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U.S. House OKs 2 fishing measures

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The U.S. House of Representatives last week approved an amendment from Congressman Steve Southerland that would prohibit federal funding for expansion of so-called "catch shares" in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic fisheries during the

coming fiscal year.

Southerland's amendment to the Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations act was approved by a 220-191 margin. The appropriations bill must still be approved by the U.S. Senate.

"This is a small victory for recreational and commercial fishermen, and coastal communities," said Chip Blackburn, who captains the charter boat Miss Mary

out of Mexico Beach. "Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent to try and implement an agenda.

"What is it going to take to wake people up? Congressman Southerland has made himself a target doing the right thing for his district and they have made him a number one target for destruction."

In addition, the House also

passed an amendment to the same budget bill, sponsored by Congressman Bill Flores (R-Texas), that prohibits federal funding to be used to implement a presidential executive order that created the National Ocean Policy in 2010, which includes the "catch share" or Limited Access Privilege Programs in the Gulf and Atlantic fisheries.

In July 2010, President Barack

Obama signed an executive order to implement a new National Ocean Policy, which includes a mandatory Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning initiative to "zone" the oceans.

"It is imperative that we first understand the effects this policy will have on jobs as well as the vast coastal and inland economies,"

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Sheriff's Office, FDLE eye conduct of Mexico Beach Police Department

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The Bay County Sheriff's Office and Florida Department of Law Enforcement are looking into allegations involving the Mexico Beach Police Department, the city administrator said at Tuesday night's City Commission meeting.

City Administrator Chris Hubbard said the investigation by the Sheriff's Office is based on allegations involving one officer in the department, and the FDLE inquiry is "based on several allegations that encompass several individuals to determine whether or not criminal charges need to be filed."

Mexico Beach Mayor Al Cathey called for an internal investigation of the Police Department, based on the series of allegations and investigations involving members of the department.

Cathey said the internal investigation, which would be performed by the Sheriff's Office, cannot become active until current investigations are completed.

The specific nature of what is being investigated was not discussed.

"Once these allegations, charges or investigations have proven whatever they're going to prove, (I suggest) that we give (Hubbard) the authority to move forward with an internal investigation of our department," Cathey said.

Cathey requested the commission give Hubbard permission to send a written letter to the Sheriff's Office noting that they have discussed the issue and agree that an internal investigation is an appropriate "next step" for the department.

The commissioners did not make a formal motion, but did agree that an internal investigation of the department should be conducted.

"We aren't privy to the nuts and bolts of this thing, but we are aware there have been allegations and investigations being (conducted)," Cathey said. "We have some things that need to be corrected.

"In my opinion, we cannot continue to sit back without knowing about whatever is going on. There's too many allegations being made to not understand it."



WARRIOR WELCOME

Wounded Warrior event coming to area this month

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They get it in Gulf County.

Marine Staff Sgt. Glen Silva has been contacted and involved in a host of the 14,000 non-profit organizations that have been established around the country to assist soldiers wounded in combat during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Silva spent two tours in Iraq before a tour in Afghanistan was shattered on Oct. 12, 2010, when he lost his leg in an explosion.

Silva, who spent months in Walter Reed Hospital and remains based in Bethesda, MD, said that those non-profits across the

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WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

The community will have two special opportunities to shout a thank you and wave a flag for the soldiers attending this year's Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Weekend. At 5:30 p.m. ET May 31, a motorcade with the soldiers will travel from WindMark Beach to the Centennial Building. Folks are encouraged to line U.S. Highway 98, First Street, Reid Avenue and Long Avenue to welcome the soldiers. The motorcade should be at U.S. 98 and First Street about 5:40-5:45 p.m. and arrive at the Centennial Building between 5:45 and 5:55 p.m.

At 7 a.m. ET the next day, there will be a send off at the Port St. Joe Marina for the Shootout fishing trip and weigh-ins are at the marina beginning about 1 p.m.

Also, Forgotten Coast Warrior Weekend T-shirts are available for \$10. They can be purchased at Harold's Auto Parts in Wewahitchka and Bluewater Outrigger in Port St. Joe. 100 percent of all T-shirt proceeds go toward funding the event.

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The Patriot Riders will be on hand to escort the Wounded Warriors to the Centennial Building on Thursday evening and to the Port St. Joe Marina for a day of Fishing on Friday of Wounded Warrior Weekend.

Marshals capture federal fugitive in Jackson County

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JOHN BURT

A federal fugitive wanted in North Carolina was arrested last Friday afternoon in Jackson County by U.S. Marshals.

John Douglas Burt, 37, was wanted by the U.S. Marshal's Service in connection with 12 counts of burglary in North Carolina.

Burt had been staying at an Oak Grove address until U.S. Marshals arrived May 4 to arrest him. He eluded capture at that time, though his wife, Shannon Goff Woolwine, 34, was arrested on the same North Carolina charges.

Burt and Woolwine were in Oak Grove staying with long-lost relatives living on Maddox Street, Gulf County Sheriff

Joe Nugent said. He said the family tree involved an adoption and siblings separated early in life and reunited.

The relatives in Oak Grove were unaware of the legal problems for Burt and Woolwine, and nobody locally was charged, Nugent said.

After he escaped capture on May 4, U.S. Marshals continued to try to pick up Burt's trail and were able to locate Burt and his mother camping at Three Rivers

State Park near Sneads in Jackson County, said a spokesman for the U.S. Marshal's Service.

Burt was arrested without incident, the spokesman added.

Burt had his first appearance Saturday before Judge Tim McFarland and was ordered held without bond pending extradition proceedings to North Carolina.

Burt is being held in the Jackson County Jail. Woolwine remains in the Gulf County Jail while awaiting extradition to North Carolina.

McLemore seeks reelection to District 1 BOCC seat

Special to The Star

Carmen McLemore has announced his intent to seek reelection for the District 1 Seat of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

"Elected to office in 2000, I have diligently served the people of Gulf County as the county commissioner of District 1," McLemore said. "I have devoted these years working to improve the County and believe that government should do all that it can to help the 'working man' and not cater to special interest groups.



CARMEN McLEMORE

"I am asking for your support and your vote to re-elect me as the county commissioner of District 1 so that I can continue to ensure that this is a government for the people. I have a reputation of always returning telephone calls and messages, and for getting

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Beauchamp announces bid for supervisor of elections

Special to The Star

Brittany Alford Beauchamp announced this week her candidacy for supervisor of elections. Beauchamp is a lifelong resident of Gulf County, growing up in Howard Creek. She and her husband, Adam, live in Wewahitchka



BRITTANY BEAUCHAMP

with their two daughters, Zora and Baylee. Beauchamp is the daughter of Jimmy and Debbie Alford of Howard Creek.

Beauchamp is a registered nurse, working the past 3½ years at Gulf County Health Department. Because of the Hatch Act, she was required to leave her

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country were likely begun with good intentions, but many have fallen off the rails.

"Being injured and seeing how they interact with the wounded soldiers, you can tell that for some of these non-profits it is about themselves, about getting their pictures taken, the media is involved," Silva said. "The soldiers become, almost, like props."

"There are very few I would advocate for. I could count on one hand the ones I would endorse."

With one of the first fingers, Silva would spotlight the Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Weekend, which arrives for the third consecutive year May 30 through June 2. Silva was an attendee last year.

"What (primary organizer) Brenda (Garth) has going down there, they get it," Silva said. "When we went down there we were wide-eyed and didn't know what to expect. When we left, it was a sense of family. You feel like family."

"There is no pressure. You do what you want and if you don't want to do some of the activities that are organized, that is



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Air Force Staff Sgt. Dave Flowers shows off the redfish he snagged during the Wounded Warrior Shootout last year. Flowers said the day of fishing was the highlight of the weekend.

okay. It is very low-key, very low-impact. There is no media around. They aren't trying to make a name for themselves, 'Hey look what I did.' They just get it. They understand."

Silva noted he and his fellow Wounded Warriors from last year remain in contact, emailing and calling each other frequently. Silva, an 18-year veteran, calls Garth on Mother's Day and talks to her at least once a week.

Silva, a guest speaker for the Semper Fi Sisters during their annual retreat last fall, has also assisted Garth with advice and guidance for working through the military red tape and assisting other families and soldiers.

Garth has asked Silva to return this year to be a mentor to Wounded Warriors this year.

"If we as service members can't help each other we can't expect

others to provide all the help," Silva said. "It's all about networking and doing it for the right reason."

The Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Weekend expands its reach this year. The number of warriors that will attend is double the prior two years, to 20, including nine from the U.S. Army, six Marines, four from the U.S. Air Force and one from the U.S. Navy.

In addition to Silva, three others who have attended previous Wounded Warrior Weekends in Gulf County will return as mentors to other wounded soldiers.

"Warrior to warrior conversations they can initiate in private and no one knows what they have been through unless they've been in their shoes," Garth said. "It works that way for spouses, too. They face different challenges than somebody whose spouse has not been injured."

The community has come out to support the effort of the Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Foundation, a non-profit entirely volunteer organization that sponsors the Warrior Weekend each year.

Businesses and

individuals have chipped in with donations from \$25 to \$5,000. The soldiers and their caretakers will be housed at WindMark Beach at a discounted rate. The VFW Post 10069 and the Post's Lady Auxiliary have provided financial and logistical support.

And 20 boat captains have offered up their boats, fuel and gear for a day for the Wounded Warrior Offshore Shootout, which will take place June 1.

The formal dinner will take place the night before at the Centennial Building in Port St. Joe with Brig. Gen. William Wolfe the keynote speaker.

"This isn't our event, this is the community's event," Garth said. "All the people in this community involved. I'm amazed by the goodwill here and around the county."

"The focus is on honoring American heroes. That's what it is all about."

Those heroes noticed. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dave Flowers attended last year's event with his wife, still recovering from serious wounds to both legs and a forearm.

Flowers particularly enjoyed the fishing, being snapped in a photo last

year holding up two giant red fish he had lured during the Shootout.

"(The weekend) was such a great experience for my wife and me," Flowers said in an email. "From the time we arrived, the smiling faces of all the volunteers and people of the town were there welcoming us. Everyone really had appreciation in their hearts and it showed in all of the amazing events thrown in our honor."

"Of course for me, the best part was the fishing. It was really great to be able to slow down and enjoy such a quaint little town and be surrounded by people who genuinely care for you. Port St Joe really knows how to roll out the welcome mat."

That welcome mat, Garth, a Marine mom, noted, is simply a small way to give back to those who have given so much.

"A combat warrior is a combat warrior and maybe this is a small little window in which we can make a connection," Garth said. "It's my way of giving back to the men and women who serve our country. It's just one small way."

One Glen Silva heartily endorses.



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Colbert stepping down as property appraiser

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Kesley Colbert received an offer he could not refuse.

On May 9, he decided to accept.

Colbert announced this week he will not seek re-election as Gulf County property appraiser and will retire.

