



Port plans will be expanded

Amid financial distress, Port Authority prepares next step with St. Joe

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Time for the next step. That was the message from St. Joe Company vice president Jorge Gonzalez last week to Port of Port St. Joe Port Authority members as the partners attempt to build upon momentum

from a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on port development.

That MOU, Gonzalez said, always was intended as a template, a platform, for more formal agreements on how to develop the port of Port St. Joe.

An important aspect of that partnership took shape last week as the Port Authority formally ad-

opted a resolution expanding the master port planning footprint to include St. Joe property — in particular the old paper mill site — and Jetty Park, owned by the City of Port St. Joe.

The Port St. Joe City Commission is expected to take up the resolution for adoption at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The next step, Gonzalez sug-

gested, would be to formally etch the collaboration with the Port Authority through an agreement on business development at the port.

“The MOU (language) always contemplated going into additional agreements,” Gonzalez said.

One of those involves a Capital City Bank loan to the Port Author-

ity of more than \$4 million.

Gonzalez said company officials still were working on options for addressing the loan while the port is developing and anticipated providing those options at the next Port Authority meeting on April 12.

Those options largely rest

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CITY, ENGINEERS IN SEARCH OF ANSWERS AT WATER PLANT



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Bob Lyles of the water treatment plant staff notes the work staff has undertaken to try to patch a leak in the concrete wall in a filtration membrane tank, believed the deficiency most in need of addressing. Below, engineers from Siemens, CDM and Preble Rish examine pumps and fittings in the Clean In Place room.

PLANT TREATMENT

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Port St. Joe city commissioners and representatives from the various contractors involved with the construction of the city's \$21 million surface water plant convened at the plant for a workshop on Tuesday.

The workshop included a walk-through of the plant, which has been online less than three years and has experienced what could be labeled growing pains.

Though answers on some issues remain elusive and are being investigated, the goal of



assessing the issues and creating an action list took a step in a forward direction, said Philip Jones of Preble Rish Engineers, the city's engineers of record.

“We just need to get everybody in this room and hash

it out and come up with solutions,” Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson said at the conclusion of the walk-through. “We don't need to be throwing rocks at each other. The people are looking to us, not just commissioners, to solve these problems.”

“If we can solve them, we can have good water and a good plant, and that is the goal.”

The walk-through centered on issues raised by commissioners during two workshops on the plant and discussion during one regular meeting. And though some issues — painting peeling on the floors, a

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Patterson announces bid for county judge

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I am 32 years old and have been married to my wife Jacqueline for six years. We have two children, Colt age three, and Cooper who is one. Jacqueline is a Kindergarten teacher at Port St. Joe Elementary, where Colt also attends pre-K. My family has been a part of Gulf County for many years. My parents are Pat and Lewana Patterson who are graduates of Wewahitchka High School and currently live in Wewahitchka. My mother has been a teacher at Port St. Joe High School for the past 38 years. My grandparents are Fletcher and Jo Patterson,



JARROD PATTERSON

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Yeager seeks re-election for District 5 BOCC

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Gulf County Commissioner Warren Yeager would like to take this opportunity to announce he is seeking re-election to the office of Gulf County Commissioner District 5. Warren is married to Jacque (Ard) Yeager and they have two children, daughter Kelli Combs (Robert) and son Ryan Yeager (Brigette) and they also have four grandsons.



WARREN YEAGER

Yeager began public service in Gulf County more than 30 years ago when he served as president

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FFS official: Wildfire could be 'red flag' for things to come

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A controlled burn quickly spiraled out of control last week in Gulf County.

Brian Goddin, wildfire mitigation specialist for the Florida Forest Service, said the fire's rate of growth this early in the year could be an indicator for a violent year of fires in 2012.

Reported at 1:37 p.m. on Monday, March 26, the fire had grown from an estimated 75 acres at 2:50

p.m. ET to more than 300 acres in only 15 minutes. By 3:35 p.m. it had reached 450 acres in size.

By Monday evening, GPS mapping determined that the fire had grown to more than 700 acres.

“We do think that this year could be potentially a pretty intense one (for wildfires),” Goddin said. “It's only March and we had a fire blow up to 700 acres. This could be a red flag for things to come.”

The fire erupted from a controlled burn on private land in what Goddin attributes to a sud-

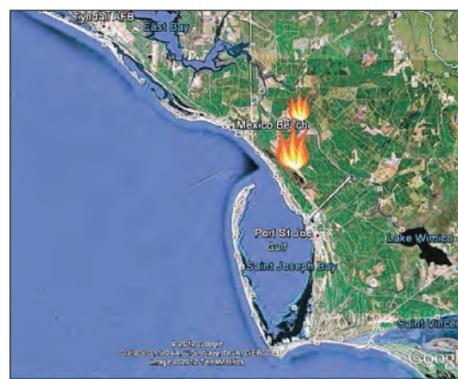
den atmospheric change, which caused the fire to “jump the lines” or spark over the mapped control boundary.

“Unfortunately that's the case,” Goddin said. “It doesn't happen very often—but it was a result of an estate controlled burn, which is normally a great thing.”

Embers, or firebrands, can be carried by the wind up to a half mile or a mile in poor conditions.

The Florida Forest Service is still investigating the specific

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This graphic shows the location of last week's wildfire in Gulf County. The fire was the result of a controlled burn on private land that sparked over the mapped control boundary.

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K-9 team getting a scent of the place

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Hank, Maggie, Daisy and Bam were getting a feel for Port St. Joe on Monday.

Schedules permitting, they will be back twice a month.

The K-9 team from Gulf Correctional Institution was in Port St. Joe this week to begin a ramped up scheduling of "urban" training in the county as the unit hones the skills of its dogs.

"We're trying to make more of a presence in Port St. Joe," said Sgt. Kevin Romer of the K-9 team. "We want the dogs to be fully familiar with the county and the communities where they will be utilized."

"We want to let the people see us, let the residents see us and let the bad guys see us, also. Maybe that will make them think twice."

The GCI unit is, by reputation, one of the best scent-tracking teams in the region. The unit is called out for countless missing-persons calls across an eight-county area, Romer said, and also chase the bad guys when called upon.

They are supplemented across Northwest Florida by well-trained K-9 units in Gulf, Liberty and Washington counties, to name a few, Romer said. The work in Port St. Joe, Wewahitchka and Sand Hills gets the dogs accustomed to people, houses and roads.

"We have some of the best tracking teams in the country right here in this area," Romer said.

The GCI team is comprised of bloodhounds, or rather 90 percent bloodhound with some coonhound in the mix to provide stamina and drive in the hot Florida weather, Romer said.

"Being part coonhound helps with the heat and drive and doesn't take away from the ability to track," Romer said.

Bloodhounds track by scent, or the molecules of the human essence. Those molecules can remain on most surfaces — not concrete or asphalt — up to six hours. The dogs also can track by following



At left, the K-9 team from Gulf Correctional Institution poses with the scent-tracking dogs.

Below, Sgt. Kevin Romer, left, and Officer Clyde Melvin pose with Hank, considered the best scent-tracking dog in the Gulf Correctional Institution's K-9 unit.

what Romer called "ground disturbances."

For instance, the dog might pick up a scent but maybe as the scent crosses a concrete pathway the dog might lose it. But by sniffing for molecules that indicate a footstep or other disturbance of the soil in the ground around that concrete, the dog also tracks its prey.

The training is fairly straightforward.

Romer and another member of his team, Officer Clyde Melvin, walk a stretch of ground — they found several suitable areas with sufficient room on Monday — and maybe hide behind a tree or in some bushes. After a period of time, the dogs will be set loose to track the scent.

Romer ran a trail for Melvin to run two dogs; Melvin returned the favor on the other two dogs.

The dogs range from youngsters to veterans. Hank is 3 years old and an established tracker of local renown.

"He's got it," Romer said. "I would consider him our best dog."

Daisy, 7, is Hank's mother and also an established tracker, though her son is better, Romer said.

Maggie is 8 months old, and Bam is a year and two months. Both still are learning the ropes, Romer said.

"(Scent-tracking) is probably the most labor intensive training with dogs," Romer said. "You are not going to know if you have a good scent-tracking dog for two years."

"Bloodhounds are more interested in what you can do for them, not what they can do for you. So you can have one that is a good tracker for the first year and then just stops. You just have to keep working them and hope you have a good one in two years."

Romer noted those dogs that do not pass muster are adopted and placed in good homes.

Romer said most training is done with other teams but what is important in their home county is to ensure the dogs are familiar to the lay of the land and its people — thus, the training in Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe.

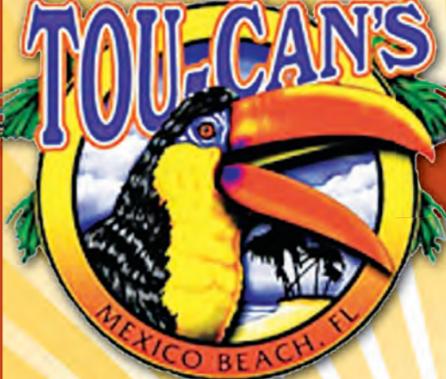
Romer and his team will be out in Port St. Joe training their dogs on two Mondays each month.

Hank, Maggie, Daisy and Bam will have a good smell of the place in the event of any problems.

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Documenting the space race

Wewa man sells collection to Kennedy Space Center

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WEWAHITCHKA — The space race captured the attention of a generation, and Sal Salerno was no exception.

For years, Salerno eagerly gobbled up newspaper and magazine reports on every detail of the contest between the United States and the Soviets to put a man into orbit, then a man on the moon.

What separates Salerno from the rest of his generation is what he did with those periodicals; he preserved them carefully and stored them, some for almost 50 years.

"I just felt that what we were doing was exciting, you know. It was an exciting thing that we were doing in that time period," Salerno said. "You've got to be a nut job with it; that was what I was. I was a fanatic."

In 2010, Salerno decided it was time to get rid of the some 1,000 pieces he had collected over the years. He started shopping around the collection, but the offers he was getting seemed low to him. A collector in California offered Salerno \$200 for the whole collection; Salerno used to get \$5 for each copy of an autographed New York Daily News from 1965.

"You can always get more if you find the right people," Salerno said. "That was NASA."

Last year, Salerno approached the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, and they were interested. Salerno got the collection to Orlando, and he threw out a number he thought was

reasonable: \$30,000.

According to Salerno, the space center people said they were interested, but after a couple months they still had not committed to buying his collection. To spur their decision, Salerno decided if they were not interested in buying the collection, he would come get it. He asked for some barrels to be placed in front of the building when he arrived. He threatened to burn the collection right there in the parking lot.

Kennedy Space Center officials were interested, but \$30,000 seemed steep. After some negotiating, Salerno agreed to take \$20,000 for the collection the Kennedy people later would call "Salerno's masterpiece," on the condition his name would be on the exhibit. And he wanted free admission to the Kennedy Space Center for himself. And his family. For life.

Deal.

His collection is not on display, and it could be several years before it is.

"I just hope I live long enough to see it with my grandchildren," the 75-year-old Salerno said.

The self-professed "fanatic" remains fascinated by space. His atheist friend Louie tells Salerno he will not believe in God until the heavens part and he can see him for himself. But Salerno, a Catholic, sees God and the evidence of creation in space.

"How else to explain life on Earth? There are other suns, other planets, but ours supports life, because "everything is just in perfect order," Salerno said.



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Sal Salerno sits with copies of newspapers he saved over the years about the space race. Salerno sold the bulk of his collection to the Kennedy Space Center last year to become a collection called "The Salerno Collection."

"I just felt that what we were doing was exciting, you know. It was an exciting thing that we were doing in that time period. You've got to be a nut job with it; that was what I was. I was a fanatic."

Sal Salerno, space race collector

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Bad calls

The other day I found a site on the internet that had old newspapers archived that you could search. I grew up in a newspaper in Alabama, so I thought I'd check and see if they had old issues of "The Anniston Star," in Anniston, Ala.

They did. I was excited and wanted to see what I could find. This place would just let you type in a name or anything and it would search the newspaper or newspapers you selected.

Doing what most folks would, I put my own name in the search box and clicked on the "Search" button. I shouldn't have done that.

What did I find? Well, you would probably say that I was just 9 years old, it couldn't be that bad.

It was. It was a picture of a baseball team. The Internet site had full versions of old newspapers. Holding the magnifying glass over the picture, I was right there in the middle of the baseball team, my hands interlocked, tilting my head a little to the right and gritting my teeth. It wasn't a smile, it was a grimace.

It was a grimace that can still be seen on my face 40 years later. I had found the answer to the question that I am always asked, "Why do you have that look on your face?"

That 1972 season ended so poorly. With a record of 19 wins and 2 losses and the league championship, how can I say that the season ended poorly?

It was my last at bat of the season, the game was well in hand and the championship was ours. I was in a great groove, after a long season, I was hitting everything that was thrown to me.

This was typical for my little league baseball career. I never seemed to start doing well until the season was almost over.

On this day, this last day of the season, I had already hit one ball over the right fielders head. I knew, I just knew, that I could get the first home run of my career on my last at bat of the season.

