really happening with climate change in Florida."

"We'll, of course, also cover things like hurricanes and tornadoes and the changing weather patterns."

The supporters meeting will be catered by Paul Gant's Bar-B-Q and you must be a member to attend. Memberships will be sold at the door; \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. For more information call 850-229-6735.

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year's event raised more than \$9,500 for the fireworks display. The money from the cook-off, along with money raised in October's Art and Wine Festival, also helps fund other Fourth of July activities such as the 5K run and kids fishing tournament.

There were 31 entries, almost double last year's 16. There were 18 contestants in the amateur gumbo competition, eight in the restaurant gumbo division and five Brunswick stew entries.

This year's winners were:

Restaurant gumbo: Sharon's Café, first; The Thirsty Goat, second; The Fish House, third.

Amateur gumbo: Bobby Steele, first; 98 Real Estate Group, second; Chef and the Fatman, third.

Brunswick stew: 98 Real Estate Group, first; Georgia Jesters, second; El Go Gumbo, third.

Best team spirit: Greg Abrams Seafood

Best decorated: Rycroft & Myers

Farthest traveled: Tennessee Gumbo

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really good," Ramsey said. "They were people who talked about how we had really advanced in math and science courses."

Brogan pointed to the diversity of these students' current accomplishments and the breadth of opportunities for them at Florida's 11 public institutions with total enrollment today at more than 325,000 students, according to a press release.

"We want today's Sunshine State Scholars to be tomorrow's state university students, strengthening our national and global competitiveness. Pursuing STEM degrees here in Florida helps us to raise our current ranking - which is compelling - as the third-highest producer for four-year STEM degrees of any public

university system in the United States," he said.

Following Friday's first speaker, there was a recruitment fair where students met with college and university officials to talk about their futures and explore the opportunities and careers that could await them in Florida.

The event was capped off with an awards luncheon where scholars were treated to an inspirational speech by Rosemary Woods, vice president of transportation.

The chance to interact with college recruiters and to understand the breadth of courses and programs available to her, Ramsey said, was an eye-opener.

"I didn't know all the courses I could take, what colleges had to offer," Ramsey said. "I really learned

a lot. It was a good educational experience for me."

The Sunshine State Scholars program is a collaboration between the Florida Education Foundation, the State University System of Florida, the Division of Florida Colleges and the Florida Department of Education.

"I'm proud to have the Foundation involved in this wonderful event and to see our partners in the business community contribute so generously to make it possible," Florida Education Foundation Chairman Dominic M. Calabro said in a press release. "Keeping our top scholars in their native state presents the type of win-win scenario we have been looking for: better opportunities for them and a spark of home-

grown talent to drive our workforce into the future."

More information about the Education Foundation and the Sunshine State Scholars program can be found at www.floridaeducationfoundation.org. The Board of Governors' 2010-11 Annual Accountability Report is posted at www.flbog.edu, along with the Board's Strategic Plan, 2012-2025.

"The Sunshine State Scholars is a great program that encourages our young talent to stay in Florida to attend college," Florida College System Chancellor Randy Hanna said. "These students are vital to Florida's economic future. The program opens their eyes to the fascinating array of STEM career opportunities available to them right here at home."

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Delarua is not the first in her family to live past 100. Her older sister lived to be 103, and she has two living sisters ages 99 and 93.

Delarua was born in Houston, Miss., in 1911, but spent most of her life living in Memphis, Tenn.

She also spent time in New Orleans while attending business school, a time she remembered fondly at her party, when she lived with her aunt, uncle and cousin.

She also looked back on her time working as a secretary for a steel company in Memphis - her daughter said she always admired her mother's independence.

She married her late husband, John Delarua, at age 23. He died in 1980.

Delarua's kind spirit led also her to volunteer as a "Pink Lady" at Methodist Hospital in Memphis for 15 years.

She moved to Apalachicola

in 2002 to live with her daughter, where she attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church. She became a resident at Beacon Villa last August.

"She was just always a very kind, gentle person," Dieter said. "She was always very independent."

The nurses and attendants at Beacon Villa recognize "Ms. Mimi" as a miracle.