The reasons can be counted in fives, as in the number of grandchildren Colbert's sons say need their grandfather.

"I had no plans to retire," Colbert said. "I meant every word when I said I was going to run again. Part of signing up to run again was going to work every day since I was 9 years old.

"But I was also thinking about getting up in the morn-

ing and having nothing to do. That is an unknown to me. Every day will be a clean slate. I can paint a new picture every day. I don't have any specific plans. But I've got five grandchildren and I'm sure we'll figure it out together."

Colbert's path to retirement — with 28 years in office, Colbert is the longest-tenured elected official in the county — was carved by his sons in late April shortly after Colbert told them he had filed his petitions to kick start his re-election campaign.

"The No. 1 reason I am retiring, no doubt, are my sons," Colbert said of Josh and Jessie. "They double-teamed me. They both said, in separate conversations, 'Daddy, you are crazy. Daddy you are nuts.' They are the greatest

joys of my life, and they were pretty adamant that I needed to spend more time with them and the grandkids.

"They honored me by asking that I not run again. They felt that I had worked long enough. Somehow, this past week, it made sense to me."

Not that it came easy. Colbert said he wrestled with what to do for nearly two weeks.

There were factors beyond his sons and grandkids. He remembered his father, who had a third-grade education, working hard all his life while telling his sons about the "rocking chair money" he had socked away for retirement. His father retired in an October, was diagnosed with cancer in March and would not see another full year.

"Life is too short," Colbert said. "That played a part."

Colbert also had a conversation in his office about his angst with another candidate for county office this year: The candidate told him to do what would make Kesley Colbert happy.

"All those things played a part in it, but my sons were the biggest factor," Colbert said. "I said a long time ago I didn't want to be 70 years old and hunched behind a desk at the courthouse. Well, in four more years, guess what? I'll be 70 years old.

"And in my heart I didn't

want people to vote for me and then I decide to quit in two or three years. I don't like somebody who does that. The bottom line is I don't think my heart was in it for four more years, and I think I did the right thing."

Colbert spent 12 years as a teacher and coach with Gulf County Schools before being elected as property appraiser in 1984. He also owned and managed the Gulf County Abstract Co.

"I certainly do appreciate all the years the wonderful folks of Gulf County have allowed me to serve them,"

Colbert said. "I never went to work one day that I was not fully aware of the trust and responsibility I owed to them. I tried to the best of my ability to show up early and work hard on their behalf.

"I will miss the constitutional officers I have had the pleasure to work with over the years. They have been great and I will miss them. I'll regret not seeing the kind folks of Gulf County I saw every day. I'm not dying, so I hope I'll still see them, but I will miss seeing all the great folks I got to meet every day in our office."

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position with GCHD in order to run for public office. Before becoming a nurse, she was employed with Gulf County Supervisor of Elections under Linda Griffin. She started working for the SOE in 2002 at the age of 16 and continued until 18 years of age. She went back to work for the Elections Office in October 2005 and continued in that position until January 2009, when she began working full time as an RN at GCHD.

Beauchamp had many duties while employed with the Elections Office. She assisted voters in all aspects of voter registration, including new registrations, party changes, address changes and name changes. She was employed with the elections office when a statewide voter registration system was implemented, which assisted with less duplicate registrations within the state and made moving from one county to another within the state easier for the registered voter. She assisted with voter registration drives throughout the county and also conducted high school elections in Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe.

Beauchamp also helped with candidate qualification, ensuring each candidate received the correct paperwork, verifying petitions and making sure that all paper work was correct and turned in on time. She also provided the candidates with voter information and public records request.

Beauchamp helped to create poll worker training activities, helped to conduct poll worker training, both in the classroom and hands-on with the machines, and recruited new poll workers. She also had specialized training with the computer programs which are used to tally election totals at the end of each election. Beauchamp worked closely with the Canvassing Board, to review absentee ballots and provisional ballots, and determine their acceptance according to Florida Statutes. Once the results were in for the night, she also was responsible for uploading the election data to the Division of Elections in Tallahassee.

Beauchamp also maintained elections equipment and assisted with scheduled maintenance. She assisted with Logic and Accuracy testing on the paper ballot machines and conducted Logic and Accuracy testing on the electronic ballot machines.

"I really enjoyed my time with the Elections Office, and look forward to the possibility of working there again," Beauchamp said. "I love being able to assist the voters of Gulf County and encourage people to make their voices heard."

Beauchamp she said welcomes the opportunity to answer any questions. You may call her at 639-2245 or email brittanybeauchamp@fairpoint.net.

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the job done. I have included some of my accomplishments over the years."

Some of McLemore's votes, actions and duties in his years as commissioner include: Voted against selling the Road Department building in Wewahitchka, voted against constructing a new public works facility in Port St. Joe, voted against turning off streetlights, secured 200 acres in Honeyville for affordable housing, secured 80 acres at Wetappo Creek for a future landfill, secured funding for miles of road paving in District 1, built storm shelter in Honeyville, started the Search and Rescue program in North Gulf County, implemented the Commodity Food Program for the past 10 years, secured funding for new fire trucks for fire departments, secured additional mosquito spraying when necessary, reduced the County budget by 35 percent, maintained all dirt roads, initiated golf cart communities, maintained cemeteries, maintain roadside pick-up, maintain drainage ditches, helped organize and assisted with rabies clinic at Honeyville, support the Humane Society, organize the Kid's Fishing Rodeo each year, help raise funds for many organizations by holding cookouts, secured grant funds for Gaskin Park and Land's Landing, assisted with construction of Donnie Wayne Brake Park in Highland View, assisted with renovation of the White City Boat Ramp and Park, built Honeyville Park, Soccer Field and Girls' Softball Field, Maintain Willis Landing.

McLemore said he would like to thank the community for its past support. If you have any questions or concerns, call him at 850-639-3373.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has scheduled a Public Information meeting regarding State Road (S.R.) 30A from S.R. 30E (Cape San Blas Road) to S.R. 30 (U.S. 98) Gulf County, Florida. Financial Project Identification Number: 423064-1-52-01

Thursday, May 17, 2012

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. EDT

St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve
3915 S.R. 30A,
Port St. Joe, Florida

This public information meeting is being held to afford interested persons an opportunity to preview the proposed improvements and ask questions concerning this project. There will be no formal presentation. Maps, drawings and other information will be available for review. FDOT representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the Department's General Consultant Project Manager, Sandra Lamb, (850)638-2288 or via email at Sandra.Lamb@atkinsglobal.com at least seven day prior to the meeting. For additional project information, please contact Ian Satter, FDOT District 3 Public Information Director at (888) 638-0250 extension 205 or via email ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us.

92.5, The Big Dog

I was studying the nutritional information on the back of a bag of Southern BBQ Pork Rinds, while sitting in my chair in the den. I was amazed that there were only 80 calories per serving — that's good isn't it? The serving size was 10 pieces, so I was careful to pick out the biggest pork rinds I could find in the bag.

I had another serving, finding 10 more large pork rinds that had been baptized in powdered barbecue sauce. They are actually very good. They may look a little like Styrofoam, but they are tasty and have some nutritional value according to folks who make, sell and eat them.

One website that studies such things, notes, "When consumed in moderation, pork rinds do make satisfying snacks despite their insubstantial appearance."

As I read the label and picked through the bag to get the most for my serving size, my Standard Poodle, Doolittle, sat at attention right in front of me.

We were alone, man and dog.

Doolittle would hold his nose in the air every once in a while in order to get a good whiff of the Southern BBQ Pork Rinds I was pulling out of the bag, studying and then eating.

My dog was giving me the "Poor, Pitiful, Please give me a Pork Rind" look. I think he was even pooching his bottom lip out a little.

It was only the day before, that Doolittle had devoured a dollar package of crème-filled sandwich cookies (Sunday school knockoffs of Oreos). If the pantry door is open, Doolittle goes shopping. This has been getting us in a lot of trouble. He likes cereal, uncooked pasta, crackers and whatever else looks appealing to him. There was a can of coffee on the den floor when I got home recently; he didn't seem to like that very much. That might be a first.

Between raiding the trash can, the pantry, the counters and the laundry bin, Doolittle is out of control.

This was as good a time, as any, to discuss this with him.

Doolittle had recently been to the veterinarian, I had his "Pet Health Report Card" handy for this conversation.

As I read the client information, we were also discussing the price of his health care.

Patient Name: Doolittle

Species: Canine

Breed: Poodle, Standard

Birthdate: 3/30/2007

Weight: 92.5 pounds

I question Doolittle on the weight, "92.5?" Then I told him, "That sounds like a radio station, 92.5, The Big Dog, WDOG." I said it in my best radio voice.

Doolittle looked at me as if to ask, "What's your point?"

Scanning his report card, under the "Appearance" section, it said "Abnormal," referring to his weight. He is kind of abnormal; he reminds you of Eeyore (from Winnie the Pooh) more than a dog. Their evaluation revealed that he is heavier than what the folks at the animal clinic considered to be

"best."

Then, Doolittle and I discussed his eating habits, counter surfing, trash can addiction and exercise habits. I told him, "You could at least pretend to chase some of the rabbits and deer in the yard, rather than just sit there and watch them."

He said nothing.



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His "Body Condition Score" was 6/9, "Overweight." Concerned and not knowing if we were shooting for a "1" or a "9," I looked it up. "4-5" is considered "Ideal." I now

understood we were actually shooting for the middle of the range. We both were feeling better about his report card. A "6" is actually "One better than Ideal." That would have sounded better than "Overweight."

After glancing through the sections where he was considered "Normal," I got to the end and found the part where they say he's smart and what they recommend. Here is my shortened version.

He's handsome. (Of course!)

He's gained weight. (We will concede this.)

We need to work hard at getting him to lose weight. (Define "We.")

Go on walks with him. (He needs to chase the rabbits. Maybe this was directed at my condition.)

Decrease the food offered. (Everything is food to him.)

Needs dental cleaning. (Agreed, but I bet it's a big money maker for you.)

Keep all laundry off the floor in hampers with lids.

(The trash can cabinet has two baby locks on it and he does not find it challenging. His sister pushes in one side, while he pushes in the other. It is quite amazing. The trash can is now on top of the refrigerator. He recently pushed a stool up to the refrigerator, but decided it was too much effort to jump on it. If he wants to eat a sock, he will open a drawer.)

"If you see him eat something, let us know immediately." (We have a spare bedroom in the basement, just come and stay. He will eat something. Trust me.)

Consider pet insurance. (Another money maker for you. Make no mistake; I love my big dog, all 92.5 pounds of him. I will not buy health insurance for my dog.)

He is a fun boy! (First you call him "Fat," now you call him "Fun." Maybe there is a correlation.)

We decided that we were going to be OK. I looked at him and decided that an abnormal dog deserved at least one satisfying snack, due to the insubstantial appearance of pork rinds. Abnormal seems to go with insubstantial.

