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"We all talk about how fishing is part of our culture, our history, and it has been. But I don't want to talk about how it is part of our history; I want to talk about how it is part of our future and guarantee that you are fishing for years to come."

Sen. John Kerry, D-Ma.



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Rep. Steve Southerland
R-Panama City

AREA ANGLERS OPTIMISTIC AFTER D.C. RALLY



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A crowd begins to gather in front of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., for the Keep Fishermen Fishing rally March 21. **Below**, a rally attendee carries a "Save the fishermen" sign.

'GOD-GIVEN RIGHT'

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Young Jacob Glantzman carried a sign on the lawn of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., on March 21 that posed an innocent question: "Jesus was a fisherman, why can't I be?"

Jacob represents the fifth generation of an American fishing family, something anglers from coastal states across the country gathered to protect at the "Keep Fishermen Fishing"

rally last Wednesday. About 1,500 anglers turned out to protect their livelihood, culture, jobs and recreation at the rally, with an ultimate goal to spark change in the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the law governing fisheries management in the United States, which many anglers cite as diminishing their right to a public resource.

The anglers came from across the country: Panama City and Jacksonville, Alaska, Cape Cod, the Outer Banks, Cape Canaveral and Staten Island.

They held signs boldly stating, "Save the fishermen! Save our jobs!" "Put flexibility back in Magnuson!" "United we fish!" "Protect fishermen, not just fish!"

Although the number of attendees was far less than in previous years, down considerably from 5,000 attendees in 2010, the event produced nearly four times the legislative representatives.

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FACES OF THE FISHERMEN



Eugene Raffield
Port St. Joe

Eugene Raffield, owner of Raffield Fisheries in Port St. Joe and chairman of the Southeastern Fisheries Association, attended the Keep Fishermen Fishing Rally on March 21 to protect his way of life. Raffield Fisheries has been in business since 1889, and Raffield is the sixth generation to take charge of the family business.

"We're standing up today for our rights," Raffield said. "We need to be able to utilize the fisheries and not be put in areas where we're not able to use any of it."

"There's plenty of fish to catch. We're fighting the environmental groups of our time wanting us to stop what we've been doing in our business for all of our years."



Jim Busse and Bob Jones
Cape Canaveral

Jim Busse, owner of the Cape Canaveral seafood company "Seafood Atlantic," and Bob Jones, a member of the Southeastern Fisheries Association, were proud and pleased to be at the steps of the Capitol Building March 21 to "make the American people and the Congressional leaders aware that the Magnuson-Stevens Act in its present state needs to be changed—we need more flexibility," Busse said.

"We're all here on our own dime fighting for this cause," Busse said. "We were here two years ago, and we've all come back again, and I hope with more force than the first time."



Cyclists pedal into Gulf County

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A steady stream of cyclists pedaled into the Honeyville Community Center in Wewahitchka Monday afternoon in their second overnight stop on Bike Florida's five-day, 400-mile Forgotten Coast Tour.

With 650 cyclists, it was a tour that left a big impression on a small, local economy.

Becky Afonso, assistant ride director for Bike Florida, recognized

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Grantland announces for County Commission

Special to The Star

John Grantland announced this week his candidacy for the District 3 County Commission seat.

"The people's thirst for firm and fair voices representing their interests on the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has never been more apparent," Grantland said. "If elected, I will be one of those voices."



JOHN GRANTLAND

Grantland, with nearly 15 years of local government experience, is married to Regina Williams Grantland, and their two sons, Jaden, 11, and Owen, 6, and both attend Port St. Joe Elementary School.

Grantland has been a public

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Gulf Coast Hope Center formally cuts the ribbon

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A calling was formally answered last Saturday.

The organizers of the Gulf Coast Hope Center, a satellite of the Panama City Rescue Mission, held their official grand opening and ribbon cutting over the weekend, recognizing the center's joining of the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce as well its presence in Port St. Joe.

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Interim CEO visits Sacred Heart on the Gulf

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When Susan Davis reached a crossroads in her career, it was a simple ‘God bless you and have a great day’ from an employee at St. Vincent’s Hospital that hooked her as an employee of Ascension Health.

Davis, President and CEO of St. Vincent’s Health Services in Bridgeport, Conn., and Ascension Health’s Ministry Market Leader for health care in New York and Connecticut, was named the interim CEO of Sacred Heart Health System earlier this month.

Davis takes over as CEO from Laura Kaiser and as Ascension Health’s ministry market leader for Florida and Alabama.

Davis visited Sacred Heart on the Gulf on March 14 for a ‘Sit down with Susan’ to meet staff and volunteers and field any questions they might have.

Roger Hall, president of Sacred Heart on the Gulf, introduced Davis as a CEO who has the experience needed to direct the ultimate ministry of Sacred Heart Health System.

“It’s a real blessing we have



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Roger Hall, president of Sacred Heart on the Gulf, introduces Susan Davis as the interim CEO of Sacred Heart Health System during a meeting at the hospital on March 14.

someone who is the caliber of Susan Davis to support and direct us with our mission here,” Hall said.

Davis will remain in the position until a permanent CEO is found and also will play an integral part in the hiring process.

In only her third day in Florida, in what she described as a ‘whirlwind tour,’ Davis drove from the Sacred Heart Health System base

office in Pensacola to meet with the newest Sacred Heart family in Port St. Joe.

“It’s really important that we have dialogue,” said Davis, as she encouraged her audience to ask those tough questions that may be on their minds. “There are no bad questions.”

Davis stressed during her presentation the ultimate job at Sacred Heart is to provide patient

care.

“Everything we do is about patient care,” said Davis, who noted that everyone employed at Sacred Heart—those who clean rooms, cook food, deal with invoices, also wear the caregiver hat.

“That is equally important as those of you who are up close and personal with the patients,” Davis said. “We are all caregivers.”

Davis commended the Sacred Heart on the Gulf team for a great volunteer program and for consistently ranking high in patient satisfaction surveys.

“When I look at H-CAP scores or core measures, I always know where I will find (Sacred Heart),” Davis said. “Right at the top.”

Hospital Care Assurance Program scores measure patient satisfaction and are available for comparison on the Medicare website. Sacred Heart on the Gulf is consistently ranked among the highest in patient satisfaction in the region and state.

Members of the audience raised questions about the current state of the health care system in Florida and the U.S., with Medicaid reimbursements continuing to fall.

“We’re going to create the future in health care,” Davis said.

“This is a small hospital and it’s hard for small hospitals to survive.”

At the same time, Sacred Heart on the Gulf is much more nimble, Davis said, because there are not a lot of beds to fill.

“We’re like a factory — we get paid for every patient we discharge,” Davis said. “I think we provide more value than that. Value is the way we should be paid. As you look to the future, the care continuum is going to be vital.”

Davis compared the health care system to two rowboats standing side by side with a person standing with one foot in each of them.

“We need to put our effort in value, but we also need to be paid,” she said.

Davis said hospitals can become more efficient through improving communication (not duplicating expensive lab tests), focusing on disease prevention, and by helping people make end-of-life choices.

“If people want a death with dignity, we need to honor that. We don’t value it, because we don’t pay for it,” Davis said. “In my lifetime, we’ll never see a socialized medicine because we value choice.”

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works employee of the City of Port St. Joe since 2005. Before joining the City of Port St. Joe, he worked as the public works director for the City of Mexico Beach and served twice as interim city administrator. He also has been a part-time EMT with Gulf County EMS since 2001 and is heavily involved in local youth sports programs.

“I gained a lot of valuable experience during the 2008 election, and the amount of support and encouragement that has carried is overwhelming,” Grantland said. “My only agenda is to create a brighter and more prosperous Gulf County for all

of its citizens especially our children. We need forward-thinking, experienced and driven leaders on the commission to focus on local economic development efforts and other initiatives that benefit the whole, and not a chosen few. Having been in local government as long as I have, I have an intimate understanding of how it should and can work. And I think many of us understand why it has and continues to fail.”

Grantland welcomes your comments, concerns and questions during his campaign. He can be reached at 647-6277 or johngrantland@gmail.com.

Rabies warning issued in Gulf County

Star Staff Report

A rabies warning was issued late Friday afternoon by the Gulf County Health Department, after it received confirmation that a raccoon found on Griffin Road in Stone Mill Creek, Wewahatchka, in northern Gulf County had tested positive for rabies.

Rabies is fatal in humans if not treated in time, the warning issued by health department administrator Marsha Lindeman stated.

During the spring time, it may be more common to see an increase in animal bites. Linde-

man said if any person or their pets have been exposed to any stray animals to call Gulf County Animal Control at 229-1151, emergency cases to contact 229-1151.

“For medical recommendations and questions regarding rabies, call Gulf County Health Department at 227-1276,” she added.

Lindeman appealed to the general public to report any strange behavior of all animals observed.

She advised avoiding any direct contact with wild animals such as raccoons, bats, etc; and having all cats and dogs immu-

nized against rabies.

Anyone seeing any animals running at large is asked to report them immediately. Prompt and complete reporting of all animal bites on people was also strongly encouraged.

“Only qualified personnel, such as health department officials and animal services enforcement officers are advised to handle these animals,” Lindeman wrote.

“Please remember to keep your pet on a leash, keep animal rabies shots up-to-date and report any sickness in animals.”

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The Gulf Coast Hope Center is in an office adjacent to 5 Star Paint and Collision, whose owner, Matt Scoggins, said he felt called to put structure to an informal ministry that has provided outreach in the community for more than a decade.

"We expected to have many hurdles and bumps on the road to this, but I knew at the beginning if God was in this, this would come to fruition," Scoggins said after reciting a chapter from the book of Matthew in the Bible concerning Jesus' urging to help the most vulnerable.

"We are here to help the least, the last and the lost."

The Gulf Coast Hope Center provides an array of referrals to those who come seeking help.

The Rev. Billy Fox, CEO of the Panama City Rescue Mission, said the center has 24 clients and has provided nearly \$4,000 worth of assistance.

The center has worked with six churches and agencies including People Helping People of Gulf County and the Christian Community Development Fund to provide utility deposits, prescription drug assistance, help with rent and transportation.

Fox recounted how a group of local folks sought out the Panama City Rescue Mission leaders to assist in establishing an outreach



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Officials with the Gulf Coast Hope Center in Port St. Joe, the Panama City Rescue Mission and the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce officially cut the ribbon on the Hope Center, which has been open two months.

center in Gulf County. After initiating those discussions, Fox said, it was determined that the Rescue Mission, already having achieved non-profit status, was best positioned to make the Hope Center a reality.

"There are no homeless people, there are people who for myriad reasons are without a home," Fox said. "Our ministry is about those people. (These services) are the kind of things that these (local) people were talking about."

The Rev. Joe Atkinson, an officer with the Panama City Rescue Mission, was seeking to expand the ministry he and his wife had established. Port St. Joe seemed a perfect location, and Fox

said they could sense a need from Calhoun and Franklin counties, a need they hope to meet at the Gulf Coast Hope Center.

"Joe and his wife felt the Lord wanted them to expand their ministry, and Joe and Port St. Joe, it all came together," Fox said. "I know just like with government and how people react when

it says it is here to help. I say 'I am from the Panama City Rescue Mission and I am here to help,' and people get nervous because of a concept we have about homeless."

"But the demographics of homelessness are changing. Poverty and homelessness has so many demographics and situations. We

feel called to this area, not just Panama City. We keep seeing lives changed, and that's what we are about."

The key, Fox said, was meeting needs. The Hope Center's mission is to connect people in need with agencies that will assist.

"We are going to see people's needs met," Fox said. "You can talk about hope all you want, but you don't meet people's needs and it means nothing."

Atkinson said Scoggins has gone "above and beyond" to make the Gulf Coast Hope Center possible.

Scoggins met with city commissioners individually to try to allay fears about vagrancy and crime associated with the Hope Center and has assured city leaders and critics the center will not provide a dormitory-style facility or kitchen to offer meals.

"He has done everything he possibly could for us to be here at the Hope Center," said Atkinson, who spends several days a week in Port St. Joe.

Appleman to speak on state attorney race

Special to The Star

Jim Appleman is seeking to retake the post of State Attorney of the 14th Judicial Circuit. It's a position he held for 24 years before stepping down, during which time conviction rates were among the best in the state, and the SAO earned awards for their Victim Witness Program.

At 5:30 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 29, Appleman will speak with voters and the media in Gulf County, giving him a chance to outline his platform, and attendees a chance to ask questions and voice their concerns.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Voters are encouraged to attend.

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Mama, miracles and American Idol

You should worry about folks when they spend a lot of time trying to convince you of something. Often times, they are trying to convince you they are not something when they really are. For example, if a politician is continually noting that they are going to run a "clean campaign," they are more than likely doing the opposite or have something to hide.

That being said, I am not a nut. I'm really not.

My Mama has been gone for more than two months and it continues to be difficult living without her. I cherish the memories and it seems everything I see reminds me of her.

In one of my last visits with her, she shared with me one of her "miracles." She believed in miracles and so do I. We were sitting and talking and out of nowhere, Mama said, "I got a miracle the other day."

Mama explained that the little country church where many of her relatives were buried had almost "dried up." The church was down to five members, had no preacher and it was very concerning to her. She told me how she had been praying that the church would grow and not have to close the doors.