The field we played on was not perfect, but it was a good field. There was a hill in right field that gradually went up to the outfield fence. It gave the field character. The dugouts were just benches outside the fence, but they were still dugouts.

The field had no gates to get in, just an opening on the right field side. Dogs could have wandered

in and out, but never did. So, why the lifelong grimace?

The first pitch was a ball, so was the second. On the third pitch, I hit a long foul ball that veered outside the field to the right. The fourth pitch was a ball, but I wasn't about to take a base on balls in my last at bat. I hit another foul ball on the fifth pitch.

Now, with a full count, I had a perfect situation for my first home run. No, the game wasn't on the line; we were ahead by a whole bunch. We were so far ahead that this would definitely be my last at bat.

I remember the ball coming off of the bat, it felt so good. It was a shot down the right field line. I remember watching it. I remember saying to myself, "It's not going to get out, but perhaps I can get a triple out of it."

I was 9 years old. It was my last at bat of the 1972 season.

It was a fair ball. Did I say it was a fair ball? It was a fair ball. It had "triple" written all over it.

Before the ball had a chance to fall (and probably roll to the right field fence), this fellow that was waiting to play the next game decided to run onto the field. This fellow did not play for the team we were playing against. He played for a team waiting to play.

He ran onto the field through the opening in the fence into fair territory and caught the ball — my ball — the ball I hit. It was my last at bat of the season.

The umpire called me "out." He called me out. Out? I pitched a fit. I was nine, the umpire was probably 16, but that still didn't excuse his ignorance.

You would think that your coach would raise a ruckus, but I guess since the championship was already decided and the game was so lopsided, he didn't see the point.

It was my last at bat. It's been 40 years. I still remember their names (the umpire and the kid who ran on the field and caught my ball).

The grimace on my face will stay.

It was my last at bat! I've coached youth baseball for 30 years and never seen such a bad call. I'll never forget it. It was my last at bat!

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Keyboard KLATTERINGS

BOCC must gaze into the mirror

Last week during a Port Authority board meeting, the question was posed as to what a port would be without a face.

The discussion centered on the continued job status of long-time port director Tommy Pitts.

Pitts, due to a lack of resources at the Port Authority, was on full pay through the end of the month and then will work for \$1 per month and no benefits he can not pay for himself on a month-to-month basis as he looks for work.

After 10 years, Pitts was effectively tossed to the

sidelines. The one man that actually looked out at the landscape at the port planning area from the start and had a vision of an operational port relegated the bench.

Right or wrong, maybe Pitts was not the man to be the marketing guru for the port, maybe there were perceived weakness in a mild demeanor — save when it came to the port — and an unwillingness to play politics.

But whether he was the right man for the job or not moving forward, he deserved better than "Hey, great job the past 10 years, good luck on future endeavors."

If nothing else the institutional knowledge inside the man's head should have been enough for the Port Authority to uncover every rock and explore every option — as at least two board members continued last week — to keep the one man who has walked and talked the port for more than a decade.

Unfortunately, that is the case with the business of creating jobs in this county, which has been set back months if not years by actions of those with sway the past two years.

Consider the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce. Under the guise of more efficiency and reducing costs the Board of County Commissioners mandated a consolidation of the Economic Development Council and the

Chamber of Commerce.

In that process, the Chamber adopted a model to move forward and cleaned house, including discarding an executive director, Sandra Chafin, who had served in that capacity for more than a decade.

Again, there may have been questions about whether Chafin was the right person to lead the Chamber moving forward under its new mandate. That is fair.

But, whether a proper fit to lead the Chamber or not, Chafin had devoted sufficient time and energy to the community and the small businesses over more than a decade to deserve more than a "give us your keys and don't let the door hit you on the way out."

And by tossing aside any institutional knowledge at the Chamber, including it would turn out the basics such as passwords for computers, the Chamber restarted with a new director who has been on the job barely six months and started behind the eight ball at that, literally from scratch.

The Chamber, according to comments from its board president last week, is now ramping up an economic development committee — more than a year after a functioning EDC was dissolved.

That EDC had an executive director who had actually cultivated leads — Preble Rish Engineers is enjoying one of those openings right now with an office in Haiti — and brought in business strategies to the equation.

But, alas, he did not live here, a prerequisite that seems immaterial given the treatment of Pitts and Chafin who are long-time residents, and so he was asked to leave less than three years into a five-year plan.

A plan the county commissioners pledged to see through.

And the demolition of the EDC was the fourth such demolition by county commissioners inside of 12 years.

Now there is the Gulf County Tourist Development Council, which is without its interim executive

director, who was told last week her work with the county had been completed barely a month after it started.

With the application window for the next director still open as of last Friday, as county administrator Don Butler told Star Staff Writer Valerie Garman, the TDC is again without an executive director and operating with a point person for events, based on advertising and marketing efforts, who is an independent contractor and the girlfriend of the chairman of the BOCC.

So, a broader question from the one asked at the Port Authority meeting last week would be what is the face those in sway are trying to project for Gulf County?

To what end all this maneuvering — including the termination of former TDC executive director Tim Kerigan for, essentially, failing to alter the environment which he inherited?

And where is the accountability from commissioners? Remember, the TDC audit did include a damning section about expenditures rife with conflicts, but that section was surrounded by four pages of deficiencies that fall directly into the laps of the BOCC.

They are the ones who must set policy and procedure and ensure that county agencies adhere. They are the ones who must set an agenda that is for the long-term interest of the entire county, providing in turn a face of stable, efficient and public-interest service.

Instead what residents see is a board pretending to act as one but whose actions are revealed when the county administrator talks during a budget meeting of having "five boss men" with varying views on issues.

What century, let alone decade, is the county operating in?

There is a line in a song out now that asks a pointed question: Does the country take care of its own?

We'd submit that the community stewardship of those with sway over decisions in this county is measured by their respective definition of "their own."

So many treasures gone with the wind

I've been watching "American Pickers" on the History Channel. It makes me so mad! They gave a guy in Wisconsin \$300 for a faded, rusted up Sinclair Gasoline sign. I almost fainted. Then Frank "bundled" a 1951 Chevrolet hood ornament with a plastic Alka-Seltzer boy and shook hands on an \$80 deal.

I could have been a millionaire! These guys go all over the country buying up old lanterns, butter churns, railroad crossing signs, handcuffs, pin ball machines and anything else that strikes their fancy, they think they can turn for a profit or that might help their TV ratings. It doesn't seem to matter if the object actually functions like it was intended. A little rust to them seems to add character. I will admit, they don't mind getting their hands dirty. And they somehow manage to find some of the ... ah, some of ... uh, some real interesting characters along the way.

They've got this big panel truck and they pull up in front of sheds, barns, 100-year-old hardware stores and any place else that's got antiques, junk, faded stuff or pieces of this and that sticking out the windows. Listen, Mike and Frank get excited over a tossed aside, used up, empty-for-years Clabber Girl Baking Powder can. I've seen 'em high-five over a kitchen safe that didn't have the safe sifter; one door was missing and the pull out porcelain

tray was cracked in a dozen places. They once plopped down \$450 for a petrified dinosaur bone. And you ought to see them when they run across a dilapidated 1936 Indian motorcycle!

They will haggle a little bit. Or flip a coin. Mike once arm wrestled an "interesting character" over the final value. And they don't buy everything they see. But mostly, if they want it, they manage to work it

out. One of their favorite lines is, "I've got to have this piece!" And they seem to know a little bit about everything they're looking at. They can talk bicycles from the late '40s, brass doorknobs from the turn of the century, Martin Guitars out of Nazareth, Penn., tintype photography, dog sleds, horse collars, petal cars and World War II vintage Japanese swords. They don't call themselves "Antique Archeology" for nothing!

It just makes me sick every time "American Pickers" comes on. Why, Aunt Beatrice and Uncle Womack had enough old stuff in their house to make us all millionaires! There were two or three kerosene lanterns on every mantel. Neither one of Aunt Bea's kitchen safes had broken porcelain. Her old Singer sewing machine with the foot treadle was an antique the first time I ever saw it. She was still using her churn. And those tall milk cans that Mike and Frank think so highly of today were sitting in every corner of her house! She

tried to give me her coffee grinder one time but, silly me, thought it much easier to just buy a can of Folgers.

If I could have gotten the "property rights" to Granddaddy's tool shed, I could own an NFL franchise. You never saw the likes of rasps, drawing knives, hand bits, cross cut saws, harnesses, wood chisels, powder horns, nail kegs, wooden barrels, single and doubletree plows, an old Sulky, a "drink Royal Crown Cola thermometer" with absolutely no rust, several spittoons, a non-functioning Cushman Eagle motor scooter and an 8-by-10 glossy photo of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Mike and Frank would have been in hog heaven.

When Tommie Hill changed his service station from Texaco to DX Boron they stacked them old signs out back. Mr. Tommie tried to give them away to any and everybody for the whole 2 years I worked down there. I could have had them just for the effort of toting them out to the house. I was figuring more on the weight of those giant double sided Texaco emblems than I was the cash that awaited the owner. Nobody realized we were looking at hundreds of dollars ... weeds grew up between those things. Last time I stopped by to see Mr. Tommie and introduce my first wife to him, he was still trying to get me to haul them signs off.

If I'd only known Mike and Frank back then!

I can't remember what David and I did with those little petal cars we once raced through the house. Same for all those

army men. And Lord, the baseball cards we went through. We had toy metal trucks by the dozen. Our Lionel Train stretched the whole length of the dining room. Who'd a'thought someone would show up one day offering a premium for a used up "Squirt" soft drink bottle. Ruth Ann Wiley ended up with my pink and black Elvis hat. And Mom gave our Roy Rogers' gun and holster sets to a young neighbor when we went off to college.

I'm telling you, with any type of foresight, we all could have been rich! I can't believe we carried out with the trash empty Calumet "Indian Head" cans, out-dated Life magazines, Lash LaRue whips and that old Maytag wringer washer after they finally strung electricity out to the house. We used those wooden Coca-Cola crates as firewood. It was like tossing money down the drain!

"American Pickers" are especially big on old Western Flyer bicycles. David Mark and I both sported one in the mid '50s. Man, those things had real chrome, headlights, leather seats, a mega horn and white side wall tires. We were pretty special cruising downtown on those things. I can't for the life of me remember what happened to them ... you don't suppose Dave is holding out on me? I've got to tune in next week to make sure Mike and Frank aren't out in his back yard, haggling over my old bike.

Respectfully,
Kes

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Southerland talk does not match actions

When Steve Southerland ran for Congress in 2010 his constant battle cry was that the federal government had grown too large and that taxpayers were being asked to fund too many "Big Government" federal programs. In his first year and a half in office, little has changed in his rhetoric. He has voted to cut drastically, and in some cases end, federal programs promoting job growth and those that maintain services and safety nets for the poor, the elderly and infirm.

So why has Mr. Southerland chosen this time to introduce legislation that will subsidize, through taxpayer bailouts, poor development decisions in coastal Gulf County by a small group of wealthy homeowners and developers?

Those of us who live in this region know Cape San Blas and Indian Pass Peninsula are highly vulnerable to storm surge. It is the classic barrier island — susceptible to wind and wave action that moves the shoreline and remakes the map with every major storm that passes.

Yet Mr. Southerland and his wealthy developer friends are convinced that you and I should be willing to pick up the tab when the next beach re-nourishment project is needed. He and his buddies would like Big Government (read your tax dollars) to be used to re-nourish their beaches and make their homes and condo's available for federal flood insurance.

In 2009 the Federal Emergency Management Administration determined that such re-nourishment and availability of federal flood insurance was not appropriate because it would expose taxpayers to hundreds of millions of dollars in ongoing costs, subsidize and provide incentives for high-risk shoreline development, and undermine the



JAY LILES

Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA).

Florida is already far too reliant on state subsidized insurance to cover our coastal property exposure. The state backed Citizens Insurance and Hurricane Catastrophe Fund are dangerously over-exposed and reliant on bonding should a major storm hit anywhere in Florida. Mr. Southerland's legislation (H.R. 4150) offers the same sort of subsidy at the federal level. He says as much himself when quoted by the self-serving trade publication Dredging Today.Com:

"I've worked closely with Gulf County officials to ensure that coastal communities have access to the resources they need to rebuild local beaches in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster," Southerland said. "Despite its designation as a higher risk flood zone, Gulf County is prohibited from receiving federal flood insurance under current law. This inequity in the law forces Gulf County homeowners to purchase private sector insurance at a much higher rate, if they are able to obtain coverage at all. Our common sense legislation will remedy this situation by making Gulf County residents eligible for federal flood insurance, and FEMA reimbursement for road construction, dredging and beach nourishment."

Let's break this statement down into its very expensive elements for all taxpayers. When Mr. Southerland says "access to the resources they need to rebuild local beaches," the translation is — we want you, the taxpayer, to pick up the tab for re-nourishing Cape San Blas and Indian Pass Peninsula.

When he says "its designation as a higher risk flood zone, prohibited from receiving federal flood insurance under current law," Mr. Southerland is acknowledging the very purpose for CBRA — to discourage development

of low lying coastal zones so that they can remain natural and serve the valuable purpose of storm protection and wildlife habitat.