I gave Doolittle a pork rind (ONE) powdered with a hint of barbecue sauce. We discussed the fact that it was only 1/10th of a serving. Then he did that "thing" where he nuzzles his head under your arm wanting you to scratch his back and saying "Thanks for accepting a dog that is not ideal."

I did.

I said it again, "92.5, The Big Dog, Loving Every Pound of Him."

You can find more stories at www.CranksMyTractor.com.

OUR VIEW

TDC takes step in right direction

Common sense appears to have carried the day for the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

Two newly-created TDC committees recently addressed contractor issues and though the full board did not cast votes, it was refreshing to see that the committees brought logic, reason and a course of action forward.

The committees, one a marketing committee, the other a budget committee arrived at effectively the same conclusions after similar discussions hours apart, as reported last week by Star Staff Writer Valerie Garman.

The marketing committee voted unanimously in favor of cancelling all MOUs with Statecraft due to non-performance. The recommendation to sever ties with Statecraft will go before the full TDC at the next meeting.

As tourist season hits its stride, committee members questioned the deficit to the county of an idle marketing campaign and the performance of an event planner that planned events that never came to fruition. The marketing committee pondered how long they could stand on the sideline

and the short- and long-term costs to the county's tourism industry.

And while there remain issues surrounding the relationship between Kerigan Marketing, the TDC and the Board of County Commissioners, committee members highlighted that none of those issues related to performance; bed tax revenue has climbed historically under the current KMA "Visit Gulf" campaign.

The other morsel of positive news was the questioning of the performance of Statecraft, LLC, the event planner hired by the former TDC executive director under a series of broad "Memorandums of Understanding."

That the committee members were the first to say "no more" and that the TDC should settle up with Statecraft at this point, seems to indicate Statecraft owes the TDC and county money for events planned and never pulled off. This being the first voice of reason concerning the event planner.

This was a relationship the TDC should never have entered into.

The TDC has somehow functioned without an event

planner in the past, and the rush of BP money was no reason to accept the sales pitch of a company that came into existence after the 2010 oil spill and just prior to securing a 30-day contract as county Public Information Officer in the spill's aftermath. But it is easier to justify mistakes when it is other people's money.

One could argue the TDC committees were more generous than they ought to have been given their recent history. While TDC board chair David Warriner said Statecraft should be given the chance to come in and justify each dime it received, Statecraft continues to decline that opportunity.

As detailed in Garman's story, two months after deadline Statecraft submitted a significant portion of documentation on a St. Patrick's Day event. The company did so with an accompanying correspondence that blamed the lack of accountability of the event on the fluid leadership situation at the TDC and a lack of information from the Clerk of Courts regarding paperwork deadlines.

Email obtained from the Clerk of

Courts under a public records request show that Statecraft was notified upfront about paperwork and documentation deadlines. This was no gray area.

The TDC's next step should be to determine how much Statecraft received for events planned and canceled, and request the funds back in full.

And for the positive steps taken by committees recently, there was the counterweight that at this critical time the full TDC board could not achieve a quorum to approve committee recommendations at an "emergency meeting" just days after the two committees met.

In turn, the BOCC did little to address the TDC debacle at its meeting last week beyond a quick approval for spending the remaining BP money — between \$100,000-\$200,000 — with a firm that had qualified through the process; in other words KMA, the only local firm that fits the parameters.

Two new TDC committees have brought some much-needed logic and common sense to this quagmire. The full TDC board and the BOCC should follow their lead.

We couldn't afford rose colored glasses

People talk to me a lot about the "old" days. I appreciate that. I have made a living over the years in this little column writing about back when

Ricky Gene and I were in the eighth grade. It is fun to reminisce. They were carefree and wonderful times. We didn't have words like bi-lateral, HD, proliferation, marijuana, couch potato or cellular.

But let's not get carried away with the "I Love Lucy" theme. Maybe we just remember better the stroll through the park, the game winning home-run, your very first kiss on the church hayride or Miss Polly picking your essay over all the others. Life in 1959 wasn't always peaches and crème.

I don't write much about cleaning those fence rows. The grass on the inside wasn't too bad. Nor were the long, stringy weeds growing on the road side. It was those monsters that started on one side and wrapped themselves up and around the wire as to be so entwined there was no easy way to get them "undone" that would near 'bout make you loose your religion! You had to unravel each one individually, by hand. Some of those weeds didn't want to let go. It was always a hundred and ten degrees in the shade and Daddy had X-ray vision. He could sit on the porch and spot a half dangling "growing thing" in his fence from three quarters of a mile away. There was nothing romantic or memorable

about it.

It was the same for cutting okra or getting that hay in the barn. I don't read many stories today about chopping firewood or hoeing around baby cotton plants. And I have spent a lifetime trying to forget reaching up on my tip toes to pull an ear of corn off a stalk when it didn't want to let go.

Our medicine was castor oil and SSS Tonic for goodness sakes. Our air conditioning was a hand held fan with a Brummitt Funeral Home advertisement on the back. We played checkers or slap-jack in the evenings because we had no TV. Time moved at about the pace of a wounded snail. We were chasing those fire flies because we had absolutely nothing else to do.

It's about time we intersperse some real facts into the "good ole' days."

But work, medicine and play weren't the worst of it for me. I remember standing in that hall my first day of school thinking, "I can't do this." All the way from the house Leon had assured me that everything would be alright. But he had gone up to the second floor where the sixth grade classes were. It didn't matter that there must a'been 50 first graders checking in with me ... I was painfully alone.

You look back now and laugh and say, "What a wonderful growing experience!" But in fact, at the time, there was nothing wonderful, growing or idyllic about it. I was scared out of

my gourd. Bob Edwards and Ruth Ann Wiley and LaRenda Bradfield looked so calm and collected. I wanted to race back to the house. It might have been the first time I was in a position with positively no way out. I wasn't thinking growing experience. I was praying that my heart wouldn't leap right out of my chest.

Seventh grade football was another "memory" you might not want to write home about. Coaches yelled, bigger kids ran over you when you weren't looking, you had to bear crawl, monkey roll and side straddle hop. Rivers of sweat streamed from every pore. And this wasn't, like the first grade, mandatory. You volunteered to be here. I fumbled on my first carry from scrimmage. I dropped a screen pass right in my hands. I lay awake long into the night thinking life ain't working for me. I didn't want to beat Huntingdon or Gleason bad enough to go through all of this. And yet I stayed.

Sometimes your mind had more problems than your body. The bruises healed pretty quickly. Realizing you couldn't run as fast as John Ingram or block with the tenacity of Bobby Brewer or throw like Wesley Beal lingered with you daily. Understanding you were not the smartest or the prettiest or the wittiest I reckon was more growing stuff. And some undoubtedly today would get into that half full or half empty glass thing. But philosophy and fancy theories didn't cut

no ice with a junior high guy who was trying his darndest to be at the very least, a little better than average.

Even that first kiss on the hayride wasn't a piece of cake. Did Charlotte want me to kiss her? Would she wipe it off? Or worse, would she laugh at me? I didn't actually know how to kiss. And the strangest thing was, up until a month or so ago, I hated Charlotte because she used to chase me down at recess and beat on me. You can say "growing experience" if you want to. But you were not in the back of that hay wagon on a crisp October night in 1960.

My senior year in high school I spent an hour and a half in Motheral's Drugstore trying to pick out a birthday card for Belinda Carpenter. And believe me, Motheral didn't have that many cards to choose from. I read each one ten times. I wanted it to say "love" but not too loudly; you know what I mean. My heart wasn't jumping out of my chest like back in the first grade, but it was definitely talking to me.

"Selective memory" I believe is the buzz word today. And I'm going to get back to the "Mayberry" stuff with my very next article. But I can't help but think this morning of the ups and downs in all of our lives. Somehow, I believe it's important to realize at this stage of life — we couldn't have gotten here, if we hadn't been there!

Respectfully,
Kes

Be a smart puppy, wear your life jacket!

Photo Special to The Star

Paws to reflect, the local Coast Guard Auxiliary would like to remind you that Saturday kicks off the beginning of National Safe Boating Week. This does not mean you only stay safe for one week. It means let's be as aware as a "smart puppy" to stay safe, wear your life jacket because you never know when you may need it. It floats, you don't.

"We really encourage you to wear your life jacket



even if you're a good swimmer," said Marcia Low of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, in support of the national campaign to help keep boaters safe on the water.

GULF COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN

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This five day residential camp costs \$90 for Gulf County residents (\$190 for non-county residents), which includes transportation to and from camp, lodging, meals, canteen snacks, program supplies, and a T-shirt.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity. Camp is filled on a first come, first served basis, so sign up now! Registration forms are available at the Gulf County Extension Office located in the Old Courthouse in Wewahitchka. Stop by or give us a call at 639-3200 or 229-2909.

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Flores said in a statement. He added that he was "pleased to see the passage of my amendment preventing the funding for the National Ocean Policy, which had the potential to take funds away from existing congressionally authorized activities critical to the ocean and coastal economies."

House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (R-Wash.), who was credited by proponents of the Flores amendment with ensuring its passage, said, "Without knowing the potential jobs and economic ramifications of the policy, nor the amount of time, money and resources it will cost to implement, it is imperative that we halt funding so that these questions can be answered and proper Congressional oversight can be conducted."

In a bipartisan vote, the Flores amendment was approved 246-174.

"These are two extremely critical issues for all of us who spend time on the water as these two issues are intended to get us off the water," said Port St. Joe charter boat captain Tom Adams. "We are all very happy."

Adams pointed to two rallies in Washington, D.C., one in 2010 and the other earlier this year, that he said helped raise awareness among lawmakers regarding the National Oceans Policy and its effect

on recreational and commercial fishermen.

The rally this year was especially noteworthy in that it demonstrated unity across the various segments of the fishing community.

In particular, the "catch share" program, seen by many fishermen as a way to allocate fishing rights to a steadily more select spectrum of interests, was a target.

Those programs, combined with shorter fishing seasons and lower bag limits are perceived as robbing the rights from recreational and commercial fishermen.

"These catch shares policies are not good for the charter fisherman, most commercial fishermen and definitely not for all the recreational fisherman," Adams said. "Everyone I talk to can't understand why they can only fish for a few days for red snapper and grouper."

"In our opinion, if these policies are not stopped things are going to get worse, a lot worse, and our fisheries will be owned by a select few."

The National Charterboat Association, whose president is Capt. Bob Zales, II out of Panama City, has been at the forefront since the EO was signed in July 2010.

The NACO through the National Ocean Policy Coalition has worked with other industry representatives

to inform Congress of the negative impacts associated with this EO. Zales has attended hearings and provided testimony to the House Resource Committee and the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, which Southerland sits on.

"This is great news and proves that working with other diverse groups we can achieve our goals of maintaining open access to our waterways and oceans," Zales said of the House amendments passed last week. "I feel the National Fishermen Rally is gaining more momentum because legislators are listening to fishermen, boaters, and other affected industries and they are taking actions that will allow continued access to fisheries, waterways, and oceans."