"Well, what happened Mama?" I asked her. She said the church "tripled in size." She went on to say that it was just from 5 to 15, but that it was still a miracle. I agreed with Mama, noting, "A miracle is a miracle." Mama did go on to say that they had hired a new preacher, who she thought had brought nine relatives with him.

We both agreed that her prayers were still answered, because they were.

Mama loved the reality show/singing competition, "American Idol." She predicted every winner year after year. In 2003, she led the voting efforts for Ruben Studdard taking her friends with her. Ruben was from Birmingham, Ala., (less than an hour from where Mama lived). I swear, I think Mama voted for him a million times — she would have a phone in each hand. The rumor is she and her friends got on buses and went to a secret location to vote over the phone for Ruben.

Maybe that's how Mama always picked the winners (she voted so many times).

The next year, Mama declared, "that Fantasia is going to win." I remember telling her that there was no way she would win. Of course, she did win.

Mama didn't get her information or predictions from magazines or even television; she just picked the winners based on what she saw early on in the season (and who she voted for).

She picked Scotty McCreery, last year's winner, before they even got down to the top ten.

This is our first American Idol (Season 11) without Mama to pick for us. I miss talking to her about it and I want to know who is going to win. There wasn't so much anxiety when I knew who was going to win. Something tells me that she would pick the young fellow from Louisiana, his name is Joshua Ledet.

I do not know who she really would pick and it bothers me. Without Mama voting, I'm not sure if who she would want to win could win. This Joshua Ledet is not a "favorite," in terms of the odds makers. They have him at 9:1, about sixth out of the ten remaining contestants.

Why would Mama pick this fellow? Well, number 1, Joshua Ledet loves his mother and considers her to be very influential in his life (Mama would like that). Number 2, Joshua is a gospel singing maniac (he is crazy good).

Mama and I would have discussed this for an hour and I would have told her, "There is no way people will vote for someone who talks about gospel music and their mother all the time." Mama would say, "You just watch."

For No. 3, I want to emphasize again that I am not a nut. I also will go on the record that I do not believe in ghosts.

However, that being said, the following did happen.

I was sleeping early Monday morning, only to jump up to the television blaring. It was around 3:30 in the morning. I didn't think anything about it. I just turned the television off.

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Keyboard KLATTERINGS

Hold tight to your anger

There is a time for being a southern gentleman or lady, and there are times I would imagine the late Jake Belin, labeled a true southern gentleman by those who knew him, might say that the gentleman or lady must step aside for the sake of business.

So, Port St. Joe city commissioners should maintain the outrage of a workshop two weeks ago on the water plant and forget about being gentlemen and ladies, even if those on the receiving end are neighbors or friends.

The way things are shaping up, given additional revelations from yet another workshop on Tuesday, it is likely to be a requirement.

But the workshop, and a regular meeting before it, provided a template for moving forward on this water plant.

During a regular meeting last week, commissioners expressed displeasure with two change orders from and the general conduct of a contractor on the final phase of the multi-use path.

Mayor Mel Magidson said if the contractor had designs on future business with the city, it should think again because they would not have the mayor's vote, given time delays and additional costs.

They denied two change orders necessitating Tuesday's special meeting to okay them, with dissent.

Commissioners should be consistent on that stance with all contractors and vendors of record — in particular those involved in the new \$21 million water plant that is more critical to life and well-being than a multi-use path.

In strong language, city commissioners made it clear two weeks ago they were drowning under water plant woes.

There was outrage. Justifiable outrage. Similar to the outrage later expressed toward a contractor on a multi-use path.

But on Tuesday, there were several commissioners trying to put their most congenial face on tough questions that proved unanswerable.

Such as, should the freshwater canal be contaminated — say by storm surge from a hurricane — what is the backup plan because the plant can not treat fresh water? No answer on that one.

Another bit of information was that neither a representative from Preble Rish nor CDM, which designed the plant, could answer whether any other plant in the country had the same filtration process — if for no other reason than to compare notes.

There was also a clearer understanding that there were maintenance protocols that should have, and could have, been more clearly spelled out for plant staff, and a statement of surprise, from an engineer/commissioner, that there is not a five or six-person maintenance crew at the plant instead of zero.

During recent years of austerity, of budget crunching and layoffs, that is the first that issue has been raised.

Next week commissioners will conduct a walk-through of the plant with representatives from the key players, Siemens or U.S. Filter, which designed and manufactured the equipment, CDM, the plant designer, and Marshall Brothers, the contractor who built the plant.

Already there is damage control, evidenced Tuesday night. A CDM representative assigned blame for a leak in a filtration membrane tank to construction not design; Marshall Brothers, according to the mayor, did not know of issues with the plant before a Feb. 13 email even though city emails track the problem back to at least December.

So commissioners need to keep their dander up, ask pointed questions and demand straight answers. They must insist on solutions that don't cost the taxpayers, already soaked enough by this plant and the aftermath of its coming online; or they should, as the mayor said two weeks ago, be prepared to go to the mat with litigation.

Another step for commissioners should be, as suggested when it came to a contractor on the multi-use path, future examination of all companies and their work for the city with taxpayer dollars.

This is an issue of public money and public trust. And regardless of the

actions of Siemens, CDM or Marshall Brothers, in the end commissioners must rely on, and hold accountable, the experts hired with tax dollars to supervise the project.

The general contractors on such a project, in a city of this size and resources, in other words, are its experts hired to oversee every step of this process, in this case the city's engineers.

Commissioners must depend on their expertise to guide them through a complex and costly process to build a new water treatment plant and ensure when that plant comes online it is operable — at least for more than three years without serious issues costing ever more money.

This plant didn't last a year before costly problems arose.

Equipment, construction, design, they are interchangeable when considering oversight on the project. That is the difference between being proactive and reactive — a concept one commissioner mentioned Tuesday night. And given these are public dollars, stewardship and oversight are essential, a culture commissioners must create and insist others adhere to.

What is clear from the rearview mirror is that switching off well water to a new surface water source and a new plant had its share of hurdles and, bluntly, sheer leaps of faith.

But what is also evident is that a lot of the problems plaguing the city were on some levels predictable; representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Rural Water said as much.

A layperson could fairly conclude that much of these problems might have been avoided with the supervision and vetting this project begged for given its cost and scope, and in light of the myriad problems that have arisen, seems not to have received. To say these issues were simply unforeseeable with a plant this large and complex is to soft-sell the impact to city's coffers and citizens' pocketbooks.

Commissioners must hold tight to their anger and not fall to fears of directing it where it belongs, the experts they relied upon to usher them to this juncture in the road.

They priced me out of business

People are all the time asking me if I am writing a book. Well, actually, I have started one. It was on chewing tobacco. I had the first five chapters written. One was on good meals to chew after. I figured it would be a public service to inform the readers that you couldn't beat a jaw full of "Beech-Nut" after a good bait of spaghetti or a medium-well hamburger. I warned against chewing directly after consuming sauerkraut and wieners.

And if you'd just finished a right tolerable piece of apple cobbler it was best to let your taste buds settle before throwing in a chew. I figured this book was a can't miss deal. I even tossed in John Rolfe and Pocahontas to give it a little historical flavor. The second chapter took us on a walking tour of Kentucky tobacco barns. I tried to describe the delicate nature of handling the young plants. I wanted the reader to sweat a little and reach for their lower back as I detailed harvesting those big leaves near the bottom of the full grown plant. "Sand lugs" we called them because the rain and wind would whip up a little extra dirt and muck that stuck to the underside making a collection of those leaves a chore to haul out to the wagon. I wanted folks to "see" that curing tobacco literally hanging from the rafters.

My first chew was handed to me by the manager of the "town" baseball team. Every wide spot in the road had a team back then. Mostly they were grizzled veterans like James "Birdog" Reed, Marvin Williams and Bobby Jack Cantrell. I was 15 years old and maybe just a tad out of place when Hank tore me off a chunk of "Warren County Twist." Now, people, since I didn't finish the book you might not know that there are great varieties of chews out there. Some are watered

down with molasses, sugar, sorghum, honey, cane syrup and ginger root. Others lean more to the straight tobacco philosophy. There is loose leaf, plug and twist. The aforementioned "Beech-Nut" is very mild and very sweet and very easy on your system. "Warren County Twist" is very dry and very unfiltered and, as I learned the hard way, maybe not the perfect choice to commence on your chewing career. Hank had his hand carefully over the warning label that read, "Take two aspirin before inserting".

By the second inning I was seeing double. My stomach kicked into spin cycle in the bottom of the third. My pancreas attacked my sacroiliac as I moved to my left to pick up a ground ball. I broke out in a cold sweat. An excruciating inning later I was over behind the dugout throwing up my bacon and eggs from breakfast. By the end of the sixth I was hurling Frank's Dairy Bar hamburgers I'd eaten back in January. Before that game ended I was spewing forth Gerber's strained bananas and those awful smashed up little green peas Mother fed me when I was 3 months old!

The amazing part of this story is that I took a second chew.

I had a chapter on "Great Spitters I Have Known." It is certainly an art to unloading. I've seen guys who could expectorate a steady stream. I've know guys who seemed to go hours without spitting. I've observed men hunkered under a shade tree use the drop technique. I've been involved in contest where the quick hip, neck snap method was employed. Umpires were always sprayers. On a close call at second, I've jumped right in an arbitrators face to give him a piece of my mind only to be showered by "Brown Mule" or "Levi-Garrett." Maybe they did that in self defense.

The working title of this book was, "There ain't no polite way to get it out."

I coached folks on how to spit through a half rolled down automobile

window at fifty miles an hour. I've warned against carrying your pack in your back pocket on long horse back rides. I've debated the old stand up, cellophane loose leaf pouch versus the modern tin foil pack. I warned "Copenhagen" guys to lay off that habit forming mess and stick to "Red Man" or "Black Maria."

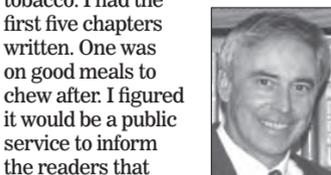
I didn't finish the book because I quit chewing in 1992. A pack of "Levi-Garrett" went to a dollar and fifty-nine cents! Too rich for my blood! Paul Pinson in his store downtown used to sell a large sack for twelve cents. I've seen "Mail Pouch" on specials, three for a quarter. It was so cheap you could ramble up to the front porch of Woodrow Kennon's Mercantile, Dry Goods and Grocery Store, kinda feel around in the front top pocket of your Duck Head overalls like you were searching for something ... and six guys would offer you a chew. You do that today, and men get to looking at the ground or searching for their keys.

It seemed only natural to stop the book if I wasn't an active participant in the business anymore. Why, giving out chewing advice when you don't chew would be like those feature reporters doing exposés on "questionable" doctors when they haven't past the board exams themselves. I think it would be unrealistic to critique the Kentucky Derby if you've never been on a horse. Or spin a great yachting tale if you've never "come about" yourself.

If the price of "Beech Nut" drops back down to twelve cents, I'll finish my epic. If "Bull of the Woods" or "Canonball" roll back prices to the 1960 level I'd throw in a chapter on long leaf, fine cut and hand rolled tobacco.

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About 30 minutes later, the television came on again. This time I didn't hit my head. I got up, turned the television off and unplugged it.

I like it dark when I sleep. I saw a light on in another room. Walking down the hall, I saw that it was the television. No one else could have turned it on; I went to bed at 1 a.m. Maybe I just forgot.

Talking with an old friend the next day, I asked him, "Did Mama come to see you last night?" Never missing a beat, he just said that she did not. I explained to him what had happened the night before.

His first question was, "Did you do something really bad?" I told him I didn't. His next question was, "Did you do something really good?" I told him I didn't. I did go on to tell him that my son had one of the best baseball games of his life that afternoon and Mama would have been proud.

My friend just said, "Maybe that was it, I wish she would come see me."

Again, I do not believe in ghosts. I do know the televisions "came on."

Oh, one other thing, what was on in the other room?

Joshua Ledet was on either a commercial for American Idol or something about the show. He was wearing a purple shirt, Mama's favorite color.

Please don't call to have me fitted for a straight jacket and please do not go bet the house on Joshua Ledet to win this year's American Idol.

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Empty homes need additional insurance

There are many reasons why someone might leave their home unoccupied for months at a time: Maybe you

moved to another state and your old house is languishing on the market; or you can no longer afford your mortgage so you're working out a short sale and couch-surfing at your sister's house; or you struck it rich and are taking a six-month, around-the-world cruise.

In each case, there's one very important person you should call well before locking the door that last time — your insurance agent.

"Many people don't realize that their standard homeowners policy won't provide full coverage if their home sits unoccupied for a certain amount of time," says Ruth Stroup, a Farmers Insurance Group agent from Oakland, Calif.

"The time frame varies by state and insurance carrier, but typically it's 30 or 60 days. After that, you could be liable for losses related to theft or

vandalism." Unoccupied or vacant homes are considered a higher risk by insurers because

no one lives on site to maintain and protect the property. We've all seen news reports of abandoned or foreclosed homes that have been stripped of their fixtures, overrun by squatters or simply vandalized.

Also, if you're hoping that your insurer simply won't notice your house is unoccupied, think again. As Stroup points out, "Insurance companies increasingly are doing routine inspections at policy renewal time. If they find that the property is unoccupied, chances are your policy won't be renewed."