When lamenting the fact that some "Gulf County homeowners have to purchase private sector insurance at a much higher rate, if they are able to obtain coverage at all," he is suggesting that private insurance markets (those that most of us rely on for our own insurance) just won't provide low cost insurance to people who insist on building in places they should not be building!

As an advocate for land conservation and rational building codes, I believe CBRA works exactly as it was intended to work by applying market forces (i.e. prohibitively expensive insurance and denial of publicly backed flood insurance) in helping control bad development.

I am willing as well to give private property rights advocates leeway with respect to their personal choices as to where they build. However, when we the taxpayers, have to pay for these decisions I have to say an emphatic NO! If you chose to build on shifting sands, don't shift the risk to the public! By removing these two units in Gulf County from CBRA that is exactly what Mr. Southerland would have. The end result is to encourage developers' and homeowners' to continued their bad decision-making and offer them a free ride at the taxpayer's expense.

I would suggest that Mr. Southerland rethink his bailout proposal for the lucky few who can afford to live on this beautiful stretch of Gulf County beaches. Asking the taxpayers to pick up the tab for their bad development choices just does not match his rhetoric as a small government, lower taxes politician.

Jay Liles is a policy consultant to the Florida Wildlife Federation and a candidate for Congress in the 2nd Congressional District.

Put your tax refund to work

If you're among the millions of Americans expecting an income tax refund this year, you've probably already filed your 2011 return and are eagerly awaiting the money. But if you haven't already mentally spent your refund on a guilty pleasure, here are several great ways to better put that money to work for you:

Pay down debt. Beefing up credit card and loan payments can significantly lower your long-term interest payments. Suppose you currently pay \$120 a month toward a \$3,000 credit card balance at 18 percent interest. At that pace it'll take 32 months and \$788 in interest to pay off, assuming no new purchases. By doubling your payment to \$240 you'll shave off 18 months and \$441 in interest.

Start an emergency fund. To protect your family against the impact of a layoff or other unexpected financial crisis, set aside enough cash to cover six to nine months of living expenses. Seed the account with part of your refund and then set up automatic deductions from accounts.

Boost retirement savings. Beef up your 2012 IRA or 401(k) contribution, especially if your employer offers matching contributions; a 50 percent match corresponds to a 50 percent guaranteed rate of return — something you won't likely find in any investment.

Spend now to save later. Reap long-term savings on things you'll eventually pay for anyway:

- Replace older appliances with energy-efficient models that will pay for themselves through lower utility bills. For example, replacing a 1980s refrigerator with an Energy Star model will save over \$100 a year. The Energy Star website (www.energystar.gov) can help you find Energy Star products and estimate savings.

Switching from traditional light bulbs to energy-efficient alternatives like CFLs and LEDs, while initially more

expensive, can save about \$6 per bulb in annual energy costs. Just make sure they are Energy Star-qualified models, which exceed minimum standards.

- Schedule routine car maintenance.

According to AAA, simply changing your car's air filter once a year can save over \$270, while replacing older spark plugs can save \$540 in wasted fuel.

- Ask whether your utility offers free or subsidized home energy audits. An audit will reveal which investments — such as increasing home insulation and replacing drafty windows and doors — will lower both winter and summer energy bills.

- Finance education. Strengthen your career prospects and earnings potential by adding new skills through college courses or vocational training. Ask if your employer will help pay for job-related education. You can also set money aside for your children's or grandchildren's education by contributing to a 529 Qualified State Tuition Plan or Coverdell Education Savings Account. Bonus: Your contributions will grow tax-free until withdrawn.

- Prepay bills. If you expect major expenses later this year (e.g., insurance premiums, orthodontia, college tuition), start setting money aside now so you won't rack up interest charges later. Also, paying slightly more each month toward your mortgage principal can save thousands in interest over the life of the loan.

And finally, if you regularly receive large tax refunds, you're probably having too much tax withheld from your paycheck — you're essentially giving the government an interest-free loan. Ask your employer for a new W-4 form and recalculate your withholding allowance.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To participate in a free, online Financial Literacy and Education Summit on April 23, go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2012.



JASON ALDERMAN

Protection for assisted living residents needed

Dear Editor:
On March 9, the 2012 legislative session concluded. Unfortunately, no legislation passed addressing the protection against arbitrary evictions for residents living in assisted living facilities (ALFs).

The need for legislation is apparent - the Governor's Assisted Living Facility Workgroup recommended enacting eviction protections for residents of ALFs, and several legislators proposed bills that included additional protections for ALF residents from arbitrary evictions. However, lack of protections for ALF residents remains a reality.

Why are additional laws necessary? Florida law currently allows an ALF administrator to relocate or terminate a resident from an ALF for almost any reason, as long as the administrator provides the resident with 45 days' notice and documents the reason. Florida ALF residents, numbering almost 80,000 cannot challenge their eviction in court even though they rent a unit just like an apartment dweller. Although many residents have advanced care needs, similar to residents of nursing homes, they lack

a process for an appeal of an involuntary discharge. This leaves Florida's elders vulnerable to threats of retaliation.

Because ALF residents do not have basic due process protections from being asked to leave their homes, administrators may decide to relocate a resident for making what may be legitimate complaints to state agencies involving things like poor care or lack of food. For example, a resident was recently evicted after filing a complaint with the Ombudsman Program. What was the administrator's reason for evicting the resident? "The resident was not happy here." Incidents like these serve as an example to other residents that if they complain, they could be evicted too.

The Ombudsman Program investigated 75 inappropriate ALF eviction complaints and 72 fear of retaliation complaints during 2010-11. An even greater number of arbitrary discharges may have occurred but were not reported to the Ombudsman Program. When a resident is relocated from an ALF, the facility is not obligated to report its action to any governmental entity, no

matter the circumstances or the frailty of the resident.

How can ALF residents be protected? We need to pass legislation providing basic due process to ALF residents, including the ability to challenge a proposed relocation in a neutral forum and the requirement that a 45-days written notice be handed to the resident, and documented as being given. Establish standards for the appropriate relocation of residents, such as changes in medical condition, failure to pay, and behavioral changes necessitating a different setting. Require the ALF to notify the Ombudsman Program of any notice issued and permit a representative of the local ombudsman council to meet with the resident and work with the administrator to resolve the issue, if possible and appropriate.

These recommendations will protect ALF residents from inappropriate evictions, allowing residents to seek redress of any concerns about their care and quality of life without fear of retaliation.

If you would like to work with us to better the lives of all long-term care facility residents, please contact 1-888-831-0404 or visit ombudsman.myflorida.com to find out how you can volunteer. If you do not have the time to commit to the program, urge your legislators to support positive changes for ALF residents, including protection from arbitrary evictions.

Sincerely,

Jim Crochet

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on the value of the Port of Port St. Joe's assets, especially land holdings, but the company is awaiting an appraisal of those assets before crafting options for the partners.

"I had hoped to be there by now, but we need to move forward anyway, move forward on additional agreements," Gonzalez said. "We strongly feel to get real traction we need to be aggressive (with business development). We need to be proactive and aggressive."

Gonzalez said though the Port Authority has dealt with passive leads that come to the Chamber of Commerce or Port Authority offices, what St. Joe proposes is to analyze potential companies in the market, what those companies need and the port could offer and try to ag-

gressively match the two.

The goal would be to pursue companies based on leads generated by market analysis and marketing.

"There is a lot of time and energy goes into that, and we are prepared to do that," Gonzalez said, adding the company brings a sales, marketing and financial analysis tool set to the table.

"This is all about framing the market ideals, and it needs to be a coordinated effort. I think our focus right now is on business development."

The question the Port Authority board members wrestled with much of the rest of last week's meeting was exactly how that would be coordinated and by whom.

Citing a lack of funding, the board members unani-

mously, though with trepidation from some members, moved to furlough Port of Port St. Joe executive director Tommy Pitts effective at the end of April.

Pitts said he was not surprised given the Port Authority's bleak financial picture and noted that maybe the dynamics on the board had changed and a new executive director was what was desired.

He said there had been no funding for the kind of marketing Gonzalez referenced, and "it has only been recently that we have had something to market," referring to the MOU with the St. Joe Co.

"It has been a long, drawn-out incremental process, but we have just gotten to the point of having something to market," Pitts said. "I would like to

stay engaged in some way. I think we are very close on one project and we get calls on a frequent basis."

The board agreed to keep Pitts on at \$1 per month on a month-to-month basis — in part to allow him to qualify for his insurance, which Pitts will pay for — and move the Port Authority office and phone under the umbrella of the consolidated Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council.

The Port Authority had been leasing a building on U.S. 98, but could no longer afford to make monthly payments — the landlord gave them the past three months free.

"He put 10 years of his heart into the port," said Port Authority member Leonard Costin. "I thank him for his service. I hope we can get him back at some point, but I am not sure that will happen."

Despite the bleak financial picture, some board members wondered how exactly they would operate without the one man in the community — Pitts — who knew the most about the port, was an engineer, had secured millions in grant funds, had a seat on the Florida Ports Council and has passionately advocated for the port for more than a decade.

Port attorney Tom Gibson said his concern was what a major investor would think when inquiring about the Port of Port St. Joe if

there was no director.

"Somebody has to be in charge of the port," said board member Eugene Raffield. "I agree that nothing is going to happen overnight. My concern is how to run a business and pursue federal grants without a port director."

"You still need to have a face to the port. My concern is can you run a port without a face or a board?"

Costin emphasized that the Port Authority board would now have to serve as the face of the port and Gonzalez noted that until concentrated interest in the port materialized, the need for technical expertise on the ground was minimized.

Board member Patrick Jones noted that there are day-to-day operational aspects of the port and that he did not believe the Port Authority could afford a gap at this time in meeting those needs and services.

"Someone needs to handle this but who is going to handle this," Jones said, acknowledging that finances were limiting options. "Think of all the things we (the board) don't know about ports. Who is going to answer those questions?"

Jones also noted that in the halls of government from which millions in grants have flowed to the port for infrastructure development, the absence of a port director could have an impact on whether future grant funds come to the

Port of Port St. Joe.

Jones floated the idea of using the Arizona Chemical plant property, now in port hands unencumbered, could be used for collateral to generate operating income to bridge the cash-flow shortfall. The idea was never specifically addressed.

And when asked whether St. Joe could provide a man on the ground, Gonzalez said the company had no interest in becoming a Port Authority or "taking over in any manner."

"We have resources to build the business development arm," Gonzalez said. "We want to give it a shot for three years and build that business development arm."

The goal, he added, to bring customers as soon as possible and provide a robust long-term revenue stream for the port.

"We're not saying anything about needing the director or not, but at this point I don't think anything will happen at the port without business development," Gonzalez said.

The disconnect, Gonzalez and Jones noted at different points of the meeting, was that Port of Port St. Joe is unique among Florida's 14 deepwater ports in that it has a Port Authority and Port Director, but no operating port.

The hope is to have a draft agreement for moving ahead by the April 12 meeting, Gonzalez said.



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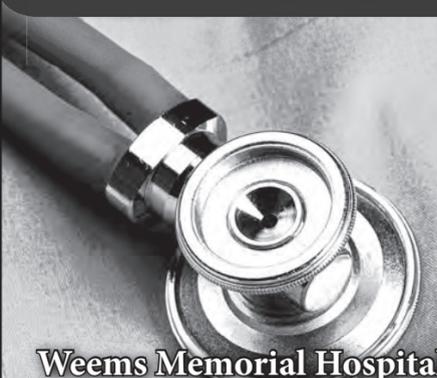
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Hardman recognized for work with dyslexia

Special to The Star

On March 14, Tallahassee Community College hosted the annual Women's History Month ceremony with this year's theme of Women's Education - Women's Empowerment. Dr. Patricia K. Hardman was recognized as one of the honorees for her contribution to the field of dyslexia.

Dr. Jeanne O'Kon, chair of the committee, said, "I would like for people who attend the WHM ceremony to take away the understanding that women are significant, contributing members of our society and that they always have been. I would like for them to realize that women, like our honorees, make huge contributions on a daily basis and still don't get the same recognition, status and pay as do men. And our ceremony is all about embracing these ten community women honorees ... to let them know how much

we admire and appreciate them!"

Patricia K. Hardman, PhD, never dreamed when she received her Math degree from the University of South Carolina that she would become involved in the field of dyslexia. In fact, she had never heard of it until her aunt called her in 1971 and said that her cousin had been identified as being dyslexic. "Find out what that means and what we need to do about it," was the family directive.

Not only did she find out how to help her cousin, but this opened an entire new vocation and field of study for her. She was mentored by Dr. Charles Shedd, an early researcher in the area of dyslexia. She developed Saturday schools in Charleston and Tallahassee and then opened full time schools for children with dyslexia and ADHD in Charleston, Orlando, Macon, Albany and



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Dr. Jeanne O'Kon, Chair of Women's History Month, Dr. Karinda Barrett, TCC Instructor and Dr. Patricia K. Hardman, CEO of Dyslexia Research Institute.

Tallahassee.

Hardman has developed an entire curriculum (reading, math, grammar and study skills) designed to teach the students these ways to learn.

"Dyslexic learners learn differently; therefore teachers have to change the way they teach to match the

neurological difference and way these individuals learn," she said.