The Recreational Fishing Alliance also weighed in on last week's actions in the House, calling the approval of the amendments "significant."

"The vote to halt funding on efforts which would deny Americans access to our coastal waters and privatize our marine fish stocks is not partisan in nature," said RFA executive director Jim Donofrio. "This is not about Democrats or Republicans it's about protecting the rights and heritage of our coastal residents."

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Falling for fishing: Hook, line and sinker

By **VALERIE GARMAN**
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Five-year-old Haley Saunders spent Saturday morning dragging a nine-pound kingfish through the Port St. Joe Marina.

"Daddy, I can do it!" she shrieked each time her father offered his assistance in lugging the large catch, which was almost as tall as the small girl.

Haley and 295 other young anglers hit the water last weekend for the 2012 Kids Win Fishing Tournament, an event designed to instill a love of fishing in today's youth.

"We're trying to teach the kids it's about the fishing, not about the fish," said Rick Carrie, president of the Kids Win Foundation, the primary sponsor of the tournament. "We just want to teach kids to have a love for fishing."

Judging by the wide smiles on kids of all ages as they proudly held up their catches at Saturday's weigh-in, the event was a great success.

"The weather was great and all had a great time," Carrie said. "Saturday started a little cloudy but then the sun came out and there was a huge weigh in with lots of big

fish. This year the small fries out did the juniors but everybody had a great time."

Kids ages 3-16 toted buckets, nets and lines with redfish, catfish, flounder, mackerel and more to the stage at the weigh-in on Saturday to see how their catches measured up.

However, most of the young contestants paid no attention to the number on the scale.

On Friday afternoon, the kids participated in casting, casting net and knot-tying classes at the marina, followed by a cookout made possible by Dockside Café.

"I thought that the kids absolutely enjoyed the classes," Carrie said. "There was always a line, so I think that was pretty successful."

Each young contestant received a fishing rod, reel and tackle box, donated by Fish Florida, and a Kids Win T-shirt and goodie bag.

Carrie said the event would not be possible without the outstanding support from the many sponsors and volunteers.

The Kids Win Foundation is grateful for all of the local support from Progress Energy, the Port St. Joe Lion's Club, Roberson and Associates, Mainstay suites, the

Right: Haley Saunders, 5, from Albany, Ga. hooked a 9 pound Kingfish at the Kids Win Tournament last Saturday.

PHOTOS BY VALERIE GARMAN | The Star

Gulf County Tourism Development Council, Fish Florida, Tummy Yummies and Coca Cola. Bluewater Outriggers and Half Hitch Tackle were instrumental in getting fishing items together and Raffield Fisheries donated the bait.

The Port St Joe Marina and Seahorse Water Safaris helped keep the things running smoothly and Gary Hites could be seen constantly running the forklift getting beverages and hauling boxes of rods and reels.

Carrie expressed his sincerest appreciation for all those who helped make Kids Win possible this year and said he hopes that Kids Win 2013 will be bigger and better.

"There were quite a few more fish weighed in this year," Carrie said. "It was absolutely a successful event."



Young angler, Madison, waits to weigh in her ladyfish at last weekend's Kids Win Tournament at the Port St. Joe Marina.

JUNIOR WINNERS:

Speckled Trout
1st Kennedy Harris - 3.4 lbs
2nd Bret O'Brien - 3.3 lbs
3rd John Mitchell - 2.3 lbs

Redfish
1st James Smith - 6.2 lbs
2nd Alec Nix - 4.4 lbs
3rd Gavin Gurley - 3.6 lbs

Catfish
1st Garrett Ard - 1.5 lbs
2nd Kira Willis - 1.2 lbs
3rd Charles Charity - 1.2 lbs

Flounder
1st Samantha Coyle - 2.2 lbs
2nd Savannah Lister - 2.2 lbs
3rd Chance Harris - 1.9 lb

Spanish Mackerel
1st Caleb Schweikert - 2.9 lbs
2nd Kennedy Thacker - 2.5 lbs
3rd Brett O'Brien - 2.4 lbs

Release
James Smith - 9 releases

Small Fry Winners:
Speckled Trout
1st Eva Flowers - 5.9 lbs
2nd Tucker Ashcroft - 5.1 lbs
3rd Eli McDaniel - 3.2 lbs

Redfish
1st Gregory Dean - 6.5 lbs
2nd Hunter Sanders - 6.2 lbs
3rd lb Alexander Harper - 5.2 lbs

Catfish
1st Tanner Ram - 5.2 lbs
2nd Easton Buchanan - 2.4 lbs
3rd Russel Joiner - 2.1 lbs

Flounder
1st Gracy Clark - 4.5 lbs
2nd Brayden Dailey - 3.2 lbs
3rd Carter Costin - 2.8 lbs

Spanish Mackerel
1st Donovan Cumbie - 1.7 lbs
2nd Gannon Buzzett - 1.5 lbs
3rd Eli McDaniel - 1.4 lbs

Pinfish
1st Leeondra Leslie - 1.0 lb
2nd Brannon Nix - .6 lb
3rd Farrah Spring - .5 lb

Release
Kaylee Schweitert - 12 releases



The Dunn Family had a successful day on the water.



Six-year-old Carter Costin helps his dad, Mark Costin, with the flounder he caught.



A group of kids wait to see how their catches measure up during the weigh-in.



This group caught a variety of species while fishing in the Kids Win Tournament. In back is Taylor Burkett, 6, and Carter Costin, 6; in front are 3-year-old Cade Costin and Mark Costin.



Gracie shows off her catch at the weigh-in.



A young fisherman is all smiles as he waits to weigh in his catch.



Two speckled trout are added to the scoreboard.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Inshore

• As May is at its midway mark, fishing in St. Joe Bay is still red hot. Good conditions for inshore fishing have produced great catches of trout, flounder, and red fish this past week. Most anglers are using live shrimp and bull minnows, but Gulp 3" shrimp in a New penny or Sugar spice glow is the hot bait now. Use a popping cork for the flats and grubs for the deeper holes around the bay.

Offshore

• Offshore species are returning to the Forgotten Coast in great numbers this month. Spanish Mackerel and king fish are thick in the near shore number in Mexico Beach. Try the buoy line out of Mexico Beach first trolling clusters with cigar minnows for both the Kings and Spanish. Plenty of "chicken" or "peanut" dolphin are showing up close to shore as well this month. Lighter spinning or casting gear with a silver spoon or Got-Cha plugs will keep the school around your boat if you keep one hooked. Only a few weeks left until red snapper season opens, so gear up!

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Spring football jamboree at Shark Field tonight

By **TIM CROFT**
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Local prep football fans will gain a sneak peek tonight at prospects for the 2012 season when Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School hosts a Spring Jamboree at 7 p.m. EDT.

Also participating will be Wewahitchka Junior/Senior High and Franklin County High School.

Each team will play two halves, 24 minutes, of football. The Seahawks of Franklin County will open the night against Wewahitchka. The host Tiger Sharks and Franklin County play the next 24 minutes and county foes Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe will end the evening.

Port St. Joe

The two Gulf County team enter spring practice trying to avoid injuries — the Tiger Sharks suffered a blow when Corey North, a standout in spring practice, injured an ankle last Friday and will not play — and find momentum to carry into fall.

The Tiger Sharks, coming off a three-win season that was Coach Vern Barth's last in a four-year tenure, are starting anew under long-time defensive assistant and now head Coach Chuck Gannon.

Gannon's focus has been fundamentals.

"It's going not bad, I thought we've had a good spring," Gannon said. "We've been trying to get back to basics, blocking and tackling, the things you have to do to be successful in football."

The playbook, Gannon said, will be opened up a bit — mirroring in some respects that of former Coach John Palmer, who successfully guided Port St. Joe during the early 2000's before leaving four years ago for Hernando County — in order to get the ball on the perimeter to the skill players.

Gannon, however, noted any effort in the backfield will be moot if the offensive line does not step up its effort and bring more physicality.

"It starts up front with those linemen," Gannon said. "If they don't do the job then what happens in the backfield is moot."

And, that, in a nutshell, has been the emphasis this spring. Bringing more spirit and energy to practice, ensuring players are getting their work in the weight room. These Tiger Sharks, Gannon, said are bigger, stronger and faster.

"The weight program has been good," Gannon said. "Between myself and (assistant coach) Josh Dailey we have just about every player in a weightlifting class during the day."

"We are getting there. We are still a work in progress I guess. But we are getting there."

Tonight's game, Gannon said, will serve as a barometer of what has been accomplished in terms of spirit and energy. The outcome of what amounts to an exhibition game is not as important as the effort on the field.

"I hope, first of all, to see some organization on offense and defense,

sprinting to the line of scrimmage on offense, getting our assignments and in formation quickly on defense," Gannon said. "Second, I want to see mental and physical toughness."

"We have to be more physical on both sides of the ball and we have to get to the ball on defense. We've told them if they do that, swarm to the ball on defense, good things will happen."

Wewahitchka

The challenge for Wewahitchka is how to replace a running back, Theryl Brown, who rushed for more than 2,800 yards and accounted for 39 rushing touchdowns, about 50 total touchdowns — both school records — while earning state Class 1A player of the year honors.

The Gators, a playoff team last year, also must replace a quarterback Justin Flowers, who accounted for more than 1,500 of total offense, as well as 13 other seniors that graduated.

The Gators, in other words, are young, symbolized by a roster that come fall will feature as many as 20 sophomores.

"We are young, young, young," said Wewahitchka coach Dennis Kizziah. "We are just so young, especially up front. We have a bunch of kids who have not played football at this level. We spent two days just working on the proper stance."

The Gators should be solid at the skill positions, Kizziah said. Jalyn Addison returns to the offensive backfield to become the featured back. Rashard Ranie, a sophomore to be, will take over at quarterback and has the skill set to be a dual-threat quarterback, Kizziah said.

"But you can't replace 39 rushing touchdowns, almost 50 total touchdowns, with one player," Kizziah said. "That is a high school career for some kids. We have to find a way to spread the ball around."

The Gators also have shown speed at wide receiver and have depth at the skill positions.

"We want to try to find out who are playmakers are Thursday and see what we've got there," Kizziah said. "The big thing is we want to find somebody who can play up front."

Kizziah said the Gators have size in the trenches, but "that is where our youth is, up front."

Another hindrance for spring practice has been the success of the Wewahitchka baseball team. The Gators advanced into the region playoffs and the season just ended last week. Six players and defensive coordinator David Barnes, the baseball coach, have barely a week of practice under their belts.

"That has slowed us down, but we have to keep moving and they have to suck it up and just keep one foot in front of the other," Kizziah said. "The big thing is we have not been able to put in all we want on defense. That remains a work in progress."

The goal is to build from scratch a team that is long on size, speed and passion, but short on experience.

"If we can keep our head above water this year, and I think we'll be solid, we will be (tough to beat) over the next couple of years," Kizziah said.