So what should you do if you find yourself in this situation? First, check your homeowners policy for language regarding unoccupied or vacant homes. Once you know your house will be empty for more than the allowable time — and before the deadline passes — contact your insurer to find out whether they offer

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Farmers Insurance Group agent

vacant home insurance. They might be willing to make special provisions depending on the projected duration of vacancy. If your carrier doesn't offer such coverage, find one that does.

Foreclosure or short sale. This is grim but critical information to know if you're losing your home through a foreclosure or short sale: Even if you've already moved out, you're still responsible for insuring the property until you no longer officially own it.

"If a prospective buyer slipped and fell, you'd be liable for damages since you're still technically the owner," says Stroup.

Landlord insurance. Many homeowners prefer to rent out their property until the real estate market rebounds. From the insurer's perspective, this is preferable to leaving the house vacant, although it's still considered riskier coverage because tenants are less likely than owners to protect and maintain the

property. Landlord insurance covers the structure of the building as well as any personal belongings you leave on the premises against hazards such as fire, water damage, lightning, etc. It will reimburse you for lost rental income if the home becomes uninhabitable.

"Landlord policies are structured differently than homeowners coverage but often cost about the same," says Stroup. "Homeowners policies typically provide considerable coverage for personal property, which you probably wouldn't need here because your renters are responsible for insuring their own things."

To protect your current and future assets, always have sufficient loss and liability insurance on all your property and possessions. Better safe than sorry.

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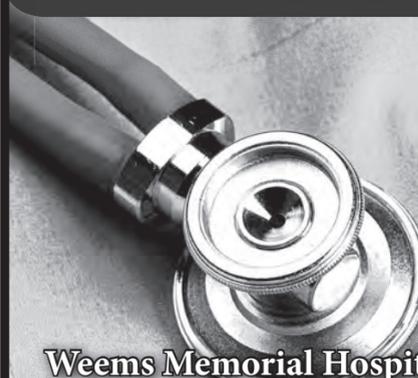
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Mark Kelley
Panama City Beach

Capt. Mark Kelley runs two charter boats, "Lady Kelley" and "Kelley Girl," in Panama City Beach.

"I'm here in support of getting more flexibility in the Magnuson Act to lengthen the days of our fishing season," Kelley said.

Stricter fishing regulations have drastically affected Kelley's charter business. In the last few years, shorter grouper and snapper seasons have forced his fishing days to deplete from 6 months' worth of days of the water to only 40 days on the water in a year.



Chip Blackburn
Mexico Beach

Chip Blackburn, captain of the charter boat "Miss Mary" out of Mexico Beach, has seen his fishing days continue to deplete as a result of stricter fishing regulations in the Gulf of Mexico.

Blackburn is a firm believer that the regulations in place have nothing to do with protecting the health of the fishery.

"It's not about the fish — it's never been about the fish," Blackburn said. "Nature will regulate itself if you let it."



Barbara and Stan Jarusinski
Port St. Lucie

Barbara and Stan Jarusinski made the trip from Port St. Lucie because they have seen how government regulations have affected small fishing businesses in the areas they have lived.

Stan, a charter captain and member of the Southern Kingfish Organization, has been actively involved in fighting regulations for years.

"I'm here because I don't want to see us lose our fishing culture," he said. "I want to see kids continue to fish because I enjoy fishing. I want to see fishing continue and to help these people who have lost their livelihoods."



Jim Frank Bush and Jim Kline
Eufaula, Ala.

Jim Frank Bush and Jim Kline heard about the Keep Fishermen Fishing rally through an online fishing forum. Both are avid fishermen and enjoy spending their weekends in the Florida Panhandle fishing for red snapper.

However, last year's 48-day red snapper season cut their fishing days down along with their trips to the Florida Panhandle.

"People used to come down (to Florida) every weekend all weekend long," Kline said. "Now they only come down every weekend for 48 days."

Kline and Bush said fewer anglers visiting the Panhandle means less money to fuel the economy.

Bush said the regulations have more of an effect on the economy than most people realize — "to a point where you can say it's devastating."

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A group of 13 anglers from North Florida and Alabama made the trip by bus from Panama City to attend the rally. On the return home, they were not only pleased their voices were heard, but that the right people were listening.

Chip Blackburn, Tom Adams, John Lee and Chuck Guilford, charter captains out of Mexico Beach, have been active in fighting for change in the Magnuson-Stevens act since seeing a drastic decline in business because of strict fishing regulations.

The group cited the legislative turnout at this year's rally as the product of an election year, and they hope it will be enough to drive the action the 2010 rally failed to produce.

"I'll tell you, something needs to change," said Blackburn, captain of the charter boat "Miss Mary." "There are some people out there who are really hurting."

Guilford said though the rally in 2010 brought people from all over the U.S. and Canada, it wasn't enough to get anything changed.

"I don't know how much longer (I can charter), with all the regulations and the cost of fuel to operate," said Guilford, owner of Charisma Charters.

In previous years, Guilford said he was fishing around 190 to 240 days a year, but in 2011, he fished only 87 days on his boat "Charisma" and 58 days on his second boat.

Still fighting

Although the rally is over, the anglers recognize the fight is not.

Until official changes are made, they will continue to rally on a local level by contacting legislators and networking and organizing local support groups.

The Recreational Fishing Alliance, which sponsored the rally, deemed it a success because of the impressive legislative lineup and commitments made by many influential members of Congress.

Rally organizers chalked up the lower attendance rate to high gas prices, a poor economy and the start of the spring break season,

an important part of the year for many people in the fishing business.

Jim Donofrio, executive director of the RFA, said the rally showed that members of Congress are officially recognizing the issues facing the American angler today, be it from the recreational or commercial sector.

Donofrio said though fish populations have surged in the past decade, it has been at the expense of the American fisherman.

"We're all suffering from access to our nation's healthy fish stocks," Donofrio said. "Those regulations have brought upon devastation to an industry and an attack on a culture."

Donofrio said the rally has helped spread interest among the legislators needed to make the changes the anglers are rallying for. He said there are eight bills in the House and Senate addressing fishery reform.

"We have a bunch of members of Congress that are interested in this," Donofrio said. "In a place where progress is slow, we're making great progress, so we're happy."

Donofrio said choosing to address the federal fisheries law should be an easy choice for Congress to make because no action will mean closure for many shoreline businesses in the U.S.

At the rally, New York Sen. Charles Schumer called for Congress to begin hearings on the Magnuson-Stevens act this year.

Schumer also presented a bill he introduced called Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act, which would eliminate a "one-size-fits-all" approach to fisheries management that isn't based on good, sound science.

"Who knows how to conserve our fishing stocks? It's the hard-working people in the fishing industry. Not some guy in some ivory tower doing faulty studies," Schumer said. "You folks don't want to deplete the stocks, we know that. But you also want to make a living, and that's the balance that we seek to find here today."

Schumer was backed in support for the bill by Sen. Scott Brown, R-Ma., Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.

On the House of Representatives side, Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., is the primary sponsor of the Flexibility and Access in Rebuilding

American Fisheries Act, a bill 15 other members of the house voiced cosponsorship of at the rally.

"We've got to work hard on a daily basis to keep up the momentum," Pallone said. "Not just today, but when you go home."

Pallone stressed the importance of continuing to fight for the agenda. He encouraged the anglers to go home and speak with their representatives and senators and continue to push for change.

'A freedom issue'

Rep. Steve Southerland, R-Panama City, spoke in support of amending the Magnuson-Stevens Act, relaying the underlying problem as "a freedom issue."

"You have a God-given right to participate in an activity that your fathers participated in, your grandfathers participated in, the founding fathers participated in," Southerland said.

Southerland, whose family has lived in Northwest Florida for more than 200 years, relayed the regulation issues as an attack on the American family, the very basis of the seafood industry in country.

"This isn't just an attack on you, the fishermen," Southerland said. "In many ways this is an attack on our families."

Southerland, a member of the Congressional Natural Resource Committee, said the Magnuson-Stevens Act is unjust and must be amended. He stressed that changes are needed to preserve the culture of the American fishing family.

Eugene Raffield attended the rally to protect a family business spanning six generations.

"We're fighting the environmental groups of today's time that (want) us to stop what we've been doing for all these years," said Raffield, owner of Raffield Fisheries in Port St. Joe. "We've been in business since 1889, and I'm sixth-generation. I'm here to voice my freedom."

The theme of the rally orbited around Jacob Glantzman and his brother Joshua of Wall, N.J. whose signs read, "Jesus was a fisherman, why can't I be?" and "Why are you stopping me from fishing?"

The Glantzman brothers sat in the front row and were pointed out and brought up on stage by many of the legislative speakers who stressed the importance of keeping the culture of fishing alive in the U.S., Sen. John Kerry, D-Ma., said.

"We all talk about how fishing is part of our culture, our history, and it has been.

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Bobby Wiley

Port St. Joe

Capt. Bobby Wiley of Tight Line Charters in Port St. Joe attended the rally representing Bluewater Outriggers.

"Bluewater Outriggers supports all the fishermen in Northwest Florida and welcomed the opportunity to be a part of this." Through his charter business, Wiley fishes mostly inshore and is not affected directly by federal regulations, but he said they have a huge effect on the entire community.

"We want to get these bills passed so we can catch more fish and so our customers can enjoy themselves more — I'm glad to be here," he said. "There was a time when (these regulations) were needed, but the statistical model they're using just doesn't fit the bill anymore. Nobody's against science — let's just use the right science."



Chuck Guilford

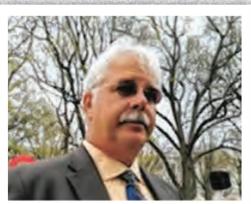
Mexico Beach

Chuck Guilford has been charter fishing in Mexico Beach for 37 years. His brother started the first charter business in the area in the 1970s.

For Guilford, charter fishing is a passion he is fighting to protect.

He has been unable to make money off of his charter business, Charisma Charters, in the last two years and anticipates this year will be even worse.

"I love it so much that I'll go as far as I can, but if we don't change presidents and don't have a change in the economy, I don't see a place for my business."



Bob Zales

Panama City

Bob Zales of Zodiac Charters in Panama City said the primary purpose of the rally was to get the message to Congress that these regulations are drastically affecting local businesses.

Zales is also the president of the National Charterboat Association and the Panama City Boatman's Association, both of which helped put the rally together.

"We're going to be able to survive in our way of life and enjoy fishing," Zales said as he addressed the audience at the rally. "We'll have far more people at the next rally."



John Lee

Mexico Beach

John Lee worked at the paper mill in Port St. Joe for 24 years, and when the mill closed, he chose to obtain a captain's license and pursue a career in the charter business.

The decision is one Lee has grown to regret.

Lee, Captain of Big Time Charters in Mexico Beach, said it is so difficult to make a living chartering boats these days that if he could do it all over again he would probably choose a different career.

Lee said he hopes the rally helped garner attention for struggling businesses across the country.



Geoff Owens

St. Augustine

"They're giving us crumbs," said Geoff Owens, a St. Augustine commercial fisherman, in reference to the amount of fish the government allows him to catch.

Owens, captain of the boat Rollin' Thunder, has been fishing commercially for 20 years and has seen the fish become more plentiful, as well as the regulations on them.

"I want to have a voice in my future," Owens said. "I want them to make a change. Just the fact that something like this could happen in America, it's criminal."

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But I don't want to talk about how it is part of our history; I want to talk about how it is part of our future and guarantee that you are fishing for years to come," Kerry said.

Florida District 22 Rep. Allen West pulled Jacob on stage during his speech as the basis for what they were fighting for.

"This is what it's all about — you're the reason we're all here," West said. "So that this young man can step up

like his father and four fathers did."

West said strict government regulations from NOAA are shattering the ability for children to follow in their parents' footsteps.

"When you look at it, it's not just fishermen," West said. "We are destroying the next generation of entrepreneurs in this country. That's what we're here for. Washington, D.C., with its onerous regulations, is crushing the American dream."

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As Regional Representative, Keith will continue to be responsible for coordination of the region's affairs, assisting members from Pensacola to Tallahassee in attaining their goals and encouraging members to become more active. He earned his certification as a CPA in 1995, joined the FICPA in 1996, and has served on more than two dozen committees for the FICPA over the last sixteen years.

"Duke" was born and raised in Port St Joe and is married to Emily Jones and has two step-children, Abby and Hinson. He has continuously maintained a successful practice in public accounting since 2005 in his hometown where he represents clients from all areas of the panhandle.

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1st CDBG Public Hearing

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A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at City Hall, located at 305 Cecil G Costin Blvd., Port St Joe, FL 32456 as a part of the regular City Commission meeting scheduled to begin at 6:00pm on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012. A draft copy of parts of the application will be made available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the Port St Joe City Hall, office of the City Clerk Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm upon completion of the application on or about May 15th. The application will be submitted to DEO on or around September 1st, (pending announcement of the 2012 grant cycle). To obtain additional information concerning the application and public hearing, contact Charlotte Pierce, City Grants Coordinator, at the City Hall, 305 Cecil G Costin Blvd. or by phone at (850) 229-8261.

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On Saturday, March 10, hundreds of state park volunteers and employees gathered in Apalachicola to celebrate volunteerism.

Organizers said 327 volunteers registered at the entry and about 100 support staff were on hand to feed and entertain the throng. Ranger Mike Kinnet said the turn out was a little less than expected, but he was very pleased with the day's events and barring an occasional gusty wind, the celebration came off without a hitch.