Since 1975, Woodland Hall Academy in Tallahassee has been changing the lives of children and adults with Dyslexia and ADHD.

Hardman views herself as a catalyst for change. Not only in the area of edu-

cation has she changed the way teachers' view and approach students with dyslexia, but she has helped to change laws in Florida affecting thousands of individuals. Working with Representative Betty Easley in 1985, legislation was crafted and passed that allows students who have dyscalculia (disability in math) to substitute other courses in college for the math requirement allowing them to obtain a college degree in their chosen (non-math) field.

In the mid 90's she worked with Senator Steve Wise to broaden the accommodations available on the FCAT. Hardman helped Senate President John McKay craft the McKay Scholarship Program and served on the Senate Task Force, at the appointment of Governor Bush, to guide the program through the early years. The McKay Scholarship Program is the first and largest state

scholarship program for students with disabilities in the country; allowing over 22,000 children with disabilities access to both public and private programs that fit their needs. Hardman has received the Distinguished Service Award from The Coalition of McKay Scholarship Schools for her contribution to this program.

Hardman shows no signs of slowing down even though she has moved to Port St. Joe for semi-retirement. She does play four or five games of golf every week but also continues to advocate for disability issues; is a partner in a residential construction company; is the president of the Coastal Community Association of South Gulf County; and continues as the CFO of Dyslexia Research Institute.

One last fact, in her journey, Hardman, also discovered she is dyslexic with ADHD.

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Our Pledge To Our Community



Left to Right: Lana Harrison (SWAT Advisor), Trent McGill, Shelby Wood, Heather Dyas (IGA Rep.), and Trey McGill.

Communities in Florida are becoming concerned about the tobacco industry's practice of targeting adolescents and young adults through product development, packaging, pricing, advertising, and promotional activities.

The Gulf County SWAT youth in the picture, who are also members of the Gulf County Tobacco Free and Substance Abuse Response Guide (SARG) Partnership, recognize that retailers who sell tobacco products play a vital role in protecting youth from becoming the next generation of Americans to die prematurely from tobacco-related disease.

We would like to thank RICH'S IGA in Wewahitchka for being the FIRST store in Gulf County that sells tobacco products to pledge to be a vital community partner. On March 28th, 3 SWAT youth met with Wewahitchka IGA representative, Ms. Heather Dyas who signed the agreement. As shown in the picture, they have by agreed to display tobacco cessation penny trays at their tobacco outlet.

The trays display The Florida Quitline number, a valuable free resource to help people quit tobacco. The toll-free Florida Quitline at 1-877-U-CAN-NOW (1-877-822-6669) will connect you to a trained and certified Quit Coach(r) who will help you assess your addiction and create a personalized quit plan. You'll receive proactive coaching sessions, self-help materials, and quit aids like nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) (available while supplies last).

For additional information, please contact Sarah Hinds at the Gulf County Health Department. 850-227-1276, ext 205.

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Caustic chemical pumps housed outside the water treatment plant show clear signs of leakage.

patched seam on a chlorine treatment tank and rust in a clarifier — were deemed maintenance-related or of lesser priority, solutions to other deficiencies remain.

For example, a series of failures — five in all — with pumps that bring fresh canal water into the plant for treatment as well as problems with fittings on outside pumps handling caustic acid and pumps handling various chemicals in what is known as the Clean in Place (CIP) room.

“We’ve identified some things that are maintenance-related and some that are construction-relat-

ed that we are working with (construction contractor Marshall Brothers Industrial) on, and we appreciate their willingness to work with us on those,” Jones said.

“But there are other things that we are still investigating. We are committed to working at it and bringing resolution to the problems.”

Of particular concern is a leak in a concrete membrane tank wall that is seen as an immediate priority for redress.

“We are concerned about the membrane tank,” Jones said, the leaking from

a seam in the tank evident. “It’s probably the most important item to address in the immediate future.”

There was some discussion about whether the membrane tanks should have been lined or not to prevent any leaking, and the timeline that occurred for notifying Marshall Brothers of the leak when it first appeared shortly after the plant began operation.

But Matt Marshall of Marshall Brothers said the leak would be fixed, and whether the tanks were lined or not was somewhat beside the point given the nature and extent of the leaking.

Marshall said the leak would be fixed by his company at no cost to the city.

“We are going to stand behind our work,” Marshall said. The repair began Tuesday.

Also of interest were leaking pumps handling caustic chemicals and a look at the pumps and systems used in the CIP room.

“From the time the plant opened, we’ve had problems with these caustic pumps,” plant supervisor Larry McClamma said of the outside caustic chemical pumps

that showed signs of continuous leakage.

On one pump system within the CIP room, staff had replaced a pump leaking from its fittings with another pump that has eliminated the problem, said Bob Lyles of the city’s plant staff.

A representative with Siemens said a similar plant had been built just before the Port St. Joe plant in Dauphin, Ala., and staff there could serve as a sounding board for issues they have encountered with essentially the same technology.

During the walk-through, groups with the contractors — CDM, which designed the plant, Siemens, which designed the filtration system equipment and Marshall Brothers — conferred on various issues, and took copious notes and photos.

“At least all the players are here sticking their head into this,” said Commissioner Rex Buzzett. “As long as they come up with solutions, they can talk among themselves all day.”

The investigation into finding answers, as the mayor encouraged and Jones committed to, will continue.

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WILDFIRE from page A1

start of the fire but has confirmed it was a result of a controlled burn on private land in Gulf County.

"This particular fire spotted across the dirt line of where it was supposed to be," Goddin said. "Many times when it's a weather shift, you can't predict it because it happens so quickly."

Goddin said wind and low humidity are two weather conditions most likely to enhance a wildfire.

"Humidity doesn't necessarily mean hot," said Goddin, who noted low humidity, when the air is really dry, tends to fuel vegetation and cause fire to burn more violently.

Goddin said while some parts of the country may experience a specific "fire season," Florida is susceptible to wildfires at any

point in the year.

"In Gulf County, there's year-round fire activity," Goddin said. "Fuels in Florida can burn at just about any time of the year. Florida vegetation can burn in the spring, summer, fall or winter."

Fire is a natural part of our Florida ecosystems, and it's not a matter of if we are going to have wildfires, but when and at what intensity, Goddin said.

Goddin said every homeowner outside of a burn ban area does have the right to burn debris, but there are guidelines to follow to ensure safe burns are conducted.

Burns must be conducted at least 25 feet away from the property owner's home, 50 feet from any paved or public roads and 150 feet

from any other occupied buildings.

Goddin encourages people to never leave a fire unattended, keep a water supply handy and to not burn on windy days when fires can easily jump.

"Fire when it gets away from you, it can get out of control very quickly," Goddin said.

If the fire does get into the woods, Goddin said don't hesitate—call 911 immediately.

"Just be careful, that's the main thing," Goddin said. "Just be smart."

Goddin also suggested ways for area residents to protect their homes in the event of a wildfire.

The Florida Forest Service suggests homeowners reduce the risk of their home burning

through the protection of the two most vulnerable parts of the home: the roof and the area immediately surrounding the structure.

Research indicates that home ignitions usually occur over relatively short distances—tens of yards, not hundreds of feet, from fire brands landing on or around the structure or flames from slow-moving, low-intensity surface fires contacting flammable portions of the structure.

According to the FFS, homeowners can reduce this risk by keeping debris off roofs and out of gutters and through careful landscaping around the home, particularly in the immediate 30 feet of land surrounding the structure.

Careful landscaping should eliminate any flammable vegetation in contact with the structure, thin out trees and shrubs, prune tree limbs to a height of 6 to 10 feet, replace flammable landscape material with higher water content material, replace flammable mulch with rock or gravel, and eliminate "ladder fuels" near the structure that might carry a fire to the roof.

Goddin said homeowners if remember to be "clean, lean and green" (clean- no accumulations of dead vegetation; lean- small amounts of flammable vegetation; green- plants are healthy and green with a well irrigated lawn) the chances of home ignition will be drastically reduced.



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For more information call the Gulf County TDC at 850.229.7800
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Birds nesting on Florida shores requires beachgoers to be aware

Special to The Star

With nesting season under way for shorebirds like the snowy plover, black skimmer and American oystercatcher, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) asks beachgoers to take care not to disturb their nests. Well-informed, courteous beachgoers can provide needed relief to these stressed species.

The snowy plover, for example, nests along Gulf Coast beaches through August, and its population has shrunk to as few as 200 pairs in this state. Increased human activity and development on coastal barrier island beaches are among the key reasons that snowy plovers and other beach-nesting species are listed as threatened or endangered. Shorebird nesting continues through August.

"By recognizing the warning signs that you have entered an area of beach where shorebird nesting is taking place, you can save chicks and eggs from a needless death," said Nancy Douglass, who works on

shorebird conservation at the FWC. "If you notice birds suddenly stand up, become agitated or fly about at your approach, you are likely entering a nesting site."

Above the high-tide mark, snowy plovers and other species, such as Wilson's plovers and least terns, lay well-camouflaged eggs in shallow depressions on the sand. This behavior makes the eggs nearly invisible to predators. Unfortunately, the camouflage effect also makes these eggs nearly invisible to the untrained human eye.

Further complicating the issue of shorebird conservation: Any disturbance by people, pets or vehicles can cause shorebirds to temporarily or permanently abandon their nests, resulting in the death of young chicks or the destruction of the eggs by predators. Once shorebird parents are frightened from the nest, exposed chicks or eggs can succumb to the heat of the Florida summer sun in as little as five minutes, and predation by gulls and crows increases significantly when parents are forced to leave, even for

a few moments.

Here are some simple things you can do to help nesting shorebirds:

* Keep your distance. If birds become agitated or leave their nests, you are too close! A general rule is to stay at least 300 feet from a nest.

* Respect posted areas. Some shorebird nesting areas are posted with "symbolic fencing," which consists of signs on posts connected by twine marked with flagging tape. Avoid marked nesting areas and cross only at designated pathways. These posted beach areas may shift during the nesting season, depending on where the birds have chosen to lay eggs at any given time.

* Never intentionally force birds to fly. When birds are chased or disturbed, they use energy they need for nesting and migration.

* Keep pets away from nesting areas. Even well-behaved pets can be perceived as a threat. If you take pets to the beach, keep them leashed and away from nesting areas.

* Keep the beach clean and do not feed wildlife. Food scraps attract predators such as raccoons, gulls and crows to our beaches. Litter can entangle birds, sea turtles and other wildlife.

* Spread the word. If you see people disturbing nesting birds, gently let them know how their actions may hurt the birds' survival. If they continue to disturb nesting birds, please report their activities to the FWC's Wildlife Alert hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922), #FWC or *FWC on your cell phone or by texting Tip@MyFWC.com.

Because many Florida shorebirds are listed as threatened or endangered, it is a violation of state and federal laws to harass or take any endangered or threatened birds, their eggs or young.

To learn more, download the "Share the Beach with Beach-Nesting Birds" brochure from the "Living with Wildlife" area at MyFWC.com/Wildlife. Or check out the Florida Shorebird Alliance at www.fishshorebirdalliance.org.

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MIKE PRIDDEN

Special to The Star
At the River Delta Bass Club of Apalachicola's Feb. 2012 tournament, held Feb. 25 in White City, Lloyd Alford, top, finished in first place with 13.37 pounds. Mike Pridden, bottom, finished in second with 13.19 pounds. Finishing third with 11.85 pounds was Gerald Dykes. Dewitt Galloway finished fourth with 10.79 pounds. Fifth place went to Greg Dykes with 10.36 pounds, followed by sixth place, Brandon King

9.49 pounds; seventh place James Newsome, 9.20 pounds; eighth place Paul Newsome 8.80 pounds; ninth place Alvin Martina 8.43 pounds; 10th place Pap Duncan 5.42 pounds; 11th place Sherman Alford 4.99 pounds; and 12th place Mark Yowell, with 3.00 pounds. The club is supported by Apalachicola Ace Hardware and Fisherman's Choice Bait and Tackle of Eastpoint. For info about River Delta Bass Club, call Pridden at 653-5563.

Turtle rescued during St. Vincent Open House

Star Staff Report

This sick turtle was rescued at Indian Pass during the St. Vincent Island Open House last Friday by the refuge Manager Shelly Stiaes and the Supporters of St. Vincent Volunteers. David Moody of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was instrumental in getting the turtle to shore.

Also, two very new residents of Port St. Joe, who came out for the Open House, Don Stoneburger and Kathy Strnad, volunteered to not take the barge to the island when they heard a volunteer was needed to transport the sick turtle to Panama City Beach.

The two drove the sick turtle to Gulf World for rehabilitation.



COURTESY OF MARIE ROMANELLI

St. Joseph Peninsula State Park's Dunes

By Joseph Mitchell, Park Service Specialist
St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, (850) 227-1327
Special to The Star

The coastal park St. Joseph Peninsula State Park has provided a peaceful and beautiful setting for recreational activities for many years. But few realize how the park has changed since its formation 5,000 years ago. Two barrier islands, one from Eagle Harbor to the north and one south from Eagle Harbor to Richardson Hammock, were joined at Eagle Harbor approximately 1,000 years ago. This large barrier island was later joined to the mainland some 600 years ago forming Cape San Blas and St. Joseph Spit. The area is constantly being changed by the sediment transforming processes of erosion and sediment deposition. Much of the eroded material is transported northward and is redeposited at the northern tip of the Spit.