VERN BARTH

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PANAMA CITY — Vern Barth has been named athletic director at Bay High School, Principal Billy May said last Thursday.

Barth, 40, joined Bay on May 1 as a physical education teacher and is a member of the Tornadoes football coaching staff. He is well accustomed to the area, having been a teacher and athletic coach at Mosley and most recently head football coach and athletic director at Port St. Joe.

Barth replaces interim A.D. Jimmy Longerbeam,

Barth named AD at Bay High School

the current head football coach at Bay. Longerbeam had filled the position on an interim basis after Mike Cullison left the school last November, a few months following his hiring date. At that time, the school cited personal reasons for Cullison's departure.

May said Barth was the lone applicant for the position.

"Actually, Coach Longerbeam and he developed a relationship sometime around December," May said. "We kind of started talking then. They just hit it off and it looks like a good match to us."

"It's been a priority to us

all year long. We just knew we had to find the right guy. We'd been talking to people all along since Mike left."

Barth taught and coached at Hernando and Dunnellon before coming to Mosley and joining head football coach Perry Brown's staff.

The position of athletic director brings with it a supplement of 14 percent of a starting teacher salary for Bay District Schools. Barth also will receive a football assistant coach supplement, and May said Barth possibly could coach another lower-profile sport at the school.

Summer soccer camps

Star Staff Report

All-Pro Soccer, will be holding two summer soccer camps in the area June 11-15. The first will be sponsored by the Gulf County Soccer Boosters and will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. EDT at the Port St Joe Soccer Complex.

On those same dates, the Callaway Arsenal Soccer Club will be hosting the camp from 4 to 6:30 p.m. CDT at the Callaway Sports Complex. Both camps will be supervised by former

professional player and coach Gary Hindley.

Coach Hindley, a five-time Coach of the Years selectee, is the boys and girls coach at Port St Joe High School. At both camps, there will be individual instruction for both field players and goalkeepers, from ages 7 to 17.

Spaces will be limited. For questions or to obtain a registration form, call Coach Hindley at 850-276-6353 or email gjhallpro@aol.com.

WHS WRESTLER SIGNS SCHOLARSHIP



Wewahitchka High School's Beau Boggess, who reached the state competition this year in wrestling, signed a scholarship Monday with Marion Military Institute to wrestle at the Alabama military junior college next year.

Port St. Joe women's softball league starting soon

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Women's Softball League will begin play Tuesday, June 5.

For details, call 340-1389 or visit facebook.com/PSJWomensSoftball.

WEWAHITCHKA CITY COMMISSION

will hold the final reading and Adoption for Ordinance No. 2012-1061L on May 29, 2012 at the Regular Meeting held at 6:30 pm CT at 109 South 2nd St. Wewahitchka, FL

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1061L

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF ONE COMMISSIONER WARD I AND ONE COMMISSIONER WARD II, PROVIDING FOR QUALIFYING DATES AND A QUALIFYING FEE, DESIGNATING A POLLING PLACE, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS, STATING WHO MAY VOTE, PROVIDING FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS, PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF A CANVASSING BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The ordinance in its entirety may be inspected at the Office of the City Clerk located at the Wewahitchka City Hall Annex; 318 South 7th St., during regular working hours. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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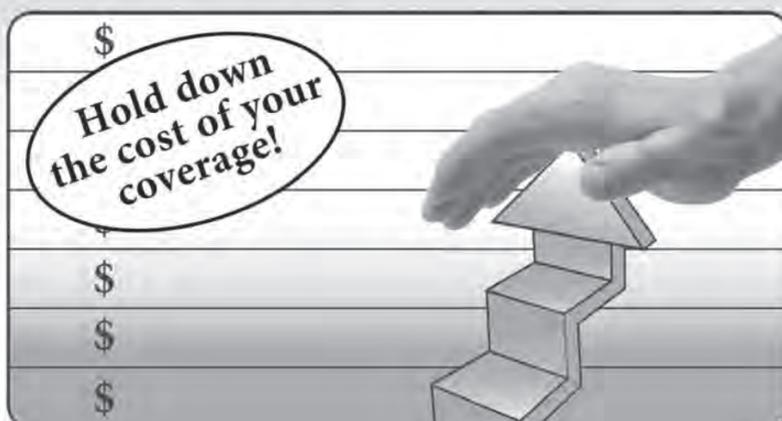
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Baby shower celebrates parents

By VALERIE GARMAN
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Russ Petrucka spent last Thursday afternoon reminding soon-to-be dads that every day is Father's Day.

Despite the arrival of Mother's Day last weekend, Petrucka, an employee with Healthy Families in Franklin County, was on a mission to help young dads realize the importance of developing strong

relationships and being there for their children.

Dozens of new and expectant moms and dads attended the Healthy Start Coalition's fourth Baby Shower at the Centennial Building in Port St. Joe last Thursday for plenty of parenting information, food, games, speakers and more.

"Even though it's Mother's Day this weekend, every day is Father's Day," Petrucka said as he greeted a barrage of expectant parents browsing his

booth. Petrucka handed out informational brochures to the dads in the crowd and demonstrated the proper way to swaddle a baby.

"The young guys, you know, they want to be dads, they want to do good," Petrucka said. "I tell the guys, you walk into the hospital and you're somebody's son, you walk out and you're somebody's father — it's a life-changing thing."

Bret McClary came from Carrabelle to attend the shower. He will be a new

father this August.

"This is my first kid — I'm just kind of trying to get some information," McClary said. "I'm not scared — I'm just ready for it to happen already."

McClary said the booths at the event helped him realize how early a baby's brain develops and how important it is to protect.

Kelly Byrns-Davis of the Healthy Start Coalition greeted the parents by proclaiming "tonight is your night."

"The purpose is to



VALERIE GARMAN | The Star

Russ Petrucka of Healthy Families in Franklin County helps soon-to-be dad Bret McClary learn how to properly swaddle a baby at a booth catering to new fathers at the Healthy Start Baby Shower held last week at the Centennial Building in Port St. Joe.

celebrate parents and to show honor and support to new parents," she said, and also noted the great

turnout of dads in the audience.

See **BABY SHOWER B6**

Creative Freedom

Young artists branch out at Student Art Day

By VALERIE GARMAN
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Local high school student Paul Potts had an artistic breakthrough last week.

Potts, an avid sketcher who mostly works in graphite pencil, added vibrant pastels to his repertoire with a little help from a visiting professional artist.

Potts and 18 other students from Gulf and Franklin counties expanded their artistic horizons last Wednesday during Student Art Day, in association with this year's Forgotten Coast Plein Air Paint-out.

The event, sponsored by the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition and the Gulf Alliance for Local Arts, provided area students the unique opportunity to receive individual assistance and mentoring from nationally-renowned plein air artists.

Potts, with the guidance of Charlotte, N.C., artist Greg Barnes, set up an easel overlooking the Port St. Joe Marina and spent the morning shading the delicate yellow curve of the coastline, pale-green wispy grasses, towering cabbage palms and pale blue sky filled with airy hints of cloud.

"He was telling me he likes to draw with pencil," Barnes said as Potts, a junior at Port St. Joe High School, shaded in the horizon with light blue chalk. "Pastel is a great way to transition into color — it's a drawing medium."

In his third year at the Plein Air Invitational, Barnes said Student Art Day is an event he looks forward to each year.

"It's hard to put into words," Barnes said. "I just love it here. It's a wonderful locale. Everywhere you look, there's a painting to be painted."

PSJHS art teacher Beckie Fulcher said she was "just tickled" to see Potts work and thrive using another medium.

"Some of (my students)



Photos by VALERIE GARMAN | The Star

Plein Air artist Greg Barnes of Charlotte, N.C. mentors Port St. Joe High School junior Paul Potts during Student Art Day at the Port St. Joe Marina May 9.



The students' paintings, framed with the paint still wet, sit inside the Chamber of Commerce building as Student Art Day wrapped up and the participants were treated to a luncheon.



FILE PHOTO

Celebrate a local delicacy at the Tupelo Honey Festival in Wewahitchka this weekend.

Sweet traditions

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka City Employees Club invites you to BEE there for a sweet tradition designed to celebrate a local delicacy.

The 22nd annual Tupelo Honey Festival is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CDT Saturday at Lake Alice Park in Wewahitchka and will feature a variety of games, entertainment, vendors and of course, plenty of tupelo honey.

Sponsored by the Wewahitchka City Employee's Club, this year's festival is sure to provide fun for all ages with more vendors than ever.

There will be arts and crafts of all kinds, plenty of food vendors, live music and dancing, games, pony rides, a petting zoo, train ride, mechanical bull, bungee jump, water walkers, sand art and more.

The most important feature, however, is the very thing the festival draws its name from: the tupelo honey straight from the cypress swamps of Wewahitchka. Patrons can sample local honey and purchase jars of the sweet stuff in all shapes and sizes.

Although advertised as the 22nd annual Tupelo Honey Festival, employee's club member and Wewahitchka native Leigh Little admits the festival probably dates back even further than that. It's a Wewa tradition.

"Truthfully we're not really sure, but we know it's been about 22 years," she said. "We're trying to expand it some and really get the word out there."

Little said three local honey vendors are expected to attend the event and will have bee boxes in tow so festival-goers can catch a glimpse into how the honey is produced and harvested.

There also will be four other honey vendors offering different types of honey from around the state.

The City Employees Club will also be offering five scholarships to local high school students. Traditionally, the festival has only offered one scholarship.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to celebrate Wewahitchka's liquid gold, purely produced by placing bee boxes in the swamps along the Apalachicola and

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf earns ACR accreditation

The designation represents highest level of image quality and patient safety

Special to The Star

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in computed tomography (CT) as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). CT scanning — sometimes called CAT scanning — is a noninvasive medical test that helps

physicians diagnose and tailor treatments for various medical conditions.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR practice guidelines and technical standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists

who are experts in the field.

Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report they can use for continuous

practice improvement.

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf opened in 2010 to serve residents of Gulf, Franklin and Bay counties. The 25-bed facility in Port St. Joe features 24-hour emergency services, inpatient services, surgical services, a full complement of diagnostic and laboratory services and a helipad to be used by Sacred Heart's regional air ambulance

service to provide rapid transport for trauma or critically ill patients.

The hospital is operated by Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and a part of Ascension Health, the nation's largest system of Catholic, not-for-profit healthcare facilities.

For more information about Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, visit www.sacredheartonthegulf.org, Facebook or call 229-5600.

Woman's Club names Watson volunteer of the year

Special to The Star

The GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club Inc. has announced Carolyn Watson has been selected as its 2011 volunteer of the year. Carolyn has been a member of the club for four years. During this time, she has chaired many large events and she serves as public relations chairwoman.