She is not completely wheelchair-bound and has no problem

getting around in her room.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, IN PROBATE

CASE NO.: 12-14 PR

IN RE: The Estate of RONALD D. MOTTER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

The administration of the estate of RONALD D. MOTTER, deceased, File Number 12-14 PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, Probate Division, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and that personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR

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

The date of first publication of the Notice is February 23, 2012.

PERSON REPRESENTATIVE: GERALD M. RYAN
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ESTATE OF DEBBIE LYNNE RYAN

Personal Representative: BRADLEY BUMB
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Attorney for Personal Representative: THOMAS S. GIBSON
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76524S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

NO.: 2008-CA-000492

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB; Plaintiff,
vs.
HENRIETTE BURNS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 2008 CA 000492 of

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the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for GULF County, Florida, wherein, FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff and, HENRIETTE BURNS, et al., are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. ET on the 1st day of March, 2012, the following described property:

LOT 14, BLOCK 36, OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 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, 2011.

REBECCA (BECKY) NORRIS
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA BAXTER
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76548S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000420
Division #:

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-2, Plaintiff,
vs.
William Chris Harwood a/k/a William C. Harwood and Johanna Michelle Grissom a/k/a Johanna M. Grissom; Note Tracker Corporation; Mortgage Elec-

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tronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grant-ees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grant-ees, or Other Claimants. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Johanna Michelle Grissom a/k/a Johanna M. Grissom; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 224 Bryan Settrich Road, Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

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BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTH- WEST 1/4, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00-01-37 WEST, 82.98 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH R/W OF A COUNTY ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 87-32-50 WEST, 420.28 FEET TO THE POB; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00-02-30 WEST, 270 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87-32-50 WEST, 165 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00-02-30 EAST, 270 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87-32-50 EAST BACK TO THE POB.

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COMMENTE AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 82.98 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF BRYAN SETTERICH ROAD; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 87 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 420.28 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 269.92 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 164.96 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 269.96 FEET TO

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This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 25th day of January, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Circuit and County Courts

By: BA BAXTER
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 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, call 711.

February 16, 23, 2012

76590S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO: 2010 CA 000305

REGIONS BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
INTEGRAS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Order to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, the clerk will sell the following property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

Commence at the NE Corner of Original Government Lot 7, Fractional Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, and run thence S. 89° 53' 47" W. for 865.72 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S. 49° 07' 27.5" W. for 794.98 feet; thence N. 40° 56' 23" W. for 686.19 feet; thence N. 89° 53' 47" E. for 1050.75 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel of land lying and being in Original Government Lot 7, Fractional Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf

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County, Florida, and having an area of 6.26 acres, more or less. LESS AND EXCEPT: Commencing at the SE Cornerstone of Light House Property (Lot 5, Original in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West), thence run East 11 feet; thence run South 11 feet; thence run in a Northwesterly direction to the Point of Beginning, being in Lot 7, Original in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

AND:

Commencing at the SE Cornerstone of Light House Property (Lot 5, Original in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West), thence run East 100 feet for a point of beginning; thence run East 100 feet; thence run in a Northwesterly direction to point of beginning, being in Lot 7 Original in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Lots 5 and 15, Beacon by the Sea Subdivision, Phase III as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 13, of the public records of Gulf County, Florida. Being also described as:

Tract A, Lot 1, and the private roadways depicted on BEACON BY THE SEA, PHASE III, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 13, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

And

Commence at the Northwest corner of U.S. Government Lot 5, Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, thence South along the West line of said Government Lot 5 for 980.9 feet to the Southerly R/W line of U.S. Highway 98, thence S. 40° 46' E along said R/W for 1233.36 feet; thence N 46° 14' E for 100.0 feet to the Northerly R/W line of U.S. Highway 98; thence N. 40° 46' W along said R/W line of 75 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue N 40° 46' W along said R/W line for 100 feet; thence N 49° 14' E for 250 feet; thence South 40° 46' E for 100 feet; thence South 49° 24'; W for 250 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said lands lying and being in Gulf County, Florida.

Less and Except:

Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16A, and 16B, BEACON BY THE SEA, PHASE III, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 13, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, 32546, at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Time, on March 1, 2012.