A well developed primary dune system extends to nearly the tip of St. Joseph's peninsula. This dune ridge has been diminished by sev-

eral hurricanes: most noticeably by Hurricane Eloise in 1975, Hurricane Elaina in 1985, Hurricane Opal in 1995 and Hurricane Dennis in 2004. During these storms, the dunes were breached in several places by tidal surges, which allowed water, seaweed and debris into the Park.

While breaches to the dunes are common during severe storm events, erosion and lesser storm damage can be minimized by vegetation. Dunes can become stabilized when plants such as sea oats, railroad vines, dune panic grass and beach grass anchor and grow in the poor nutrient sands. Plants can trap and hold sand carried by wind and wave actions. Areas that are stable for hundreds of years can support other plants, such as yaupon, scrub oaks, bay trees and saw palmettos.

Beach ridges are present in parts of the interior of the peninsula behind the primary dunes. This row of ridges is called the secondary dune ridge. The secondary dune ridge can support plant communities different from the primary dunes, such as Rosemary, beach



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Erosion along the beaches at the north end of the park.

mint, chapmen and laurel oaks, saw palmetto and woody vines. Finally, toward the interior of the peninsula are the ancient dunes. These are the original dunes from 3,000 to 1,000 years ago and are the most stable of the dune system that makes up St. Joseph Peninsula State Park. Within the ancient dunes, pine trees, sable palmettos, holly and yaupons grow unencumbered by the winds and gulf surf. Between these dune ridges are swells and depressions that can hold water. Cattails, rushes and lilies are and can often be seen in these low lying areas. The eastern side of the peninsula, along St. Joe Bay, is bordered with a thin band of coastal salt marsh vegetation, beyond which extends

a shallow underwater grass flat up to one half mile wide. At the edges of the grass flat the water's depth increases to 18 feet or more. The edge of the grass flat is the actual shoreward edge of the sand body on which the original barrier islands were formed.

The barrier dune systems play an important part in protecting the shore line of Port St. Joe. Without the peninsula halting storm surges and waves from Hurricanes, the shoreline of Port St. Joe would be much different.

For information about Florida State Parks, visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Until Next time,
From the Rangers at St. Joseph Peninsula State Park

LICENSE-FREE FISHING SATURDAY

Special to The Star

The possibilities for taking advantage of the upcoming license-free fishing day, Saturday April 7, in Florida are almost endless. That's because people of all ages can cast their lines into 3 million acres of lakes, ponds and reservoirs and 12,000 miles of fishable rivers, streams and canals.

The hardest part might be picking your destination.

These abundant resources, coupled with responsible freshwater fish management, are why Florida is known as the "Fishing Capital of the World."

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) scheduled the first of four license-free recreational fishing days on this holiday weekend so more people will have the chance to get out and try their luck. Plus, this weekend coincides with a productive freshwater fishing period, when the weather is usually pleasant. Many of Florida's recreational sport fishes, such as black bass, bluegill and redear sunfish, move into the shallows to spawn during spring, making them more available for anglers to catch.

Besides enjoying the fun of reeling in a fish, people find that recreational fishing is a good motivator to enjoy the great outdoors. In fact, fishing is a prime reason lots of folks get outside in the first place.

Fishing is a low-cost, wholesome form of entertainment, which is why the FWC offers four days when a recreational fishing license is not needed. The FWC also made June 2 and Sept. 1 license-free saltwater fishing days and set June 9 as the second license-free freshwater fishing day. These days coincide with a holiday weekend, National Fishing and Boating Week or open-harvest seasons for popular bay scallops, lobster and king mackerel.

All other bag limit, season and size restrictions apply on these dates for recreational, not commercial, fishing.

To make your fishing day successful, check out MyFWC.com/Fishing for freshwater fishing tips, locations and rules.

So escape the hustle and bustle Saturday by telling everyone you've "gone fishing." But don't forget to take your kids and spouse and friends to share the fun.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Freshwater

Bass fishing is still hot this week as many anglers are reporting good catches in Lake Wimico. Worms and crank baits have produced the most fish, but a few guys are still shiner fishing. Depot creek has been quiet lately, but with the good rain we had last week, the catfish bite should improve this week.

Inshore/Offshore

We are getting back into the hot weather this week on the Forgotten Coast. Offshore water temperatures are on the rise and will reach 80 degrees soon. Cobia are starting to show up in our area this week, and a 53# fish was caught close to shore on Monday. Spanish mackerel are everywhere near the beaches and on the Mexico Beach Pier. Trolling spoons and mackerel trees will find fish fast, but you may need to add a weight to get down to the fish. Grouper are back on the menu this week, but make sure that you understand the new grouper regulations on the FWC website before you head out.

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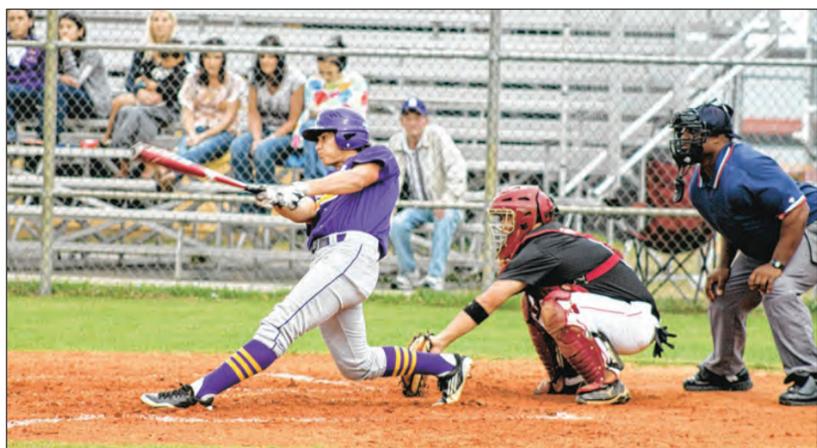
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The Port St. Joe baseball team fell 10-9 at Franklin County last week.

Tiger Sharks drop three in a row

Star Staff Report

During a rough week on the diamond, the Port St. Joe Tiger Sharks were one-hit twice and lost a wild 10-9 game to Franklin County.

The Tiger Sharks were one-hit by Bozeman 9-1 on Tuesday and managed just one hit against Florida High on Saturday.

In between, Port St. Joe traveled to Franklin County and managed just five hits and made five key errors, according to Coach

T.C. Brewer, while losing 10-9.

The Tiger Sharks hosted Liberty County on Tuesday, are at Blountstown on Friday and celebrate Senior Night at 7 p.m. ET next Tuesday with a game against Liberty County.

Wewahitchka Gators continue mixed season

Star Staff Report

In a season of ups and downs, there have been more ups than downs for the Wewahitchka High School baseball team.

On March 19, the Gators downed Franklin County 8-4.

Austin Chumney started and pitched four innings, allowing three runs on two hits and striking out three.

Rashard Ranie was 1 for 3 with two runs and three runs batted in and Hunter McDaniel was 1 for 3 with a run and three RBIs.

The Gators downed Altha 5-4 on March 23, the margin saved by a diving catch in center by Justin Flowers and a sliding catch

by McDaniel in the outfield for the final two outs of the game.

Heath Bailey started and went the distance, allowing four runs on four hits and fanning eight.

Flowers went 2 for 4 with a pair of doubles and scored a run and Jay Shiver was 2 for 3 with a run-scored and an RBI.

The Gators played two on March 27, losing 7-5 to Aucilla Christian and beating Vernon 9-5.

Against Aucilla, Austin Guffey started and went six innings on the mound, allowing eight hits and four earned runs.

Cole Harper was 2 for 5 with two doubles, scored twice and drove in one. Chris Myrick earned the

win on the mound against Vernon, tossing seven innings and scattering seven hits while striking out two and walking one.

Flowers was 4 for 4 with a double, three RBIs and a run-scored, Ranie was 2 for 3 with two RBIs and McDaniel had a pair of hits, drove in one and scored twice.

Last Friday, the Gators fell to Sneads 14-4 with McDaniel driving in two runs on one hit.

The Gators were edged by Tallahassee John Paul II 5-4 on Monday.

Walding went 3 for 3 with a double, drove in one run and scored another for Wewahitchka.

The Gators were at Graceville on Tuesday.

Lady Gators fall under .500

Star Staff Report

Four consecutive losses in the past week have dropped the Wewahitchka High School softball team to 8-10 overall as the season nears its close.

On March 26, the Lady Gators fell 9-5 to Sneads.

Ashleigh Price pitched 4 1/3 innings, walking five and striking out three while taking the loss. Jessica Smith pitched the final 2/3 innings, walking two.

Tara Walding was 3 for 4 with a double and Jaden Rouse was 2 for 4 with a double for Wewahitchka.

The following night the Lady Gators dropped a run-rule game to Arnold 12-2.

Price pitched all five innings, striking out five and walking one.

Cheyenne Luckie, Alyssa Bass and Caitlin Burch were each 1 for 2 at the plate, Burch driving in a run. Smith was 1 for 3 with an RBI.

Two nights later, the Lady Gators fell 14-2 to county foe Port St. Joe.

Price went five innings on the mound, walking none and striking out none.

Smith and Tori Lanter

each went 2 for 3 and Luckie was 1 for 2.

This past Monday, the Lady Gators dropped a 4-2 decision to Franklin County.

Price pitched three innings allowing all four Seahawk runs and Smith pitched the final three innings.

Ireland Hamm had a hit, Rouse was 2 for 3 and Bass was 1 for 1 for Wewahitchka.

The Lady Gators were at West Gadsden on Wednesday, host Ponce de Leon tonight and host East Gadsden on April 12.

Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High cheerleading tryouts

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School will conduct cheerleading tryouts in the school gymnasium April 30 through May 4. Each athlete must have a current health physical, parental

consent and a signed copy of the cheerleading policies and procedures. You must have all three forms completed in order to start practice. Without these documents you will not be able to tryout.

To be eligible for tryouts

you must have a 2.0 GPA or better and no Level 2 offense referral. Tryout practice will begin at 3 p.m. ET each day and will continue until 4:30 p.m.

Any questions contact Lindsay Williams at 229-6251 or lwilliams@gulf.k12.fl.us.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Seniors Katie Gardner, left, and Katie Lacour, right, will be honored during Senior Night at 7 p.m. ET tonight.

Lady Sharks now 15-5

Senior night tonight at 7 p.m. at Lady Shark Field

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe High School softball team hosted the Bozeman Bucs last Tuesday night, pounding Bozeman for a five-inning run-rule victory.

MaKayla Ramsey started and pitched all five innings for the Lady Sharks (now 15-5 overall), allowing no runs and striking out four and scattering five hits to earn her 10th win of the season.

Leading hitters for the Port St. Joe were Katie Lacour with two hits; Shannon Pridgeon with a double

and single and Haley Wood, Katie Gardner, Brittany King, and Miranda Gref each had one hit.

"Hitting has come around," said Port St. Joe coach Jim Belin. "The defense is very solid again, turning a double play. We are playing really well right now!"

On Thursday the Lady Sharks traveled to county rival Wewahitchka and won 14-2, again on a run-rule after five innings.

Ramsey went the five innings on the mound, facing 22 batters and allowing six hits, two earned runs and striking out six and walking no one.

Leading the Port St. Joe attack were Lacour and Gardner, who each went 4 for 4. Gardner's hits included her third home run of the season and she drove in seven runs. Pridgeon had two hits, including a double, with Wood, Gref, Christian

Laine, and Kesley Miles each adding two hits.

The next night, the Lady Sharks hosted Franklin County and won 11-0, again in five innings.

Ramsey was the winning pitcher, facing 18 batters and giving up two hits, walking none, while striking out one. Lacour was 3 for 3 for Port St. Joe and Pridgeon had two hits including a double. Laine also had a pair of hits, including a double and Gardner hit her fourth home run.

This past Monday, Port St. Joe hosted Marianna and won 10-1, avenging a defeat from earlier in the season.

Ramsey recorded her 100th strikeout of the year, pitching seven innings and allowing three hits and one earned run while striking out six and walking five.

Lacour was 5 for 5, Pridgeon 4 for 4 and Gardner had two hits.

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

anywhere 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 championship 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.