Orman House State Historic site opened its doors to the visitors and tents were pitched in Chapman Botanical Gardens to accommodate cooks, diners and entertainment.

Michael Vickey of Pennsylvania, who volunteers for the month of December

each year at Stephen Foster State Park, entertained the crowd performing on both hammered dulcimer and mountain dulcimer. Last year, he took first place for the crowd performing at the USA Mid-East Region.

Zach Thompson brought his uncle's oyster boat to the party for show and tell. He and Alan Shiver served up Apalachicola's finest all afternoon and spun a few yarns along the way.

There was a hospitality tent with snacks and beverages courtesy of the Friends of Wakulla Springs State Parks and Friends of Pensacola State Parks.

Activities open to the honorees included exhibits from the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, Florida State University Marine Lab and St. Vincent's National Wildlife Refuge.

Alan Knothe of Audubon brought along a device of his own invention to teach

identification of shorebird eggs and chicks. He talked to visitors about the plight of shorebirds faced with habitat loss.

Mike Murphy, a regular volunteer at Wakulla Springs, demonstrated the blacksmith's trade.

Allen Ritchie, a Wakulla Springs ranger brought along the U.S. Wisconsin, a model World War II warship he rescued and restored.

District 1 Director Danny Jones, Donald Forgione director of Friends of Florida State Parks and Maryjo Morris also a member of the friends acted as presenters during the awards ceremony.

Locally Paul and Mary Odegard won Volunteer Team of the Year for their work at St. Joe Peninsula State Park. Ann and Gene McKeehan, also volunteers at St. Joe State Park, received Irene DeLaby Award for more than 10,000 hours as volunteers.

District 1 Director Danny Jones (far left), Donald Forgione and Maryjo Morris (center left) representing Friends of Florida State Parks present Mary and Paul Odegard with a plaque for outstanding volunteer service at St. Joseph Peninsula State Park. Park Manager Mark Knapke is seen on the far right.

Jones thanked all volunteers and told the audience 3,622 volunteers in district 1, which stretches from Pensacola to Tallahassee and south to Perry, had worked 222,929 hours during 2011.

In an interview after the

ceremony he said that, especially in view of the current economy, Florida's parks could not operate without volunteers.

He said volunteers do 50 percent of the work at many smaller parks, including

Orman House.

Jones also said that economic hard times have not kept folks away from state parks.

The day ended with a low country boil courtesy of Friends of McClay Gardens.

Be careful: Sea turtles laying eggs on Florida beaches from March through October

Special to The Star

The survival of sea turtle species that have been on earth 110 million years depends on a ritual that begins every spring, as females climb out of the ocean to lay their eggs.

Florida's sea turtle nesting season started this month and continues through October. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is asking beachgoers to be careful and watch out for sea turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs. Leatherback turtle nests already have been documented this year on beaches in Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties.

"Please respect Florida's sea turtles by leaving them alone and staying at a distance when you spot them moving across the sand or laying eggs," said Robbin Trindell, who is responsible for sea turtle management at the FWC. "Sea turtles are resilient species, having been on earth for millions of years, but the turtles and their eggs and hatchlings are especially vulnerable whenever they appear on our beaches."

Once a female sea turtle digs a nest on the beach with her rear flippers, she deposits about 100 eggs the size of ping pong balls. Then she covers up the nest with sand. Females often appear to weep as they nest, but the purpose

Sea turtle eggs typically incubate for 45 to 60 days, and the hatchlings will emerge on Florida beaches through November. Three sea turtle species, the loggerhead, green turtle and leatherback, nest regularly on Florida's beaches.

of those tears is to remove salt from the turtle's body.

Last year was an exceptional nesting year for sea turtles in Florida, with a record count for green turtle nests, and the number of leatherback turtle nests almost matching the record.

Another important step that people can take to help sea turtle nesting is turning off or shielding outdoor lights that face the ocean. Sea turtle hatchlings might confuse artificial nighttime lighting on homes and businesses with the sparkle of seawater, and head in the wrong direction when leaving their nests. If confused turtle hatchlings end up heading inland instead of toward their watery habitat, they often die from dehydration, getting run over, or being preyed upon by raccoons,



ghost crabs and fire ants.

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Three sea turtle species, the loggerhead, green turtle and leatherback, nest regularly on Florida's beaches. Two other species, the hawksbill and Kemp's ridley, nest infrequently on the state's shoreline. All five species are federally listed as either threatened or endangered.

You can report someone disturbing a sea turtle nest, or report a sea turtle that is being harassed, injured or dead by calling FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or *FWC or #FWC on your cell phone. Or you can text Tip@MyFWC.com.

For more information on sea turtles, go to MyFWC.com/SeaTurtle.

Sea turtle conservation is supported by the "Helping Sea Turtles Survive" license tag available at www.buyaplate.com.

St. Joseph Peninsula turtle patrol seeks volunteers

Star Staff Report

human impacts on them.

St. Joseph Peninsula is host to one of the highest densities of nesting sea turtles in the Florida Panhandle. St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol volunteers assist in monitoring sea turtle nesting activity to aid in the survival of these threatened and endangered species.

From May 1 through Oct. 31, volunteers survey 6 miles of beach daily, looking for signs of nesting and hatching activity. Volunteers identify nests, post nesting signs and protect the nests from predators, and collect and submit data on nesting activity. During hatching season, nests are checked for signs of emergence and then excavated to record hatching success. Volunteers also rescue turtles that become disoriented after hatching.

Dedicated volunteers are critical to the success of this monitoring program, and the St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol needs your help. Volunteers must be able to: commit to surveying shortly after sunrise at least one day a week; walk two to four miles on the beach if necessary; operate an ATV; accurately collect and record data; and deal effectively with the public to increase awareness about sea turtles and the

We need your help to protect local sea turtles! If you are interested in volunteering for Turtle Patrol, there will be an informational meeting held at 10 a.m. EDT Wednesday, April 18 at the St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve Center (3915 State Road 30-A, Port St. Joe).

Call Jessica McKenzie for more information at 205-910-4717 or email sjpturtlepatrol@gmail.com.

Things everyone can do to help sea turtles:

- Never disturb a nesting female, nests or emerging hatchlings.

- Sea turtles can get disoriented by beachfront lighting. Be sure to shield indoor lights and turn off outdoor lights after dark.

- Fires and fireworks can also disorient sea turtles. Avoid these activities on beaches during nesting season.

- Recreational equipment left on beaches overnight can block or ensnare nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings. Make sure to remove all equipment from the beach each night.

- Report sea turtle violations, injured or stranded turtles, or disoriented hatchlings to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-FWCC.

License-free fishing days to start April 7

Special to The Star

Grab your fishing rods and tackle box. It's almost time - April 7 - to take advantage of the first of four license-free fishing days scheduled for this summer in Florida, according to Gov. Rick Scott, who highlighted the good news at last week in Tallahassee.

The days are perfect chances for parents, who don't yet have a license,

to take youth fishing, or for avid anglers to introduce a friend to the recreational pursuit without having to purchase a license.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spread out the opportunities this year so more people will be able to head for their favorite lakes and rivers or saltwater destinations on designated days. Instead of providing one weekend for fresh-

water fishing and one weekend for saltwater fishing, the Commissioners decided at their meeting in February to break up the days. You won't need a recreational fishing license on the special days listed below.

Florida residents and nonresidents, mark these Saturdays on your calendar for 2012: April 7 freshwater; June 2 saltwater; June 9 freshwater; Sept. 1 saltwater.

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Freshwater

Our area is coming alive with good fishing this month. Lake Wimico and the brothers are reporting good bass catches this week. Some anglers are using shiners, but most are using spinner baits and plastic worms. Depot creek is heating up as well this week with good reports of painted bream and catfish.

Inshore

The feeding frenzy continues in the St. Joe Bay this week as the sheepshead fishing is red hot. Try fishing around the channel buoys with live shrimp for good sheepshead and black bass action. Spanish Mackerel are still schooling up around the tip of the cape and are easily caught on mackerel trees and got-cha plugs. A few cobia have been caught this week out of Mexico beach. A solid 40 pound fish and several smaller ones were spotted on the beach and at Hurricane cut.

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Split week leaves Lady Shark softball 11-5

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The week was two up and two down for Port St. Joe High School softball.

The Lady Sharks lost two close games, one in District 4-1A play, but finished the week with two shutout victories behind the pitching of MaKayla Ramsey.

The week started with a trip to play district foe Liberty County that resulted in a 3-2 loss.

Ramsey took the loss pitching six innings, facing 27 batters, giving up six hits and three runs. She walked three and struck out three.

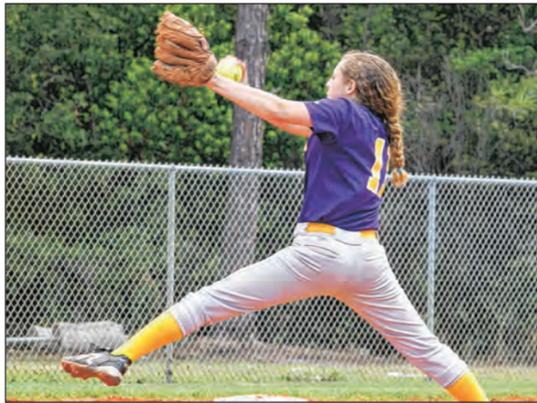
The Lady Sharks left the bases loaded in the top of the 6th inning, failing to overcome the deficit.

Katie Lacour had two hits and Katie Gardner, Ramsey, Brittany King and Addison Rice each had one hit. Katie Lacour and Kiristen Thomas scored the two runs.

"We again are out-hitting our opponents but we just can't put multiple hits together," said Port St. Joe coach Jim Belin. "Our pitching and defense are pretty solid, we just need to get the big hit."

The Lady Sharks traveled to South Walton two days later and lost another one-run game 5-4 in 10 innings.

Ramsey was on the mound pitching 10 innings, facing 42 batters, giving up 12 hits, allowing five runs,



McKayla Ramsey pitched a pair of shutouts last week in running her record to 9-4.

four earned, while walking two and striking out eight.

Lacour and Gardner each had two hits, Gardner hitting a two-run home run to right-center field. Haley Wood, Ramsey, Shannon Pridgeon, and Addison Rice each had one hit.

"The defense struggled; we just didn't seem to be with it," Belin said. "It was one of those games where our focus was on something else. Out of the 14 games we've played seven have been decided by one run."

Last Friday, the Lady Sharks traveled to Franklin County High School and won 5-0, Port St. Joe's third shutout of the season. Ramsey started and went seven innings, facing 27 batters, giving up five hits, walking two, striking out three in recording her third shutout.

Pridgeon was 3 for 4 with a double, Lacour had two hits, while Wood, Gardner, Ramsey, Lexie McGhee, Miranda Gref, and Kelsey Miles each had one hit.

The Lady Sharks finished the week with a 10-0 five-inning rout of Blountstown, a makeup of a game rained out earlier in the season.

Ramsey pitched all five innings, allowing two hits, walking two and striking out seven.

Lacour was 3 for 3, Pridgeon and King had two hits each and Wood, Gardner, Ramsey, McGhee, and Miles each had a hit. Gardner drove in three runs.

The Lady Sharks travel to Wewahitchka tonight, host Marianna at 5 p.m. EDT on Monday and host Metcalf, KY at 7 p.m. next Thursday for Senior Night.

Lady Gators drop to 8-6

Star Staff Report

The week started well for the Wewahitchka High School softball team but ended on a sour note.

The Lady Gators are 8-6 overall, 5-2 in District 1-1A.

On March 20, the Lady Gators downed Cottondale 6-2 as Ashleigh Price pitched a complete game, striking out four and walking two.

Jessica Smith was 4 for 4 with two RBIs and Jaden Rouse was 3 for 4 for Wewahitchka.

Two nights later, the Lady Gators fell to Ponce de Leon 6-2 as Price pitched seven innings striking out five and walking one.

Tara Walding was 2 for 4 while Caitlin Burch was 1 for 2 with a walk.

The following night the Lady Gators fell to Vernon

5-4. Price again went seven innings with three strikeouts and two walks.

Tori Lanter was 3 for 4, Smith was 2 for 3, Cheyenne Luckie 2 for 3, Walding 2 for 4 and Alyssa Bass 2 for 4 for Wewahitchka.

The Lady Gators were at Sneads on Monday, at Arnold on Tuesday and host Port St. Joe on Thursday night.

Sponsors lend support for Classic

By BRAD MILNER

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Sponsors have been lined up for the eighth annual Freedom All-Star Classic with the aim of increasing the popularity and scope of the high school senior basketball showcase.

The event begins with the girls game at 11 a.m. and boys will play at 1 p.m. on April 7 at the Billy Harrison Field House on the campus of Gulf Coast State College. Teams from the East are comprised of players from The Panama City News Herald's coverage area and are pitted against the West, which players from schools located under the Northwest Florida Daily News' umbrella.

Ebro Greyhound Park, the Bay County Tourism Development Council and Panama City Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Beef O'Brady's have pledged support as main sponsors. Baden

Sports and Anaconda Sports also are providing equipment to be given to the most valuable players.

Sponsors have become vital in recent years to not only produce the event but to enhance the experience for coaches, players and spectators. This year's sponsors are pivotal in providing T-shirts for players and coaches, a hospitality room for event participants, staff and officials, accompanying banners and promotional material, among other items.