A 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.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: BA BAXTER

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As Deputy Clerk

Kathryn W. Drey, Esq.
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February 16, 23, 2012

76596S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 23-2008-CA-236

RBC CENTURA BANK Plaintiff,
vs.
ALLAN BUNIAK A/K/A ALLAN A. BUNIAK A/K/A AL A. BUNIAK, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 23-2008-CA-236 of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for GULF County, Florida, wherein, RBC CENTURA BANK, Plaintiff, and, ALLAN BUNIAK A/K/A ALLAN A. BUNIAK A/K/A AL A. BUNIAK, et al., are Defendants. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 15th day of 2012, the following described property:

LOT 1, BLOCK 3 OF BAY-VIEW SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAO OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 61, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 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 L (BECKY) NORRIS Clerk Circuit Court

G R E E N S P O O N MARDER, P.A.

IMPORTANT
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 Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at PO BOX 826, MARIANNA, FL 32448, 850-718-0266. If hearing or voice impaired contact (TDD) (800) 955-8771 via Florida Relay System. Feb 23, Mar 1, 2012

76992S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.12-12PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF ERNEST E. GAY Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of ERNEST E. GAY, deceased, whose date of death was January 23, 2012 and whose social security number is XXX-XX-9573, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and ad-

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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 12, BLOCK A, OF SEA SHORES/ST. JOE BEACH UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 34-35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Default Department, Attorneys 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 THE STAR, or on or before March 12, 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 3rd day on February, 2012.

REBECCA L. (BECKY) NORRIS, as Clerk of said Court

IMPORTANT
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at PO BOX 826, MARIANNA, FL 32448, 850-718-0266. If hearing or voice impaired contact (TDD) (800) 955-8771 via Florida Relay System. Feb 23, Mar 1, 2012

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This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 25th day of January, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Circuit and County Courts

By: BA BAXTER
Deputy Clerk

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February 16, 23, 2012

76590S
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REGIONS BANK, Plaintiff,
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INTEGRAS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., et al., Defendants.

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And

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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, 32546, at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Time, on March 1, 2012.

A 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.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 23-2008-CA-236

RBC CENTURA BANK Plaintiff,
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REBECCA L (BECKY) NORRIS Clerk Circuit Court

G R E E N S P O O N MARDER, P.A.

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76992S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.12-12PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF ERNEST E. GAY Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of ERNEST E. GAY, deceased, whose date of death was January 23, 2012 and whose social security number is XXX-XX-9573, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and ad-

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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 12, BLOCK A, OF SEA SHORES/ST. JOE BEACH UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 34-35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Default Department, Attorneys 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 THE STAR, or on or before March 12, 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 3rd day on February, 2012.

REBECCA L. (BECKY) NORRIS, as Clerk of said Court

IMPORTANT
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at PO BOX 826, MARIANNA, FL 32448, 850-718-0266. If hearing or voice impaired contact (TDD) (800) 955-8771 via Florida Relay System. Feb 23, Mar 1, 2012

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dresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE BARRED NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE. ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Charles A. Costin
Florida Bar No. 699070
P.O. Box 98
Port St. Joe, FL 32457
Telephone: (850) 227-1159

Personal Representatives:
Barbara A. Weeks
2281 Parker Ave.
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Mary E. Duval
2253 Parker Avenue
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

773055
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 12-09PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY ESTHER BASS
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Mary Esther Bass, deceased, File Number 12-09PR, by the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456; that the decedent's date of death was January 13, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$51,317.90 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Paula J. Brewer
1348 Tiger Lake Drive
Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

Sandra Ann Joines
1787 S. Delframe Street
Lakewood, CO 80228

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 16, 2012.

Person Giving Notice:
Paula J. Brewer
1348 Tiger Lake Dr.
Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
Person Giving Notice:
Mel Magidson, Jr.
Attorney
FL Bar No: 261629
528 6th St.
P.O. Box 340
Port St. Joe, FL 32457
Telephone:
(850) 227 7800
Fax: (850) 227 7878
February 16, 23, 2012

773475
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS
NO. 1112-07

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any

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qualified person, company or corporation interested in performing the following service:

IOLA ROAD STRIPING PROJECT (P.R.I. PROJECT #003.210)

This project consists of striping a portion (approximately 7,900 linear feet) of Iola Road located in Gulf County, Florida.