If you have any items please contact Traci Gaddis at 227-6770 (cell) or 648-5474 (wk) or ggaddis@gtcom.net.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
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Fri, Apr 6	81°	65°	0 %
Sat, Apr 7	75°	54°	0 %
Sun, Apr 8	75°	55°	0 %
Mon, Apr 9	75°	55°	0 %
Tues, Apr 10	75°	55°	0 %
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TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
29	Th	2:38pm 1.4		1:00am -0.1	
30	Fr	3:39pm 1.4		1:36am -0.2	
31	Sa	4:47pm 1.3		2:48am -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

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
29	Th	1:034am 1.0	7:27pm 1.2	2:44am 0.0	2:01pm 1.1
30	Fr	1:147am 1.0	8:28pm 1.2	3:58am 0.1	3:27pm 1.0
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
2	Mo	1:56pm 1.1		7:19am 0.1	7:34pm 0.8
3	Tu	1:247am 1.1	2:20pm 1.1	8:07am 0.2	8:22pm 0.5
4	We	2:04am 1.2	2:41pm 1.1	8:50am 0.3	9:06pm 0.3
5	Th	3:13am 1.2	3:01pm 1.2	9:29am 0.5	9:49pm 0.1
6	Fr	4:17am 1.3	3:23pm 1.3	10:04am 0.7	10:32pm -0.1
7	Sa	5:19am 1.3	3:48pm 1.4	10:38am 0.8	11:18pm -0.2
8	Su	6:21am 1.3	4:17pm 1.5	11:09am 1.0	
9	Mo	7:25am 1.2	4:53pm 1.5	12:08am -0.3	11:41am 1.1
10	Tu	8:34am 1.1	5:34pm 1.5	1:03am -0.3	12:16pm 1.2
11	We	9:47am 1.1	6:23pm 1.4	2:05am -0.2	1:02pm 1.2

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who were both longtime educators in Wewahitchka and still reside there, and Lamar, who also lives in Wewahitchka, and the late Ada Davis.

I attended Port St. Joe Elementary School and graduated from Port St. Joe High School in 1998 as valedictorian. After graduation I received a baseball scholarship to attend the University of West Florida in Pensacola, where I graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor's

degree in Psychology. I attended Barry University School of Law where I received my Law degree in 2005.

After law school I began working for the State Attorney's Office for the 14th Judicial Circuit in the Port St. Joe office. I was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2006 and was sworn in as an Assistant State Attorney. I worked in that capacity until January 2009, when I accepted a position with

the State Attorney's Office for the 2nd Judicial Circuit in Apalachicola where I am currently employed.

During my time with the State Attorney's Office I have had the opportunity to represent the State of Florida in thousands of cases including felonies, misdemeanors and juveniles. I have tried numerous cases, both jury trials and trials before a judge alone. I have come to learn that the cases I handle are not just a set of

facts and pieces of evidence, but are each a unique set of circumstances that greatly impact the lives of the people involved. I have a great deal of experience working with people who are dealing with some of the most difficult times of their lives, both victims and their families, as well as those accused of crimes and their families.

After law school, I chose to come home to Gulf County because I wanted to give something back to the com-

munity that gave me so much growing up. Countless citizens, not only took an interest in my life and where I was going and how I was doing, they actively participated in it and gave of themselves to help me. I want to be your County Judge because I believe that I am the right person at the right time to serve the people of Gulf County in that capacity. I believe that it is time for new leaders to step forward in Gulf

County and be servants of the people.

If elected Judge I promise to be open, accessible, and accountable to the people. I promise to uphold the law and treat every litigant with the dignity and respect that they deserve. I have the strength, courage, and integrity to the right thing, even when it may not be the popular thing. Most of all, I promise to treat every person equally and be a Judge for all of Gulf County.

YEAGER from page A1

and coach in the Port St. Joe Dixie Youth organization. That service continued when he was elected as Gulf County Commissioner in 1992 and served on the Board until 2000. In 2001, then Gov. Jeb Bush appointed Yeager to the Port St. Joe Port Authority and he served in that capacity until 2008 when he was again elected as Gulf County Commissioner District 5. It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Gulf County and with the continued support of the public I would be honored to continue my record of public service.

I am humbled and I appreciate the opportunities the people of Gulf County have given me to serve them. I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together and I will work hard to continue those successes. One of my goals when I was elected in 2008 was to reduce the property tax burden on our citizens and I am proud that in the last three years we have achieved a near 35 percent reduction.

Some of the accomplishments we have achieved together are: Cape San Blas bike path improvements and extensions, sidewalk

repair in Oak Grove, a new fire station on Cape San Blas, Salinas Park Bayside development, Indian Pass boat ramp repairs with a new restroom facility, Odena Landing construction, Stump Hole armoring, widening areas of County Road 30 and others. These projects have happened because of the help of many citizens and the leadership role I have taken to accomplish things that are important to our citizens.

As the incoming chair of the Small County Coalition and the leadership role I have with the Florida Association of Counties, I

have been able to develop relationships with state and federal agencies that have allowed us to find funding for projects we otherwise might not be able to complete. We also work with our state and federal elected officials on legislation that is important to Gulf County. We worked with Rep. Jimmy Patronis to pass the only local bill ever to pass for Gulf County that helped protect private property owners from negative impacts of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection moving the Coastal Construction line on Cape San Blas. We are working with Congressman Steve Southerland on legislation to correct an error by U.S. Fish and Wildlife when they erroneously placed

the Cape and Indian Pass in a Coastal Barrier Resource Act designation. This bill has now been filed and if passed could be the most important federal legislation ever for Gulf County.

While these and other projects have been significant, one of the most important and the one I am most proud, is the collaboration and cooperation of so many that worked together to bring Eastern Shipbuilding to our community with up to 200 jobs in the near future. All parties, Gulf County, the City of Port St. Joe, Port St. Joe Port Authority and the Chamber/EDC, working together is a model for future partnerships in bringing diversification to Gulf County's job market. It is

a model that I was proud to be part of designing and these partners now meet once a month, working together for the betterment of Gulf County.

Another milestone is the Memorandum of Understanding agreement between the Port St. Joe Port Authority and the St. Joe Company outlining a partnership going forward, putting the past behind and working together to develop port operations on properties owned by both entities. Working together we have a bright future here in Gulf County and I am excited for our residents and thank you for the support you have given to me during my tenure and I look forward to our continued efforts to make our County a better place.



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Notice is hereby given that the City of Port St. Joe's Primary Election will be held Tuesday, May 8, 2012, in the Fire Station. Polls open at 7:00 A.M., ET, and close 7:00 P.M., ET.

Registration books are now open at the office of Linda Griffin, Gulf County Supervisor of Elections, and will remain open thru Monday April 9, 2012, at 5:00 P.M., ET.

Candidate qualifying begins Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 12:00 Noon and ends on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Noon. The following offices will be up for election: Commissioner Group III and Commissioner Group IV.

Beginning April 28, 2012 – May 5, 2012, (includes Saturdays of April 28th and May 5th) Early Voting will be held at the Supervisor of Elections office located at 401 Long Avenue from 9:00 A.M., ET to 5:00 P.M., ET. No Sunday voting on April 29, 2012. Also, Absentee Ballots may be requested now but will be mailed after received from printer.

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Salt Air Farmers' Market returns Saturday

Star Staff Report

Spring is in the air along the Forgotten Coast. The Salt Air Farmers' Market begins its fourth year this Saturday, April 7, providing Port St. Joe and surrounding areas fresh produce, home-baked breads, jams, fresh seafood, our local Tupelo Honey and a variety of knickknacks from local artists and craftsmen.

Supported by the Small Farms Program at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and headed by Dr. Jennifer Taylor, the Salt Air Farmers' Market is a true grassroots, community effort. As a result of Taylor's guidance, the Salt Air Market draws both local and regional farmers.

The Salt Air farmers from North Florida and South Georgia bring in seasonal fruits and vegetables. Longtime member, Dorothy and Willard Barnhart of



Barnhart Farms, were recently named the 2011 Jefferson County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

The Barnhart family owns about 162 acres in various parts of Jefferson County and harvests about 50 chemical free acres at a time. Planting from seeds, the family rotates crops according to need. Some of the crops that the Barnharts raise include:

broccoli, collard greens, turnips, tomatoes, carrots, zucchini, squash, various peppers, spinach, Red Russian kale and two types of okra.

B&H Farms of Pelham grows organic tomatoes, eggplant, cucumbers, peppers, squash, greens, lettuce and herbs. B&H also offers home-baked pies and quiche.

At the market, our own Indian

Pass Nursery specializes in native and hard-to-find heirloom tomatoes.

The Salt Air Farmers' Market offers a venue for local artists to show off handcrafted soaps, unique tie dye garments, hand painted glassware, jewelry, shell art and more. Fresh coffee is donated by No Name Café Books and More and is sold along with Lorinda's delicious homemade breads jams and chow-chow.

As a result of the market, City Commons Park downtown Port St. Joe where the market is held, was redesigned and upgraded through city and county funding, community effort, grants and the team at our local Redevelopment Agency. It is now a beautiful and welcoming park, complete with a monument to the paper mill workers of Port St. Joe. The Salt Air Farmers' Market has built a pavilion that has become the focal point of City Commons Park.

To encourage community

involvement, the market offers free tables at every market for the use of local non-profit organizations; PTAs, Softball Teams, Churches, Scouts, etc. are invited to join us at each market.

This year the Salt Air Farmers' Market has partnered with From the Heart of Sopchoppy recording studio will be offering live entertainment by Mimi Hearn at the opening market on April 7. Some portions of the market will be filmed for an episode of "From the Heart Music Hour" to be broadcast on WFSU at a later date.

The Salt Air Farmers' Market is held on the first and third Saturday of every month April through November at the corner of Reid Avenue and State Highway 71 in Port St. Joe from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET. You can also visit the web site at www.saltairmarket.com or follow the Salt Air Farmers' Market on Facebook.

'Cruise in'

to downtown Port St. Joe Friday



By TIM CROFT
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The Port St. Joe Downtown Merchants Committee has a suggestion for this Friday evening: Cruise into downtown and check out the cars.

From 5-8 p.m. ET this Friday — the first Friday of the month, establishing a summer-long cruising strip — the Merchants Committee will host a car show.

The lineup will take place on Second Street between U.S. 98 and Reid Avenue, with the hope that interest from the public and the passion of gear heads will force the expansion of the show further into downtown.

"It is to draw people to downtown and hopefully to the stores and restaurants in the downtown area," said Dana Boyer, chairperson for the first 'Cruise in to Port St. Joe.' "And you meet such a variety of people from all walks of life at one of these car shows."

"(Husband) George and I did a lot of



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research. We went to a lot of shows and that was the most interesting and fun thing to me; the diversity and passion (car owners) have for their cars."

The show will attract everything from muscle cars to antiques, along with what Jim Muldoon of Mexico

Beach called "joke" cars, such as his vintage, incredibly well-kept 1988 Yugo, widely considered by car enthusiasts to have been the Edsel on steroids of its day — a bomb.

See 'CRUISE IN' B5

JSL Easter egg hunt Saturday

Star Staff Report

The Junior Service League of Port St. Joe will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10 a.m. ET Saturday 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 kids 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, FL 32457, jslpsj@gmail.com.



GEORGE A. PATTON: A TRUE FLORIDA SPORTSMAN PART II

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

By BEVERLY MOUNT-DOUDS
Special to The Star

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

This story starts with a letter from George's son, Ned Patton. Ned was in his 90s when he wrote me and told me this story, and these were his words:

Bear Hunting in Port St. Joe

By Ned A. Patton

This story needs an introduction to be believable. My father was George A. Patton Jr. and he was a "bear hunter"

by choice. At age 73 (in 1945), my father related several of his many, many hunting stories to a Mr. Jacobs, a writer for "The Florida Sportsman." Mr. Jacobs' article was published a short time later, and a copy of that issue has survived in our family records. In the article, there are several of my dad's favorite stories. One story includes a "lost" timber wolf, another story is about a big bob cat; both happen to have occurred on the San Blas Peninsula.

In writing the article, Mr. Jacobs wanted to yet another bear story which started on that same peninsula. He says he hopes to

write that story another time. Dad died about three years later. The story apparently was never written.

As I happen to participate in that hunt, I'm going to try and tell this bear story.

I must have been 13 or 14 years old at the time. We were living on a small farm near Port St. Joe, actually on the site of the old City of St. Joseph (now Oak Grove, formerly know as Patton Place.)

From time to time, farmers, dairymen or bee keepers would have a bear or attack their livestock and make off with a pig or calf. Needless to say, this was a

serious lost for the owner.

The likelihood of a repeat visit was high. That was the basis for a message from a pig farmer begging for help. Early next morning, my dad loaded the dogs and me in our pick-up truck and headed for Cape San Blas. Two hunting friends and an extra horse had left earlier on horseback to meet us at the site. It was a hot day in June — probably about 1925.

The bear had a 24 hour head-start and we had no idea where he had gone after stealing the pig. That was for the dogs to find out.

After scouting around for a bit, the dogs and horsemen soon

found the bear heading for the San Blas Peninsula. The narrow sliver of land extends about 15 miles and forms St. Joseph Bay. There are no roads, little vegetation and hot! The chase to catch up with the bear consumed most of the day. The dogs were getting very tired and my dad concluded we must halt at Eagle Pass and plan to come back the next day.

With one hunter prepared to spend the night, he would build several small fires with driftwood to keep the bear from escaping the trap we had him in. The rest

See PIONEERS B5

Know the best ways to water your lawn

As the spring growing season begins, it's important to get a watering program established for your lawn grass. As we all know, water is essential for an attractive, healthy lawn. During the time of year when Florida doesn't receive much rainfall, it's necessary to supplement the water requirement of your lawn grass with an effective watering program.

Florida usually gets a lot of rainfall each year, so it might not seem a lack of water could become a serious problem for your lawn grass. But remember Florida soils are quite sandy, for the

most part, do not hold water very long. Also, during the very hot days of summer, water quickly is lost from the soil. So, to keep your grass lush and green, you need to have some kind of watering program for your lawn.