Ebro Greyhound Park is one of Washington County's employment leaders under the ownership of Stockton Hess. The PCB CVB, whose sponsorship is spearheaded by Richard Sanders, vice president of sports marketing, has agreed to donate some items in-kind and handle costs for other amenities, such as shirts, with plans for an increase in participation in 2013 and beyond.

Beef O'Brady's, which has locations in Panama City Beach and Lynn Haven will cater the hospital-

ity room. Amavida Coffee in Panama City Beach also will provide coffee and hot chocolate for the hospitality room.

This year the MVP honors have been extended to include one player from each team. MVPs from both teams will receive a new basketball, courtesy of Baden Sports for the girls and Anaconda Sports for the boys.

These sponsors are in addition to annual supporters Freedom Communications, Inc., parent company of The News Herald and Daily News as well as the Port St. Joe Star, and Gulf Coast State College. College administrators, headed by Athletic Director Gregg Wolfe, have been integral in enabling this event to be contested in one of the finest facilities in the Panhandle.

Any other local businesses wishing to sponsor the Freedom Classic can do so by contacting News Herald Executive Sports Editor Pat McCann at 747-5068 or via email at pmcann@pcnh.com.

2012 SJB Ladies Golf Club Champions

Star Staff Report

The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club's Ladies Golf Association's 2012 Championship Tournament would surely have been on the air had the Golf Channel known it was being played. After two days of challenging play, Penelope Evanoff of Eastpoint won the 2012 St Joseph Bay Club Championship. Ethel Bardsley of Eastpoint is the 2012 Putting Champion and Barbara McQuinn is the 2012 Net Champion.

Winner of the B Flight Gross was Patricia Hardman of Cape San Blas. Closest to the pin on the first day was Pat Gearhart from Pennsylvania and second day was Geri McCarthy from Mexico Beach. Longest drive the first day was Susan Gallo-



Left to right: Ethel Bardsley, Penelope Evanoff, and Barbara McQuinn

way of Apalachicola and second day was Ethel Bardsley.

An awards luncheon was held Friday at the Club. The "snowbirds" thought they were playing in a "summer sizzler" while the locals thought it started out a little on the cool side, but the weather could not have been nicer during the two days play. LGA members at the St Joseph

Bay Golf Club are from as far away as Canada and Maine and join the local LGA for winter play.

The Ladies Golf Association invites lady golfers in the area to come out and join us in a game. We play on Thursday mornings as a group. Call the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club for more information about becoming a member.

TIGER SHARK BASEBALL SPLITS WEEK

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe High School baseball team won one and lost won last week, leaving the Tiger Sharks 9-5 overall and 5-2 in District 4-1A.

The Tiger Sharks lost 2-1 to South Walton on March

20. Austin Howze allowed just two hits in taking the loss.

Tucker Smith was 2 for 3 and C. J. Butts was 1 for 3 for Port St. Joe.

Three days later, the Tiger Sharks traveled to Franklin County and won easily.

Austin Clayton started

and tossed five solid innings with Bryce Godwin earning the win in relief.

Smith was 3 for 5 with two RBIs, Howze was 3 for 4 with four RBIs, Ricky Pennington drove in four runs and Jessie Hyman was 2 for 4.

The Tiger Sharks hosted Bozeman Tuesday night.

WHS TRACK COMPETES AT BRISTOL, ARNOLD

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka High School track team had good showings at meets at Bristol Liberty County and Panama City Beach Arnold.

The boys won at Bristol, with Jakob Bidwell (1,600 meters), Shaquille Scott (400), Michael Bryan (800) and Travis McGill (300 hurdles) all winners.

The boys' 4 by 400 team of Scott, Bryce Chaucey, Bryan and Jeremy Morrill took second as did the 4 by 800 team of Gauge Combs,

Bryan, Josh Epps and Bidwell.

Morrill and Scott finished second and third, respectively, in the high jump and Combs and Jason Hairs took second and fifth, respectively, in the 1,600 behind Bidwell. Morrill also finished third in the 800 and Walter Sarmiento was second in the 300 hurdles.

The Lady Gators finished third behind a strong showing by their relay teams.

The 4 by 800 team of Doni Lanier, Taylor Hill, Alexa Allison and Scout

Flowers finished first as did the 4-by-400 relay of Lanier, Hill, Daneysia Wymes and Flowers and the 4 by 100 team of Wymes, Flowers, Raven Forehand and Allison.

Hill won the 400 meters, Faith Owens the discus and Lanier the 800 meters.

In the Arnold meet, Bidwell won the 800, Scott was second in the triple jump, Sarmiento third in the pole vault and 300 hurdles and Epps finished fourth in the pole vault.

Bryan was fourth in the

1,600 meters and Combs third in the 3,200 meters.

The 4 by 400 relay of Scott, Tony Buckley-Paige, Epps and Bidwell finished third and the 4 by 800 relay of Scott, Combs, Buckley-Paige and Bidwell finished second.

For the Lady Gators, Lanier won the 300 hurdles and was part of a 4 by 100 relay (Flowers, Wymes, Isis Johnson-Owens and Lanier) that finished second and a 4 by 400 relay (Lanier, Wymes, Flowers, Johnson-Owens) that finished first.

Semi-pro football team in the works

Special to The Star

A semi-professional football team is now being started in Franklin County.

Organizer Nate Tatum is seeking coaches and players, age 18 and older, to take part in the team. Tatum plans to use

the team name Sharks, reminiscent of the former Apalachicola High School teams, and the team colors of blue and gold. He is seeking an affiliation with the Florida Football Alliance at www.ffafootball.org

Tatum hopes to form a team in Apalachicola made up of players from any-

where between Panama City and Tallahassee. All are welcome.

As importantly, he needs the help of coaches, both a head coach and offensive and defensive coordinators.

For more information, call 899-0800 or Silverfox1029@yahoo.com

PSJHS football title memorabilia sought

Special to The Star

Port St Joe High School has showcases with dozens and dozens of trophies and plaques but this summer it will house a special Football Memorabilia case. The Port St. Joe Football related memorabilia case will be displayed in the soon to be newly refurbished football locker room.

At present time we have a couple of jerseys and letterman's jackets from both state champi-

onship teams. The actual football from the 1971 State game will be on display as well as one of the helmets. We are still needing items and need the help of the community and football players. The items on loan to the school will have a brass name plate to recognize the individuals who have donated them. The

memorabilia case will be the focal point of the new locker room and a constant reminder of the rich heritage of champions at Port St. Joe High School.

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the tour was about the size of a small town in itself and said organizers try to focus on local community economic development while planning the tour.

"A town like (Wewahitchka) could have thousands of dollars overnight," Afonso said. "I believe we sold out the Dead Lakes Lodge, and working with Gulf County, we also got some of the motels in Port St. Joe filled."

Bike Florida also rented the Honeyville Community Center for the night, another economic boon for the City of Wewahitchka.

While planning the tour, Bike Florida organizers also held a meeting with the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce to see about hiring caterers for the local leg of the trip.

Two nonprofit groups, Project Graduation and Wewahitchka Search and Rescue, stepped up to cater meals for the cyclists as an opportunity to raise money.

"We try to get local caterers to do our meal plan," Afonso said. "We're always looking for these opportuni-



Cyclists set up camp at Honeyville Park in Wewahitchka on Monday. At right, the Honeyville Community Center was swarming with cyclists from across the country Monday.



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ties locally instead of bringing a caterer with us."

Afonso said the organization does not keep any of the meal plan money; it all goes directly to the caterer. With more than 400 riders signed up for the tour's meal plan, both Project Graduation and Wewahitchka Search and Rescue should see significant dollars raised through catering the tour, she said.

The tour also had a rest stop set up at Lake Alice Park and offered lo-

cal churches and organizations an opportunity to sell goods for fundraising.

"This is a tour, not a race," said Afonso, who said a chance to interact with the locals helps riders really get a feel for the places they ride through.

The five-day tour began on March 24, guiding the cyclists 400 winding miles through Northwest Florida.

Monday was the longest ride day for the cyclists at 68 miles, with an option to

do a 100-mile "century" ride.

"It's a hot day; they're slowly staggering in," Afonso said as she bustled around the crowded campsite set up both inside and outside the community center.

The cyclists left Wewahitchka Tuesday morning to ride through Beacon Hill and Port St. Joe to Apalachicola, where they stayed two nights. Wednesday offered optional rides to explore St. George Island or

St. Joseph Peninsula State Park.

Today the tour will be trekking 53 miles through Carrabelle, Panacea and Ochlockonee River State Park through to Medart.

"Every rider that leaves here, especially the out-of-state riders, this is a side of Florida they've never seen," said Gary Kirkland, a rest stop captain on the tour.

Kirkland said the Forgotten Coast Tour gives riders the opportunity to

explore a part of Florida away from the theme parks of Orlando and beaches of South Florida most people see when they think of the Sunshine State.

"We're seeing parts of the state that are unfamiliar to many of us," said Kirkland, who noted that many of the riders tend to revisit the places they tour.

Paul Brinson came from Turtle Town, Tenn., to participate in the tour.

"Yesterday in Quincy was a challenge," said Brinson, who noted strong headwinds and hills. "If you can ride in the winds in Florida, you can ride in the mountains where I live."

Brinson has been cycling for 40 years and looks forward to the annual Bike Florida tour so he can reunite with the many friends he has met from across the country through cycling.

"I've done (this tour) probably eight times," the 76-year-old said. "It's the first large ride of the season. It's a good way for people in colder climes to start off."

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Tues, Apr 3	82°	64°	10 %
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To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from these given for APALACHICOLA:

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

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

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30	Fr	3:39pm 1.4		1:56am -0.2	
31	Sa	4:47pm 1.3		2:46am -0.2	
1	Su	6:05pm 1.2		3:15am -0.1	
2	Mo	7:36pm 1.1		3:43am 0.0	
3	Tu	9:18pm 1.0		4:02am 0.2	
4	We	10:20am 0.7	11:20pm 0.8	4:06am 0.4	3:37pm 0.3
5	Th	9:46am 0.9		3:37am 0.7	5:02pm 0.1
6	Fr	9:48am 1.2		6:15pm -0.1	
7	Sa	10:13am 1.4		7:28pm -0.2	
8	Su	10:54am 1.7		8:48pm -0.3	
9	Mo	11:43am 1.8		10:15pm -0.4	
10	Tu	12:40pm 1.8		11:42pm -0.4	
11	We	1:41pm 1.8			

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

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30	Fr	1:147am 1.0	8:28pm 1.2	3:58am 0.1	3:27pm 1.1
31	Sa	1:245pm 1.0	9:47pm 1.1	5:16am 0.1	5:13pm 1.0
1	Su	1:26pm 1.1	11:19pm 1.1	6:23am 0.1	6:35pm 0.9
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Chamber donates trailer to district

By **TIM CROFT**

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Consider it a hot stove league purchase for the Port St. Joe High School soccer boosters during this off season.

Last week, the Gulf County Chamber of Com-

merce donated a cooking trailer to Gulf District Schools. The \$35,000 trailer has been used in recent years by the PSJHS soccer boosters as a concession stand.

"They get the most use out of the trailer," said Chamber president Guerry Magidson. "By giving it

to the school district, the (soccer boosters) won't have to worry about liability insurance because it will fall under the school district's policy."

The trailer has had a bit of tour of Gulf County in the past five or six years.

The St. Joe Company donated the trailer to the

Chamber of Commerce for use during special events, in particular the annual Scallop Festival. The trailer is outfitted with refrigeration and several cookers as well as a deep fryer.

However, in recent years, the Lions Club has taken over cooking duties

during the Scallop Festival and as the trailer had been at the Lamar Faison Fields soccer complex the past two years, it made sense to leave it be and turn it over to the district.

"We don't really use it at the Scallop Festival anymore," said Chamber administrative assistant

Kristy Grove. "This is the perfect use for it."

And the district has pledged to make the cooking trailer available for community events and in the case of a natural disaster in which such a trailer might come in very handy,

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GULF COUNTY ARTIST chosen for art integration program

Photos by **VALERIE GARMAN** | The Star

Dolores Lowery was one of only five teaching artists in the state to be chosen to participate in the Art Integration Professional Development for Florida Teaching Artists Project, a program designed to incorporate the arts in standard classroom curriculum.



Lowery's acrylic paintings set up on display at The Artery.



By **VALERIE GARMAN**

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Dolores Lowery harnesses creative energy from the most unlikely of things.

Whether it's dried paint, a puffer fish skeleton, the texture of gauze or an ecological disaster, Lowery answers with vibrant acrylic paintings that incorporate the very base of her inspiration.

Once while peeling dried blue paint off the top of a paint bottle, she saw the shape of a seahorse and used the idea to paint a detailed underwater scene, complete with an octopus textured with the dried paint pieces and

two seahorses crafted using a puffer fish skeleton.

After the 2010 oil spill, Lowery began frantically painting tumultuous ocean scenes. She channeled the ecosystem's anger through violent, textured brush strokes, forming the peaks of waves roaring upwards. One painting she titled "Mama's Mad".

Lowery admits she is always scanning the ground, hoping to scoop up a rare treasure, and nothing ever goes to waste.

"I'm always experimenting," Lowery said. Most of her pieces feature more than just paint—she uses knickknacks and things many people would consider trash to add texture to her

artwork: tissue paper, gauze, rusted bottle caps, beads, fabric, lace and Clorox wipes.