Plans can be obtained from the Gulf County Clerk's Office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, (850) 229-6112. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Completion date for this project will be 30 days from the date of bid award. Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$50.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope your company name, "sealed bid", and the bid number.

Bids will be received until 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, on February 24, 2012 at the Gulf County Clerk's Office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, and will be opened and read aloud at this same location on February 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time.

All bids shall remain firm for a period of 60 days after the opening. All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the State of Florida.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of Gulf County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ William C. Williams,
III - Chairman
February 16, 23, 2012

773615
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY
Case No.: 11-327CA

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

vs.

DEBORAH THOMPSON MCLAUGHLIN
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 31, 2012, and entered in Civil Case No. 11-327CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida wherein CENTENNIAL BANK as successor to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK is the Plaintiff and DEBORAH THOMPSON MCLAUGHLIN is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 a. m., EST, on the 1st day of March, 2012, the following described property situated in Gulf County, Florida and set forth in the Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 2, Greenhill Subdivision, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 49, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida

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

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

Witness my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, on

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this 6th day of February, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
February 16, 23, 2012

773635
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY
Case No. 11-90CA

MAUREEN M. MITCHELL,
Plaintiff,
vs.

STEPHEN NORRIS, MELISSA MITCHELL, and GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 31, 2012, and entered in Civil Case No. 11-90CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida wherein MAUREEN MITCHELL is the Plaintiff and STEPHEN NORRIS, MELISSA MITCHELL, and GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., EST, on the 1st day of March, 2012, the following described property situated in Gulf County, Florida and set forth in the Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

Begin at the SW corner of SE 1/3 of SW 1/4 of Section 36, T4S, R10W, and run North 586 feet; thence run East 797 feet more or less to State Road 71 for the POB to the NE corner of John Bailey Lot; thence run North-easterly along the west side of State Road No. 71 for 102 and 1/2 feet; thence run West for 210 feet; thence run Southerly paralleling Road No. 71 for 104 and 1/2 feet to John Bailey line; thence run East for 210 feet to the POB. Containing 1/2 acre, more or less, and lying and being in Gulf County, Florida. The property being the same property conveyed by Maureen M. Mitchell to Stephen Norris and Melissa Mitchell in Official Record Book 209, Page 77 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida

773795
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 08-266-CA

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff,
vs.

RODNEY HALL; JANICE P. HALL; 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.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on the 8th day of March, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., 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:

Lots Twenty-six (26) and Twenty-seven (27), in Block Eighty-eight (88), of ST. JOSEPH'S ADDITION OF THE CITY OF Port St. Joe, Florida Unit Number One, according to Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 28, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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 8th day of February, 2012.

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.

Rebecca Norris THE CLERK OF COURT
By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk
February 16, 23, 2012

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2012, at 11:00 a.m., 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:

Lot 12, OAK GARDENS II SUBDIVISION as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 20, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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 8th day of February, 2012.

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February 16, 23, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 08-266-CA

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff,
vs.

RODNEY HALL; JANICE P. HALL; 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.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on the 8th day of March, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., 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:

Lots Twenty-six (26) and Twenty-seven (27), in Block Eighty-eight (88), of ST. JOSEPH'S ADDITION OF THE CITY OF Port St. Joe, Florida Unit Number One, according to Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 28, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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 8th day of February, 2012.

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.

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Rebecca Norris THE CLERK OF COURT
By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk
February 16, 23, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY
Case No. 11-408-CA

VISION BANK, a Florida Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.

JAMES L. DAKE and TERRI T. PARKER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, pursuant to a Final Judgment entered in this cause, will on the 15th day of March, 2012, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. Eastern Time, at the North door of the Gulf County Courthouse offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property located in Bay County, Florida:

Legal Description: Lot 11, Block B, The Reservation, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 36, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Together with all the appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining.

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 9th day of February 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Clerk of the Court
By: BA Baxter
As Deputy Clerk
February 16, 23, 2012

774515
In The Circuit Court Of The Fourteenth Judicial Circuit In And For Gulf County, Florida
Case No.: 11-360CA

Prosperity Bank, Plaintiff,
vs.