She is organized, talented, coordinated, task-oriented, intelligent and makes sure everyone stays busy and on track. Last year, we published a new cookbook. Had it not been

for Carolyn stepping up to take on the responsibility of this monumental task, we would have never been able to have our new cookbook published. She wasted no time in getting in touch with the publishing company to find out exactly what we needed to do to get started, and she kept us on track until it was finished. Within three months, the cookbook had been compiled, edited, mailed to the publisher, and the final product was received from the publisher. This has been a great fundraiser for us and again, had it not been for

Carolyn it would not have been accomplished.

She is very well-respected and loved by all who know her, and we are fortunate to have her as a member. Carolyn is a wonderful asset to the Wewahitchka Woman's Club and has helped to make it a better organization. She can always be counted on to help when needed. For these reasons and for all the hard work she has done for our club, we are very pleased to have selected her as the 2011 volunteer of the year for the GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club Inc.



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Engagement



Amy Sasnett, Cody Nobles to Wed

Mr. Gary Sasnett and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Nobles request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their children, Amy

Nicole Sasnett and Cody Brannon Nobles at 5 p.m. ET Saturday, June 9, 2012, at Oak Grove Church located at 613 Madison St. All

friends and family are invited to attend. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the Centennial Building.

Birthday



Look who's turning 26!

Happy Birthday to Latrice Larry! She will be celebrating her birthday at home with her parents Eunice and Dale Addison, brothers and friends.

Society BRIEFS

Special to The Star

American Legion benefit for Forgotten Coast Wounded Warriors

The American Legion of Port St. Joe will host a chicken barbeque from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET (or until the food is gone) May 26 at Frank Pate Park. The dinner will include chicken, coleslaw and baked beans, all for a \$6 donation. Water and soda will be available. The American Legion is proud to be able to donate proceeds from this barbeque to the Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Project and hopes the public will support its efforts for God and country.

Free Laughter Yoga class May 24

Gina Vicari will be conducting a Laughter Yoga Class at 11:30 a.m. May 24 at the Port St. Joe Senior Center, 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe. Gina is a certified laughter yoga leader. This will be a very fun and healthy event, and it is free to the public. Call Debbie at 229-8466 for more information.

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Jennewein graduates

Catherine Elizabeth Jennewein graduated from Florida State University on April 28. Liz earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history with a minor in hospitality management. She is the daughter of Leslie (Costin) and Don Jennewein of Tampa, the granddaughter of Sylvia and the late Ashley Costin and the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil G. Costin Sr., all of Port St. Joe. Liz has a financial position on Capitol Hill.

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

DAZZLING DOLPHINS



Pre-kindergarten: Christina Clayton
Kindergarten: Danica Kelly
First grade: Isa Barwick
Second grade: Kylie Lumley
Third grade: Gabi Wood (not pictured)
Fourth grade: Jasmine Burton
Fifth grade: Ana Lacivita
Sixth grade: Nic James
Bus riders of the week: Leelyn Rollins and Terri Rae Phillips

WHS honors memory of Bryan Baxley

Special to The Star

On Thursday, May 11, it seemed only fitting with it being Teacher Appreciation Week that Mr. Bryan Baxley, a former Wewahitchka Elementary School educator, be remembered for the effect he had on so many individuals within Gulf County.

"Mr. B," as he was better known by students and coworkers, taught physical education for 28 years with his last assignment at WES. Day in and day out, Mr. B exemplified the heart of teaching through his compassion for students and professionalism with his coworkers.

In memory of Mr. Baxley's example and deep gratitude for his investment in the lives of



students, the Wewahitchka High School Student Government Association and National Honor Society presented Lori Price, principal at Wewahitchka Elementary School, and Debbie Baxley, wife of Mr. B, two park benches to be placed at the new Baxley Building at Wewahitchka

Elementary School.

The handcrafted park benches are made of area cypress wood by William Jenkins, a vocational instructor at WHS, along with his students. Mr. B will always be dearly remembered by the former students, teachers and residents of Gulf County.

WES STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



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Back row from left: Brook Hysmith, sixth grade; Savannah Lister, fourth grade; Arieona Hatcher, fifth grade; Madison Easter, first grade. **Front row from left:** Zeth Hanlon, second grade; Michael Hellum, third grade; Zander Hanlon, second grade; Kristen Ward, kindergarten.



From pizza box to solar oven

Star Staff Report

The third-grade students in John Huff's class at Wewahitchka Elementary School recently undertook a project to create solar ovens from pizza boxes. The boxes were donated by the Subway restaurant in Wewahitchka. The class assembled the ovens and baked s'mores outdoors. A tasty project indeed.



Special to The Star

General information

May 21: 6 p.m., AHEC Academic After School Program

May 22: 9 a.m., Senior Breakfast; 11 a.m., graduation practice

May 23: 5:30 p.m., Baccalaureate

May 24: 7 p.m., Graduation

May 25: Students' last day — half day, no lunch; 2 p.m., end of fourth nine weeks

Sports

May 17: Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, Franklin County High School and Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School will participate in a Spring Football Jamboree at 7 p.m. at Shark Stadium in Port St. Joe.

WHS will play FCHS for the first half, followed by FCHS playing PSJ for a half and then WHS and PSJ playing a half.

Clubs

May 22: 10:45 a.m. SWAT Meeting, Jr. High

May 24: All day, Beta Club end-of-year event

Odyssey of the Mind Fundraiser tonight

Star Staff Report

The Odyssey of the Mind team from Port St. Joe High School will present A Night of Odyssey of the Mind beginning at 7 p.m. ET today, May 17, at the auditorium at Port St. Joe Elementary School.

This is the final fundraiser

for the team before they head to the World Finals in Iowa later this month.

Come see the OM team present their creative and hilarious skit. There will also be a dessert auction.

Admission is \$2. Come prepared to have a great time and bid on some delicious treats.



Special to The Star

Faith Christian School was proud and honored to have multiple visitors on April 20. We would like to extend a heart-felt "thank you" to Rangers McGhee, Anderson, Goodson, Deitz and Davis, Supervisor Bryce Thomas, forrester Joe Vanderworth and volunteer Jarrod McCardle from the Florida Forest Service for stopping by to educate all the students about the dangers of fire in our area.

The group also brought several pieces of equipment, including a Type 6 Wildland Engine Pumper, wildfire fighting gear and a transport with a 650 J. Dozer used to dig fire lines during forest fires. Smokey Bear



The Lion's Tale

even stopped by to remind the students about the importance of fire safety. In recognition of Arbor Day, the group brought a live oak and planted it near the playground, with some help from students excited to throw a little dirt. The students and staff were amazed at the display by the generous men of this state agency and thank them for their service in our community, state and country.

The entire school also would

like to give a big thanks to wildlife biologist Jerry Pitts. Mr. Pitts came armed with snakes, gators, turtles and a great amount of information about our area's wildlife for the students. All ages were educated, through slides and samples, about indigenous wildlife in and around Gulf County and the proper ways to act and react with such creatures. Mr. Pitts allowed the students to get an in-depth look at all our area has to offer off the main streets and created interest by many to learn more about these animals and the part they play in our environment. Thank you, Mr. Jerry, for entertaining and educating everyone at Faith Christian School. It was a day we will not soon forget!



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Obituary

Hughey Williams, Sr.

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Hughey Williams, Sr., of Dalkeith, passed away on Friday, May 11, 2012, in a local nursing facility, after a long battle with cancer. He was born July 31, 1934, in Tampa, Florida. He



HUGHEY WILLIAMS, SR.

City, Samantha Williams of Panama City, and Clayton Williams of Marianna; one sister: Joannah Costine; and one nephew: Joe Costine, both of Lakeland, Florida. He was preceded in death by two

proudly served three years in the Korean War, and was a crane operator for the St. Joe Paper Company for 35 years before retiring.

He is survived by his three children: Hughey Williams Jr. (Beverly) of Marianna, Cindy Ray of Panama City, and Joey Williams (Kristie) of Panama City; four grandchildren: Steven Williams of Dalkeith, Lee Erwin of Panama

brothers: Ted Williams and Morris Williams; and one sister: Wilma Patterson.

A private family service will be held at a later date. The family would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of St. Andrews Nursing Facility and Emerald Coast Hospice for all their care and support. Those wishing to extend words of condolence may do so at www.heritagefhllc.com.

Faith BRIEFS

Blood Drive at First Baptist Church

The Northwest Florida Blood Service will be conducting a blood drive at First Baptist Church in Port St. Joe on Monday, May 21 from 1 - 6 p.m. ET. Donors must provide a photo ID, be at least 16 years of age, weigh at least 110 lbs and be in good health. Please sign up with the church office. Walk-ins are welcome and all donors will receive a free T-Shirt. If you would like to make an appointment online please go to www.nfbsdonor.org and use sponsor code W7016.

Annual Youth Day at Philadelphia Primitive

On the 4th Sunday in May, May 27, the Youth Department of Philadelphia Primitive

Baptist Church will observe Annual Youth Day beginning with its church school at 10 a.m. ET followed with a special worship service at 11 a.m. All children and youth are encouraged to attend and participate. The church is at 259 Avenue D, Port St. Joe.

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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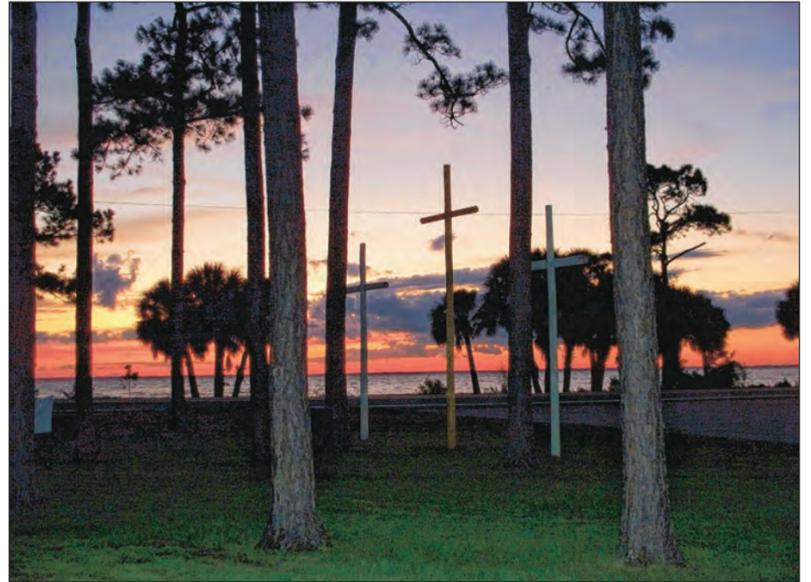
Port St. Joe church celebrates 100 years

Special to The Star

On Sunday, May 20, at the 11 a.m. ET service, First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe will be celebrating 100 years of ministry in Port St. Joe.