Lowery, a Gulf County teaching artist, is using her creative skills to keep kids' imaginations churning through a new statewide program designed to provide tools to incorporate the arts into standard school subject curriculum.

Lowery is one of only five teaching artists in the state chosen to participate in the program, dubbed the Art Integration Professional Development for Florida Teaching Artists Project, designed by the Florida Alliance for Arts Education.

"We want to bring the arts back to the schools to bring

forth how important the arts are; it's not just fluff," Lowery said. "It's almost unlimited as to what you can do—even math you can turn it into art. There's mathematical composition to every painting."

Through the program, Lowery will participate in in-depth experiences like guided residencies and assessments and work with a team of three mentors in education and the arts to build professional skills and establish a supportive learning community.

"It's really important to keep that imagination going," Lowery said. "That's where our

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Governor appoints Ben Guthrie

Star Staff Report

Governor Rick Scott announced the appointment of Benjamin S. Guthrie to Florida's E911 Board. Guthrie is the E911 Coordinator for Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

The E911 Board was established by the Legislature in 2007, with the goal of making Florida a national leader in E911 services. The Board provides unified leadership for all E911 issues through planning, coordination, support, and technical assistance to Florida counties to promote the deployment of advanced E911 systems in the state. The Board also provides coordination, technical and financial support for educational opportunities related to Florida's E911 issues for Florida's 911 communities.

In addition to assisting and monitoring the progress of E911 systems throughout the state, the Board also administers the Emergency Communications Number E911 System Fund. This fund is used for Phase I and Phase II E911 deployment, county funding for equipment and services, Rural County Grants and State Grants.

Gulf County along with Franklin and Calhoun deployed the first regional E911 system in Florida.

"I feel my service on the E911 Board will give me the opportunity to continue to keep Gulf County and the State of Florida on the cutting edge of 911 technologies," Guthrie said. "It is truly an honor to have been appointed to Florida's E911 Board."

Florida Pioneers: A tribute to the many families of Gulf County

George A. Patton, a True Florida Sportsman

By **Beverly Mount-Douds**
Special to The Star

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles about some of the historical figures that made Gulf County.

Several years ago before I wrote "Lighthouse Keepers". I tried many times to write a book on Gulf County. However, that did happen in 1907. During those years I received many letters and packages from family members that wanted

their history in my book.

In this story, the information came through letters and pictures that Mr. Ned Patton of Jacksonville sent to me. He was at the age of 94 in 2004, so I figure he has passed on now.

Here are some of the stories he shared with me.

William F. Jacobs wrote once, that "Old George Patton, in spite of his age, the dean of west Florida sportsmen carries his almost six feet erect and moves with the easy grace of a wild animal."

George A. Patton was born in Apalachicola and brought up hunting and herding the wild cattle that roamed the still-little-known coastal

marshes, titi bogs, tupelo swamps and palmetto jungles.

He grew up in a saddle and the first words that he learned to say were used to call the hounds. He never knew what it was to work for anybody until he was 50 years of age – and then, during Gov. John Martin's administration, he served as a game warden.

The newly-created Florida Forest Service lured him away from the game department and placed him in charge of a large forest fire control unit in Liberty County. But not for long. Patton found that fire fighting and forestry duties interfered too much with his fishing and hunting so, at the end of the year,

he resigned.

Caretaker of St. Vincent Island

There followed about four years of serving as caretaker of St. Vincent's Island, that fabulous national wildlife preserve that lies off Florida's Gulf Coast between Apalachicola and Port St. Joe.

Then, the people of Apalachicola prevailed upon him to be their chief of police. Patton says that was the most confining thing he ever did. Had it not been for an occasional hunting trip and the tarpon fishing in the river's mouth, he wouldn't have lasted out even the six months that he served.

Exciting Fishing

Experiences

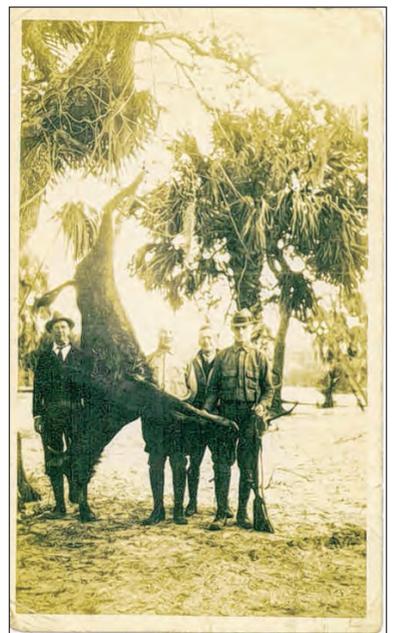
It never took too much urging to get Patton to tell about his fishing experiences.

One story was about the largest tarpon he caught in the mouth of the Apalachicola River.

There were three in the party and they had gone out in two small bateaus. They had gotten separated when Patton hooked what

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Right: Hunting on St. Vincent Island with a catch of a Sambar deer, from left, Frank Sharit, unknwn, DeWitt Marks and George Patton.
SPECIAL TO THE STAR



BIRTHDAY



Eryn Marshall turns 2

Eryn celebrated her second birthday on Sunday, March 18 with a host of family and friends. Eryn is the daughter of Grant and Amber Marshall and the little sister of Gage and Brody Marshall. Grandparents are Doug and Donna Skipper, Tracy and Terri Browning and Dale Marshall.

Help needed at Cape San Blas Lighthouse

Star Staff Report

Volunteers are needed at the lighthouse on occasion, and one important event coming up is the Lighthouse Challenge in April. The Challenge is every two years.

Also each year, from October to March, there are Full Moon Climbs, and one person in the tower isn't enough. It would be so much easier if staff could put two volunteers in the tower, one at the bottom



and one at the top. Snowbirds or winter visitors to the cape, this would be a cool job

that only requires three to four hours each month during the winter. Please call and help out. Volunteering at the lighthouse also is great for couples.

High school students, your help is also needed and this might be an easy and fun way to earn extra credits for graduation, so please give a call.

For more information and to volunteer, call Beverly Douds at 229-1151 or 229-1094.

American Legion benefit fish fry, membership drive

Special to The Star
American Legion Post 116 of Port St. Joe will hold a benefit fish fry from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT (or until all the fish is gone) on Good Friday, April 6. This event will take place

at Veterans Memorial Park in Beacon Hill. Along with local fish caught, cleaned and fried by our members, will be baked beans, cole-slaw and hush puppies. Soft drinks and water will be available. A \$6 donation

will be used by the Legion to support various community projects. Tickets can be purchased in advanced or at the park the day of the event. For more information, call 227-3776. Legion Post 116 will

also have a representative there to assist any qualified veterans with information regarding joining our Post. Interested veterans can also go to www.legion.org. Thank you all for your support. For God and Country.

JSL Easter egg hunt April 7

Star Staff Report

The Junior Service League of Port St. Joe will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. EDT Saturday, April 7 at the Eighth Street Park in Port St. Joe.

In addition to the fun-filled hunt, children will meet and have a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny, as well as enjoying making crafts. All children ages 10 and under are welcome to attend the event; admission is free.

And for the adults, don't forget to bring the cameras.

The Junior Service League is an organization of resident women whose goal is to benefit Gulf County children.

The Easter Egg Hunt is just one of many programs the League sponsors throughout the year. Every contribution to the Junior Service League is used to promote the welfare and benefit of children with needs in our community.

For more information about the Easter Egg Hunt, please contact: Lindsay Fisher at (706) 654-6313 or lindsayelizfisher@gmail.com or The Junior Service League, P.O. Box 114, Port St. Joe, Florida 32457, jslpsj@gmail.com.



BRIEFS

Star Staff Reports

United Way free tax return preparation

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

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

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

The hours at the Senior Citizens Center are 1-6 p.m. EDT each Thursday, by appointment only.

Call 229-1642 to make an appointment.

At the WIG Complex, hours are 1-6 p.m. EDT each Tuesday.

PHP free tax return preparation

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

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

Fertilizing ornamentals

Lawn and garden activities intensify with the arrival of spring. One of the essential jobs is the proper application of fertilizer. The right kinds and amounts of fertilizer for the various types of plants in your landscape. Individual requirements do vary.

The only way you can fertilize plants properly is to know about the different kinds of fertilizers that are available, and which ones are needed by your particular ornamental plants. Most of our landscapes contain an assortment of trees, palms, shrubs and hedges. Today I will discuss the different fertilizers which are needed to keep all of these plants healthy and attractive.

The first landscape plants I will discuss are shrubs. Shrubs should be given an all-purpose garden fertilizer, such as an 8-8-8 or a 10-10-10 with minor elements added. Apply the fertilizer at the rate of one-and-a-half to three pounds per 100 square feet. For hedges, the fertilizer should be spread evenly along each side of the plants. For other shrubs, simply broadcast it over the entire area.

Our next group of plants includes landscape trees and palms. To calculate the correct amount of fertilizer to use, you need to know the trunk diameter of the tree or palm you're fertilizing. Keep in mind that three diameters are measured four feet up from the soil surface. For trees with trunk diameters of six inches or less, apply three pounds of 8-8-8 fertilizer for every inch of trunk diameter. For trees with a trunk diameter larger than six inches, use five pounds of 8-8-8 fertilizer for each inch of diameter maximum 50 pounds in one single application. Very small trees can be fertilized the same as shrubs.

Palm trees can be fertilized with

either an 8-8-8 or a 10-10-10 mixture. Apply the fertilizer at the rate of one pound for each inch of the trunk diameter. If your palm is so small that it doesn't have a woody trunk yet, apply from two to eight ounces of fertilizer.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

In addition to the fertilizers I've mentioned, which provide the major plant nutrients, all landscape plants can benefit from an application of a minor element mixture. Many of the all-purpose fertilizers already contain these minor elements. If not, you will need to add them. You can do this by using an all-purpose minor element mix, such as "perk," or you can add the individual elements that are needed. These usually include magnesium sulfate, sulfur, and iron sulfate. The all-purpose mixes are more convenient to use. But they also are more expensive. Whatever method you choose for adding minor elements, always follow the manufacturer's recommended rate of application.

Since iron deficiency is a very common problem in Florida, you might want to include a chelated (key-late-ed) iron in your spring fertilizer program. Chelated iron can be purchased from any garden center. Make sure you follow the manufacturer's recommended rate of application.

It's quite common in Florida for the soil pH to be too high, causing the minor elements to be tied up in forms that are unavailable to plants. Sulfur or iron sulfate can be used to lower the pH of alkaline soils. For recommendations on the use of such materials, check with your garden center or local County Extension Office.

For more information on fertilizing ornamentals visit our website at <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu>.

PET OF THE WEEK
St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



MEET CLAUDETTE!

She is a beautiful Brittany Spaniel/Boxer mix. She loves kids and adults alike. Claudette would do very well with patient owner who is willing to work with her on commands, which she is very willing

to learn. She has learned the leash and is learning to sit and down. Claudette gets along with other like-minded dogs with proper introductions. She even is indifferent to cats. 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! Online applications are available at www.sjbhumane.org. Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations. Shelter hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Come by and see our new outside 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 store hours are Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome at both our store and our shelter! Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!

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

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SHARK TALK



By Callie Fleshren
General Information:
 •Report cards go home April 4.
 •Lady Tiger Shark Volleyball Camp
 The Port St Joe High School Lady Tiger Sharks will host a volleyball camp for younger girls. The camp is designed to allow players to learn the fundamentals of bump passing, overhead passing, and serving. Campers will learn from the Port St. Joe High School coaching staff and players how playing and competing the right way is always fun. The camp is designed for girls going into the fourth grade through eighth grade in the fall of 2012. The camp will be held at the PSJ High School gymnasium. We will have stations for the young players to rotate through and finish the day on Friday with an afternoon tournament. We will provide snacks and drinks on Monday through Thursday plus on Friday we will have a pizza lunch. After lunch on Friday, we will play as many games as we can before 3 p.m.
 What to bring: Your own kneepads. We will provide water, snacks, volleyballs, etc.
 Dates and times: Monday - Thursday, June 4-7, 9 a.m. to noon EDT.
 Friday, June 8, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT
 Fee: \$35
 Deadline for Registration: May 15
 Minimum of 12 girls for

camp to work
 Please register early so we can order t-shirts for the girls. Registration forms are available in the high school front office or online at <http://psjhs-gcs-fl.schoolloop.com/> and check the News section of the main page. For more information, call W. Taylor at 229-8251 or email at wtaylor@gulf.k12.fl.us (email is the best way to contact me).
 •Spring Pictures: 7th and 8th grade spring pictures will be taken on Wednesday, April 4, beginning at 8 a.m. We will also take pictures of any seventh through 11th grade student that missed our fall picture date in order to have a photo for the yearbook. There is no cost involved unless you purchase the picture package.
 •Coach Gannon is selling last year's white game jersey 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.
 •March 29 - 6 p.m. Gulf Coast State Open College
 •March 30 - All Day NJROTC Visit to NDSTC

Panama City
 •April 2 - 8 a.m., 2012-13 Registration all week
 •April 4 - 8 a.m., Spring Pictures for Grades 7 and 8; 2 p.m. Report Cards Issued
Clubs
 •March 29 - 11:50 A.M. Junior Executive Board Meeting
 •April 3 - 10:45 a.m., SWAT Meeting - Jr. High; 11:50 a.m. National Honor Society
 •April 5 - 11:50 a.m. Junior Executive Board Meeting
Sports
 •March 29 - 5 p.m., softball at Wewahitchka
 •March 30 - 5 p.m., softball at home vs. Franklin County; 5 p.m. baseball at Franklin County
 •March 31 - 1 p.m., baseball at home vs. Florida High
 •April 2 - 10 a.m., boys/girls district basketball planning meeting; 5 p.m., softball at home vs. Marianna; 6 p.m., weightlifting meet
 •April 3 - 5 p.m., softball at Blountstown; 7 p.m., baseball (varsity only) at Liberty County
 •April 5 - 6 p.m., softball at home vs. Larue County, KY (varsity only) Time TBA

Early Learning Coalition hosts VPK registration

Star Staff Report
 The Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida will be holding Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) registration for families in Gulf County on the following days and locations:
 In Port St. Joe from 9 a.m. to noon EDT April 5 at North Florida Child Development Inc. at 153 Redfish Road in Highland View.
 To be eligible for VPK, children must turn four on or before Sept. 1, and they must live in Florida. When enrolling for VPK, parents will need to bring one proof of child's age and one proof of Florida residency. Typical

examples for each are:
 For proof of age: birth certificate, passport or military ID;
 For proof of residency: driver license, utility bill (must show street address), residential rental agreement, Florida vehicle registration card or pay stub
 "The VPK program is a great way to help prepare children to be successful in school and in life," said Lynne Eldridge, executive director for the Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida. "Parents have many different quality programs to choose

from when looking to enroll their child in VPK."
 To find out more information about VPK or to find an enrollment in your area, call 866-269-3022 or visit www.elcnwf.org.
 The Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida is a non-profit organization that exists to grow healthy children, parents and the relationship between them and administers Child Care Resource and Referral, School Readiness, and Voluntary- Prekindergarten programs in a seven county service area. For more information, visit <http://www.elcnwf.org>.