State Trustee Services, LLC a Nevada limited liability company as Trustee of Long Land Trust Dated October

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24, 2008, Leslie E. Biagini a/k/a Leslie Biagini, Bay Side Animal Hospital, Inc., and, TENANT #1 and TENANT #2 representing any unknown tenants who may be in possession, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in the above-captioned case, I will sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida, described as:

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Time on the 8th day of March, 2012 at the Front door of the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456.

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

DATED this 13th day of February, 2012

Rebecca Norris
Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
Steven L. Applebaum, Attorney
Law Office of Brian D. Hess
PO Box 9454
Panama City Beach, FL 32417
(850)-235-3004
Fax: (850) 235-1124
February 23,
March 1, 2012

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The City of Port St. Joe (pop. 3445) is accepting applications for the following positions:

(2) Operator Trainees/ or Licensed Operators, Water Treatment Plant

Please submit an application and cover letter along with five references to The City of Port St. Joe, Attn. Charlotte Pierce, POB 278, Port St. Joe, FL 32457. Applications and a full job description can be found on our website cityofportstjoe.com. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Pierce at (850) 229-8261. The Positions will close on March 2, 2012. The entry level salary for an operator trainee will be \$12.08 per hr. All other licensed operators will be based on qualifications. The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

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JOB NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe (pop. 3445) is accepting applications for the following position:

City Auditor/Clerk

The preferred candidate will have strong finance and computer skills, a bachelor's degree and/or five years of municipal experience. The person selected will be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the five member City Commission. Please submit an application and cover letter along with five references to The City of Port St. Joe, Attn. Jim Anderson, POB 278, Port St. Joe, FL 32457. Applications and a full job description can be found on our website cityofportstjoe.com. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Anderson at (850)229-8261. The Positions will close on March 15, 2012. The Salary will be DOQ. The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

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+/- 756 sf; \$10 psf mod gross
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Office/Retail; +/-5400 sf; \$7 psf mod gross

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110 Trade Circle West
+/- 2500-7500sf suites, 14ft roll-up doors, dock high loading; inquire for terms
2790 Hwy 98
+/- 5,640 sf : Office / Warehouse; \$8 psf mod gross; Property also available for sale; Inquire for terms; 17 separate storage units available

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243816	17 Little Rive Circle, Wewahitchka, FL	\$9,900		Lot
244322	101 Lower Landing Dr., Wewahitchka, FL	\$99,900	REDUCED	Riverfront
243496	148 Squirrel Ave., Wewahitchka, FL	\$89,900		Home
240660	249 Bonita St., Port St. Joe, FL	\$34,000		Lot
242660	1209 Monument Ave., Port St. Joe, FL	\$175,000		Home
241998	357 HWY 98, Port St. Joe, FL	\$295,000		Commercial
243184	2850 Hwy 98, Port St. Joe, FL	\$299,900		Commercial
243095	415 Monument Ave., Port St Joe, FL	\$239,900	REDUCED	Commercial
244920	22 Cape San Blas Rd, Cape San Blas, FL	\$ 39,900		Deeded Beach Access
244919	18 Cape San Blas Rd., Cape San Blas, FL	\$ 49,900	REDUCED	Deeded Beach Access
244921	10 Cape San Blas Rd, Cape San Blas, FL	\$49,900	REDUCED	Deeded Beach Access
241222	8 Cape San Blas Rd, Cape San Blas, FL	\$112,900		Bay Front
242510	3 Cape San Blas Rd, Cape San Blas, FL	\$136,900		Bay Front
243939	102 Seascap Dr., Cape San Blas, FL	\$225,000	SOLD	
244556	112 Rosemary Court, Cape San Blas, FL	\$449,000	UNDER CONTRACT	Jubilation Subdivision
241453	106 Sand Dollar Way, Cape San Blas, FL	\$739,000	REDUCED	Gulf Front
239971	7750 Cape Sane Blas Rd, Cape San Blas, FL	\$799,000	REDUCED	Gulf Front
242710	210 Sting Ray Lane, Port St. Joe, FL	\$23,900	SOLD	
244659	400 Gulf Aire Drive, Port St. Joe, FL	\$119,900	SOLD	
108831	512 Long St., Mexico Beach, FL	\$189,000		ICW Front
244604	118 41st St., Mexico Beach, FL	\$239,900	SOLD	

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PORT ST. JOE

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