Basically, the watering program contains three factors: Determining when to water; the amount of water to apply and the method of applying water; we'll consider each of these in some detail.

There are several ways you can tell when your lawn needs water. If you notice spots in the lawn which first look bluish-green in color, and then, turn brown, water

is needed. Another way to tell if the lawn needs water is to see if footprints

remain, in the grass for a long time after the lawn has been walked on. A well-watered lawn can withstand a normal amount of traffic without leaving prints in the grass. Still another way is to take a soil sample from the root zone of the grass. If it feels dry and crumbly, water is needed.

Certain cultural practices tend to go along with a need for water. High temperatures and strong winds will cause

plants to lose water faster than they can absorb it. When your lawn shows signs of needing water, water it immediately. A delay might cause permanent damage to your lawn.

How much water to apply depends on how much water is already present in the soil, and on the soil's ability to hold water. You want to wet the entire root zone, but not saturate the soil.

A general rule for watering your lawn is to apply from one-half to one inch of water which means about 300 to 600 gallons of water for a

thousand square feet of grass. During the winter, you can water about once per week. In the summer, however, the lawn might need water as often as three times a week. Keep in mind this is a general rule. All soils are different, so you might have to adjust these amounts of water for your particular lawn.

To correctly apply water, avoid extremes. Light, frequent waterings are inefficient and produce shallow root systems. Too much water, however, also is harmful to the grass because it keeps the root zone constantly saturated. Roots need air as well as water to function properly.

Too much water decreases their growth. Never allow the water to run at a faster rate than it can be absorbed by the soil. The excess only will run off and be wasted.

The time to water also is important. If possible, try to water your lawn early in the morning. Avoid night watering since this might encourage lawn diseases. Only water during the hottest part of the day when it is necessary to cool the lawn to prevent heat damage.

For more information on watering your lawn, contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200, 229-2909 or visit our website: <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu>.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

MICHIGAN RESIDENT WINS LIGHTHOUSE RAFFLE



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Linda Fisher of Sanford, Mich., is the winner of a raffle for a two-night, three-day stay in the renovated Keepers' Cottage at the Cape San Blas Lighthouse during the Florida Lighthouse Challenge April 21-22. The drawing was held last Friday as Meloney Douds, left, and tour guide Frank Perry did the honors of drawing the winning ticket at the Lighthouse Gift Shop. The Lighthouse Lady, Beverly Mount-Douds, thanks everyone who donated and said to Linda Fisher, "Congratulations, and see you on April 20 for check in."



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Valerie Lovett, Douglas Sale engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Lovett, of Panama City, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Valerie Frances to Douglas Blair Sale, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Julien Sale of Panama City.

The bride-elect is the paternal granddaughter of Mrs. Joel Byron Lovett, of Port St. Joe, and the late Mr. Joel Byron Lovett. She is the maternal granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Dykes Webb, of Chipley.

Her fiancé is the paternal grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas Davis Sale, of Panama City and the maternal grandson of Mrs. James Fuller Holly, of Orlando, and the late Dr. James Fuller Holly.

Ms. Lovett is a graduate of Chipley High School and the University of Florida. She is employed by the Bay County Board of County Commissioners as the public information officer.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Rutherford High School and of Washington and Lee University. He is employed by Landrum Professional as a business development manager. A May wedding is planned.

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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) tomorrow, Good Friday. This event will take place at Veterans Memorial Park in Beacon Hill. Along with fish locally caught, cleaned and fried by our members, there will be baked beans, coleslaw 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 with information regarding joining our Post. Interested veterans can also go to www.legion.org.

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Because of a generous sponsor many of our cats and kittens have had their adoption fees waived. These wonderful pets are free to approved homes.

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.sjhumanesociety.org

Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations.

Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Come by and see our new outside "Catio" enclosure for our great kitties. Faith's Thrift Hut is always in need of donations also, and all the proceeds go directly to support the animals in our care! The hours for the store are Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome at both our store and our shelter! Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!

If you are missing a pet or want to adopt a new pet, please check with your local Humane Society or Shelter.

"Huge Tent Sale" April 13th and 14th at SJBHS Thrift Hut, 10am - 3pm.

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Benefit yard sale Saturday

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Digital photo course at Gulf, Franklin

Star Staff Report

There will be a "Digital Photo Presentation" course offered from 9-11 a.m. EDT on four consecutive Wednesdays, April 11, April 18, April 25 and May 2 at the Gulf/Franklin Campus of Gulf Coast State College.

The fee for the course is \$45. Register at the Gulf/Franklin campus in Port St. Joe prior to the first class, April 11.

Students will experience the benefits of using digital

photos along with the computer in order to share moments in color and with text.

This course will teach how to use Microsoft PowerPoint and bring your photography and photo editing to life. Present memories with captions and bullet-point text to enhance your photography experience. You will be able to create slideshows and digital scrapbook. Team taught, by two of your favorite Education Encore

instructors, Lana Scroggins with her enthusiastic expertise in computers and gadgets and Sue Bull, experienced in photography and photo editing, at Gulf Coast State College. Come learn how to create, edit and share your digital photo slideshows in the world of computing.

For more information contact susanbull@bellsouth.net, lws@mindspring.com, jbarr@gulfcoast.edu or call Jim Barr at 873-3513.

FAMILY NIGHT AT WES BOOK FAIR

Special to The Star

Wewahitchka Elementary School Media Specialist Kim Ludlam hosted a Family Night at the Book Fair on Thursday, March 29. We were happy to welcome children's book author Ronda Friend for a full day of activities with our students and a special presentation for parents that evening. Many parents, grandparents, staff and students enjoyed the night of fun filled reading and wonderful snacks provided by the Wewahitchka Woman's Club.



DAZZLING DOLPHINS



Pre-Kindergarten: Kate Fidler (not pictured); Kindergarten: Landon Lee; First grade: Prince Jones; Second grade: Amari Nickson; Third grade: Clay Fox; Fourth grade: Sara Whitfield; Fifth grade: Cole Haddock (not pictured); and Sixth grade: Lauren Hall. Bus Riders of the Week: Pete Bernal, Alyson Sheppard and Layny Longley.



By Chad Quinn

General Information

• Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 21. The prom theme this year is Viva Las Vegas. The prom will begin at 8 p.m., the Senior Walk will be at 11:30 p.m., and the prom will be over at midnight. This year, several parents are hosting an "After the Prom" party, which will take place in the Centennial Building immediately following the dance.

• Coach Gannon is selling last year's white game jersey for \$40; white-and-purple game jerseys from 2010-2011 for \$20; and white (No Pain No Gain) T-shirts for \$10. See Mrs. Taylor in the school office to purchase one of these.

• 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. ET.

What to bring: Your own kneepads. Water, snacks, volleyballs, etc. will be provided

When: Monday-Thursday, June 4-7, 9 a.m. until noon ET

Friday, June 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET

Fee: \$35

Deadline for Registration:

May 15 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, contact Coach Taylor at 229-8251 or by e-mail at wtaylor@gulf.k12.fl.us (email is the best way to contact me).

• Congratulations to the following cadets who earned recognition for their outstanding work in the Community from the Tupelo Lodge No. 289 Free and Accepted Masons of Florida at the lodge's Salute to America Dinner on March 26:

C/ LeAnna Collins, C/ Javarri Beachum, C/ Ryan Baker, C/ Tyler McGuffin.

- April 9: Holiday - School Closed All Day
- April 10: FCAT Reading Retakes at 8 a.m.
- April 11: FCAT Reading Retakes at noon.
- April 12: FCAT Math retakes at 8 a.m.

Clubs

- April 5: 11:50 a.m., Junior Executive Board Meeting
- April 10: 10:45 a.m., SWAT meeting - Jr High; 11:50 a.m., National Honor Society
- April 11: 2 p.m., SGA Elections- 7th period
- April 12: 11:50 a.m. Junior Executive Board Meeting

Sports

- Spring football begins May 1. You must have a physical before this date and check in with Coach Gannon to get all equipment. You must have a parent consent form signed.
- April 5: 6 p.m., Softball at home vs. Larue County, Ky., (varsity only) Time TBA
- April 6: 7 p.m., baseball, varsity only at Blountstown
- April 10: 7 p.m. - softball at Rutherford (varsity only)
- April 10: 7 p.m. - baseball (varsity only) at home vs. Liberty County

Everyone is invited to our

Easter Service

APRIL 8, 10:30 AM

in the PSJ Elementary School Auditorium

Special music featuring:

Lisa Keels, Ralph Barwick & Austin Clayton

KIDS:

Church in the Gym, special visit from Mr. Hare and ... Egg hunt after the service!

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WWII Songfest set for April 22

A free program of World War II songs will be held Sunday, April 22 at 7 p.m. ET in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church at 1001 Constitution Drive in Port St. Joe. The public is invited to attend.

Trudy Strand, director of the choral group, said that the evening is designed to be a "fun fest" and renew memories of WWII-era songs for those who identify with and/or appreciate them. The audience is invited to sing and dance along if desired.

The program will be presented by members and friends of the church choir. Light refreshments will be served as part of the approximately one-hour program.

The choral group will also perform the program, on another date, for the residents of The Bridge in Port St. Joe.

A Christian's mission

If Jesus is your savior, let's Honor him today. Our mission as a Christian is to show the lost the way.

His mission on earth was to die for us all. Lately He has sent a message or two, but not all are getting His call.

Since His is our mission too, we need to step up the pace.

Let's tell more people about Jesus and His amazing grace.

The way to heaven begins at the front of the cross.

Only the blood of Jesus could ever pay the cost.

Accept His grace today and heaven will be swell.

If you keep turning down His grace, prepare yourself for hell.

Billy Johnson

Easter sunrise service

Special to The Star

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. ET at Frank Pate Park on April 8. This is an ecumenical service sponsored by the Port St. Joe Ministerial Association. The sermon this year will be given by Vicki Summers of Highland View Church of God.

Faith BRIEFS

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 livingwateratthebeach.com/ or contact Pastor Ted Richter at 890-1424.

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Easter: It's the greatest story ever told, and this year at Highland View Assembly of God it comes to life with the Thorn Easter Experience!

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Your family will enjoy a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, free refreshments and an Easter Egg hunt for the kids.

For more information, call 229-7161 and find us on Facebook!

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. Leave items on porch if no one is home.

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

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Wednesday:
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Youth: 6:15 p.m. ET
Choir: 7:00 p.m. ET

Rev. Mac Fulcher
Pastor
Ann Comforter
Music Director
Deborah Tuttle
Director of Children Ministries



living water
church at the beach

April 5th - Maundy Thurs. 7 p.m. - Communion Service
April 6th - Good Friday, 7 p.m. - Tenebrae Service
April 8th, Easter Sunday, 8 a.m. - Sunset Park
9:30 A.M. BREAKFAST ON EASTER SUNDAY
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Bobby Alexander, Minister to Students

New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church

Sunday	Wednesday Night Supper..... 5:00 - 6:15 pm
Sunday School..... 9:00 am	Children's Choir..... 5:45 - 6:10 pm
Worship Service..... 10:30 am	Nursery..... 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Youth Groups..... 5:30 pm	AWANA..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm
	Surrender Student Ministry..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm
	The Unshakable Truth Journey..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm
	Celebration Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 - 7:30 pm
	Prayer Meeting..... 6:30 - 7:30 pm
	"Praise Band"..... 7:30 - 9:00 pm
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Sunday Morning Worship..... 11 a.m. Wednesday Evening Service..... 7 p.m.



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First Baptist Church of Mexico Beach
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Good Friday Service
April 6th at 12 noon,
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Sunday Sunrise Service on the beach
April 8th at 6am,
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Serving free breakfast after Sunrise Service.
More Info Contact
Pastor Eddie @
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613 Madison Street PSJ, FL 32456 (850) 227-1837

Schedule of Worship Services

Sunday
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Morning worship all ages 10:00 AM

Wednesday
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Elective Adult Classes 6:00 PM
Children & Youth Ministry 6:00 PM

Nursery provided for all services

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Port St. Joe, Florida 32456
(850)227-1306

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Evening Service 5:00 & 6:00 p.m.
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of us loaded up and headed home for the night.

After a nights rest, we were up early the next morning to return to the San Blas Peninsula and catch our trapped bear. Suddenly, the phone rang and someone informed us a bear had just been seen to swimming ashore in downtown Port St. Joe. That is an eight mile swim for a tired bear, but he did it.

Thus began a bear hunt in the city of Port St. Joe.

The bear's trip to the nearby swamp behind the city was well observed, and we soon had the dogs on his fresh trail. Within a short time, about half the people in the town had joined the hunt.

There were two roads which crosses the swamp area. The bear and the dogs were between the two crossings. The spectators collected at these roads to get a good look at the bear when he tired to escape. Some were intent on shooting the bear. There were all kinds of weapons in evidence and there was concern that someone other than the bear might get hurt. However, the bear was too smart to leave the heavy cover of the swamp. He, with the dogs in hot pursuit, circled back and forth between the road crossings for an hour or two. Nobody got a glimpse of the bear. But it was exciting to see the bushes shaking and know the

bear was that close.