Under the leadership of A.M. Jones, Sr., a group of interested citizens met in the old two room schoolhouse on Long Avenue and Fourth Street. A short time later the same group met in the lobby of the Port Inn and the Methodist Church was born. The Conference sent Charles L. Middlebrooks to be the pastor. Rev. Middlebrooks also served Wewahitchka and Indian Pass. Except for the organizational meeting and the first few services at the Port Inn, the once-monthly church services and the Sunday School met in the little wooden school building until 1914.

Construction of a church building at the corner of Long Avenue and Seventh Street was begun in 1912. It was completed in 1914 and was the first church



building in the town for many years to come. It served as a meeting place for the Baptist, Presbyterian and Episcopal congregations as well. As the town grew, and church membership increased, the Methodist Church was assigned a minister for three Sundays each month. It was many years before the church had a full time pastor.

In 1948 blueprints were

drawn with specifications for a church at the present location. The new church Education Building began construction and was not to exceed \$25,000. The Sanctuary was first used in the spring of 1951 but was not dedicated until February 26, 1956.

First United Methodist Church would like to invite you to come and celebrate with us this Sunday during the 11 a.m. service. Bishop Paul

Leeland, of the Alabama-West Florida Conference, will be here to preach and celebrate the rich history and future of ministry in Port St. Joe. Following the 11 a.m. Worship Service, there will be a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall and under the Sails.

Please join us for this time of celebration, thanksgiving and worship. For more information, call the church office at 227-1724.

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John questions your love of God, if you don't help those in need.

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needed to branch out — he usually only works in pencils,” Fulcher said as she watched Potts work.

Fulcher had four students participate, and they were all thrilled to have the opportunity.

Everywhere you looked around the Port St. Joe Marina on May 9 there was a painting to be painted and a student-artist team working diligently behind a color-soaked canvas.

Set up in the thick grasses across from the Chamber of Commerce building, Bill Farnsworth and Wewahitchka High School student Hailey Harris were busy crafting a rustic, natural scene.

“Our focal point is this palm tree right here,” Farnsworth said motioning toward the distance.

Farnsworth helped Harris learn to work from the darkest darks to the lightest lights, mix colors and reload her paintbrush accordingly.

Farnsworth instructed her to mix raw umber with a touch of yellow and add just a little dab here and there.

Farnsworth instructed his student to feather the paints as she detailed the fronds of the tall cabbage palms and statuesque

pinus in the distance.

“Beautiful. Leave it. I love it,” Farnsworth said. “I like the movement you’ve got there — that’s excellent.”

A few more steps into the brush brought spectators to artist Luke Buck and PSJHS 8th grader Caroline Rish working quietly at a desk under an umbrella.

Rish’s painting was meticulously detailed — the wavy bark on the pine tree trunk, a small bushel of orange sunshine-colored marigolds, and the graining and knotting of logs in a discarded pile of wood at the foot of the tree were all chronicled as if by photograph.

When Rish was satisfied the painting was complete, Buck told her there is never a definite end to a painting. He admitted he sometimes pulls his “finished” paintings from their frames and continues working.

“The fun thing to do at your age is put a date on it,” he instructed his student. “That way you can look back and remember. I wish I would have kept all of the things I did when I was younger.”

When asked how he and Rish came across their secluded spot

Buck said, “You are constantly on the prowl for something to paint — always analyzing compositions — I teasingly tell my students the first thing you find is some shade.”

A block further towards the water, WHS senior Danielle Harris and artist Charles Dickinson were set up outside the entrance of Jetty Park overlooking the bay.

“We’re capturing a moment,” Dickinson said.

Harris, who often paints nature scenes like the Dead Lakes in Wewahitchka, said she was eager to learn from Dickinson, who helped her develop a knack for detail.

“I learned a lot about color — how to mix complimentary colors and a lot about detailing which is really what I wanted to learn,” Harris said. “The detailing is the most difficult.”

Dickinson said the experience of plein air painting is invaluable to the students.

“Just the experience, being outside on location, the landscape is your studio,” Dickinson said. “It’s always special when you work that way, and that’s a big part of what the students take away from it.”



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Above, Wewahitchka High School senior Danielle Harris receives instruction from artist Charles Dickinson. **At left,** Luke Buck helps PSJHS eighth-grader Caroline Rish fill in the details of her oil painting.





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"Healthy Start loves dads and we value their support."

About 20 booths from various organizations were set up providing parents with information and demonstrations on car seat safety, contraception, breastfeeding, infant brain development, diaper changing, swaddling and safe sleep.

Ellie Tullis, a representative from Healthy Start and Healthy Families, manned a booth with a playpen set up alongside.

"Here everything is wrong," said Tullis as she motioned to the playpen with a "sleeping" doll inside.

The doll was on its stomach, covered with a blanket and surrounded by stuffed animals, all dangers for a sleeping baby.

"Safe sleep is a big campaign statewide," Tullis said. "The frequency of rollover and co-sleeping deaths is really high."

Dr. Robert Head, a pediatrician with Sacred Heart Medical Group, provided the audience with a speech on newborn anxiety, walking the soon-to-be parents through the stresses surrounding bringing a baby home.

Head went through the schedule of checkups, options for breastfeeding, how to handle fussiness and provided tips on discipline.

"New babies are work," Head said. "The more you can enjoy that, the better off you are."

The number one pointer he had for new parents is to learn how to keep your cool.

"You're going to get tired, you're

going to want to throw you're baby against the wall, but you can't do that," he said. "Everyone is here for the good of your child."

Dr. David Dixon, an obstetrician with North Florida Women's Care, provided insight into the push to increase access to informational services to new parents in Northwest Florida through community involvement and events like the Healthy Start Baby Shower.

"Our neck of the woods has a significantly higher infant mortality rate, and there's a big push to figure out why," Dixon said. "Thanks to organizations like Healthy Start and the March of Dimes, the awareness has really increased."



Pediatrician Robert Head discusses the issues surrounding newborn anxiety to an audience filled with expectant mothers at the Healthy Start Baby Shower. **Below**, one new mom and two soon-to-be moms guess the price of a "Teensy Turtle Bouncer" during a Price is Right game at the baby shower.

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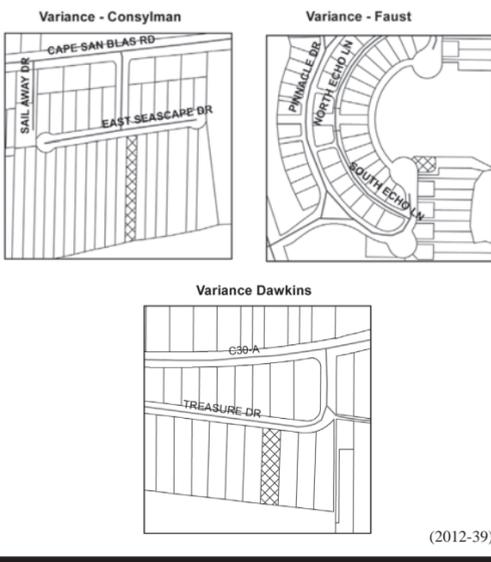


PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Variance Application - William Consylman - Parcel ID #06314-095R - Located in Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - 5' dune walkover to support handicap accessibility.
2. Variance Application - Dennis R. Faust - Parcel ID #06370-385R - Located in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 12 West, Gulf County, Florida - Encroachment into side setbacks next to common property.
3. Variance Application - Robert Dawkins - Parcel ID #03180-235R - Corrective action to an existing access ramp and dune walkover.
4. Staff Reports - LDR Revisions including Sign and Flood Ordinance, Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments
5. Public and Open Discussion

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



(2012-39)

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PURPOSES OF ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE

The City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe will hold a meeting on June 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., EST, at the City of Port St. Joe City Hall located at 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, for the purposes of final reading and adoption of the Ordinance and adopting the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

The title of proposed Ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO.: 480

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR LARGE-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT - PORT OF PORT ST. JOE MASTER PLAN EXPANDING THE PORT PLANNING AREA; AS SHOWN IN THE REVISED PORT PLANNING AREA MAP; PROVIDING THAT SPECIFIC PLANS FOR THE LANDS ADDED TO THE PORT PLANNING AREA SHALL BE REFLECTED IN THE NEXT UPDATE OF THE PORT MASTER PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the proposed Port Planning Area is attached hereto.

Copies of the Ordinance are available for public inspection at City of Port St. Joe City Hall, located at 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary.

Interested persons may attend and be heard at the public hearing or provide comments in writing to the City Commissioners, City of Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. Transactions of the public hearing will not be recorded. Persons wishing to appeal any decision made during the hearing will need a record of the proceeding and should ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony on which the appeal is based.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk's Office at (850) 229-8261, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the hearing.



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Thu, May 17	84°	67°	40 %
Fri, May 18	83°	67°	30 %
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Sun, May 20	83°	67°	30 %
Mon, May 21	83°	70°	0 %
Tues, May 22	83°	71°	0 %
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TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
17	Th	8:11am 1.4		5:45pm 0.0	
18	Fr	8:30am 1.6		6:19pm -0.1	
19	Sa	8:56am 1.7		6:59pm -0.1	
20	Su	9:27am 1.8		7:43pm -0.2	
21	Mo	10:02am 1.8		8:30pm -0.2	
22	Tu	10:39am 1.8		9:16pm -0.2	
23	We	11:16am 1.8		9:58pm -0.2	
24	Th	11:53am 1.8		10:33pm -0.2	
25	Fr	12:28pm 1.7		11:02pm -0.2	
26	Sa	1:03pm 1.6		11:24pm 0.0	
27	Su	1:35pm 1.3		11:36pm 0.1	
28	Mo	1:43pm 1.0		11:31pm 0.3	
29	Tu	8:17am 1.0		10:43pm 0.6	
30	We	7:23am 1.1		3:36pm 0.3	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
17	Th	3:24am 1.0	10:2pm 1.3	7:49am 1.0	9:08pm 0.0
18	Fr	4:22am 1.1	12:7pm 1.4	8:28am 1.1	9:47pm -0.1
19	Sa	5:10am 1.2	1:54pm 1.4	9:05am 1.2	10:23pm -0.2
20	Su	5:50am 1.2	2:25pm 1.5	9:39am 1.2	10:57pm -0.2
21	Mo	6:25am 1.2	2:58pm 1.5	10:12am 1.2	11:28pm -0.2
22	Tu	6:59am 1.2	3:35pm 1.5	10:47am 1.3	11:57pm -0.2
23	We	7:31am 1.2	4:15pm 1.5	11:25am 1.2	
24	Th	8:04am 1.2	4:59pm 1.4	12:27am -0.2	12:10pm 1.2
25	Fr	8:37am 1.3	5:48pm 1.3	12:58am -0.1	1:02pm 1.2
26	Sa	9:10am 1.3	6:44pm 1.2	1:34am 0.0	2:05pm 1.1
27	Su	9:43am 1.3	7:55pm 1.1	2:15am 0.1	3:19pm 1.0
28	Mo	10:14am 1.3	9:24pm 1.0	3:00am 0.2	4:38pm 0.8
29	Tu	10:45am 1.3	11:12pm 1.0	3:51am 0.4	5:51pm 0.6
30	We	11:15am 1.4		4:46am 0.6	6:55pm 0.3