WHO'S THAT LADY?



As a fundraiser for Project Graduation, the seniors at Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School put on a "Womanless" Beauty Pageant. Several senior boys put on their best dresses and outfits for a chance to compete for a ribbon, bouquet and plenty of laughs from the student body, while senior girls dressed down in their best manly outfits to escort the "beauties" center stage. In the end, there was plenty of humor and funds raised for a safe, alcohol and drug free graduation night.



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THE LION'S TALE



Special to The Star
 On March 9, students from Faith Christian School enjoyed Field Day.
 This day is full of fun games and activities. Students played several team games and then tried their skill at activities like eating doughnuts from a string, racing, an obstacle course, a Fris-

bee toss, and riding a skateboard across the basketball court with only plungers to propel them. Thank you to Mrs. Beth Whicker, the P.E. teacher

and all of her wonderful parent helpers for a fun filled day.
 Faith Christian School is accepting applications for the 2012-13 school year. Call 850-229-6707 or drop by the office at 801 Twentieth St. Port St. Joe for more information. You may also want to visit the FCS website at www.faithchristianpsj.net.



DAZZLING DOLPHINS



Pre-Kindergarten-Baire Varner, Kindergarten-Zhyion Quinn, first grade-Cole Moore, second grade-Natalie Graziano, third grade-Chloe Jones, fourth grade-Demarion Gray, fifth grade-Kira Willis, sixth grade-James Giles
 Bus Riders of the Week: Kindra Laguera, Colton Raker, Makenna Young and Cierra Glenn.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MASTER WILL HOLD CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS:

WHEN: Monday April 2, 2012
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.
 WHERE: Commissioner's Chamber
 SUBJECT: Code Enforcement Violations

All persons are invited to attend these hearings. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Special Master with respect to any matter considered at said hearing will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The Code Enforcement Special Master of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida will not provide a verbatim record of this meeting.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceedings should contact Charlotte Pierce, Interim City Clerk, City of Port St. Joe, at City Hall, Telephone No. 850/229-8261.

FAITH

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EASTER CANTATA

Special to The Star

On Sunday, April 1, at 11 a.m. ET, the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir will present their annual Easter Cantata. This year's selection is "No Stone Could Hold Him."

Through the centuries of time we observe in scripture and song frequent associations of Jesus with imagery of the rock. Christ has been called a Rock in a weary land, the Solid Rock, the Rock of our salvation, and the Cornerstone of our faith, to name just a few such references. These and other similar citations are woven into the fabric of this work for choir and narrators.

"No Stone Could Hold

Him" is a reminder that the God who created the heavens and earth has dominion over them. We see that the Author of life can conquer even the seemingly impenetrable finality of death. That power is full demonstrated in the resurrection story of Jesus. An immovable stone sealing the tomb and presumably signaling the end of Christ's earthly influence merely becomes an open gateway through which His message penetrates the world. Jesus is truly our living and eternal Rock.

Join us this Sunday at 11 a.m. as the chancel choir presents, "No Stone Could Hold Him." For more information, call the church office at 227-1724.

Community Holy Week services

Special to The Star

You are invited to our 31st Annual week of Holy Week Services. The services will be held at First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe, beginning on Monday, April 2. The services will be held in the sanctuary every day at noon and will last for 15 minutes. Following the service, every one is invited to the Fellowship Hall for soup and sandwiches. There is no cost for the meal.

Each day we will have a different minister from our area share during the 15 minute service.

On Monday, we have Rev. Tommy Dwyer of St. James Episcopal Church; on Tuesday, we have Chaplain Cliff Smith from The Bridge; on Wednesday, we have Pastor Dave Fernandez, retired; on Thursday, Pastor Jeff Pinder of First Baptist; and on Friday, we have Rev. Mac Fulcher of First United Methodist.

Everybody is invited to come and the services are conveniently arranged so people from our area businesses can participate. For more information, call the office of First United Methodist Church at 227-1724.

Obituaries

Lisa Robertson Williams Turner

Lisa was born Oct. 3, 1960, in Collins, Miss., to the late D. M. and Lora Robertson, and passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012, at Bay Medical in Panama City following a short illness.

She lived in Port St. Joe, Fla., for six years with her husband, James, and their daughters, Lora and Amber. She was employed at Duren's Piggly Wiggly from 2008 until her disability. Lisa's perfect day consisted of spending the day with her walking on the beach with her family and two dogs.

In addition to her immediate family, Lisa is survived by two sisters, Claudia Doggett from

Eastabuchie, Miss., and Charlotte Rogers from Decatur, Texas; two brothers, Tom and Mark Robertson, from Seminary, Miss.; and numerous other family members and friends. She was loved and well respected by all who had the pleasure of knowing her and will be greatly missed.

The memorial service will be on St. Joe Beach on Saturday, March 31 from 7-7:30 p.m. EDT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Cancer Society in her name or to a Benevolent Account No. 1968696 in Tyndall Federal Credit Union.

Faith BRIEFS

Yard sale at Beach Baptist

Beach Baptist Chapel, 311 Columbus Street (St. Joe Beach), will hold it's annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Yard and Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. EDT on Saturday, March 31. We will be having a large variety of items for sale. Please come out and support this Mission Offering.

Passion Week at Victory Temple

Victory Temple First Born Holiness Church Seasoned Women Department will be hosting "Passion Week" at 7:30 p.m. ET nightly April 2-6. Speakers are as follows: Monday, Pastor W. Williams from Body of Christ Jesus Church; Tuesday, Pastor J. Jenkins, Jr. from New Life Christian Center;

Wednesday, Pastor C. Gathers from Victory Temple; Thursday, Pastor A. Rutherford from Family Life Church; and Friday, Pastor Clark from New Bethel AME Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service. It's not about use, but it's about Jesus. Come and be blessed.

Lifetree Café open in Mexico Beach

Lifetree Café is now open in Mexico Beach across from the El Governor Motel. Simply put, Lifetree Café is a "conversation café"—a place and time for people to gather weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics relating to life and faith. The conversation group meets every Monday at 7 p.m. CT. Lifetree Café is also open every Saturday

morning for free coffee and relaxing conversation. Everyone is welcome. Lifetree Café is organized in conjunction with Living Water Church at the Beach. Starting in April, Living Water Church at the Beach will have service every Sunday at 8 a.m. CT on the beach at Sunset Park in Mexico Beach. For more information visit livingwater-atthebeach.com or contact Pastor Ted Richter at 890-1424.

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St. John's collecting items for needy

St. John's Episcopal Church in Wewahitchka is collecting gently used clothing, household items, furniture, working appliances, etc. These donations will be stored at the church for needy families and for the semi-annual church yard sales with proceeds going to charity. Drop off is at 233 E. Osceola Ave. Call Martha at 639-5924. Please leave items on the porch if no one is home.

Mary Louise Smith

1921-2012

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.—Proverbs 3:5-6

Mary Louise Smith, 90, of Panama City, FL, passed away March 24, 2012, at St. Andrews Bay Skilled Nursing Facility. She was born July 23, 1921, in DeRidder, La., and was a longtime member of the Northside Baptist Church of Panama City.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, Felton Berne "Preacher" Smith; and brothers, Ted, Ned, and Robert Brown.

Survivors include her two sons, Timothy "Pete" Smith and wife Brenda of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., and Bill Smith and wife

Charlotte of Panama City, FL; a sister, Betty Millergren and brother, Wilton "Buddy" Brown of Panama City; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Luther Stanford officiating. Burial followed at 2 p.m. at Jehu Cemetery, Wewahitchka, Fla. The family received friends at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Taunton Family Children's Home, 200 Taunton Family Rd., Wewahitchka, FL 32465. Kent-Forest Lawn 2403 Harrison Avenue 763-4694 www.kentforestlawn.com.

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Worship Service..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm
Surrender Student Ministry..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm
The Unshakable Truth Journey..... 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Celebration Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Prayer Meeting..... 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Praise Band..... 7:30 - 9:00 pm
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Lowery likes to use different textures in her acrylic paintings from different household items and knickknacks. She uses Clorox wipes, ribbon, gauze, dried paint, tissue paper and bubble wrap.

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future scientists and our future groundbreaking doctors are coming from."

Lowery said her ultimate goal is to have the opportunity to keep the arts alive in Gulf County classrooms.

"I feel that art is deficient in our area," she said. "My goal would be to provide a long-term residency in the school system, where I could keep the arts alive in the classroom."

Lowery said art integration helps the student better retain information by incorporating a striking visual element or performance into a lesson plan, or by having students produce their own work of visual or performing art about the subject matter.

Lowery gave an example of a sample social studies lesson plan on family units, designed around the development of a family flag painting.

Another sample featured a history lesson plan centered around a New Deal-era painting and incorporated new vocabulary and a history lesson on Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs, when artists were subsidized by the government in order to build morale among citizens and

place a new sense of importance on public art.

Lowery said her next step in the program is to reach out to local teachers and administrators to begin incorporating art into lesson plans.

"It's my job to reach out and see if I can get into the classrooms and start working with the teachers here," Lowery said. "It's unlimited what can be done. The whole basis to what we're doing is to enhance learning through the arts."

The program places a lot of emphasis on incorporating the Florida State Education Standards in the art integration process, something that Lowery said helps dramatically with lesson plan ideas.

"I'm very honored (to have been chosen), and the mentors have so much experience," Lowery said. "It's just an awesome opportunity to learn more. I was just flabbergasted."

Of the five artists, Lowery is the only visual artist chosen to participate. The other candidates, each from a different Florida county, are dance, drama, musical and multidisciplinary artists.

Locally, Lowery has served on the board of di-

rectors for the Gulf Alliance of Local Arts (GALA) and is the president of the Society of Expressive Arts (SEA), a group of local artists focused on promoting and organizing art events in the area.

She also teaches acrylic painting and mixed media art classes at The Artery Studio on the weekends and teaches "World of Color" classes through the GALA kids afterschool art program and upcoming spring break art camps.

Although her art career is now flourishing, it is something that is still relatively new to Lowery.

She always drew, doodled and dabbled in watercolors but was never serious about an art career until she took her first acrylics class in 2005.

"As soon as I started using acrylics, I just couldn't get enough," said Lowery, who immediately took to forming big, bold strokes and haphazardly slapping paint onto a canvas in an effort to relieve stress. When she finishes a piece, she is covered with paint from head to toe.

"When I'm painting, I do exactly what I want to do," Lowery said. "With acrylics, I can be free."



A student of Lowery's shows off a project made by adding droplets of alcohol to acrylic paint.

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said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton.

"We are very excited about this contribution and getting this trailer, especially for the soccer teams," Norton said, noting the cooking trailer/concession stand has become a significant revenue generator for the program.

"We are certainly willing to share the trailer for community events or in the case of a hurricane or other natural disaster. This is a win-win."



TIM CROFT | The Star

Greg Layfield, supervisor for maintenance for Gulf District Schools (left) and Superintendent Jim Norton (center right) accept the keys to a donated cooking trailer from Guerry Magidson (center left), Kristy Grove (second from right) and Erin Searcy (right) from the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce.

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soon proved itself to be a fair-sized tarpon. The river channel was none too wide and most of the great expanse of river was taken up with mud flats which offered no footing. The fish circled for more than two hours, leaping clear out of the water seven times. They had no gaff and the bateau wouldn't hold the fish. Just at dark, their companion joined them in the other boat and it was decided to get across to the dirt fill of the Gorie Bridge. They made it to the shallow water and firm footing of the bridge fill without losing the fish. They loaded it in the smaller of the two boats and tied it in. Then the three got in the other boat and, towing the tarpon behind them, traversed the three miles home.