Finally, the bear gave up the chase and climbed a tree to escape the dogs. My Dad soon joined the dogs and used his trusty 30-30 rifle to end his crime career.

There were plenty of volunteers to get the bear out of the swamp and put it on display at the downtown drug store (Smith's Drug Store). Everybody had a close up look and many had their picture taken standing next to him. The dogs and us "bear hunters" were very glad it was over. None of us have forgotten, and still sort of admire, the "bear that swam the Bay."



COURTESY OF FLORIDA STATE ARCHIVES

George Patton at left during a fishing trip.

Next week, in my last story of the Pattons I'll tell you all about Mrs. Edna Patton, who

contributed her energies and talents in the garden club and the beautification of our fair city.

Obituaries

Pearl Foster

Pearl Foster, 72, of Wewahitchka, passed away Thursday, March 29, 2012, at the home of her youngest daughter in Niceville, Fla. She was born July 25, 1939, to Cecil and Sallie Glass in Wewahitchka, Fla., where she lived all of her life. Pearl was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. "Charlie" Foster; parents, Cecil and Sallie Glass; sisters Sallie Mae Werden and Ina Culpan; brothers, Preacher Glass, Kenneth Glass, Junior Glass and Johnny Glass.

She is survived by her five children, Shelia Scott (husband Charles) of Panama City, Fla., Mike Chumney (wife Linda Jo) of Wewahitchka, Fla.,

Cecil Chumney of Panama City, Fla., Tina Chumney of Wewahitchka, Fla., and Rhonda Faulk (husband Greg) of Niceville, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Donna Roberts (husband David) of Wewahitchka, Fla. and Rannie Tucker (husband Dannie) of Amelia Island, Fla.; three sisters, Louise Keith, Kathryn Oliver and Betty Ruth Williams all of Wewahitchka, Fla.; two brothers, Joe Glass (wife Marlece) of Colorado Springs, Colo., and James Glass (wife Doris) of Blountstown, Fla.; 14 grandchildren, Melissa Dickens, Kayla Bailey (husband Chad), Shanell Chumney, Cameron Jones, Shannon

Jones, Faith Jones, Austin Chumney, Sean Roberts and Chad Roberts, all of Wewahitchka, Fla., and Donald Dickens and Maleah Scott of Panama City, Fla., Kavan Faulk and Joey Faulk of Niceville, Fla., and Sherry Pippin of Georgia; two great-grandchildren, Ashlyn Ake and Cole Bailey, both of Wewahitchka, Fla.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 31, at First Pentecostal Church of Wewahitchka at 10 a.m. Burial followed in Robert's Cemetery.

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

Ruth Lowery

husband of 37 years, Bradley Thomas Lowery Sr. She retired from Bay St. Joseph Rehabilitation Center after 10 years of service.

Mother Lowery was a good and faithful member and servant of the Port St. Joe Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Elder O. T. Stallworth and presently, Superintendent David Woods Jr.

Waiting for her at the portals of Heaven are her husband, Bradley T. Lowery Sr.; three of her dear children, Michael Lowery, Linda Gail Myers and Bradley T. Lowery Jr.; and parents, Elder Shephard and Laura Skanes.

Mother Ruth Skanes Lowery leaves precious memories with her loving family; devoted daughters, Carolyn Horne

(Clarence) of Titusville, Fla., Gwendolyn Lowery of Port St. Joe, Sandra Bryant (Robert) and Elaine Lowery of Orlando; also cherishing her memories are a godson, Henry Hogue of Port St. Joe; a sister, Betty Hudson of San Diego, Calif.; a brother, William Ralph Skanes (Josie) of Birmingham, Ala.; 25 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, a very special nephew/son, Pastor Robert Lowery Jr.; and many more relatives and friends, especially life-long friends, Mother Annie Stallworth and Mother Rita Stephens.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee (Psalm 116:7).

All services are under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home.

John Schweizer

John "Jack" Russell Schweizer, 80, of Port St. Joe, Fla., passed away at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay. Mr. Schweizer was born in St. Paul, Minn., on July 17, 1931, to the late Myron and Louise Schweizer.

He is survived by his spouse, Peggy, whom he married Oct. 16, 1954. Also surviving are his children, Stephanie Brokamp of Findlay, Ohio, and David Schweizer of Tampa, Fla.; grandchildren Nicholas (Molly) Coale of Upper Arlington, Ohio; Lucas Coale, and Mitchell Coale; Katie (Tom) Martin of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Steve (Erika and Evan) Brokamp of Findlay; great-granddaughter Alexandria



JOHN SCHWEIZER

Coale (Nick & Molly) of Upper Arlington, Ohio; surviving siblings are brother, Al Schweizer (Kris) of St. Paul, Minn. and sister, Mary Lou Miner (Jim) of Northfield, Minn. John also has two surviving sisters-in-law, Julie Schweizer and Joanne Schweizer. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

John proudly served in the United States Air Force as a pilot from 1951-1971. He received numerous awards and decorations, including multiple Air Medals with oak leaf clusters and two Distinguished Flying Crosses with Oak Leaf Clusters. Upon his retirement from the Air Force, he had a successful career in the telecommunications

industry, retiring in 1991 as President of American Paging, Inc. John also served as an international consultant in the industry until 1999.

A memorial service was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 750 Bright Road, in Findlay, Ohio, on Friday, March 30, along with a Military Honors ceremony. The Schweizer family wishes to acknowledge and thank the doctors and nurses who cared for John at Blanchard Valley Hospital. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Wounded Warrior Project c/o Southwest Caging, 5342 N.W. 25th St., Topeka, KS 66616 or woundedwarriorproject.org. Online condolences to the family may be made via www.kirkpatrickbehnke.com.

Lisa Robertson Williams Turman

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 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.

A memorial service was on St. Joe Beach on Saturday, March 31 at 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.

'CRUISE IN' from page B1

Muldoon was among the local aficionados who provided fuel for the concept from the Merchants Committee and Boyer.

Boyer noted that there are many passionate car lovers in the area and rather than take their precious machines over to Panama City or some other destination for the nearest car show, a short trip to Port St. Joe to share the passion was sufficient.

There is a fraternal feel when the gear heads come to town.

"To come over this way is neat," Muldoon said, Boyer adding that "local drivers were all eager to help and chip in."

The aim for downtown merchants is a chance to draw those who might not have visited downtown recently, but also to raise awareness of the offerings in downtown.

"Just listening to these guys, I never met a guy who didn't love cars," said Darren McDaniels of Steamers and the

Downtown Merchants Committee. "It's a great draw. Whether you are talking about a 16-year-old or an 85-year-old, there is that commonality."

"Folks that don't normally come to downtown will come for something like this."

As if speaking about stray cats, Bob Faliski, a glint in his eyes, said his fleet of nearly a dozen automobiles have, "just kind of followed me home, they just turned up."

Raised on a farm, Faliski had to learn to handle machinery and drive at an early age, or else hear about it, in strong terms, from his father.

He and his wife, Jean, have been collecting throughout their long marriage and Bob flinched when asked about giving up any of his strays that followed him home.

The Faliskis cars range from a 1929 Ford Model A to a 1955 Chevy to the last model year for the Buick Riviera, 1999, a model which had just

2,000 roll off the assembly line.

"I still work on 'em, but as you get older its gets tougher to get down there under them," Faliski said. "(Collecting cars) is a part of history for one thing. It's like collecting stamps only with cars it's more money and more work."

Faliski also bemoaned the modern cars, which, for him, literally pale in comparison to the cars of the 1950's and '60s.

"Those were happy cars," Faliski said. "Those were bright and they were happy. Today it is as if the car makers have a monopoly on all the gray paint in the world. Cars are so drab now."

Muldoon said he got the car bug as a teenage and it has never left him. Though he has winnowed a once larger collection to three, including the white clean-as-a-whistle Yugo, he remains bitten.

"They're nice to play with, fun to have," Muldoon said. "And they are good garage furniture."

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LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100

86707 PUBLIC NOTICE
 Gulf County BOCC/ Tourist Development Council
 Request for Proposals/ RFP # 1112-14

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners/ Tourist Development Council will receive proposals from any qualified person, company, or corporation interested in providing the following:

TV PRODUCTION

Gulf County BOCC/ Tourism Development Council is accepting proposals to produce a new TV ad campaign to consist of 1) spot and 1) donut TV brand to promote the area on networks including, but not limited to: Panama City, FL, Tallahassee, FL, Nashville, TN, and Atlanta, GA. Gulf County TDC is looking for regional firms which could assist in the creative concept, script development, filming, editing and final production of 1) Brand Spot and 1) Donut Spot, both :30 seconds in length.

Please place YOUR COMPANY NAME, SEALED BID, and the BID NUMBER on the outside of your envelope, and provide three copies of your proposal.

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100

2012 - 04
 Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009
 R.E. No. 03801-053R

Bids must be submitted to, and specifications may be obtained from, 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 Friday, April 13, 2012. Bids will be opened at this same location on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., E.T. Specifications may also be viewed at www.gulfcounty-fl.gov.

Any questions concerning this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than 11:00 am EST, on April 9, 2012 and should be directed to Kellee Novak, Assistant Director at kellee@visitgulfc.com and a copy of your correspondence to ksummers@gulfcclerk.com.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
 /s/ William C. Williams, III, Chairman

Attest:
 /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk
 April 5, 2012

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 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.

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100

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" Integras Rehabilitation Phase II, a Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 2, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida (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 Degrees 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

(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

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100

Second 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; 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 Degrees 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.

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
 March 22, 29, April, 5, 12, 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 Kneer 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

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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, April 25th day of April, 2012.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2012

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

/s/ William C. Williams, III, Chairman
 March 29, April 5, 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, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, 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 re-

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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
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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

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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, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants.

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maining 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, P.A.
 350 Jim Moran Blvd.
 Suite 100
 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
 (954) 354-3544
 (954) 354-3545

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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Certificate No. 1400
 Application No. 2012 - 03
 Year of Issuance: 2009
 R.E. No. 06274-275R
 Description of Property: L o t

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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

**86765S
NOTICE OF
APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jerry M. Pybus Family Trust, the holder of the following Tax Certificate, has filed said Tax Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number:
510
Date of Issuance:
May 27, 2009

Application No:
2012-06
R.E. No. 02684-038R

Description of Property:
Lot H, Sunnywood Estates Unit 2, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 17, of the Official Records of Gulf County, Florida, on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court. (SAID LOT AS SHOWN NOT INCLUDED IN PLAT).

Name in which assessed:
Mary Ann Jamerson

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 9th day of May, 2012.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF

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THE CIRCUIT COURT
GULF COUNTY,
FLORIDA

BY: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012

**86769S
NOTICE OF
APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED**

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Certificate Number:
244
Date of Issuance:
May 27, 2009

Application No:
2012-05
R.E. No. 01517-033R

Description of Property:
COMMENCE at a St. Joe Paper Company Concrete Monument marking the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, thence North 89 Degrees 29 Minutes 37 Seconds West along the North boundary line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 3, 1149.76 feet to a found 1/2" diameter iron rod and cap, stamped L.B. 6596 on the Westerly right of way boundary line of North Dianna Street (a County maintained road having a 60 foot wide right of way); thence departing the North boundary line of said Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, South 03 Degrees 11 Minutes 12 Seconds West along the Westerly right of way boundary line of North Dianna Street, 204.49 feet to a found 1/2" diameter iron rod and cap, stamped L.B. 0732; thence departing said Westerly right of way boundary line, North 85 Degrees 29 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 116.74 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron rod and cap, stamped L.B. 7556 for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 85 Degrees 29 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 180.00 feet to a found 1/2" diameter iron rod and cap, stamped L.B. 7556; thence North 04 Degrees 12 Minutes 12 Seconds East, 115.00 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron rod and cap, stamped L.B. 7556; thence South 89 Degrees 29 Minutes 37 Seconds East, 180.37 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron rod and cap, stamped L.B. 7556; thence South 04 Degrees 12 Minutes 12 Seconds West 124.61 feet to the POINT OF

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west Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence North 89 Degrees 29 Minutes 37 Seconds West along the North boundary line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 3, 1149.76 feet to a found 1/2" diameter

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West along the Westerly right of way boundary line of North Dianna Street, 68.83 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue South 03 Degrees 11 Minutes 12 Seconds West along said Westerly right of way boundary line, 20.02 feet; thence departing said Westerly

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right of way boundary line, North 89 Degrees 29 Minutes 37 Seconds West, 114.93 feet; thence North 04 Degrees 12 Minutes 12 Seconds East 20.04 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 29 Minutes 37 Seconds East, 114.58 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Name in which as-

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essed:
Vicki Carol Beatty
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Dated this 3rd day of April, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012

**86767S
NOTICE OF
APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED**

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Certificate Number:
580
Date of Issuance:
May 27, 2009

Application No:
2012-07
R.E. No. 03083-400R

Description of Property:
Lot 40, Palm Breeze Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 46, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida

Name in which assessed:
Charlotte M. (Rouse) Seabrooks

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 9th day of May, 2012.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF
THE CIRCUIT COURT
GULF COUNTY,
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BY: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012

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