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87081S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Caroline Windham, 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 No: 1179
Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009

Application No: 2012-12
R.E. No. 05015-000R

Description of Property:
Lot 11, Block 45, of the Resubdivision of Block 45, SAINT JOSEPH'S ADDITION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, Unit Number Three (3), according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 34, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: CQ Development, LLC

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 30th day of May, 2012.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
April 26
May 3, 10, 17, 2012

87172S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 11-455-CA
CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

BUCKHORN DEVELOPMENT, LLC, REX E. GRAVITT, WILLIAM J. SMILEY, GULF PINES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF GULF COUNTY, INC., and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 26th, 2012, in Case No. 11-455-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and BUCKHORN DEVELOPMENT, LLC, REX E. GRAVITT, WILLIAM J. SMILEY, and GULF PINES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF GULF COUNTY, INC. are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on May 24th, 2012, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 37, Block "A", Gulf Pines First Addition, a subdivision of a portion of fractional Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 29, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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

DATED: April 30, 2012

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the

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Circuit Court
By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: GARDNER, BIST, WIENER, WADSWORTH, BOWDEN, BUSH, DEE, LAVIA & WRIGHT, P.A. 1300 Thomaswood Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308
May 10, 17, 2012

87083S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that First Alliance Holdings, LLC, 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 No: 1161
Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009

Application No: 2012-11
R.E. No. 04865-005R

Lots 15 through 22, Block 35, SAINT JOSEPH'S ADDITION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, Unit Number Three (3), according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 32, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: CQ Development, LLC

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 30th day of May, 2012.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
April 26
May 3, 10, 17, 2012

87216S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 12-16-CA
CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

KENNETH N. ROGERS A/K/A KENNETH M. ROGERS, SHARON E. ROGERS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KENNETH N. ROGERS A/K/A KENNETH M. ROGERS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHARON E. ROGERS, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 26, 2012, in Case No. 12-16-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and KENNETH N. ROGERS A/K/A KENNETH M. ROGERS and SHARON E. ROGERS are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on May 24, 2012, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 5 of Lot 4 of Hattie Guilford Place, unrecorded being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a concrete St. Joe Paper Company monument marking the Southwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence North 0 degrees 17

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

DATED: April 30, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: GARVIN B. BOWDEN, ESQ., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. 1300 Thomaswood Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308
May 10, 17, 2012

87282S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 23-2009-CA-000529
BANK OF AMERICA, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

BEATA G. WOLF; SEA HAVEN PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; PETER THOMAS WOLF A/K/A PETER T. WOLF; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 7th day of May, 2012, and entered in Case N o . 23-2009-CA-000529, of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, NA is the Plaintiff and BEATA G. WOLF, SEA HAVEN PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., PETER THOMAS WOLF A/K/A PETER T. WOLF and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 5TH STREET, PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456, 11:00 AM on the 7th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 29 SEA HAVEN SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

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by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2012.

REBECCA NORRIS Clerk of The Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: LAW OFFICES OF MARSHALL C. WATSON, P.A. 1800 NW 49th Street Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309
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May 17, 24, 2012

87201S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Visionary Distributors, LC, 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 No: 1239
Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009

Application No: 2012-14
R.E. No. 05775-000R

Lot 13 and 15, of Block 1005, of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the Official map thereof on file in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Clifford 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 6th day of June, 2012.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2012

87311S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Visionary Distributors, LC, 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 No: 155
Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009

Application No: 2012-16
R.E. No. 00941-001R

Description of Property:
Begin at the Northwest Corner of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, and run South for 330 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run South 165 feet, thence turn left and run East to the West Line of State Road 381, approximately 888.11 feet, thence run Northwest along West side of SR 381, for 152.75 feet to the South Line of Jimmie Lee Rogers Land, thence turn left and run West to POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land lying and being in Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida.

Also: Begin at the Northwest Corner of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, and run South for 495 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run South 165 feet, thence run due East 963.29 feet to the West Right of Way line of State Road No. 381, thence run Northwest 181.25 feet along the West side of said State Road; thence run due West 888.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land lying and being in Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: W. O. Bryant & Ruth M. Bryant

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 13th day of June, 2012.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2012.

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Minutes 20 Seconds East along said right of way line for 3902.75 feet; thence South 71 Degrees 43 Minutes 40 Seconds West for 726.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Thence South 18 Degrees 16 Minutes 20 Seconds East for 300.00 feet; thence South 71 Degrees 43 Minutes 40 Seconds West for 726.00 feet; thence North 18 Degrees 16 Minutes 20 Seconds West for 300.00 feet; thence North 71 Degrees 43 Minutes 40 Seconds East for 726.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Name in which assessed: Eli Ross & Leslie Ross

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 13th day of June, 2012.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2012

87313S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2012

87339S PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2012-03

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe Chipola Pump Station Inspection will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 4:00 PM EST, Friday May 25, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday May 25, 2012 at 4:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and bid number for "City of Port St. Joe Chipola Pump Station Inspection".

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Work consists of inspecting pump number 1 at the Chipola Pump Station. The inspector should remove the top casing, inspect and prepare a report of the condition of the pump to include an estimate of any repairs that may need to be performed and notify the City for inspection before re-assembling the pump. The top casing should be reinstalled with new bolts and gaskets. The mounting bolts should be replaced and the bearings should be re-packed as well. The contractor will be responsible for any damage done during the inspection and the work should be complete within 30 days after the notice to proceed is issued. The pump is a Goulds Pump model 3080 24" horizontal split case pump. The pump is designed to produce 13,500 GPM @ 25' TDH / 460 RPM/ 82% efficiency. The pump has been in service without repair since 1952. The pump was coupled with a Caterpillar Engine that is currently not in service. A pre-bid meeting will be held on May 21, 2012 at the Chipola Pump Station to view the site. For a more detailed description of the work to be performed, please contact Bob Lyles at (850) 229-6395.

The City of Port St. Joe reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Statements of Bids in whole or in part, to waive informalities in the process, to obtain new Statements of Bids, or to postpone the opening pursuant to the City's purchasing policies. Each Statement of Bid shall be valid to the City of Port St. Joe for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening.

The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer
May 10, 17, 2012

87355S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 11-296-CA
CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation, as successor in interest to Bayside Savings Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN S. ONORATO and GALE E. ONORATO, a/k/a GALE E. EVANS, SEVEN SPRINGS LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, and CAPITAL CITY BANK, A Florida for-profit corporation, Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Order Adopting Report and Recommendation and Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 26, 2012, in the above-styled case, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin,

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Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on May 24, 2012, the following described property:

Lot 4 of Landing at Wetappo Creek, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 50 through 55 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Lot 4, Block A, Seven Springs Lake Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 17 & 18 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Dated: April 30, 2012

Rebecca Norris Gulf County, Clerk of Court

By: B.A. Baxter Deputy Clerk
May 10, 17, 2012

87419S NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for furnishing all labor and material and performing all work necessary and incidental to the completion of

Bid Group 1
Bid Date: 6/11/12
Bid Packages:
11.1 Food Service Equip.
2.4 Demolition
10.2 Metal Lockers
10.2 Toilet Partitions/Accessories/Shower Dividers

Bid Group 2
Bid Date: 6/11/12
Bid Packages:
8.1 HM Doors, Frames, Windows & Hardware
15.1 Plumbing
15.2 HVAC
16.1 Electrical
16.2 Fire Alarm, AV & Communications

Bid Group 3
Bid Date: 6/12/12
Bid Packages:
3.1 Concrete
4.1 Masonry
5.1 Structural & Misc. Steel
5.2 Pre-Eng. Metal Roof Trusses
9.1 Drywall
9.3 Acoustical Ceilings

Bid Group 4
Bid Date: 6/12/12
Bid Packages:
2.1 Sitework & Utilities
2.3 Chain Link Fencing
6.1 Millwork & Cabinets
7.1 Metal Roofing & Wall Panels

Bid Group 5
Bid Date: 6/14/12
Bid Packages:
8.3 Coiling Doors
9.2 Hard Tile
9.4 Resilient Flooring
10.1 Signage
7.2 Insulation & Fire-proofing

for Additions & Renovations to Gulf County Schools will be received by Ajax Building Corporation at the Office of Ajax Building Corporation at 8033 Hwy 79, Suite A, Panama City Beach, FL 32413 until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, on the above referenced dates.

Bidders can obtain Contract Documents from Ajax Building Corporation at 8033 Hwy 79, Suite A, Panama City Beach, FL 32413 or by calling/emailing Allan Wooden at 850-224-9571/awooden@ajaxbuilding.com.

Bid Documents for Additions & Renovations to Gulf County Schools are scheduled to be available on May 18, 2012. A set of Contract Documents may be obtained by providing a refundable deposit (conditional) in the amount of \$ 100.00. Costs for postage shall be separate and non-refundable. Additional sets may be purchased for the cost of reproduction and handling

Pre-Bid Conferences will be held at the office of Ajax Building Corporation, 8033 Hwy 79, Suite A, Panama City Beach, FL 32413 at the below listed dates and times. Pre-Bid Conferences are mandatory

Bid Group 1
Pre-Bid Date: 5/22/12
Time: 10:30 am CT
Bid Packages:
11.1 Food Service Equipment
2.4 Demolition
10.4 Metal Lockers
10.2 Toilet Partitions/Accessories/Shower Dividers

Bid Group 2
Pre-Bid Date: 5/24/12
Time: 10:30 am CT
Bid Packages:
8.1 HM Doors, Frames,

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Windows & Hardware
15.1 Plumbing
15.2 HVAC
16.1 Electrical
16.2 Fire Alarm, AV & Communications

Bid Group 3
Bid Date: 5/29/12
Time: 10:30 am CT
Bid Packages:
3.1 Concrete
4.1 Masonry
5.1 Structural & Misc. Steel
5.2 Pre-Eng. Metal Roof Trusses
9.1 Drywall
9.3 Acoustical Ceilings

Bid Group 4
Pre-Bid Date: 5/31/12
Time: 10:30 am CT
Bid Packages:
2.1 Sitework & Utilities
2.3 Chain Link Fencing
6.1 Millwork & Cabinets
7.1 Metal Roofing & Wall Panels

Bid Group 5
Bid Date: 6/4/12
Time: 10:30 am CT
Bid Packages:
8.3 Coiling Doors
9.2 Hard Tile
9.4 Resilient Flooring
10.1 Signage
7.2 Insulation & Fire-proofing

Dates are subject to change. Notice will be given to Pre-Qualified bidders.
May 17, 2012

87393S REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS
State of Florida
Department of Environmental Protection

The Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, is soliciting public comments on an application for a coastal construction control line permit submitted by Terry L. Anderson, P.E., Anderson Engineers, P.A., on behalf of Palms at Money Bayou, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 161.053, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 62B-33, Florida