My favorite story of George is when he shot a 16-foot fish out at Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

Shot 16-Foot Fish

The largest sea monster that Patton ever caught he shot, and believe it or not, it was 16 feet wide and had

a mouth six feet wide.

He had stopped in at noon at the Cape San Blas lighthouse. John Sharit, the light keeper, who was doing some repair work on the light, (John E. Sharit, 1895 to 1903) came running down the tower steps, grabbed Patton's rifle, and told him to follow him. Reaching the top of the 80-foot tower, Sharit pointed out a large devil-fish coasting up and down the shoreline, not far out and near the surface. Patton figured that the only hit that could kill such a creature would have to be squarely in the spine. He made his unhurried preparation and allowed for everything. Telescope sights helped. On the first shot, the fish performed a loop into the air and came to rest belly-up on the surface. There were four men present beside Patton and Sharit. The six of them waded out and dragged the devil-fish into shallow water where it grounded and where they measured it.

Years later on a trip to the Southwest, Patton stopped in a little resort

where the state game commission would release small fish in the desert streams in the evening and the tourist would catch them the next day. A group of guests were sitting around bragging about their catch of fish. One of the men asked Patton if he ever fished in Florida.

He told them, "Yes." Somebody asked him what the largest fish he ever caught was. He told them he didn't catch it he shot it. The whole room went silent. Then somebody doubtfully asked him how big it was. When he told them 16 feet wide and with a mouth six feet wide the party broke up. Patton says they never did give him a chance to explain and he expects that whole bunch branded him as the biggest liar they ever met.

Next week I'll share some hunting tales of G.A. Patton with you, such as "Killed the Last Timber Wolf" and a story written up in Ned Patton's words about his father and the men that chased the bear that swam across the bay into St. Joe many years ago.

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86257S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Plymouth Park Tax Services, LLC the holder of the following Tax Certificate, has filed said certificate for

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a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. 959

Application No. 2012 - 04

Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009

R.E. No. 03801-053R

Description of Property: A parcel of land lying and being in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southeast Corner of Lot 5, Block "B" Inte-

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gras Rehabilitation Phase II, a Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 2, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida (Point also being on the North Right of Way Line of Kaelyn Lane, as recorded in Official Records Book 287, Page 918, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida) and run thence North 89 Degrees 48 Minutes 25 Seconds East, along said North Right of Way Line, for a distance of 324.53 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 35 Seconds West, along the West Right of Way Line of said Kaelyn Lane, for a distance of 85.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence leaving said West Right of Way Line, run South 89 De-

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grees 48 Minutes 25 Seconds West, for a distance of 237.00 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds West, for a distance of 156.89 feet; thence North 18 Degrees 11 Minutes 20 Seconds East, for a distance of 28.00 feet; thence North 09 Degrees 13 Minutes 48 Seconds East, for a distance of 58.42 feet; thence North 70 Degrees 25 Minutes 07 Seconds East, for a distance of 42.04 feet; thence North 23 Degrees 02 Minutes 43 Seconds East, for a distance of 42.69 feet; thence North 76 Degrees 09 Minutes 48 Seconds East, for a distance of 53.61 feet; thence North 46 Degrees 22 Minutes 04 Seconds East, for a distance of 58.06 feet;

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thence North 87 Degrees 36 Minutes 25 Seconds East, for a distance of 47.42 feet; thence South 65 Degrees 00 Minutes 23 Seconds East, for a distance of 33.09 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 35 Seconds East, for a distance of 43.26 feet to a point on the aforesaid Right of Way Line of Kaelyn Lane; point being on a non tangent curve, concave to the East, thence Southerly along said Right of Way Line and Curve, with a radius of 50.00 feet, through a central angle of 168 Degrees 27 Minutes 47 Seconds, for an arc distance of 147.01 feet (Chord of said Arc being South 05 Degrees 34 Minutes 32 Seconds West, 99.49 feet); thence South 00 De-

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grees 11 Minutes 35 Seconds East, along the West Right of Way Line of said Kaelyn Lane, for a distance of 192.32 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 1.569 acres, more or less.

(LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS RECORDED IN O. R. BOOK 516, PAGE 957, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA).

Name in which assessed: Integras Therapy & Wellness Ctrs, Inc.

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM E.T., Wednesday, the 25th day of April, 2012.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2012

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

BY: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
March 22, 29,
April, 5, 12, 2012

86283S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 12-22PR
Probate Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF NORENE JACKSON COOPER 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

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estate of Norene Jackson Cooper, deceased, File Number 12-22PR, by the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd.; that the decedent's date of death was January 16, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$71,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name: Address:
Sonia C. Minors
5814 E. Lakeside Ave.
Hanahan, SC 29410

Rita C. Lucas
928 Spring Ct.
Hanahan, SC 29410

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 March 22, 2012.

Persons Giving Notice:
S/ Sonia C. Minors
5814 E. Lakeside Ave.
Hanahan, SC 29410

S/ Rita C. Lucas
928 Spring Ct.
Hanahan, SC 29410

Attorney for Persons

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Giving Notice:
S/ Mel C. Magidson Jr.
Attorney
FL Bar No: 261629
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Fax: (850) 227 7878
March 22, 29, 2012

86653S PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue an Environmental Resource/Mitigation Bank Permit (#0294280-001) to Bear Creek Timber, LLC to establish the Bear Creek Mitigation Bank (BCMB) on a ~3,000 acre site in 3 phases. The mitigation bank project includes the preservation of the site and the restoration or enhancement of cypress basin swamp, wet prairie and mesic flatwoods. Credits generated at BCMB may be used as mitigation for future unavoidable impacts to wetlands typical of these systems within the service area. Enhancement and restoration will be accomplished through selective canopy thinning in existing upland and wetland pine plantation areas, nuisance and invasive exotic vegetation species control, supplemental planting, prescribed fire, and hydrologic enhancements through low-water crossings and ditch blocks. Management of the BCMB site includes prescribed fire and control of nuisance and invasive exotic vegetation species. The mitigation was assessed by the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) (Chapter 62-345, F.A.C.) as having a total potential of 561.2 credits: 460.6 Wet Prairie/Flatwoods Credits and 100.6 Forested Wetland Credits.

The application and draft permit is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Department's Office of Submerged Lands and Environmental Resources, Bob Martinez Building, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 2500, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Office of General Counsel at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 3000, within 21 days of publication of this notice. Petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes.

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Bear Creek Mitigation Bank is located in Bearthick Swamp, northeast of Panama City, south of Scotts Ferry Rd. at the Bay and Calhoun county line, specifically: Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 18 and 19, Township 2 S, Range 11 W, Calhoun County; and Section 12, 13 and 24, Township 2 S, Range 11 W, Bay County (Figure 1). The site is at the boundary of the St. Andrew's Bay (HUC #03140101) and Chipola River (HUC #03130012) basins. The property lies within a region dominated by silviculture holdings and within a Florida Forever desired acquisition project.

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The Petition shall contain the following information: (a) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner, the applicant's name and address, the Department Permit File Number and the county in which the project is located; (b) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the Department's action; (c) A statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department's action (changes to the conditions placed on this permit); (d) A statement of the material facts disputed by Petitioner, if any; (e) A statement of facts which petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's action (changes to the conditions placed on this permit); and (f) A statement of which rules or statutes petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's action (changes to the conditions placed on this permit); and (g) A statement of the relief sought by petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wants the Department to take with respect to the Department's action.

Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the permit have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding. The petition must conform to the requirements specified above and be filed (received) within 21 days of publication of this notice in the Office of General Counsel at the above address of the Department. Failure to petition within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., and to participate as a party to this proceeding. Any subsequent intervention will only be at the approval of the presiding officer upon motion filed pursuant to Rule 28 5.207, F.A.C.

Mediation is not available. March 29, 2012

86655S
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS
BID NO. 1112-13

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will receive bids from any person, company or corporation interested in providing the following:

- (A) Sale of three (3) 2007 Mack Dump Trucks Model CTP713B
- (B) Sale of one (1) 1991 Caterpillar Bulldozer Model D4HLGP

Proposals must be turned in to the Gulf County Clerk's Office at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456, by 4:30 p.m., E.T., on Thursday, April 5, 2012. Interested parties should contact Public Works Director Bobby Kne for additional information at (850) 227-1401. Equipment may be viewed by appointment only Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., E.T. by calling (850) 227-1401.

Please indicate on the envelope YOUR COMPANY NAME OR YOUR NAME, that this is a SEALED BID and include the BID NUMBER. Bids will be opened at the above location on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., E.T.

Attest:
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ William C. Williams, III, Chairman
March 29, April 5, 2012

86659S
Section 1 - Request for Qualifications

Request for Qualifications

Pursuant to Sections 1013.45 (1)c, 255.103 & 287.055, Florida Statutes, the State of Florida's Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act, and the State Requirements for Educational Facilities 1999, the School Board of Gulf County will consider the contracting with a Construction Manager to provide professional services for:

Port St. Joe Elementary School Addition and Renovations Port St. Joe High School Renovations

The scope of work will include pre-construction and construction services for the project.

Business entities interested in providing Construction Management at Risk services to the Gulf County School Board are hereby notified that eight (8) copies of qualification

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statements for providing the required services must be delivered by 2:00 P.M., local time, April 6, 2012 at the reception desk of the Gulf County School Board.

In order to receive notice of supplemental information, responses, addenda, or clarification(s) regarding the RFQ, firms must register via E-mail to glayfield@gulf.k12.fl.us or via facsimile letter to 850-229-8371. Only firms formally registered per above will be notified.

A pre-submittal meeting will be held to review the requirements of the Qualification Statement at 1:00 P.M., local time, March 30, 2012, at Gulf County School Board meeting room. March 29, 2012

86679S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.:
23-2010-CA-000180

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.
ARMANDO PENTON A/K/A ARMANDO V. PENTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARMANDO PENTON A/K/A ARMANDO V. PENTON; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT (S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVICES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 20, 2012 and Final Judgment dated June 21, 2011, entered in Civil Case No.: 23-2010-CA-000180, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, is Plaintiff, and ARMANDO PENTON A/K/A ARMANDO V. PENTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARMANDO PENTON A/K/A ARMANDO V. PENTON; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT (S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVICES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants.

REBECCA L. NORRIS, the Clerk of Court shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., E.T., held at the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL, 32426 on the 19th day of April, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, LAGOON VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 21, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF COURT

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

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

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this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration, P.O. Box 826, Marianna, Florida 32447; Phone: 850-718-0026; Email: ADARequest@jud4.flcourts.org, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days: if you are hearing or voice impaired call 711. March 29, April 5, 2012

86689S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for water use permit(s) has (have) been received by the Northwest Florida Water Management District:

Application number I 07307 filed 03/16/2012 Department of Corrections, Gulf Correctional Institution, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2500 Requesting a maximum withdrawal of 682,000 gallons per day from the Floridan Aquifer System for Public Supply use by an existing facility. General withdrawal location(s) in Gulf County: T03S, R10W, Sec. 32D

Interested persons may object to or comment upon the applications or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report(s) containing proposed agency action regarding the application(s) by writing to the Division of Resource Regulation of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, attention Terri Peterson, 152 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333-9700, but such comments or requests must be received by 5 o'clock p.m. on April 12, 2012.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this (these) application(s). Publication of this notice constitutes constructive notice of this permit application to all substantially affected persons. A copy of the staff report(s) must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings and any public hearing date. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request according to the provisions of 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. Notices of Proposed Agency Action will be mailed only to persons who have filed such requests. March 29, 2012

86709S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No. 1400

Application No. 2012 - 03

Year of Issuance: 2009

R.E. No. 06274-275R

Description of Property: Lot 15, in Block C, according to the Plat of Treasure Bay, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 32, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Charles Sam Jones III and Kelly McCoy Jones

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM E.T., Wednesday, the 2nd day of May, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
March 29,
April 5, 12, 19, 2012

86719S
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gulf

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County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance with the following title:

AN ORDINANCE OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; WHEREBY AMENDING GULF COUNTY ORDINANCE 98-14 TITLED IN PART "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PLAN"; AND TO INCLUDE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2012-03 AND ITS AMENDMENT TO ADOPT, INSTITUTE AND IMPLEMENT THE GULF COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT "POLICY, GUIDELINES, APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS", PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Complete Ordinance on file in the Clerk's Office

The public hearing will be held during the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners' Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., E.T. in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex, Port St. Joe, Florida.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the Gulf County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and that for such purpose he/she may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings made and which would include any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m., E.T. and 5:00 p.m., E.T. at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 C.G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS III,
CHAIRMAN
March 29, 2012

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The News Herald and the News Herald.com continue to expand. We are looking for highly motivated, energetic sales people. This is a unique opportunity to help build sales revenues and be a leading part of a progressive advertising sales team. The Sales Executive will be required to make sales calls, train and offer guidelines regarding pricing and packaging of all digital products and services. The ideal candidate must be a leader and have an innovative approach to client development and an understanding of how companies are using the internet to market their business. You must have a drive to win and a passion for consultative media sales.

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Required Skills

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- Outstanding record of achievement in current/past positions
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- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Keen attention to detail
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